



CULINARIS

Quality Seed for Wholesome Food



Tomatoes | Peppers & Chillis | Physalis & Tomatillo | Kales | Oriental Brassicas | Lettuce
Sweetcorn | Cucumbers & Pumpkins | Melons | Aubergines | Basil | Miscellaneous | Flowers

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Welcome!

In recent years, we've witnessed increasingly unpredictable weather patterns that challenge traditional gardening practices. While 2021 and 2022 brought concerns over declining groundwater levels and insufficient summer rainfall, the early summer of 2024 surprised us with heavy rains that almost overwhelmed us. Later in the season, the surviving crops faced periods of warmth and extended drought, all within a summer that was once again significantly warmer than average.

These fluctuations make one thing clear: "normal" growing seasons are becoming rare, and growing resilient plant varieties is more important than ever. Through our work and carefully selected varieties, we strive to deliver reliable and delicious results, helping you to find success and joy in your garden.

Here's to a successful growing season ahead—happy gardening!

Partnership with Bioverita for "Organic right from the start"

2 Culinaris has been an official member of the bioverita association since 2023. On the one hand, Bioverita serves as a platform for organic breeders in Europe and promotes their networking. On the other hand, the association provides information about the need for organic breeding through projects, events and public relations work. The association certifies varieties from organic or biodynamic breeding that are optimally adapted to the conditions of organic farming. To achieve this, all stages of breeding work must be carried out on organic farms. Genetic modification techniques are of course excluded and compliance is ensured through auditing and regular controls. Home gardeners and commercial growers can benefit from Bioverita varieties because of their health, robustness and resistance to fungal diseases, as well as their ability to reproduce vegetables, grains and fruit. At the same time, more and more people are enjoying resistant seed varieties that are more resilient to climate change, but also have good taste and high nutritional quality. The Bioverita association is committed to "Organic right from the start – From breeding to the end product" and we are pleased to be part of this network. You can find more information about Bioverita on the website: <https://bioverita.ch/en/825-2/>



The Bioverita association certifies newly-bred vegetables, grains and fruits according to high standards that go beyond the guidelines of the growing associations. The logo shows that a variety comes from organic breeding and meets high standards of breeding methods.

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Cover photo:

For the first time, we are introducing new varieties specifically designed for bush growing in the open ground. On the left, you'll see bush tomato Vivaoro (B11), and on the right, the tomato Vivarossa (B13). Both varieties are currently undergoing registration and are ideal for open cultivation due to their excellent resistance and naturally compact growth habits. These tomatoes open up new possibilities for low-maintenance gardening while delivering the quality and flavour you expect.

Picture Seed Packets, Advent Calendar,

Gift Ideas and Product Diversity



We now have around 100 varieties available in the picture packets and are continuing to work on the design and appearance. A new, larger wooden display stand – crafted locally from sustainably sourced beech – can hold up to 64 bags and showcases them beautifully. For smaller spaces, our compact cardboard stands, perfect for tables and counters, remains available free of charge to all interested outlets.

In addition, we're introducing six new variety combinations to our popular seed box range (also only available in German). This time, we've opted for a slightly more compact and shipping-friendly design, ensuring convenience and sustainability. Staying true to our commitment to regional supply chains and eco-friendly production, we're proud to present our newest seed boxes: the Exotic Box, Fruit Vegetable Box, Children's Garden Box, a Favourites Box, Leafy Vegetable Box, and Winter Vegetable Box.

Please note that all our products are at present only available in German.

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The Seed Advent calendar with 24 varieties of seeds is available as usual. Also designed in a watercolour style, made entirely of paper and provided with exciting varieties for the coming year.

New in our online shop there is also a selection of gardening books (in German) from Löwenzahnverlag.

We are delighted to offer guidance and support for the creation and implementation of customised seed products tailored to your needs. Let us help bring your ideas to life!



A Milestone for Culinaris:

New Varieties for Protected Growing

The breeding of new tomato varieties usually takes around 9 generations, which in summer crops means years. After years of dedicated work, we are thrilled to introduce the first tomato varieties from our own breeding program, designed specifically for cultivation in greenhouses and polytunnels. These varieties have been carefully selected for soil-based systems under organic growing conditions. Our focus has been on achieving exceptional taste and high fruit quality while ensuring reliable and impressive yields. Equally important, we prioritised plant health throughout the breeding process. We are confident that these varieties will perform excellently, not only in home gardens but also in commercial cultivation. They are a perfect choice for growers seeking flavourful, high-quality tomatoes with robust, healthy plants.



Cocktail Tomato **Prigobello** (772-FL-x)
Fruit weight: 25g

Introducing a classic “Gardeners Delight” type cherry tomato! Slightly stocky growth habit with short internodes (good for low tunnels and home gardens). Above-average heat-resistant plants and fruits. Very profitable. The proportion of marketable fruit is also very high. The tasty, bright red fruits hang on long panicles, are early ripening and very resistant to bursting. The plants have good resistance to tomato leaf mould.



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Salad Tomato **Blicello** (819-x)
Fruit weight: 50g

Midi tomato, with round, pink fruits on compact, often divided trusses. Vine harvesting is possible. Plants are healthy, open, and vigorous, featuring long internodes and beautiful dark green foliage. For layer cultivation, the clusters should be shortened as the lowest fruits on each cluster ripen more slowly. This variety offers exceptionally high yields, and the fruits are deliciously fruity. To prevent splitting, it is important to maintain consistent watering.



Salad Tomato **Zebrago** (786-x)

Fruit weight: 60g

Beautiful (slightly ribbed) yellow-greenish striped fruits, which ripen to golden yellow. Strong-growing, narrow plants with slightly drooping dark green foliage. Panicle usually undivided, very productive and early ripening. A little softer when fully ripe, but still stores well. During storage, small brown dots appear after a few days. These are characteristic of the variety and do not affect consumption. The aroma is exceptionally complex with a balanced acidity-sweetness ratio and spicy-fruity components.

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Salad Tomato **Retillo** (820-x)

Fruit weight: 70g

Salad tomato with round, red, well-coloured fruits and very attractive sepals on compact, mostly undivided trusses. The fruit are extremely firm, with a balanced and fruity taste. Harvesting with sepals is possible. Very healthy, narrow plants with good growth and drooping foliage. High yield potential. Ripening is medium early. The variety has good field resistance to disease.



Price for New Varieties for Protected Growing

	12 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per Variety	3,95 €	10,50 €	50,00 €	180,00 €

New Varieties for Outdoors

Participatively Selected

With the participation of many colleagues in amateur and commercial growing, transplant production, research and consultancy and in the seed trade, these varieties have been grown organically outdoors. They are listed as “amateur varieties” (varieties bred for specific conditions) in the EU’s Common Catalogue of Varieties and can be freely marketed.

The new varieties stand out for their improved field resistance to late blight and their exceptional fruit quality. They perform well even with reduced fertilisation and watering, and container growing is also possible.

Bush Tomatoes

The new bush tomato varieties have been particularly well-tested for cultivation in Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) systems, with the potential for processing into passata, tomato paste, or canned whole fruits for winter storage. The results have been very positive. Drying in a professional facility was also successful.

It is recommended to grow these tomatoes with straw mulching to keep the fruits dry and clean. Measures should be taken to prevent damage from mice and snails as much as possible.

Cultivation:

- in beds: 60-120cm (in the row) x 100-150 cm (between rows) depending on soil type and water supply,
- in raised beds | Plant/m² and
- in pots at least 10 Litre size.

We would of course like to improve the advice on growing this new crop. Send us your experiences, preferably with photos to Freiland-Tomatenprojekt@uni-kassel.de!

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Bush Tomato **Vivarossa** (B13)³
Fruit weight: 25g

The Vivarossa bush tomato is high-yielding and has small red fruits with a pleasant texture. The plant develops long shoots close to the ground and not very dense foliage, making it easy to harvest.

The fruits are suitable for processing into, for example, boiled whole fruits and for fresh consumption. They give many dishes a spicy and bitter note in the kitchen. The main harvest takes place in August and September.



¹ Information on the Organic Outdoor Tomato Project: <https://tinyurl.com/Org-outdoor-toms>



Bush Tomato Vivaoro (B11)³
Fruit weight: 30g



The Vivaoro bush tomato is high-yielding and has golden yellow fruits with a sweet and sour taste, an exciting aroma and a pleasant texture. The plant develops a bushy form with dense foliage and many side shoots. Due to its compactness, we can recommend growing it in containers.

The fruits are suitable for fresh consumption and also for processing into, for example, passata (a real eye-catcher). The main harvest takes place in August and September. After the first harvest, the shoots gradually lay on the ground, causing the initially dense foliage to open and the fruits to shine through the plants.

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Bush Tomato Gutingi³
Fruit weight: 50g



The Gutingi bush tomato produces particularly juicy fruits with a balanced sweet-acid ratio. It is high-yielding with a rather compact growth with shorter side shoots. The fruits are suitable for processing into passata, for example, as well as for fresh consumption. Because

of its size, it is very well-suited in the range for companies with direct marketing and CSA's. The main harvest takes place in August and September. The red fruits are easy to find thanks to the open foliage.



Price for new outdoor varieties – bush tomatoes

	12 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,95 €	10,00 €	50,00 €	180,00 €

³ In registration, sold with the note "Seed for research purposes" in accordance with Section 43 of the EU seed regulations.

Cordon Tomatoes

With the varieties Primabella, Resibella and Rondobella there is now a range whose split-resistant fruits (compared to other outdoor varieties) store well and are therefore ideal for direct marketing.



Candy Primabella

Fruit weight: 30g

Aromatic cocktail tomato with a good balance of sweet and sour. The crisp red fruits hang in beautiful trusses. Mid-season ripening. Very robust and vigorous plant with dark green foliage. Compact seedlings.



Resibella

Fruit weight: 50g

Resibella is a salad tomato. This variety has an intense tomato flavour and a good balanced taste (even after cold nights), with good yields outside. The classic red fruits are juicy, outstanding for fresh consumption and snacking. Early ripening, vigorous variety. Strong-growing seedlings.



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Rondobella

Fruit weight: 100g

Rondobella is a large salad tomato with an exceptionally fruity taste and intense tomato flavour. The round red fruits are relatively firm and therefore ideal for salads and cooking. The tomatoes are hanging on small trusses with 4-6 fruits. Early to mid-season ripening. The variety is vigorous. Strong-growing seedlings.



We have placed these three new varieties under the Open Source Seed Licence. Anyone may freely use open-source seed - that is, grow, propagate, develop it further and use it for breeding. No one, however, may privatise the seed and its developments - the licence excludes patent and plant variety protection.²

Sunviva was the first tomato with this licence. We now have also licenced Vivaroma and Vivagrande to drive the initiative forward. Have fun with them!



The First **Sunviva**
Fruit weight: 20g



Sunviva has bright yellow fruits, is particularly juicy and has a strong, fruity aroma. Suitable for snacking, for decorating salads and as an ingredient in various vegetable dishes. Very robust and suitable for multi-stemmed training. Very precocious. Strong-growing seedlings.



Vivaroma
Fruit weight: 50g



Classic red, juicy salad tomato with an exceptionally intense tomato flavour and a pleasantly thin skin. Excellent for both salads and fresh use. Early to mid-season ripening. Medium vigour and foliage density. Medium-sized, vigorous seedlings. Compared to the other new outdoor varieties Vivaroma has low Phytophthora resistance. In humid conditions best grown under cover.



The enormous **Vivagrande**
Fruit weight: 200g



Classic red beef tomato for cooking or in sandwiches. Mid-season ripening. Very robust, low-growing plant with medium foliage density. Compact, strong young seedlings.



Price for New Varieties for Outdoors

	12 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,95 €	9,50 €	45,00 €	155,00 €

² www.opensourceseeds.org/lizenz



Classic red Primavera

Fruit weight: 25g

Luminous, red-orange fruit that melt in the mouth. Especially juicy and fruity-sweet. Early ripening. Robust, mid-sized plant with average foliage density. Strong, compact seedlings.



Classic yellow Dorada

Fruit weight: 25g

Irresistible golden-yellow fruit, resistant to cracking. Especially juicy and fruity-sweet. Early ripening. Robust, mid-sized plant with average foliage density. Strong, compact seedlings.



This one's got bite! Clou

Fruit weight: 35g

Crisp, juicy yellow fruit with mild, pleasantly tart flavour. Great multi-purpose fruit. Early ripening. Healthy plant with loose foliage, potato-leaf type. Large, strong seedlings.



Resi For several years now, Resi has been the standout variety in all of our long-term field trials. It has also been admitted to the EU catalogue as an amateur variety.



The Standout Resi

Fruit weight 20g

Generous, dark green foliage and a slender stature give this plant a certain ornamental flair. Though yields of Resi's aromatic, scarlet fruit can be slightly less plentiful than other varieties, the length of the harvest makes up for it. Very robust. Compact transplants.



Price for Primavera, Dorada, Clou, Resi:

	12 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,95 €	8,00 €	37,00 €	125,00 €

Wild Tomatoes

(Lycopersicon pimpinellifolium)

These are pretty close to the original tomato! Dainty, with boundless energy to grow, the best of their kind also boast the following qualities:

- Robustness (as long as there is plenty of airflow and sun)
- Low fertilizer and water needs
- Generous amounts of fruit
- Great for children
- Can be grown creatively as an ornamental feature, for e.g. in buckets on the balcony.

Not suitable for training as cordons!



Rote Murrel (Red marble)

Fruit weight 2g

Blushing pinky-red, soft, and sweet, these tiny fruits are calling out to be snacked on.

Very compact, vigorous seedlings.

Higher temperature needed during germination!



Golden Currant

Fruit weight: 6g

Sweet, cherry-sized fruit are a joy for big and small!

Very compact, vigorous seedlings.

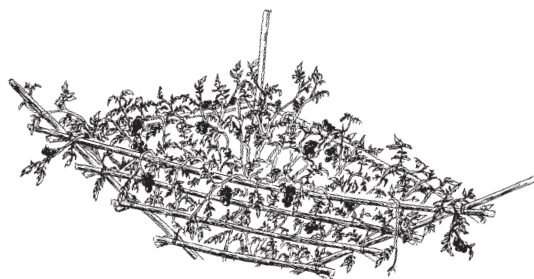


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Cultivation method:

Wild tomatoes need plenty of space to spread. They are at their best beside a fence, wall, or along a path. Arrange bamboo stakes as supports in the home garden, or use the “Göttingen System” (see picture) for the market garden.

More information: www.culinaris-saatgut.de/en



Price for Wild Tomatoes:

	15 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	5,50 €	23,50 €	75,00 €

More Diversity

for the Home Garden

These varieties have withstood the test of time in a number of locations, under distinct growing conditions, not only outdoors. They're a standard hit in the home garden - we recommend a mix.



The High Fliers **Cerise Gelb** (Cerise yellow)

Fruit weight: 20g

Vigorous and robust plant with curling leaves typical of the variety. Harvest period for this mild, juicy cocktail tomato is notably long.



Cerise Rot (Cerise Red)

Fruit weight: 25g

Vigorous and robust plant with curling leaves typical of the variety. Harvest period for this mild, juicy cocktail tomato is notably long.



Red Teardrop **Celsior**

Fruit weight: 12g

This mid-size plant bears extraordinary cocktail tomatoes. Best yields occur during the second half of the season. Great taste and beautiful firm, juicy consistency - a perfect addition for the fall.



The Tried and Tested **Matina**

Fruit weight: 60g

Matina is a reliable stand out with lovely potato-leaf foliage and bountiful yields. Thanks to prompt ripening, good early season yields can be expected. Further yields are weather-dependent. Classic salad tomato, sweet and juicy.





The Italian De Berao

Fruit weight: 80g

Robust plants with elongated, oval red fruit. A great cooking tomato, perfect for soups, sauces, ketchups, and anything else that will preserve this tomato's flavour for the winter.



The Newbie Zorarot (Rote Zora)

Fruit weight: 100g

This tomato mixes things up with its sumptuous, elongated raspberry-red fruit, and elegant, pinnate leaves. Beautiful in the garden and on the plate. Mild, aromatic flavor, perfect for salads and cooking.

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The Pink-Red Capseya (Pepper-shaped)

Fruit weight: 200g

This variety's diminutive growth habit does nothing to slow down the bountiful production of heavy, ribbed fruit. Early-season harvests are very reliable, late-season harvests strongly weather-dependent. Mild and aromatic. Also well suited for growing under cover, and therefore popular with market gardeners wanting to expand their heirloom collection

Price for "More Diversity for the Home Garden"

	15 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	5,00 €	15,00 €	50,00 €

Bush Tomatoes

Traditional diversity for your balcony

- Easy growing in (minimum 5l) pots on the balcony, deck, or under cover in a greenhouse.
- Determinate growth eliminates the need for pruning.

Grown together, even the youngest bush tomatoes present a lovely array of contrasting leaves and fruit. Enjoy good yields and a long harvest.



Ida Gold

Fruit weight: 30g

Masses of glowing golden-orange fruit and an early harvest make these tasty cocktail tomatoes a favourite.



Fuzzy Wuzzy

Fruit weight: 30g

The name's the game: Grey-green leaves covered in soft down, and pointy, crimson fruit with golden stripes characterise this showpiece variety.



Tigerette Cherry

Fruit weight: 35g

Lime-colored leaves compete for attention with lemon-yellow fruit. Compact growth habit, juicy and flavourful fruit.



Silbertanne (Silver Fir)

Fruit weight: 120g

Big, juicy, beefsteak-type tomatoes provide a striking contrast to the shimmering, filigree foliage.



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Price for Bush Tomatoes:

	15 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	5,50 €	23,50 €	75,00 €

Colourful Heritage Tomatoes

for Diversity

We recommend growing these vibrant heritage varieties in the greenhouse, and as cordons. We grow these tomatoes in field under a small cover with limited fertilizer and no irrigation, and selected them based on their high performance, robust health, and outstanding flavour.



Slivowidnij
Fruit weight: 10g

Fan-like inflorescences bear masses of succulent, oval yellow fruit. Sweet and slightly tart, these are the perfect snacking choice. Generous growth habit, also does nicely in planters. Harvest whole branches of unripe fruit before a frost and hang them indoors to ripen.



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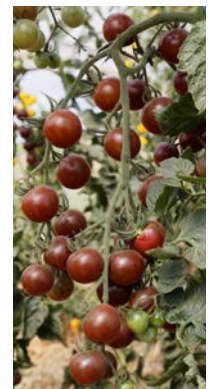
Zitronentraube (Lemon Drop)
Fruit weight: 20g

Lemon Drop's numerous lemon-yellow ribbed oval fruit grow on generous plants and boast a pleasing acidity. The flowers' scent is reminiscent of lemons. High yielding even later on in the season. Ripening begins mid-season. Average growth habit with succulent, bright green plants.



Black Cherry
Fruit weight: 23g

Cocktail tomato with a wonderful fragrance and lovely, soft flesh. Transparent skin and purple-red flesh. Vigorous growth habit. A winner in the market garden.





Weißer Pfirsich (White peach)

Fruit weight: 50g

Covered in a light peachy fuzz, this tomato ranges in color from creamy white to yellow with a mild, fruity flavor and extraordinarily soft skin. White Peach yields large numbers of delicious fruit even in cooler regions. Plants are slender and strong with few suckers and relatively light foliage.



Auriga

Fruit weight: 65g

Orange fruit that appears lit up from the inside. Sweet and sour fruity flavour and firm skin. A lovely salad tomato. Average growth habit.



Zebranelle Fruit weight: 25g

Red-green striped tomato with dark red flesh inside. The fruits are extremely sweet with a good, slightly spicy aroma, are very firm, can be stored well and can linger on the plant for a surprisingly long time, even when fully ripe. It is also ideal as a dried tomato. The plants have medium vigour, are very slender, healthy and have lush, dark foliage. Moderate to low production of side-shoots. The variety makes beautiful, compact young plants.



Price for Heritage Tomatoes Pages 16/17

	15 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	5,00 €	22,50 €	70,00 €



Green Zebra

Fruit weight: 120g

Glowing fruit are mottled bright green and yellow when ripe.

A great salad tomato with mild acidity and full aroma.

Compact plants with average growth.

A great variety for the market garden.



Mandaline (Mandarin)

Fruit weight: 150g

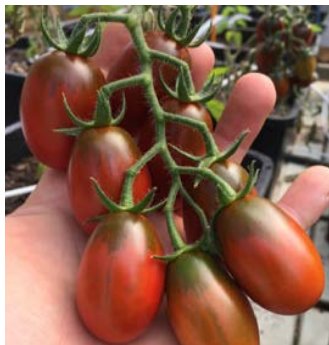
A stand-out thanks to its pleasant sweetness and low acidity,

coupled with an unusually fruity aroma. Great fruit quality

and soft skin make it a joy to eat. Ripens mid-season. Average

growth habit.

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Black Plum

Fruit weight: 45g

Squat, oval fruit with elegant dark red flesh are predestined for

sauces, soups, or pastes. Also do nicely in salads.

Strong, robust plants.



Paul Robson

Fruit weight: 105g

A dark red salad tomato with soft flesh and a unique, capti-

vating aroma.

Vigorous growth habit with loose foliage.

A great variety for the market garden.

In trials, we tested many larger fruiting beef tomatoes particularly for their suitability in terms of fruit health and quality, taste and endurance. Colour, shape and other unique selling points were also included in the selection criteria. Cultivation was carried out under low-input conditions. The following varieties were convincing:



Ananori

Fruit weight: 200g

Ananori is an older beef tomato with excellent taste and exceptional looks. The thin skin and high fruit weight make it better for short transport routes and fresh consumption. The plant has a low to medium vigour, only moderately side-shooting and has strong green foliage. The fruits are flat, slightly-ribbed and have a green to yellow-red marbled colour depending on the ripeness and growing conditions.



Yellow Candystripe

Fruit weight: 80g

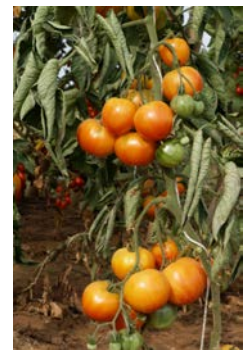
Yellow Candystripe is the smallest but the most productive of our new beef tomatoes. The variety is medium early, has medium vigour and bright yellow, round, slightly ribbed fruits. The taste is pleasantly spicy and mild.



Oaxacan Jewel

Fruit weight: 180g

Oaxacan Jewel is the earliest of our beef tomatoes. The variety is less vigorous but productive, with a good, pleasant mild taste. The variety is potato-leaved, the fruits ripen from yellow to orange to red.



Price for Heritage Tomatoes Pages 18/19:

	15 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	5,50 €	25,50 €	80,00 €

Extraordinary Rarities

Three truly extraordinary rarities! These gorgeous varieties are a hit at the farmers' market, add a touch of fancy to an elegant meal, and will no doubt find themselves being admired by the neighbours across the garden fence. All three varieties were bred and registered as EU amateur varieties by us.



Stuffing Tomato **Striped Cavern**

Fruit weight: 115g

What makes these lovely, square fruit special is that they are practically hollow inside! Cut open the top of the mottled red-yellow fruit, scoop out the seeds, and fill it up with something delicious. Plants are very healthy with a vigorous growth habit. Great yields make them suitable for the market garden, too.

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True Black! **Indigo Rose**

Fruit weight: 50g

Salad tomato with a slightly spicy aroma. Fruit turn a spectacular black early on in their growth, with an added dark purple blush upon ripening. High anthocyanin content. Good yields at late ripening. Average growth habit. Avoid exceedingly high temperatures!



Travelling Tomato **Voyage**

Fruit weight: 100g

A bright red tomato with good flavour and an astounding fruit habit. Small individual fruits are fused together into one big cluster that can be picked apart bit by bit. This tomato is the perfect companion for a trip or picnic. No need for knives or napkins! The "Travelling Tomato" is a great showpiece for garden and market! Plants have a vigorous growth habit and high yield potential.



The adolescent **Moltorello** (631-FL)
Fruit weight: 95g

*Heart-shaped tomato with very healthy fruits that are particularly suitable for cooking due to their slightly spicy notes, but can of course also be eaten raw. Semi-determinate plant with only 2 leaves between each panicle. This results in a compact growth and is very suitable for low greenhouse structures, such as those often found in home gardens. Also ideal for pot cultivation with tomato stakes. Resistant to drought spots (*Alternaria solani*) and good resistance to late blight, but not as strong field resistance as our new outdoor varieties, which is why the plants should be protected from rain.*



Price for Extraordinary Rarities and Moltorello

	15 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,95 €	8,00 €	37,00 €	125,00 €



Tomato breeding in Westen in 2022

Basil

(Ocimum basilicum)

...and it tastes like Basil

In the past 3 years we have been trying to find the right type of basil as companion for our tomatoes and have created an extensive selection of different types of basil. In addition to a good aroma and taste, what was also important to us was the attractiveness for insects, as well as yield, resistance to bolting and the ability to re-grow after cutting. The varieties were selected for outdoor growing without fertilizers or additional irrigation, and are therefore robust and invaluable in any garden – whether as an aromatic herb, processed into pesto, or as a treat for the bees. Contrary to the normal practice of plant growers to sow lots of seeds in one pot, we recommend only using 2-3 seeds per module or station, as this allows much stronger and more robust plants to develop.

Note: As the seeds are still being processed as the catalogue is being prepared, it is possible that not all varieties may be available.

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Red Basil Rosara

Vigorous but relatively sparsely leafed basil with medium-sized leaves and moderate bolting resistance. The variety is also suitable for dehydrating/drying, as well as fresh processing. The attractive red leaves add striking notes to the garden and on the plate. If left unharvested, some plants will bloom for several months, attracting a variety of insects from butterflies to bees to hoverflies. The variety remains productive and healthy until late autumn.



Basil Sofia

Classic Genovese type with small leaves and very good yield. With sufficient water supply, the variety forms sprawling, lush plants with correspondingly high yields and good taste. Just a few plants can provide sufficient quantities for pesto and salad.





Basil Giulia

Giulia is a very compact, juicy, crunchy ‘lettuce-leaved’ basil. The variety particularly impressed with its very good flavour and above-average bolting resistance. The curly, juicy green leaves are very large and heavily curled. Due to its compact growth, this variety almost resembles a small lettuce and is well-suited for container growing.



Basil Alessandro

Very good, classic Genovese variety, for cutting use, in outdoor cultivation. The variety is also quite bolt resistant, high-yielding and has a good and balanced flavour. The leaf health is above average and the deep, dark green leaves are very appealing. In our view this variety stood out due to its good late summer and autumn yields.

Price for Basil

	Packet (sufficient for at least 50 plants)	for at least 500 plants	for at least 1000 plants
Per variety	2,95 €	7,00 €	12,00 €

Sweet Peppers & Chillis

(Capsicum annuum)

Peppers offer an incredible array of colours, shapes, flavours, and levels of heat. After further trials, we are expanding our pepper range by introducing three more varieties, which also have excellent suitability for growing outdoors. With the new varieties, we want to expand both the range of tastes and uses, as well as the harvest period.



Sweet Pepper **Roter Augsburg**

Pointed, glowing, sweet red fruit. Can be grown under cover in a greenhouse or outdoors. Ripens early! From our cooperation with ARCHE NOAH⁴.



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Sweet Pepper **Sweet Chocolate**

Sweet Chocolate boasts a mild flavour and ripens early in the season. Its beautiful colouring goes from dark green to rich chocolate when ripe. Fruit are elongated to blocky with a fruit weight of about 150g. This pepper does well outdoors. Plants are compact and therefore suitable for growing in pots or containers.



Sweet Pepper **Sweet Banana**

Sweet Banana is a mild-flavoured, high-yielding sweet pepper that thrives outdoors. Its intense peppery flavour ranges from pleasantly fresh to fruity. Elongated fruit are up to 20cm long and 5cm across and transition from yellow to red as they ripen. Thanks to their slight curvature, the yellow fruit are reminiscent of bananas. These peppers are delicious harvested yellow or red and can be enjoyed raw, cooked, fried, grilled or filled.



⁴ www.arche-noah.at

The following two varieties were developed by pioneer of biodynamic breeding Dr Hartmut Spieß at Dottenfelder Hof and registered in 2024. After trials in 2023 and 2024, we were won over and are now happy to be able to offer them to you.

New



Pepper **Shirina**

The “tomato pepper” Shirina is a variety specifically bred for outdoor growing with blocky fruits that ripen red to dark red. The plants are medium-tall in their habit (approx. 80cm) and bear well-developed, sweet, aromatic and pleasingly thick-fleshed fruits.

The fruit begins to ripen in July and continues until late autumn, resulting in many fruits per plant. The fruits are large – on average around 120g. Despite the heavy fruits, the variety stands firm but needs to be supported to achieve full yield. The peppers, which can also be enjoyed green, are suitable for fresh use as well as for making preserves and powders.



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New



Pepper **Djagila**

The outdoor-grown pepper Djagila produces fruits that start yellow and ripen to red, with a pointed shape. The plants are of medium height (about 80cm) and bear well-developed, sweet, thick-fleshed, and aromatic fruits. After the first harvest, the plants continue to produce, allowing for a steady harvest of peppers until November.

The fruits are large, with an average length of around 20 to 25 cm and a weight of approximately 130g. The yellow peppers begin to ripen in July, and the red peppers can be harvested from August onwards. The harvest window extends into November. These peppers are suitable for both fresh consumption and for making preserves and powders.



Djagila has also been placed under the Open-Source Seed License, joining our growing collection of licensed varieties, including the first tomatoes (Sunviva, Vivaroma, and Vivagrande) and the sweetcorn variety Lisanco. The goal is to protect seed as a commons. For more information about the Open-Source Seed License (OSSL), visit <https://opensourceeds.org>.



Sweet Pepper **Madame Paraplü**

Madame Paraplü emerged from a cooperation between Culinaris and Philipp Lammer in south-eastern Austria. The variety was bred as an ornamental and sweet pepper especially for balcony gardens. From early in the year the leaves show a decorative marbling. As they ripen, the fruits then provide a colourful firework display: initially green and white stripes, the small truncated conical fruits turn yellow and orange until they finally reach full maturity with red and brown stripes.



Sweet Pepper **Yoshkosh**

Yoshkosh is by far our largest pepper to date. The variety is very productive in the greenhouse and outdoors, although it ripens a little later than our other varieties due to the size of its fruit. The taste is very sweet and aromatic. With appropriate fertilization and watering, the plants become very sprawling and due to the heavy fruit have to be supported from summer onwards.



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Price for Sweet Pepper

	15 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	6,50 €	27,50 €	90,00 €



Hot Pepper **Poromeo** (Fresno)

Poromeo is an early-ripening, high-yielding hot pepper suitable for growing out of doors.

The pointed fruit start out green and ripen to a beautiful dark red, reaching a length of about 7cm. This variety's highly aromatic fruit are given a hotness rating of 5, making them great for cooking, frying, filling or pickling. These peppers also do well dehydrated or dried in the oven and then ground to make a fantastic kitchen spice.

Plants are compact and ideal for pots or containers. We recommend staking the plants for extra stability.





Chilli **Prairie Fire** (*Capsicum spec.*)

A fiery hot chilli pepper with great flavour and pleasant texture. Well suited for cooking or preserving. Real chilli lovers might even enjoy this one raw! Small, squat, and bushy plant, covered in upright fruit, which turn from matt-yellow to dark red as they ripen. Pleasing to the eye and highly productive, this plant does well in the garden, in a pot, or on the windowsill.



Chilli **Sipka Zitronen**

Sipka Zitronen is an extremely robust, highly productive and precocious outdoor chilli with bright yellow pointed fruits, about 7cm long. The fruits are quite hot (Hotness rating 6) and convince with their intense, exotic fruity aromas. Particularly suitable for drying to produce bright yellow chilli powder or for the special aroma when cooking curries. Suitable for growing in containers.



Chilli **Cayellow**

Cayellow is a dark yellow (almost orange) chilli with relatively large fruit and medium heat. The approximately 15 cm large and relatively thick-fleshed fruits ripen very early, even outdoors, and thus yield highly throughout the season. Overall, the plants are very healthy and visually appealing thanks to the contrast between the lush green and the bright yellow fruits. Due to the smooth skin and the rather smooth shape, the fruits can be processed quickly and easily.



Chilli **Cayorange**

The orange-fruited Cayorange is our earliest-ripening chilli and with its bright yellow-orange colour it brings a new colour dimension to the garden. The yield is very high due to the long harvest period, with a consistently good flavour/taste.



Price for Chillies:

	15 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	5,50 €	23,50 €	80,00 €

Aubergines

(Solanum melongena)

Like tomatoes and peppers, aubergines are also very diverse in terms of shapes, colours and taste. In 2011 we started to trial aubergines for unprotected and extensive outdoor cultivation at Culinaris. In 2016 and 2017 we extended our trials with encouraging results!

We see great potential for growing aubergines in Germany. Many varieties are coping extremely well with the recent dry and hot summers and are increasingly producing reliable and high yields. In addition to the tried and tested varieties Benary's Blaukönigin and Slim Jim, we have added two other varieties to our range. The heritage varieties Applegreen and Tschechische Frühe (Czech Early) won us over in the 2020 trials. We recommend growing varieties together for an extended season!

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Aubergine **Benary's Blaukönigin**

Blaukönigin is one of the earliest aubergine varieties and surprises in July with a lush and prolonged harvest.

The variety is ideal for outdoor cultivation, but can also be grown in containers and on the balcony. The compact, rather small variety (heights around 60cm) brings reliable yields even outside the wine-growing regions and convinces with its medium-sized (about 150g) purple fruits and good plant health.

The taste is pleasantly intense, but not bitter. The fruits cook and fry wonderfully. Overall, the variety is very undemanding, requires no support or intensive fertilization and is therefore ideal for the home garden.



Aubergine **Slim Jim**

Slim Jim performs well under extensive conditions with high yields from midsummer.

The upright, lush leafy variety has numerous elongated purple fruits that grow in clusters. The fruits reach sizes of approx. 15 cm and have an average weight of approx. 100 g. Slim Jim has an excellent intense aubergine taste and is not bitter. The maturity is medium late and prolonged.

In addition to the fruit, the leaves are also purple, which makes Slim Jim a real eye-catcher. The variety is very healthy and, in addition to being grown outdoors, can also do well in containers or on the balcony.



Aubergine **Applegreen**

This aubergine, which is also ideal for outdoor use, is actually harvested completely green and has a pleasantly fleshy, classical aubergine flavour.

The aubergines are larger than normal for outdoor cultivation, with fruit weights of up to 300g. The plants stay healthy for a long time and thus achieve abundant yields.

The plants have very large, light green leaves and are practically resistant to attack by Colorado beetles.



Aubergine **Rezeina** (Tschechische Frühe - Czech early)

An old variety with relatively large fruit (up to 15cm) in relation to the size of the plant, in classic purple. As the name would suggest it ripens very early, has a high yield and brings reliable yields even in cooler locations. Rezeina has a very nice compact form with multiple stems.

Price for Aubergines:

	15 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	6,50 €	27,50 €	90,00 €

Melons

(Citrullus lanatus & Cucumis melo)

As early as 2018, we carried out a comprehensive variety screening of over 100 melons potentially suitable for outdoor production of which we planted the best again in 2019. As always, we paid special attention to suitability under low-input conditions (without additional fertilization, irrigation, etc.).

Two watermelons and three honeydew melons performed particularly well, and we have bulked them up and are now offering them to you.

In the case of honeydew melons, we have not yet made a final decision as to whether we will keep all three varieties in the range and in maintenance breeding.



Watermelon **Blacktail Mountain**

With a fruit weight of up to 5 kg and a surprisingly quick ripening for outdoors, this watermelon emerged as the best variety by far from our variety selection. The variety copes extremely well with drought and heat, but is also forgiving of the recurring cold nights in May and June - which enables an almost reliable harvest to be achieved.

Since the plants have relatively sparse foliage, we recommend growing through a mulch.



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Watermelon **Solopoly**

Solopoly is very suitable for growing outdoors, ideally through a mulch. It is robust and productive and the fruits are very sweet and tasty, even in less sunny years!

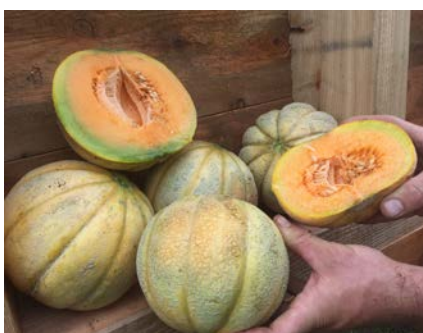
The weight of the oval, elongated fruits varies from 2 to 4 kg. The skin is smooth with a beautiful light to dark green grain. The flesh is a light yellow to strong golden colour and smells intensely when fully ripe.





Honeydew Melon **Frusito (M01)**

Very tasty, aromatic honeydew melon with small (approx. 12 cm) oval-shaped fruits weighing around 800g. The melons are yellowish on the outside with green stripes, slightly ribbed and a bit hairy. The flesh is light to dark green depending on ripeness. A little later than the other two melons.



Honeydew Melon **Amelia (Oka du Quebec)**

Early ripening and also very tasty honeydew melon with green, relatively strongly ribbed skin and orange-coloured flesh. The variety has a very high yield potential with an average fruit size and weight slightly over 1 kg.



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Honeydew Melon **Cantaloup Charentais**

This vigorous melon has a fruit size of around 800g and lies between Frusito and Amelia. It emerged from our selection as a taste favourite and impresses with its very sweet and aromatic fruits, with a slightly lower yield than the others. The skin is noticeably thin and striped yellow-green.



Price for Melons:

	12 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	8,50 €	38,50 €	125,00 €

Physalis & Tomatillo

(*Physalis spec.*)

These Physalis varieties offer a remarkable diversity and suitability for different climatic conditions and purposes. Annual varieties are particularly well-suited for mid-latitudes, since they don't require elaborate efforts to overwinter and reward the gardener with scores of delicious fruit in their very first year. Taste ranges from hearty, tart tomatillos best used for cooking, to sweet, exotic-tasting Physalis with smaller fruit perfect for snacking straight from the plant. Between 2014 and 2015 we completed a successful search for Physalis that do well grown outdoors under low-input conditions.



Large-fruited Physalis **Tropicana** (bisher Pa 1517-033)
(*Physalis peruviana*)

In addition to excellent plant health, Tropicana impresses with the excellent sweet-sour and sensationally aromatic taste of its exotic yellow-orange-coloured fruits (Brix degree over 15%). The fruits are storable and can still be harvested after the first light frosts, making them a good source of vitamins late in the year. The plants should be grown with very low fertilization and irrigation levels.

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Physalis **Dulceria**
(*Physalis pruinosa*)

A diminutive physalis with an exotic, fruity flavour. This variety produces an abundance of small yellow fruit that drop with ripeness and store well. Bushy, dark-green plants are healthy and compact, making them well-suited for growing in pots or planters. Starting seeds in March is recommended, since germination and early plant development can be slow. Pricking out seedlings is preferable to seeding individual seeds. Harvest from June until first frost.



Tomatillo **Aurora**
(*Physalis ixocarpa*)

For a tomatillo, Aurora's yellow, mandarin-size fruit are exceptionally sweet. They make a splendid addition to sauces, are excellent pan-fried, and fully ripened make a great raw snack. Classic salsa recipes call for these tomatillos and plenty of chilli peppers. Young plants are pretty with lush green foliage. First buds can appear prior to transplanting outside. Fruit ripens considerably earlier than most comparable varieties.

Price for Physalis & Tomatillo:

	20 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	5,00 €	22,50 €	70,00 €

Cucumbers

(Cucumis sativus)

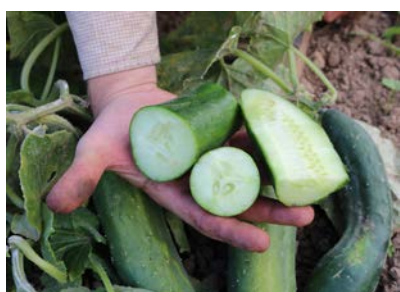
In 2017 and 2018 we grew, tested and selected from a wide range of cucumbers for field cultivation. They had to cope with no additional fertilizer, prolonged drought and periodic heavy rain events. The care was reduced to a minimum. Our focus was on yield, taste, low bitterness formation, leaf and fruit health. After Gundel and GU-4401, we would like to present to you another very impressive cucumber variety: Salome is a speciality in every respect and completely won us over us in the trials in 2020.



Gundel (GU-7632)

Gundel is the ideal cucumber for extensive outdoor cultivation (intensive cultivation has not yet been tested). The variety also has a very good aromatic taste and produces a high yield over a long period. The leaf health is very good and even in extreme drought the fruits do not get bitter. The cucumber is ideal for salads and fresh consumption, but is also great in smoothies. The young plants are strong, the plants have a medium vigour.

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Salad Cucumber Bodoana (GU-4401)

Bodoana is earlier than Gundel and can therefore extend the harvest period, but in dry weather without irrigation, the harvest ends earlier. It is also very healthy and copes extremely well with dryness and low fertilizer levels.

The fruits are longer and heavier and more closely resemble a classic “cucumber”. The taste is very fresh and balanced.



Pot Cucumber Antje (Gu-3303)

We especially recommend Gu-3303 for anyone who wants to grow cucumbers in pots, raised beds or in short anywhere where space is at a premium.

The variety is high-yielding, tasty and not only grows outdoors, but also extremely well in containers! The cucumbers can be harvested as a snack or salad cucumber and have a long harvest period.





Cucumber **Salome** (Sikkimgurke aus Siebenbürgen)

The all-rounder among the cucumbers!

Problem-free growing outdoors; remains healthy and productive for a very long time.

The cucumbers can be harvested fresh and green for salads and, if harvested regularly, will continue to produce fresh, tasty cucumbers with a pronounced aroma for months - perhaps the tastiest cucumber we know.

If you can't keep up with the harvest, this is also no problem with this variety, as even the fully ripe cucumbers do not get bitter and can be used wonderfully as stewed cucumbers, in smoothies or peeled in salads. The cucumbers change colour from a bright green to yellow to brown and the skin becomes netted. The mature, brown-skinned cucumbers can be stored and stay juicy for a surprisingly long time.

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Price for Cucumbers

	12 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,95 €	8,50 €	39,50 €	130,00 €



Lemon Cucumber **Lemon**

Strongly climbing, branching plant. Fruits about the size of a lemon, ready to eat when the color changes from green to lemon yellow.

Good cucumber taste as an alternative to normal cucumbers.

Can be grown both protected, and outdoors, and in containers.

Garden fences or trellises make harvesting easier.

Price for Lemon Cucumber

	12 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	7,00 €	32,50 €	110,00 €

Borage

(Borago officinalis)

... and borage tastes great with it.

Borage is an easy-to-use herb for seasoning and decoration, perfect for enhancing dishes like cucumber salad. Since there isn't just one origin or variety of borage, we conducted a review in 2023 and can now offer the two most impressive varieties. We focused on traits such as suitability for cutting, yield, flavour, and attractiveness to insects. In this process, a white and a blue variety positively stood out. Both are now available for you to order from us.



Blue Borage Lena

A vigorous and high-yielding borage variety with bright blue flowers and an extended harvest period. The entire plant can be consumed or used. Finely chopping it minimises the “scratchy” texture. Regular trimming encourages fresh green regrowth..

New



White Borage Martha

White-flowering borage is less common than its blue counterpart but no less appealing. In our trials Martha stood out with a slightly longer harvest window, thanks to its slightly better plant health. The entire plant can be consumed or used. Finely chopping it minimises the “scratchy” texture. Regular trimming promotes the regrowth of fresh greens.

New

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Price for Borage:

	Packet (1,5g)	Large packet(10g)
Per Variety	2,95 €	6,50 €

Pumpkin, Squash & Courgettes

(*Cucurbitaceae*)

These three varieties from the Cucumber family are worthwhile for the home garden, the production of young plants, as well as produce for the market stall.



Winter Squash **Green Jugin** (Green Delicious)
(*Cucurbita maxima*)

An outstanding pick from the ARCHE NOAH⁴ selection. Firm, dense, aromatic flesh is perfectly suited for cooking, roasting, or baking. Fruit weight 2-3kg.



Oil Pumpkin **Gleisdorfer**
(*Cucurbita pepo*)

Strong, vigorously growing vines. Nutty seeds are hull-less and thus ideal for eating. Known to be beneficial for prostate health. Pumpkins can be harvested early or late, flesh can be treated like courgette. Fruit weight 3-7kg.



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Courgette **Cocozelle von Tripolis**
(Verte non coureuse d'Italie)
(*Cucurbita pepo*)

A heritage variety with long, mottled green fruit. Does well in containers, too.

Price for Squash, Pumpkin and Courgettes

	10 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	2,95 €	5,50 €	25,50 €	80,00 €

⁴ www.arche-noah.at

Unusual Climbers

(*Cucurbitaceae*)



Achocha **Cyclanthere**
(*Cyclanthera pedata*)

Cyclanthere is a strongly climbing *Cucurbit* suitable for greening wire mesh or facades with tensioned bands. Can grow over 2m high.

The fruits can be harvested at olive size for eating. Raw or pickled, they taste like small cucumbers, cooked they taste like asparagus.⁷ It can be grown in large containers and in pots.

Price for *Cyclanthere*:

	10 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	9,50 €	45,00 €	150,00 €



Bottle Gourd Calabash **Kalebasse**
(*Lagenaria siceraria*)

Fruits are 20-40cm long and grow in a wide variety of shapes. Specially bred for rougher climates. Woody fruit can be turned into bowls, toys, instruments, birdhouses, or other useful objects.

They will harden over winter in a warm, dry spot. If mould appears, gently scrape off the upper layer of skin and dry fruit quickly. Can be grown in planters.

Price for *Kalebasse*:

	10 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	10,50 €	50,00 €	180,00 €



Cucamelon **Melothria**
(*Melothria scabra* & *Melothria trilobata*)

Melothria grows abundantly on the balcony, in a container or in the garden. It needs support, a fence or the like, and can reach heights of a good 2.50m.

The numerous small, oval fruits impress with their unusual appearance and crispy-sour fresh, as well as the intense, lemony-cucumbery taste. The plants also form strong tuberous roots, with which the plants can be over-wintered like dahlias.



Price for *Melothria*:

	12 Seeds	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
<i>Melothria</i>	2,95 €	5,00 €	19,50 €	50,00 €

⁷ Recipe at: www.culinaris-saatgut.de

Kale

(Brassica oleracea var. sabellica)

These kale varieties got their start as part of a project at the University of Göttingen aimed at widening the spectrum of available vegetable varieties. The goal is to include more colours, shapes, and flavours. Selected varieties are not only standout specimens, but grow with little water and fertilizer, and possess an above-average degree of winter hardiness, making them all around all-stars!



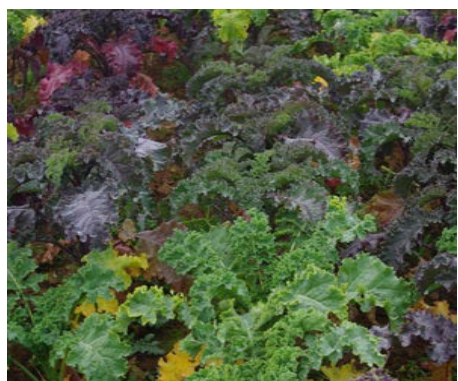
Green Kale **Niedriger Grüner Krauser**
(Lage Moskrul)

Niedriger Grüner Krauser is a winter hardy variety with dark, ruffled leaves. It does not get very tall, and can therefore “hide” well under an insulating layer of snow.

Can be grown in planters or pots, too.

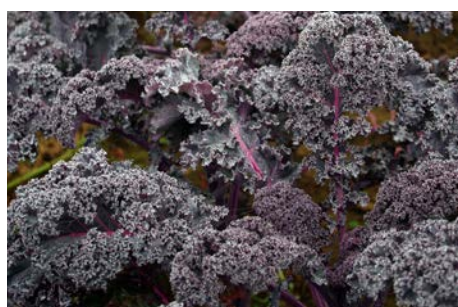


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Brown Kale **Altmärker Braunkohl**⁵

This heirloom’s foliage runs the gamut from green to red to purple. The plant grows to be of average or above-average height. Ease of harvest and gorgeous leaf colouration are a joy for the home and market gardener. An EU Amateur Variety registered by us.



Red Kale **Hoher Roter Krauser**

Glowing reddish plants are tall and sport a lovely, robust crown. Very winter hardy.

Price for Kale:

	Packet (sufficient for min. 50 plants)	500 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	2,95 €	5,80 €	9,20 €

⁵ A detailed article on this variety is available on request.

Oriental Greens

Oriental brassica greens can be eaten fresh in an Asian-style salad, or gently steamed to add a touch of the exotic to any meal.

Selected from several hundred genotypes in seed banks and collections, we trialed the most promising varieties in the field and in containers. We offer you our three favourites here.



Mustard Greens **Feathergreen**
(*Brassica juncea*)

Light green, frilled leaves with a mild, mustardy spice. Makes a lovely addition to salads or vegetable stir-fries.

Harvest like Rocket. Somewhat winter hardy, though best suited for overwintering in an unheated greenhouse.

Can be grown in planters or pots on the balcony. Sowing dates: Feb.-Oct., or anytime if grown indoors.

Abessinischer Kohl (*Brassica carinata*) ist eine Neuheit in Deutschland!

Verwendung als nussig-kohlige Salatbeilage oder als junger Spross geerntete Blätter zum Dünsten. Der Geschmack ähnelt Brokkoli.⁶

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Abyssinian Cabbage **Carina**
(*Brassica carinata*)

Shiny purple leaves.

Will grow in planters, pots, and on the balcony.

Sowing dates: March-Sept., or anytime if grown indoors.



Abyssinian Cabbage **Gomenzer**
(*Brassica carinata*)

Green and purple leaves.

Will grow in planters, pots, and on the balcony. Sowing dates: March-Sept., or anytime if grown indoors.



Price for Oriental Greens

	Packet (sufficient for min. 200 plants)	500 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	2,95 €	5,80 €	9,20 €

⁶ Cultivation instructions with background information (in German) are available at www.culinaris-saatgut.de.

Tagetes

.....and it goes with everything!

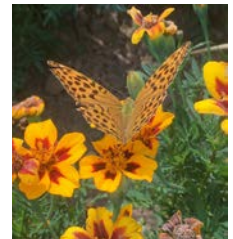
Tagetes keeps the soil healthy, provides nectar for insects, is easy to grow and looks beautiful too – in short: tagetes makes the gardener happy!

Tagetes should be present in every garden; and here too the selection of varieties is almost limitless. In our review, we limited ourselves to insect-friendly (i.e. single flowers) varieties. When selecting varieties, a long flowering period, easy insect access, and of course the look and the scent played a decisive role.



Colourful **Tagetes Kolibri**
(*Tagetes patula*)

Low to medium-height marigolds with a very long flowering period, and highly attractive to people and insects (appearance and scent). Kolibri (Hummingbird) develops quite quickly early in the season, producing lush green foliage, quickly covering the ground. The flowers vary from light yellow to dark red, with various colour gradients within the flowers. Due to its compact growth, the variety is also well suited as an understorey or for mixed cultures, especially with crops susceptible to nematodes, and of course as a container plant..



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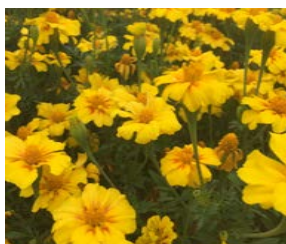
Colourful **Tagetes Nova**
(*Tagetes patula*)

Nova is a tall and sprawling marigold mix with an enormously wide range of colours and shapes when flowering. Due to the lush biomass produced, the mixture is also very well suited for soil recovery and preparation, and also makes a wonderful addition to vegetable mixed beds and perennial beds. It flowers a little later than Kolibri.



Orange-flowered **Tagetes Aurelia**
(*Tagetes tenuifolia*)

Aurelia is a small-flowered 'cushioned marigold', which, thanks to its filigree growth, is wonderfully suited to overhangs (walls, raised beds, etc.), in pots, but also to completely cover the ground in the bed. The fragrant flowers are light orange with a dark orange centre.



Yellow-flowered **Tagetes Lumo**
(*Tagetes patula*)

Lumo is a medium-tall variety with bright yellow-orange flowers with a red spot in the centre. The attractive buds stretch skyward, making them easy to prune. The flowering period begins very early and lasts until the frosts. A great strain for adding a splash of yellow colour to the garden.

Price for Tagetes

	Packet (0.3g for patula, 0.15g for tenuifolia)	Bulk pack (2g or 1g)
Per variety	2,95 €	6,50 €

Lettuce

Spring and Winter Lettuce; Butterhead (*Lactuca sativa*)

Winter salad usually means endives, mache (corn salad), and sugar loaf chicory – we invite you to try something a little different this season: extraordinarily tasty head lettuces, planted in autumn and overwintered for an early spring harvest.

Young headed lettuce is a lot hardier than you'd think. Until about fifty years ago, when overwintering lettuce was par for the course, home and market gardeners alike profited from getting a head start on their growing season with these early lettuces. From a broad selection of varieties, we chose two of the most unique and interesting ones for our field trials. Even though the grocery stores have greatly improved their assortment of greens over the past ten years, there is one thing they forgot: the very best salads are harvested at home!



Humil

(*Lactuca sativa* var. *capitata*)

A real old-fashioned butterhead lettuce. Medium-sized, bright green heads with few outer leaves that need removing before eating. Heads have a creamy heart and dense, beautifully filled bodies. Overall pronounced buttery qualities are a pleasant surprise for most gardeners!



Roter Butterhäuptl (Red Butterhead)

(*Lactuca sativa* var. *capitata*)

A small red head lettuce that weighs about 200 grams. Early harvest means early colour on your plate! Can be planted quite close together: 25 x 25 cm and tighter.

Our suggestion: plant at half distances and

harvest every second lettuce as loose-leaf rather than head lettuce.



These lettuces are only suitable for early outdoor and over-winter production.

For over-winter cultivation: Direct sow at the end of August or plant in mid-October. The top edge of the block/module should be flush with the ground. The lettuces should overwinter with around 8 real leaves. Snow is the best winter protection. Only hard frosts are dangerous. If necessary, protect with fleece or straw (as late as possible - after Christmas).

Further information can be found on our homepage: www.culinaris-saatgut.de/en

Other Lettuce



Spargelsalat (Asparagus Lettuce) (*Lactuca sativa* var. *angustana*)

*Lettuce of a different kind!
The focus here is on the fleshy, tasty stem.
Harvested before buds form, celtuce is peeled
and eaten raw or cooked just like asparagus
or kohlrabi.
Plants need plenty of space to grow, at least 30 x 30 cm, and some
attention until they reach optimal size.
Will form small rosettes that can be harvested and eaten like regular
lettuce.*



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Loose-Leaf/Cutting Lettuce **Salad Bowl** (*Lactuca sativa* var. *crispa*)

*Salad Bowl is a fantastic long-season oak-leaf lettuce that is
slow to bolt. Planted for harvesting as heads, individual plants
will form large rosettes. Leaves are tender and mild and will
regrow two or three weeks after cutting.*



Loose-Leaf/Cutting Lettuce **Redbone** (*Lactuca sativa* var. *crispa*)

*Redbone is a great loose-leaf/cutting variety! Leaves are shiny red and
plants are late to bolt. This variety rewards us with a high and contin-
uous yield when harvested as loose-leaf rather than head lettuce,
making it great for the balcony, backyard and raised bed. Plant like
head lettuce.*

Price for Lettuce:

	Packet (Sufficient for min. 50 Plants)	Packet (sufficient for min. 500 Plants)	Packet (sufficient for min. 1000 Plants)
Per variety	2,95 €	7,00 €	12,00 €

Sweetcorn & Popcorn

(*Zea mays*)



Sweetcorn **Golden Bantam**

Heritage, open-pollinated variety with shapely ears. Perfectly delicious for cooking, grilling, roasting, or eating raw. Visit: www.bantam-mais.de



Sweetcorn **Lisanco**

Lisanco is the first open source sweetcorn! And delicious! Those who like sweetcorn will love Lisanco. The variety is healthy, stable and produces large, crunchy cobs that are suitable for any use. We



recommend sowing several sets to be able to eat fresh corn until autumn. The variety was bred by Hartmut Spieß at Dottenfelder Hof in Germany.

In 2014 and 2015 we trialed a wide selection of popcorn varieties. The diversity, especially of kernel colour and form, but also of growth habit, was astounding! When making our selections, we paid special attention to superior taste and plant health while keeping an eye out for extraordinarily beautiful cobs! A silvery-black variety which we call NegroCine was registered in 2016/2017. In 2018 we also registered Bear Paw.

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Popcorn **NegroCine**

A dwarf (1 – 1.20m) variety with a nutty, aromatic flavour. The plants and cobs are easy on the eye and the kernels pop beautifully! Kernels vary in colour from dark blue to greyish-black and have a silvery shimmer. Individual plants send out plenty of side shoots and often yield five or more 10cm-long cobs. Plants are healthy and robust. NegroCine

makes a pretty popcorn; drying cobs also make a great decoration at home, in the shop or at the market stand. We recommend an early greenhouse start in April, particularly in northern latitudes, as full ripening when direct-sown may be hampered by cooler summers.



Popcorn **Bear Paw**

Bear Paw is a dwarf popcorn variety (1m – 1.60m) with great flavour, exceptional appearance and very early ripening. Cobs are white and, when well pollinated, tend to split apart into multiple “paws”. Cobs reach a length of about 15cm. Plants are healthy and strong.

We recommend starting this variety indoors in April, especially in northern regions with short growing seasons.

Price for Sweetcorn & Popcorn:

	40 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
Per variety	3,25 €	6,00 €	18,00 €

Food

Miscellaneous

On the following pages there is a colourful variety of different crops that can give further inspiration for garden and balcony culture.



Okra **Silver Queen**

After several years of intensive selection, we can now recommend this variety for outdoor growing! The variety is vigorous and can reach plant heights of over 1 m, but in the open field it usually remains smaller. Thanks to its long taproot, it copes well with drought and has no problem with heat and strong sunlight. The fruits are best harvested young, and can be fried, boiled, used in stews and much more besides. Thanks to unusual leaves, strong, upright growth and bright flowers, the vegetable is also visually rewarding to grow!



Okra **Santa Cruz**

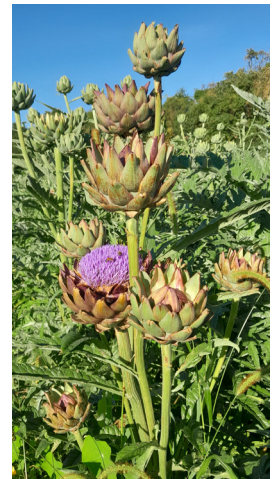
Also well suited for outdoor cultivation, but if available, growing in a greenhouse is also worthwhile - the plants become significantly more lush and produce significantly higher yields than in the open field. The fruits are darker than those of the Silver Queen. To find the right variety for your location, we recommend growing both..

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Artichoke **Vert de Provence**

It is not without reason that the Vert de Provence is a widespread artichoke variety with a relatively good over-wintering survival rate (even in Germany/ Central Europe). If planted early in spring it can produce significant yields in its first year, which makes it particularly attractive for our climate. The plants are healthy and extremely vigorous, which is reflected in the strong dark green leaf colour and the lush buds (the actual crop). If you don't harvest the buds as a vegetable, or don't harvest them completely, they produce impressive flower heads (up to 15cm!) that attract numerous insects.



Price for Artichoke and Okra:

Per packet

3,25 €



Radish **Runder Schwarzer Winter**
(Round Black Winter)
(*Raphanus sativus* var. *niger*)

A gorgeous white-fleshed radish with black skin, this variety grows to about fist-size and stores well for the whole winter.



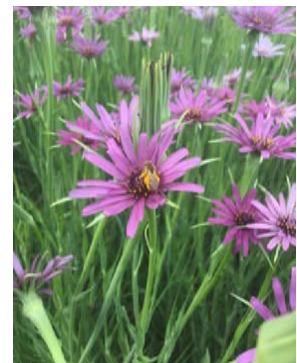
Radish **Green Luobo**
(*Raphanus sativus* var. *niger*)

The Green Luobo variety is characterised by its approx. 15cm narrow, elongated, mostly green-coloured roots that only grow slightly into the soil. The foliage is strong, dark green and has a glossy shimmer. The roots are white-fleshed, slightly green in colour in the upper area. The taste is pleasantly mild, crunchy and extremely buttery. The tubers can be stored very well. Also suitable for cultivation over the summer.



Salsify **Sandwich Island**
(*Tragopogon porrifolium*)

Excellent, slightly sweet aroma reminiscent of creamy porridge oats. These are regarded as a delicacy in the United Kingdom, where they are known as “oyster plant”. Grow them like their relative, scorzonera. Harvest begins in September and lasts until the following spring. Left unharvested, plants will set lovely, purple flowers in their second year.



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Our **parsnips** are ideal for making soups, vegetables or salads; do not peel, just brush off. Caution: contact with green parts of plants can cause phototoxic skin reactions (see giant hogweed).



Parsnip **White King**
(*Pastinaca sativa*)

A short, fat, mid-sized, tapered parsnip for easy cultivation and harvest on level soils. Strong, aromatic flavour.





Parsnip *Aromata*
(*Pastinaca sativa*)

A slender, aromatic parsnip with butter-colored roots. Its mild flavour and smooth, fine-grained texture make it suitable for eating raw.



Kohl Rabi *Superschmelz/Gigant*
(*Brassica oleracea* var. *gongylodes*)

As the name suggest, this variety reaches an enormous size. Can be harvested over the course of several weeks. The base becomes woody, but even the biggest specimens stay tender and juicy inside.

After autumn harvest, they can be stored in the cellar until the spring. Requires twice as much space as regular kohlrabi in the garden.



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Celery *Schnittsellerie* (Leaf Celery)
(*Apium graveolens* var. *secalinum*)

This aromatic leaf celery is a tasty variety that can be grown and used much like regular celery but is lower maintenance, less disease-prone and needs less space than its counterparts. Beginning in the springtime, leaves can be harvested as a leaf vegetable or for flavouring soups. Leaf celery also does exceptionally well dried or frozen. Fairly frost tolerant.



Welsh Onion *Winzwyadne*
(*Allium fistulosum*)

The Welsh onion is perennial and hardy, so it can be harvested as a permanent crop over many years. The leaves can be used like chives or as spicy leafy vegetables and the tender onions like spring onions. Historically, the Welsh onion was used as a spring onion. Their purple inflorescences are eye-catching in the vegetable garden and can be used in salads and as a garnish. It shoots in early spring and brings early harvests when most other crops are still a long way off.





Coriander **Arata**

In variety trials in 2021 this coriander emerged as the favorite. The variety has vigorous growth and can be cultivated almost all year. With regular harvesting/cutting, fresh green growth occurs several times. However, if not cut, you are rewarded first with



fragrant flowers that are very popular with insects and later with seeds for the spice rack. Arata means "freshness" in Japanese and that is exactly what we associate with this coriander. In salads, stews or even in herb quark, this coriander enriches (almost) every meal (provided you like coriander!). The variety can also be precision drilled, which means it can be grown particularly early and saving on seed use.



Chives **Bellarisa** (*Allium schoenoprasum*)

Fine-tubed, enduring variety with fresh green from early spring to late autumn.

Also well suited for balcony boxes, raised beds and flower beds.



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Sorrel **Belleville** (*Rumex rugosus*)

Sorrel Belleville is a large-leaved, perennial variety. It can be used fresh in salads or steamed in butter. Sorrel is also ideal for soups. It increases the body's defenses and has a blood-purifying and detoxifying effect. The leaves are often used for feeding small animals.



Löffelkraut (Scurvy Grass) (*Cochlearia officinalis*)

Scurvy Grass was already known to the Vikings as a source of vitamin C for winter. The dark green leaves are harvested from summer to spring. They are used as a herb for salads and cooked dishes. The taste is reminiscent of horseradish and mustard. Scurvy Grass grows 25 - 50 cm high and over-winters if sown in autumn.



Price for Miscellaneous

Per packet

2,95 €

Further Flowers

Vegetables nourish us, but our eyes and noses deserve a treat, too! Insects and other animals should also have a place in the garden..



Prachtwinde (Morning Glory)
(*Ipomea purpurea*)

Stunning, trumpet-shaped flowers in deep blue, blush pink, and coral emerge from lush foliage. Vines grow up to 5 meters in a season, and will climb fences, posts, or teepees. Better suited to our climate than most other varieties of Morning Glory. Can also be grown in a planter or on the balcony.



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Jungfer im Grünen (Oxford Blue) (Love in a Mist)
(*Nigella damascena*)

The plants of “Love in a mist“ are delicate, filigree and grow to about 50cm high. They bloom in a play of colours from white to light-blue to dark blue-purple. Their flowers are really impressive and are very attractive to insects!



Marokkanisches Leinkraut
(Moroccan Toadflax)
(*Linaria maroccana*)

The flowers of this exquisite member of the plantain family are like tiny snapdragons. Low-maintenance, annual plants are diminutive, reaching about 30-50 cm. Flowers range from rosy-red to violet-blue, and last until the first hard frost. Plant in clumps to add dashes of colour to flower beds, or grow them in planters or window boxes.





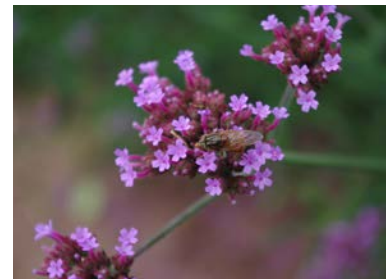
Foxtail Millet *Herbstfeuer* (Autumn Fire)
(*Setaria italica*)

A traditional plant for added variety in your garden! Awnless seedheads ripen to red-brown along with leaves, resulting in highly decorative plants. Ideal for dried flower arrangements or birdseed. Can be grown in pots or planters.



Verbena (*Verbena bonariensis*)

Perennial Verbena reaches a height of 80 to 150cm and sports flowers in clusters of long-lasting blue-violet umbels. Flowers last from about July until as late as October. Cold winters can kill the plant, making Verbena winter hardy only to a degree. This beautiful, waifish plant is a special treat for bees.



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Dahlia
(*Dahlia variabilis*)

A dwarf variety that reaches a height of about 50 cm. Unfilled blossoms come in a range of colours and flower in the first year. Will overwinter. Start them early to extend the flowering season. Dahlias do very well in pots or planters. Thanks to the unfilled flowers, our dahlia is an absolute magnet for insects!



Dahlia as a vegetable: try the petals.

Price for Flowers :

Per packet

2,95 €

Pricelist Overview

Variety	Packet (10,12,15 or 20 Seeds)	50 Seeds	250 Seeds	1000 Seeds
New Tomato varieties – indoors	3,95 € (12)	10,00 €	50,00 €	180,00 €
New Tomatoes – outdoor bush	3,95 € (12)	10,00 €	50,00 €	180,00 €
New Tomatoes – outdoor cordons	3,95 € (12)	9,50 €	45,00 €	155,00 €
Primavera, Dorada, Clou, Resi	3,95 € (12)	8,00 €	37,00 €	125,00 €
Wild Tomatoes	3,25 € (15)	5,50 €	23,50 €	75,00 €
Tomatoes for the Home Garden	3,25 € (15)	5,00 €	15,00 €	50,00 €
Bush & Heritage Tomatoes (P.16/17)	3,25 € (15)	5,50 €	23,50 €	75,00 €
Heritage Tomatoes (P.18/19)	3,25 € (15)	5,50 €	25,50 €	80,00 €
Exceptional Rarities & Moltorello	3,95 € (15)	8,00 €	37,00 €	125,00 €
Sweet Peppers	3,25 € (15)	6,50 €	27,50 €	90,00 €
Chillies	3,25 € (15)	5,50 €	23,50 €	80,00 €
Aubergines	3,25 € (15)	6,50 €	27,50 €	90,00 €
Melons	3,25 € (12)	8,50 €	38,50 €	125,00 €
Physalis & Tomatillo	3,25 € (20)	5,00 €	22,50 €	70,00 €
Cucumbers	3,95 € (12)	8,50 €	39,50 €	130,00 €
Lemon Cucumber	3,25 € (12)	7,00 €	32,50 €	110,00 €
Squash, Pumpkins and Courgettes	2,95 € (12)	5,50 €	25,50 €	80,00 €
Cyclanthere	3,25 € (10)	9,50 €	45,00 €	150,00 €
Kalebasse	3,25 € (10)	10,50 €	50,00 €	180,00 €
Melothria	2,95 € (12)	5,00 €	19,50 €	50,00 €
Basil	2,95 € (50 Plants)	7,00 € (500 Plants)	12,00 € (1000 Plants)	
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Tagetes	2,95 € (Packet)	6,50 € Bulk pack (2g or 1g)		
Lettuce	2,95 € (50 Plants)	7,00 € (500 Plants)	12,00 € (1000 Plants)	
Sweetcorn and Popcorn	3,25 € (40 Seeds)	6,00 € (250 Seeds)	18,00 € (1000 Seeds)	
Artichoke and Okra	3,25 €	Larger quantities on request		
Miscellaneous	2,95 €	Larger quantities on request		
Further Flowers	2,95 €	Larger quantities on request		

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We choose our varieties, which include rarities and entirely new selections, because they have stood out during rigorous trialing in the field. Many have been privately maintained for years and were commercially unavailable, while some were discovered in seed banks, and others were developed through research projects. All varieties are non-Genetically Modified and open-pollinated so they can be reproduced.

To find out more about our work and our partner organisations, please visit our homepage: www.culinaris-saatgut.de/en

One focus of our work is outdoor tomatoes. Great progress has been made in recent years, so that growing tomatoes outdoors can be enjoyable!

We wish you a good growing season in 2025!

The CULINARIS team – Quality Seed for Wholesome Food

