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Onion Comparison Chart

Every onion we carry, grouped by day length and sorted by days to maturity

Days	Variety	Bulb	Day length	Best for	Notes	Disease
Short-Day Onions						
110	**Texas Early Grano** HEIR	Yellow	Short	Sweet, fresh	Vidalia-type sweet	—
110	**Texas Early Grano** ORG HEIR	Yellow	Short	Sweet, fresh	Vidalia-type sweet	PR
110	**Red Creole**	Red	Short	Storage	Pungent; keeps 6–7 mo.	PR
115	**Red Grano**	Red	Short	Sweet, fresh	Mild rose-red globes	—
118	**Blush**	Red	Short	Sweet, fresh	Mild, blushed bulbs	—
155	**Merlin** F1	Yellow	Short	Storage	Fall-sown; slow to bolt	F, PR
165	**Red Rock** F1	Red	Short	Storage	Fall-sown; dark red	F, PR
Intermediate-Day Onions						
110	**Candy** F1	Yellow	Intermediate	Sweet; stores	Grows almost anywhere	PR
115	**Avalon** F1	Yellow	Int. to long	Storage	Firm, single centers	F, PR
118	**Scout** F1	Yellow	Int. to long	All-purpose	Jumbo to colossal	F, PR
120	**Cipollini Yellow**	Yellow	Intermediate	Cipollini	Flat; roast whole	—
Long-Day Onions						
95	**Ruby**	Red	Long	Sweet, fresh	Mild, deep purple	—
110	**Ailsa Craig Exhibition**	Yellow	Long	Sweet, fresh	Giant exhibition onion	—
110	**Yellow Sweet Spanish** HEIR	Yellow	Long	Sweet, fresh	Big 4–6 in. globes	—
115	**Walla Walla Sweet**	Yellow	Long	Sweet, fresh	Famous mild sweet	—
115	**White Sweet Spanish**	White	Long	Sweet, fresh	Large, very mild	—
118	**Yosemite**	Yellow	Long	Storage	Uniform keeper	—
122	**Caliber** F1	Yellow	Long	Storage	Vigorous; stores long	F, PR

Short day

South of about 35°N (Georgia, Texas, S. California). Sow in fall.

Intermediate

The middle band, about 32–40°N. Many grow well north or south of it too.

Long day

North of about 37°N. Sow in late winter for a summer harvest.

Sets & bunching

Sets give a head start; bunching onions grow almost anywhere.

Quick picks

Sweetest: Walla Walla Sweet, Texas Early Grano, Candy, Yellow Sweet Spanish · **Best keepers:** Red Creole, Caliber, Yosemite, Stuttgarter Yellow

Grows almost anywhere: Candy, Scout, Avalon, bunching onions · **Biggest bulbs:** Ailsa Craig Exhibition, Scout, Sweet Oversize

Disease codes and F1, ORG, HEIR and AAS tags are explained on page 2.

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Onion Sets						
80	**Red Karmen**	Red	Long	Storage	Zesty ruby red	—
80	**Snowball White**	White	Short	All-purpose	Crisp and mild	—
80	**Stuttgarter Yellow**	Yellow	Long	Storage	Classic keeper	—
80	**Sweet Oversize**	Yellow	Long	Sweet, fresh	Extra-large, sweet	—
Bunching Onions						
65	**Nebuka Evergreen**	Green	Any	Green onion	Hardy; regrows	—
65	**Scarlet Bandit**	Red base	Any	Green onion	Overwinters	—
75	**Tokyo Long Bunching**	Green	Any	Green onion	Heat tolerant	BLB, PR, Sm

Day length is the most important choice: onions start forming bulbs once days reach a certain length, so a variety grown too far north or south will make small bulbs. **Days** are from transplant (sets: from planting). Fall-sown short-day types take longer.

Disease Resistance Codes

BLB	Botrytis leaf blight	**F**	Fusarium basal rot	**PR**	Pink root
Sm	Onion smut				

Starting from seed

Start seed indoors 10–12 weeks before transplanting, and trim tops to 4 in. Set plants out 4–6 in. apart when the soil can be worked.

Feeding

Onions have short roots. Keep beds weed-free and evenly moist, and feed with nitrogen until bulbs begin to swell.

Harvest & curing

Pull when half the tops fall over. Cure in a dry, airy spot for 2–3 weeks; storage onions then keep for months.

Day-length guide

Short day · below about 35°N
Florida, Gulf Coast, south Texas, Arizona, southern California. Sow in fall.

Intermediate · about 32–40°N
Carolinas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kansas, central California. Sow late winter.

Long day · above about 37°N
Midwest, Northeast, Rockies, Pacific Northwest. Start indoors in late winter.



Walla Walla Sweet



Red Creole

Variety Notes

F1	Hybrid seed
AAS	All-America Selections winner
ORG	Certified organic seed
HEIR	Heirloom, open-pollinated

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