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Pole & Specialty Bean Comparison Chart

Pole, runner, yard-long, lima and dry beans, plus fava, chickpea and edamame, sorted by days to maturity

Days	Variety	Pod	Height	Use	Notes	Disease
Pole Snap Beans						
55	**Seychelles** AAS	Green	8 ft	Snap	Early, slender, stringless	A, BCMV
58	**Kentucky Wonder Pole** HEIR	Green	7 ft	Snap	Classic beany flavor	—
60	**Fortex**	Green	7 ft	Snap	Filet pods to 11 in.	—
63	**Blue Lake FM-1K** HEIR	Green	7 ft	Snap	Stringless 7 in. pods	BCMV
65	**Quicksilver Mountain**	Green	7 ft	Snap or dry	Silver-speckled seed	—
73	**Kentucky Blue** AAS	Green	7 ft	Snap	Kentucky Wonder × Blue Lake	—
Runner & Half-Runner Beans						
56	**Mountaineer White Half Runner**	Green	3 ft	Snap	Old-time rich flavor	—
60	**Scarlet Runner** HEIR	Green	10 ft	Snap, shell, dry	Red flowers; hummingbirds	—
65	**Pink Half Runner**	Green	4 ft	Snap or dry	Appalachian favorite	—
Yard-Long (Asparagus) Beans						
58	**Asparagus Green Podded**	Green	8+ ft	Snap	Fast; crisp long pods	—
58	**Asparagus Red Podded** ORG	Red	8+ ft	Snap	Deep red pods	—
75	**Python**	Green	8 ft	Snap	Pods up to 23 in.	—
85	**Orient Wonder**	Green	8+ ft	Snap	Sets pods in cooler weather	—

Pole snap

Climb 7–8 ft and bear for weeks. Big yields from a small footprint.

Runners

Showy flowers and rich flavor. Half runners need only a short fence.

Yard-long

Heat-loving Asian beans with pods a foot or more long.

Limas & dry

Pick plump pods to shell fresh, or let them dry for soups.

Quick picks

Earliest pole snaps: Seychelles, Kentucky Wonder Pole, Fortex · **Short vines:** Mountaineer White Half Runner, Pink Half Runner
Most disease resistant: Seychelles, Blue Lake FM-1K · **Showy flowers:** Scarlet Runner, Cinnabar Mountain · **Longest pods:** Python, Orient Wonder

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

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Days	Variety	Pod	Height	Use	Notes	Disease
Pole Lima & Dry Beans						
58	**Cinnabar Mountain**	Green	7 ft	Snap or dry	Scarlet flowers	—
65	**Whiskey Mountain** HEIR	Green	7 ft	Snap or dry	Colorful dry beans	—
85	**Christmas Pole Lima** HEIR	Green	8+ ft	Shell or dry	Big speckled limas	—
90	**Flor de Junio** HEIR	Striped	8 ft	Snap or dry	Maroon-speckled seed	—
90	**Hidatsa Shield** HEIR	Green	Pole	Dry	Native heirloom; soups	—
90	**King of the Garden** HEIR	Green	7 ft	Fresh shell	Large buttery limas	—
90	**Soup Blend**	Green	2 ft	Dry	Six soup beans; bush	—
Fava, Chickpea & Edamame						
70	**Midori Giant**	Green	2 ft	Edamame	Early, extra-large pods	—
85	**Broad Windsor Fava** HEIR	Green	4 ft	Fresh shell	Cool season; sow early	—
85	**Garbanzo** HEIR	Green	2 ft	Dry	Chickpeas for hummus	—
85	**Karikachi** F1	Green	2 ft	Edamame	About 3 beans per pod	—

Days are from direct seeding to first harvest (snap pods) or to mature seed (shell, dry and edamame). Sow beans 1" deep after the soil reaches 60°F; fava and chickpea can go in during cool spring weather. **Height** is typical vine or plant height; anything over 4 ft needs a sturdy trellis, teepee or fence. **Use** shows how each bean is usually eaten.

Disease Resistance Codes

A Anthracnose

BCMV Bean common mosaic virus

Picking tips

Snap pods: before the seeds bulge. Yard-longs: at 12–18 in. Shell beans: when pods are plump but still soft. Dry beans: when pods rattle.

Support

Set trellises before planting. Pole beans twine up strings or poles 7–8 ft tall; half runners do fine on a short fence or loose on the ground.

Heat and cold

Yard-long and lima beans love heat. Scarlet runners set pods best below 90°F. Fava and chickpea prefer cool spring weather.



Scarlet Runner



Christmas Pole Lima

Variety Notes

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

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