2026 Urban Ag Lab at Bowen Greenhouse
Vegetables, Flowers, and Herbs
53 Varieties Available

Many plants are heirloom variety and GMO free. We offer some transfer plants from the UAL garden.
Donation range per plant starts at $4, each depending on the variety and quantity available.
Cash, Credit Card and Check payment accepted. NO pre-orders this year due to limited quantities.



Black Strawberry Tomato 60 days. - Fantastic, sugar-sweet tomato flavor, that is fruity, with a hint of grape and plum flavors. This 1-ounce fruit is marbled in blue, scarlet and gold. This extremely productive and early variety makes it an obvious choice for gardeners and market farmers who want rugged, early producing plants, and do not want to sacrifice eating quality. **$5.00 pp**



Martino's Roma Tomato. 70-80 days. -Fantastic yields of richly flavorful plum-shaped tomatoes, on compact plants that require very little staking! Resistant to early blight, reliable for home or market gardens! The paste-type fruit weighs in at 2-3 ounces, dry-fleshed and very meaty with few seeds. Great for sauces, salsas and pastes. Full Sun, Plant Spacing: 24", Frost Hardy: **$4.00 pp**



Tomato, Pink Bumble Bee (Indeterminate) 60-70 days. - A stunning cherry tomato, of recent breeding from Artisan Seeds. The fruit has a bright, sweet flavor, and the color is vibrant fire-engine-red with golden orange striping. Vigorous vines yield crack resistant fruit over a very long season. Tolerates cool nighttime temps and hot days. **$4.00 pp**



Tomato, Green Doctor (Indeterminate) – 75-80 days. A supreme snacking tomato, this little jewel is loaded with sugar and fruitiness. This is one of the best-tasting tomatoes of all time. Cherry-sized fruit is a beautiful, translucent kiwi green in color. Large vines produce huge yields of these crisp, little cherries. Harvest when fruit is slightly soft for the sweetest taste. **$5.00 pp**



Tomato, White Fang (Indeterminate) 75-80 days. - This exotic-looking beauty has the best taste of any paste tomato we have tried. The flavor of this big paste tomato will put a regular Roma to shame! Incredibly flavorful and so sweet! The super-long, 6-inch fruit of this paste tomato has very few seeds and thick, sweet flesh. Try making this meaty, sweet variety into paste or marinara. **$5.00 pp**



Tomato, Queen of the Night – (Indeterminate) 80 days - This richly flavored salad type variety hails from the Rhine region of Germany. Tomato's are round, 3- to 3.5-oz. Cut into the fruit to reveal a stunning vermillion color, fragrant, sweet, and loaded with rich tomato taste! Reaches 5 to 5.5 feet on average, with blue-tinged, regular leaf foliage. **$4.00 pp**



Strawberry, Alexandria Alpine. 120 days. (Perennial) Deep scarlet, egg-shaped fruit weighs two to three grams each. Everbearer that yields the first season from an early planting. A very productive alpine sort, sweet and flavorful. **$4.00 pp** (3rd year plant)



Brussels Sprout – 100 days to maturity - These medium to small sprouts are an ideal choice for first-time gardeners. Groninger Brussels sprouts can handle a light frost and will improve in flavor with the cold weather. **$4.00 pp**



Watermelon, Sugar Baby Bush - An ideal plant for gardeners with limited space, as the vines of Sugar Baby Bush only reach around 3 feet long. This is an early producer; the juicy and sweet little 6- to 12-pound fruit should be ready to harvest in 75 days. Flesh is a deep scarlet; skin is a dark green with no striping. **$4.00 pp**



Melon, Golden Honeymoon – 80-90 days - A honeydew melon with a brilliant, gold rind and delicious green flesh; unique flavor. Two weeks earlier than regular honeydew; excellent yields. Will rarely sunburn; a great keeper, unique and rare! **$4.00 pp**



Melon, Golden Crispy – 80-90 days - Easy-to-grow, early-to-mature Asian melon with a succulent sweet flavor and crisp flesh. The small, oblong- to pear-shaped fruit weigh about ½ pound each. Smooth, golden skin with incredible sweet, uniquely aromatic white flesh. A delicious personal-sized melon. **$4.00 pp**



Cucumber, Early Fortune – 55-60 days - A super dependable garden cucumber, great for pickles and slicing. The fruit grows 7 to 8 inches long, 2 inches in diameter. Originally selected out of Davis Perfect (now believed extinct) by George Starr in Royal Oak, Michigan, in 1906. Upon its release it was described as “the earliest and best white spine cucumber ever offered.” **$4.00 pp**



Cucumber, Beit Alpha – 50-65 days - Beit Alpha is famous the world over for its mild, sweet flavor, high yield, and consistency. Beit Alpha has been used to develop hundreds of both hybrid and open-pollinated varieties. The plants of our Beit Alpha contain both male and female flowers, and the burpless fruit is thin skinned with relatively few seeds. Enjoy this slice of botanical history in your garden! $4.00 pp



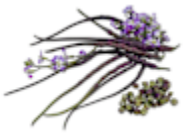
Cucumber, Crystal Apple – 70-80 days - The petite 3-inch oval fruit is a bright creamy white, about the size of a small apple. Sweet, mild, and very tender. This variety has become almost extinct in America. Introduced from Australia around 1930 from Arthur Yates and Co., though this type likely originated in China. So tender you can eat it skin and all! **$4.00 pp**



Hot Pepper, Buena Mulata – 75-80 days - A very rare, extremely productive, and stunning hot pepper. Chameleon-like, it undergoes color changes during ripening, from violet to pink, then orange to brown, and eventually to a deep red. The long, round pods reach 6 to 7 inches long and undergo a unique flavor change as they ripen, with the reds being more sweet and meatier than the violet. The stunning plants also make wonderful potted specimens. **$4.00 pp**



Hot Pepper, Lemon Drop – 100 days - Seasoning pepper from Peru ripens to a clear lemon yellow, sometimes with a dark purple blush. The flavor is a very clean, uncomplicated, slightly citrusy heat. Great for jellies and preserves. 2-foot plants are covered with the thin-walled, conical fruit which reaches 2 to 3 inches in length, with very few seeds. **$5.00 pp**



Radish, Red Rat's Tail – 50 days – (Vine) Completely unique. The Red Rat's Tail radish is praised for its many tender, crisp, purplish seed **pods rather than its root**. The plants are exceptionally easy to grow, and highly rewarding, too, producing oodles of lightly spicy pods that can be compared to a pungent green bean! Pick pods when they are tender and young, about 5 to 6 inches long. They can be eaten raw, cooked, or even pickled. A South Asian delicacy. **$4.00 pp**



Collard, Georgia Southern or Creole - A great old Southern favorite, pre-1880 heirloom. Has a good resistance to heat and cold. Sure, it's great for the South, but also good up north. Huge yield, a real producer, very tasty, and flavorful. (Partial Sun) **$4.00 pp**



Kale, Blue Curled - A truly astounding superfood, Blue Curled Scotch kale is packed with health promoting properties, including a range of antioxidants. Aside from an incredible host of health benefits, Blue Curled Scotch kale has a pleasant sweet and nutty kale flavor, and is perfect for kale chips. **$4.00 pp**



Purslane - 35 days - Low, crawling plant produces tender stems and juicy leaves that are excellent added to salads. Purslane is a powerhouse of plant nutrition and is considered one of the richest sources of omega-3 fatty acids in the plant world. Appreciated as a potherb in Europe since antiquity, somehow purslane does not enjoy the same fanfare in America, as the leaves contain the most vitamin A of any green leafy vegetable, and the culinary potential is boundless! A popular green in Mexico. **$4.00 pp**



Lettuce, Flashy - Nearly full-sized romaine type dappled in a lovely, deep crimson. Another "Flashy" introduction from Frank Morton, this one is a high yielder and also makes a great early baby romaine. Very tender and delicious! **4.00 pp**



Bok Choy, Chinensis varieties do not form heads and have green leaf blades with lighter bulbous bottoms instead, forming a cluster reminiscent of mustard greens. (Plant now likes cooler weather) **$4.00 pp**



Celery, Amsterdam Keeping gourmet seasoning on hand is easy with this "cutting" type celery! This particular variety hails from the Netherlands, but it is an Asian type cutting celery, Also known as Chinese Celery, these types tend to have larger leaves and small fibrous stalks. Both the leaves and stalks are excellent for broth, soups, and general use in the kitchen. **$4.00 pp**



Basil, Lettuce Leaf - This sweet basil is just a bit more subtle than Genovese. It is great for making gallons of pesto, tossing into fragrant salads, and perfect for making delicious "Lettuce Leaf Basil Wraps." Productive and beautiful. The huge, 6-inch leaves are very nutritious, containing vitamin A and minerals such as calcium, magnesium, and potassium! **$4.00 pp**



Basil, Genovese 68 days. Genovese basil is the essential ingredient in basil pesto, but it's also phenomenal in sauces, on pizzas and any other recipe calling for basil. Most of the Genovese Basil in Italy is grown in the Liguria region. Basil is grown at very high density in greenhouses there, and the village of Pra is noted as growing the very best Genovese basil. **$4.00 pp**



Basil, Persian - Interesting, and flavorful! Known as Reyhan throughout the varied nations of southwestern Asia, it has a distinctive lemony and spice-like aroma. This variety is fragrant and nutritious, perfect for soups, salads, rice dishes, & flavorful tea. **$4.00 pp**



Compact Basil is perfect Basil for windowsill or container gardening Thick, large, crinkled, dark green leaves are full of spicy Basil flavor. **$5.00 pp**



Basil, Lemon - Vibrant and flavorful lemon basil is an herb that will add zip and zest to your cooking. It is a highly regarded culinary ingredient across the globe and one of our favorites for fusion and experimental cuisine. Leaves are used in soups, stews and countless other dishes, and the seeds are soaked and made into a dessert. 8-12 hours of Sun, Plant Spacing: 8-12", Frost Hardy: No, Remove flower buds promptly to prolong harvest. **$4.00 pp**



Sage, Broad – (Perennial) **-** Used in Europe and America to flavor many meats, stuffings, vinegars, and more! Fragrant leaves are also used in potpourri. 20-inch-tall gray-green plants are quite attractive. **$4.00 pp**



Thyme, Common - (Perennial) Small, rounded leaves along woody stems are very aromatic and flavorful. A delightful culinary herb that balances and enhances any dish. Not winter hardy but grows well in containers. **$4.00 pp**



Chives - (Perennial) Wonderful, mild onion flavor. These long, thin chives are excellent in many meals; great raw or cooked. Lavender flowers. **$4.00 pp**



Garlic 210–240 days (7–8 months) to harvest, 6–8 hours of full to partial sun, Planting depth: 2–3 inches, Plant spacing: 4 to 6 inches, Ideal temperature: 32°F to 75°F, Frost hardy? Yes, **$4.00 pp**



Oregano, Vulgare - (Perennial) This is a beautiful and delicious herb that also offers many medicinal uses. Great for Italian and Greek cooking! Pungent and flavorful, oregano can be enjoyed either fresh or dried in many dishes. Try it with homemade pizza sauce or as an alternative take on traditional basil pesto! **$4.00 p**



Parsley, Giant Of Italy A very large Italian strain of parsley with great flavor. Perfect for sauces. High in essential oil content, with a stronger flavor than curly leafed parsley, this variety is a good source for vitamins A, C, and K. **$4.00 pp**



Chamomile This Polish chamomile is bigger and higher yielding than the standard and is easy to grow at home from seed. It has a wonderful aroma and is used to make teas. **$5.00 pp** (Limited Supply)



***Victoria Rhubarb** - (Perennial) This variety was offered in 1856. Thick stalks are popular for making delicious pies, cobblers, and preserves. This variety can be harvested starting as soon as the ***second season**. Rhubarb is very popular in Canada and the northern U.S. **Do not eat the leaves** as they contain poisonous oxalic acid. Plant now - (planting space 4 feet) **$4.00 pp**



Swiss Chard, Five Color Silverbeet - (Rainbow Chard) - A beautiful chard, its colors are brilliant (pink, yellow, orange, red, and white). This chard originated in Australia. Very mild, ornamental, and tasty. Pretty enough to plant in the flower garden! **$4.00 pp**



Mustard, Japanese Giant Red - As a leafy green that provides peppery and tangy flavor, Red Giant Mustard is a vegetable that is commonly grown for its culinary and herbal benefits. Growing 10" long" making Organic Red Giant varieties perfect to mix in fresh salads, cook as savory greens or harvest its seeds to use as herbal remedies!. (Plant now likes cooler weather) **$4.00 pp**



Strawflower, Tall Double Mix, The popular everlasting flower that is easy and fun to grow. These come in red, pink, salmon, lemon, white, lilac, and more! Great for floral craft projects and more! **$5.00 pp** (Limited Supply)



Gomphrena, Atomic Purple – Rugged plants produce profusions of tiny purple blooms. This heat- and drought-tolerant annual is excellent in borders, landscapes, containers, and in the cutting garden. This everlasting bloom is tidy and uniform, perfect for dried arrangements. The flowers make a lovely purple-pink tea that is especially popular in Asia. **$4.00 pp**



Coneflower, White – (Perennial) The White Coneflower boosts your curb appeal effortlessly. It's notably drought-resistant once established, suitable for nearly any landscape. This herbaceous perennial does it all, requiring no fuss or muss from you. **$5.00 pp**



Sunflower, Mongolian Giant - Behemoth sunflower variety, heads are 12 to 18 inches across sitting atop 14-foot tall-stalks! Huge, highly nutritious seeds are 1 inch long, more than twice the average sunflower seed size, perfect for snacking or feeding the birds! **$4.00 pp**



Nasturtium, Whirlybird Gold – A burst of sunshine in the garden and on the plate! Compact plants are smothered in golden yellow, semi-double, upward-facing blooms. Stocky, 12-inch-tall plants are excellent for containers, bedding, and borders. Nasturtiums are beloved by beneficial insects like hoverflies, which are known to eat aphids! Blooms and leaves are edible, with a spicy zing that makes salads so much more fun. **$4.00 pp**



Nasturtium Seeds, Whirlybird Rose – Rosy tones and double petals make this a striking flower to complete your edible landscape design! The rose-colored blooms are sweetly scented and provide the sharp, spicy flavor we love in nasturtiums. The compact plants have a mounding habit, reaching just 14 to 16 inches tall --perfect for beds, borders, containers, window boxes, and grow towers. **$4.00 pp**



Marigold, $4.00 pp – (Donated to UAL) - Compact plants are just the right size for garden's edge, large groupings or container gardens. **$4.00 (3 ct. container)**



UAL 2025 Mixed Marigold – Well, we say mixed because it could be orange or yellow and maybe even Colossal Red. Either way it is a great addition to any garden. Sure to stun and delight. Nothing like a great surprise. **$4.00 (3 ct. container)**



Calendula, Orange Porcupine – The Orange Porcupine calendula brings fiery charm with its spiky, quilled petals. A standout in the garden, it's perfect for pressing into beautiful designs or brewing into a fragrant, soothing tea. This quirky flower adds vibrant color and a touch of fun to any space, whether it's in your garden or in a teacup. Full Sun – Self-Seeding **$4.00**



Butterfly Weed Milkweed (Perennial). The hardy native milkweed is essential to the survival of Monarch butterflies. Mature butterflies feed on the nectar produced in the flowers, while the foliage provides food for their larvae. The brilliant orange and yellow flowers are showy in massed plantings, but fascinating up close, with their intricate detail. usually preferring drier sites. **CAUTION: The milky sap is poisonous if ingested in large quantities and contact with the skin may cause dermatitis in sensitive individuals. $5.00 pp**



Catmint – (Perennial) **–** Transfer Plant - (Soft pastel blue, pink, and white flower spikes combine for a romantic effect. Cats won't be the only ones loving this colorful mix; it's also a major pollinator magnet! Plants reach 1 to 2 feet in height and about 1 to 1.5 feet wide, blooming in high summer, attracting songbirds, hummers, butterflies, and bees. **$4.00 pp**



Mountain Mint – (Perennial) - The plant has been used for centuries, both medicinally and in the kitchen. Small evergreen shrubs are covered with needle-like aromatic leaves and a myriad of tiny pink or blue flowers in summer. The dark green leaves may be used fresh or dried. Flowers are beloved by bees. The plants are lovely and can live for years with proper care**. Recommend using a pot for the first year of this plant. It grows slowly. Bring inside during the winter. $4.00 pp**



Iris (White) – (Perennial) - Bearded Iris Bulbs feature fragrant flowers with huge blooms and small, close-branching stems. This cultivar of bearded iris is a robust grower and dependable rebloomer, blooming in late spring and again in late summer or early fall. Immortality Bearded Irises are the most prolific rebloomers of all white floral varieties, showcasing their pure white petals and delicate lemon yellow beard in the middle. Full Sun/Partial Shade **$4.00.** *Transfer Plant*



Peony – Pink – (Perennial) - Peonies make fine sentinels lining walkways or a lovely low hedge. After their stunning bloom, the peony's bushy clump of handsome, glossy green leaves lasts all summer and then turns purplish-red or gold in the fall. It is as stately and dignified as any flowering shrub. **$4.00.** *Transfer Plant - Plant this season with blooms next summer.*



Hosta Green or White/Green – (Perennial) - In summer, Hosta produces tall flower spikes adorned with delicate lavender blooms. These flowers rise above the foliage, attracting pollinators like bees and hummingbirds to the garden. Mature Height and Spread: This perennial reaches a height of 16–18 inches and spreads to about 24–40 inches wide. Its compact size makes it suitable for borders, containers, and garden beds without becoming invasive. **Partial Shade Plant - $4.00 pp**



Blackhaw viburnum is a large, native shrub or a small tree. In spring, new leaves emerge copper-colored followed by white, flat-topped flowers. In fall, black fruits contrast with the pinkish-red foliage. A great plant for naturalized areas. This species is native to the Chicago region. **$5.00 pp**

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We thank you very much for supporting the Urban Ag Lab.

Located in Bowen Park at the top of Joe Favero Drive