

## WINTER SQUASH COMPARISON CHART

Type	Variety	Part #	Days	Wt. Range	Storage Potential (Months)	Vine Length	Disease Resistance
Acorn/Delicata	Autumn Delight	4047	80	1½–2½ lb.	2–3	Semibush	IR: PM.
	Carnival	2452	95	1½ lb.	3–4	Semibush	—
	Delicata JS	675G <b>OG</b>	100	1½–2 lb.	3–4	Medium	—
	Honey Bear	689	85	1–1¼ lb.	2–3	Bush	IR: PM.
	<b>NEW</b> Honey Bun	4303	95	1–2 lb.	3–4	Short	IR: PM.
	Jester	3836	95	1½ lb.	3–4	Short	—
	Night Shift	4423G <b>OG</b>	95	1½–2½ lb.	3–4	Long	IR: PM.
	Starry Night PMR	4026G <b>OG</b>	95	2–2½ lb.	3–4	Bush	IR: PM.
	Tiptop PMR	2269G <b>OG</b> or 2269	92	2–2½ lb.	2–3	Semibush	IR: PM.
	Tuffy	2054G <b>OG</b>	90	2 lb.	3	Medium	—
Buttercup	Bonbon	2996T or 2996	95	4–5 lb.	5–6	Semibush	—
	Buttercup (Burgess Strain)	2416 <b>OG</b>	95	3–5 lb.	5	Long	—
Butternut	Butterbaby	4197G <b>OG</b>	100	1–1½ lb.	3	Short	IR: PM.
	Butterscotch PMR	3983G <b>OG</b> or 3983	100	1½–2 lb.	3	Short	IR: PM.
	Honeynut	3365G <b>OG</b>	110	1½–1½ lb.	3–4	Medium	—
	JWS 6823 PMR	2604G <b>OG</b>	100	2½–3½ lb.	6	Short	IR: PM.
	Metro PMR	2867G <b>OG</b> 2867	105	2½–3½ lb.	6+	Medium	IR: PM.
	Waldo PMR	3264G <b>OG</b> or 3264	100	3–4 lb.	6	Medium	IR: PM.
	Waltham Butternut	671G <b>OG</b> , 671T, or 671	105	4–5 lb.	6	Long	—
Hubbard	Blue Ballet	676G <b>OG</b>	95	4–6 lb.	4–5	Medium	—
	Blue Hubbard	680G <b>OG</b>	100	12–15 lb.	4–5	Long	—
	Red Kuri	677G <b>OG</b>	92	3–5 lb.	4–5	Long	—
Kabocha	Cha-Cha	2187G <b>OG</b>	95	4–5 lb.	5	Long	—
	Marmalade	4424G <b>OG</b>	100	2–3 lb.	6+	Long	—
	Sunshine	2998G <b>OG</b> , 2998T, or 2998	95	3–5 lb.	3–4	Short	—
	Sweet Jade	4030G <b>OG</b>	95	1–2 lb.	5	Long	—
	Winter Blush	4029G <b>OG</b>	95	3–4 lb.	5	Long	—
	Winter Sweet	3034G <b>OG</b>	95	4–5 lb.	6+	Long	—
Spaghetti	Angel Hair	3641	88	1½–2 lb.	2	Long	—
	Pinnacle	3839	85	3 lb.	2	Semibush	—
	Spaghetti Squash	679	88	3–5 lb.	2	Medium	—
Specialty	Black Futsu	4196G <b>OG</b>	105	2–4 lb.	4–5	Long	—
	North Georgia Candy Roaster	3912	100	8–15 lb.	4	Extra Long	—
	Tetsukabuto	3578	100	3–5 lb.	6+	Long	—

Part Numbers with T=Treated Seeds **OG**=Organic Seeds

### Winter Squash Resistance Codes

HR = High Resistance IR = Intermediate Resistance

PM Powdery Mildew



# CURING AND STORAGE CHART

TYPE	Months After Maturity/Harvest					
	1 Mo	2 Mo	3 Mo	4 Mo	5 Mo	6 Mo
DELICATA			2.5			
SWEET DUMPLING						
ACORN						
SPAGHETTI						
HUBBARDS, SPECIALTY PUMPKINS, & KABOCHA: 'Red Kuri'; 'Sunshine'						
BUTTERCUP						
HUBBARD						
Longest-storing KABOCHA: 'Winter Sweet'		1.5				
BUTTERNUT						

■ Curing Period

■ Optimal eating Period



## TIMING TIPS BY TYPE • WHEN TO EAT WHICH

Many winter squash fruits appear to be mature before they are actually ready to harvest, and some require time in storage after harvest for best eating quality. For the best-quality squash, wait to harvest all types until they are mature — at least 50–55 days after the fruit has set — and cure before storing and eating.

**Delicata, Dumpling & Acorn:** The fruits of these types will have a dark-orange "ground spot" when mature. Fruits can be consumed at harvest, and eating quality is best within 2–3 months of harvest.

**Spaghetti Squash:** Spaghetti squash, too, can be consumed right away after harvest, and will store about 3 months.

**Some Red-skinned Hubbards, Specialty Pumpkins & 'mini' Kabocha:** Varieties such as 'Sunshine' and 'Red Kuri' can be consumed at harvest, and will store 2–3 months, 4 max. Dry, corky stems are a good indication of fruit maturity.

**Buttercup & Larger, Green or Gray Kabocha:** Fruits are best after 1–1½ months of storage, but will also store 4–6 months. Dry, corky stems are a good indication of fruit maturity.

**Hubbard & Butternut:** Fruits are best after 1–2 months of storage, and will keep 4–6 months. (Because of its smaller size, 'Butterscotch PMR' is an exception; it can be consumed at harvest, and is best within 3 months of harvest.)

