

TONNEMAKER EGGPLANT VARIETIES

	<p>Japanese Eggplant</p>	<p>A long-time favorite eggplant in Japan. Dark purple fruit is 2" x 8". Top quality eggplants are excellent for tempura and pickling.</p>
	<p>Indian Eggplant</p>	<p>Round violet eggplants with green calyx. These large fruits have a very small seed cavity (less seeds). This outstanding eggplant stores well and is preferable due to the lower seed content.</p>
	<p>Violet Thai Eggplant ("Violet Prince" is one variety)</p>	<p>A new hybrid eggplant developed in Thailand. Small fruits with purple and white skin are approximate 1-2" in diameter, in round shape and one-bite size. Can be quite seedy, but are good for curries as they hold their shape well.</p>
	<p>Globe Eggplant</p>	<p>Common grocery store variety eggplant. Very versatile.</p>
	<p>Sicilian Eggplant</p>	<p>This variety is slightly smaller with a wider base and purple skin streaked with white. Flesh is sweeter than Globe and slightly more tender.</p>

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	<p>White Eggplant</p>	<p>These varieties are smooth and white. They can be round or slightly thinner and longer, like their Italian counterparts. White eggplants tend to be less bitter than their purple counterparts.</p>
	<p>Rosa Bianca</p>	<p>Traditional Italian variety that is round, 4-5" diameter, with variable ribbing. It is streaked white and violet in color with a green calyx. The flavor is mild and creamy.</p>
	<p>Beatrice</p>	<p>Similar in shape, flavor and texture as Rosa Bianca, but with earlier maturity and brighter fruit color.</p>
	<p>Orient Express ("Orient Charm" is one variety)</p>	<p>Violet skinned long fruits with a green calyx. Traditionally used more in tempura. Less seedy than its round or egg-shaped counterparts.</p>
	<p>Green Thai Eggplant ("Kermit" is one variety)</p>	<p>Small round fruits that average 2" in diameter with green and white streaked skin. Green calyx. Holds up well in curries, but tends to be seedy.</p>

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Turkish Eggplant

These are red and orange fruited plants often grown in Asia and Africa. The flesh is softer than Globe eggplants, more like a tomato, and the fruits only grow to about 2" in diameter.