2013 Vegetable Variety Trial Demo Garden

In an effort to promote ecological gardening techniques and vegetable varieties, Cornell Garden-based Learning is facilitating the creation of demonstration gardens in 17 counties around New York State. Host sites include 17 Cooperative Extension offices and 2 community gardens. Each demonstration garden is similar to the layout below, using multiple raised beds ~3 feet x 3 feet to create a combined garden that is 15 feet x 15 feet, as shown.

Gardens include 5 vegetable beds incorporating succession plantings to extend the harvest season and crop rotations to help reduce pests and diseases and 4 flower beds designed to bloom from early spring to late fall and highlight plants that attract beneficial insects (the 2013 Horticulture Theme). Perennial and annual herbs and ecological gardening techniques such as the use of cover crops, companion planting and mulches are incorporated throughout the garden.

Host site staff and volunteers are recording their experiences at the Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners Site.

Rate these and other vegetables, find seed sources, and learn more @ gardening.cornell.edu & vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu