

Plant Selection for Insect Management



Cucumber
beetles

Prefer zucchini-type squash over others. **Resistant:** Burpless Blue Hubbard squash, Ashley, Chipper, Gemini, Piccadilly, Poinsett, and Stono cucumbers; Early Prolific, Scallop, Straightneck, and White Bush squash; Galia, Passport, Pulsar, Rising Star, and Super Star melons.

Bacterial wilt resistant varieties: Connecticut Yellow Field, Harvest Moon, and Howden pumpkins; Waltham butternut; Buttercup squash; Black Beauty zucchini; Ashley, Chinese Long, Chipper, County Fair, Eversweet, Gemini, Improved Long Green, Saticoy Hybrid, Sunnybrook, and Tokio Long cucumbers. **Watermelons**

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Cabbage worms	Collards, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and cabbage tastier to these insects. Dark green, glossy leaved varieties are more resistant to cabbageworms. Resistant cabbage varieties include Chieftan Savoy, Early Globe, Mammoth, Red Acre, Red Rock, Round Dutch, and Savoy Perfection Drumhead.
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Corn earworms	Any corn with a tight husk will be more resistant. Resistant varieties include Country Gentlemen, Golden Security, Seneca, Silvergent, and Staygold.
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Squash bugs	Squash bugs prefer yellow summer squash over zucchinis, squash over pumpkins, pumpkins over gourds, and gourds over melons. Resistant varieties include acorn squash, butternuts, Early Summer Crookneck, Green Striped Cushaw, Improved Green Hubbard, Spaghetti, Sweet Cheese, and zucchinis (except for the susceptible Cocoselle).
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Squash vine borers	Varieties resistant to squash vine borers tend to have thin, tough stems. Vining types are more resistant than bush types. Most resistant varieties: butternuts and Green Striped Cushaw, followed by Dickenson Pumpkin and Summer Crookneck. Some resistance: acorn squash, Cucuzzi (also known as snake gourd), and Connecticut Field, Dickenson, and Small Summer pumpkins.
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