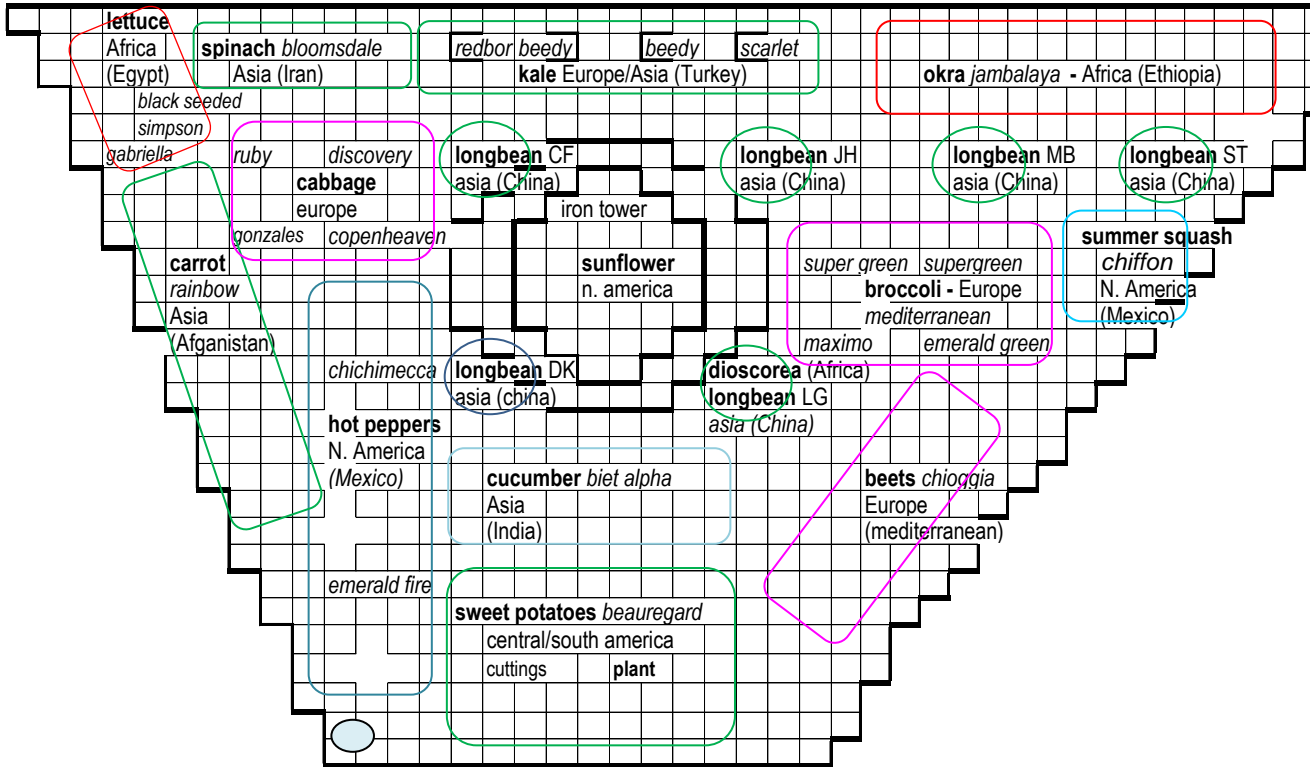


melting pot of veggies from around the world



Vegetables from Around the World:

Africa plants shown: lettuce, okra, dioscorea

1 sq = 3"

Asia plants shown: carrot, cucumber, kale, spinach, longbean

Europe plants shown: beets, broccoli, cabbage, kale

Central/South America: sweet potato

North America: hot peppers, squash, sunflower

Surprisingly few of our staple edible crops are native to this country. Even those that originated in North America generally came from Mexico. See some common international food crops here and look for more in the Perennial Edible Garden and the Herb Garden beds

The Extension Master Gardener program throughout the state of Minnesota conducts yearly **seed trials**. Participants each grow 6 varieties of the selected plant, and compare them to each other for flavor, growth, and resistant to plant issues. These are blind trials and the participants do not know the variety names until the trials are complete. Showcased in this garden we have a 2024 trial of Asian long beans. Elsewhere we are also trialing Centaurea (bachelor's buttons), Swiss chard, Broccolini, Shallots, Helichrysum (strawflowers), and Snacking Peppers. Watch them grow over the summer and make your own comparisons.

In an additional experiment, we are comparing **sweet potatoes** grown from both a started plant and from cuttings stuck directly in the garden at planting time. See if you can spot the difference in growth during the season.

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