



Front Range Japanese Beetle Preference Observations: Vegetables

No Damage	
Common Name	Botanic Name
Garlic	Allium sativum
Beet	Beta vulgaris (all varieties)
Pepper	Capsicum annuum
Watermelon, Sugar Baby	Citrullus lanatus
Cucumber	Cucumis sativus (all varieties)
Pumpkin	Cucurbita pepo (all varieties)
Lemongrass, West Indian	Cymbopogon citratus
Lemongrass	Cymbopogon flexuosus
Fennel	Foeniculum vulgare
Lettuce	Lactuca sativa (all varieties)
Parsley	Petroselinum crispum var neapolitanum
Bean, Contender	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Contender'
Bean, Jade	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Jade'
Bean, Provider	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Provider'
Bean, Tavera	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Tavera'
Tomato	Solanum lycopersicum (all varie-

Moderate Feeding	
Common Name	Botanic Name
Basil, sweet	Ocimum basilicum 'Genovese'
Basil, Mammolo	Ocimum basilicum 'Mammolo'
Bean, Blauhilde	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Blauhilde'
Bean, Contender	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Contender'
Broccolini	Brassica oleracea 'Aspabroc'

Light Damage	
Common Name	Botanic Name
Okra	Abelmoschus esculentus
Bean, Blue Lake	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Blue Lake FM-1K'
Bean, Eureka	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Eureka'
Bean, Ferrari	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Ferrari'
Bean, Gold Rush	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Gold Rush'
Bean, Kentucky Wonder	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Kentucky Wonder'
Bean, Roma	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Roma'
Tomatillo, Toma Verde	Physalis ixocarpa 'Toma Verde'
Eggplant, Violetta di Firenze	S. melongena 'Prosperosa'
Eggplant, Prosperosa	S. melongena 'Violetta di Firenze'
Eggplant, Orlando	Solanum melongena 'Orlando'
Eggplant, White	Solanum melongena White
Bean, Yard-Long	Vigna unguiculata subsp. sesquipedalis

Heavy Damage	
Common Name	Botanic Name
Basil, Thai	Ocimum basilicum 'Siam Queen'
Bean, Blue Lake FM-1K	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Blue Lake FM-1K'
Bean, Kentucky Wonder Pole	Phaseolus vulgaris 'Kentucky Wonder Pole'
Rhubarb	Rheum rhabarbarum
Rhubarb, Valentine	Rheum rhabarbarum 'Valentine'
Sorrel	Rumex acetosa
Eggplant, Millionaire	Solanum melongena 'Millionaire'

The plants on this list are based on observations submitted by members of the gardening public during the 2021 & 2022 growing seasons. Some plants may appear on more than one list; this is intentional, since beetle feeding can be influenced by surrounding plants and environmental factors. **Want to report observations?** Visit douglas.extension.colostate.edu