



FOOD BIODIVERSITY

garden inventory initiative



The Foodshed Project is collecting data on the variety of fruits and vegetables grown in the Greater Sudbury area. This data will be collected over the next two years, and will assist new gardeners and farmers to grow the most prolific species of plants that most suited to our changing climate. You can fax the completed garden planner inventory to our office at 675-3253. You will be recognized for your contribution in our future publication on local varieties and climatic conditions in our area.

Why is food biodiversity important? Healthy food production depends on biodiversity in the environment and the genetic variety in the food crops that we grow. Also, a diverse diet - lots of types of fruits and vegetables - is a healthier option.

As our climate changes, we have to have food crops that are resilient and well adapted to things such as new pests, drought, and sometimes more precipitation. Understanding what species and varieties we can grow now and in the future will help us be more food secure locally. Saving your best seeds for the next season helps preserve biodiversity.,

Information that is important to collect:

	Type of plant	Variety of plant	Harvest time	Fertilizer added
example	Tomatoe	Aurora	Mid season	Added compost
	Date: Fall 2009 Notes: good producer, sweet, lots of suckers during August, grew over 2 feet tall, applied extra compost during July and August, mulched around roots, 10 tomatoes per plant, Wet summer, lots of aphids, ground soggy after rain, some mold on leaves in early August, Used open pollinated variety, Certified Organic, was able to save about 300 seeds for next season			

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