

Organizations name bedding plant, vegetables, roses and ivy for top awards.

# Varieties top 2008-09 honor rolls

## All-America Selections

**Viola F<sub>1</sub>-‘Rain Blue and Purple’  
Cool Season Bedding Plant  
Award Winner**

‘Rain Blue and Purple’ viola flowers change from purple and white to purple and blue as they mature. This results in a spreading pool of cool blue shades. ‘Rain Blue and Purple,’ bred by Tokita Seed Co. Ltd., spreads 10-14 inches, which is perfect for container plantings or spaces between stepping stones. This cultivar exhibited heat and cold tolerance in trials. In winter Southern trials, it produced color all season. In Northern trials, ‘Rain Blue and Purple’ showed heat tolerance. Flowering



‘Rain Blue and Purple’

3- to 4-inch pots can be produced in 70-75 days from sowing seed.

**Eggplant F<sub>1</sub>-hybrid ‘Gretel’  
Vegetable Award Winner**

‘Gretel’ is the earliest white eggplant. Glossy, pure-white fruit



‘Gretel’

are produced in clusters and can be harvested in 55 days. Mature plants reach 3 feet tall and wide. Young green plants can be produced for sale in eight to 10 weeks. ‘Gretel’ was bred by Seminis Vegetable Seeds.

**Melon F<sub>1</sub>-hybrid ‘Lambkin’  
Vegetable Award Winner**

‘Lambkin’ was bred as a gourmet breakfast or dessert for people who

love melon. It is a specialty Piel de Sapo (Christmas-type) melon. Its distinctive visual feature is the smooth



‘Lambkin’

yellow skin with green mottling. The oval-shaped melon matures early, 67-75 days from transplanting. Plants are easily grown in four to six weeks under warm greenhouse conditions. It was bred by Known-You Seed Company Ltd.

**Squash F<sub>1</sub>-hybrid ‘Honey Bear’  
Vegetable Award Winner**

‘Honey Bear’ squash is a compact



‘Honey Bear’

bushy plant that has powdery mildew tolerance. These traits enable gardeners to grow this winter acorn squash in smaller-space gardens and expect high yields. The mildew tolerance allows the late-season fruit on the plant to mature, increasing the overall harvest. Plants produce three to five dark-green squash weighing about a pound each. 'Honey Bear' was bred by University of New Hampshire.

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## All-America Rose Selections

### Carefree Spirit

With a mounding habit and deep-red flowers with white accents, Carefree Spirit thrived in All-America Rose Selections test gardens for two years without any fungicide applications. It was hybridized by Jacques

Mouchotte, director of research at Meilland International. Carefree Spirit was introduced by Conard-Pyle Co.

### Pink Promise

Pink Promise is a highly fragrant hybrid tea with large pink flowers and dark-green foliage. A percentage of sales from this rose will be donated to the National Breast Can-



Pink Promise

cer Foundation. Pink Promise was hybridized by Jim Coiner and introduced by Coiner Nursery.

### Cinco de Mayo

A floribunda with lavender flowers and a hint of rusty red-orange



Cinco de Mayo

accents, Cinco de Mayo is ideal for use as a hedge or in a border with mixed perennials. Cinco de Mayo was hybridized by Tom Carruth and introduced by Weeks Roses.

**FOR MORE:** All-America Rose Selections, [rose@rose.org](mailto:rose@rose.org); [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org).

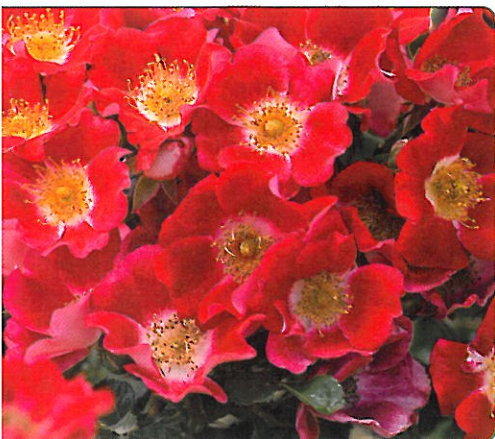
## Fleuroselect Gold Medal winners

### 'Ballerina Red' and 'Ballerina White'

*Armeria pseudarmeria* 'Ballerina Red' and 'Ballerina White,' bred by Kieft Seeds Holland, are early and produce an abundance of ball-shaped



'Ballerina Red'



Carefree Spirit