

HUTCHINS FARM

FLOWER PLANT CATALOG 2026

The following list represents our expected offerings for the coming season, complete with brief variety descriptions, notes on cultivation, expected price and season of availability. We are unlikely to successfully produce everything on the list, for a variety of reasons, so bear in mind that not all items may be available during the specified season (or at all), and supplies are limited for all items. Because of logistical difficulties experienced in past seasons, we will no longer be taking orders for plants. All flower plants are certified organic UNLESS noted - there are a small amount of offerings that are not certified, but all are grown organically!

FLOWERS - 4 packs @ \$5, 3" pots @ \$5

Terms to know:

Pinch

Snip out the center stem while leaving several side stems. This technique will result in more stems and ultimately more blooms. Not every type of flower benefits from pinching.

Wiggle Test

Many flowers indicate that they are ready to be harvested once their stem is stiff. A good way to test this is to wiggle the stem, and watch the bloom on top. If the bloom flops around, it is not ready to be harvested. If the bloom stays straight, the flower is ready to be harvested.

Deadhead

Harvesting your flowers is one way to stimulate more growth. Sometimes it is impossible to harvest every usable flower, so by removing blooms that have gone by (ideally follow the stem down to a growth point, and snip there) the plants will send energy into producing new flowers.

AMARANTHUS 4-packs

SPACING: 6-12"

AVAILABILITY: May

CULTURAL NOTES: Full of personality, great to include in fresh mixed bunches or to dry to autumnal decor. Pinching is recommended.

HARVEST: When about 3/4 of the plume is open, before seeds form.

VARIETIES: Hot Biscuits, Hopi Red Dye, Red Spike, Autumn Touch

BACHELOR'S BUTTONS 4-packs

SPACING: 6-9"

AVAILABILITY: May

CULTURAL NOTES: AKA cornflower. Cute, fluffy blooms.

HARVEST: When flowers are 1/4-1/2 open.
VARIETIES: Mix (blue with some pink, red, and white)

CAMPANULA 4-packs

SPACING: 6-12," wider spacing will result in multi-stem, branching plants.

AVAILABILITY: April

CULTURAL NOTES: We grew these for the first time last year, and they quickly became one of our favorite cut flowers. The blooms really do resemble little bells, and they have a long vase life (up to two weeks).

HARVEST: When two to three lower buds on the stem are open.

VARIETIES: Champion II Series. These are annual varieties.

Campanula are grown from conventional seeds - these plants are not certified organic, but grown organically

CELOSIA - COCKSCOMB 4-packs

SPACING: 6-12"

AVAILABILITY: May

CULTURAL NOTES: These flowers are so unique, they look like fuzzy brains or coral. The colors are vibrant, and they are extremely prolific, especially if you pinch them. They also dry beautifully.

HARVEST: Once the head is formed, do the wiggle test to see if the stem is sturdy and ready to harvest. Harvest before they start to form black seeds underneath the crest.

VARIETIES: Chief Mix (Fiery color palette)

CELOSIA - SPIKE 4-packs

SPACING: 6-12"

AVAILABILITY: May

CULTURAL NOTES: These are beautiful in straight bunches, but we especially love to use them in mixed bouquets. Great dried as well. Pinching helps form more robust plants.

HARVEST: When heads are fully formed. Use the wiggle test for best results. Sometimes the main spike will be ready, but the side shoots will need to be stripped to avoid drooping in a vase.

VARIETIES: Ruby Parfait, Flamingo Feather

COSMOS 4-packs

SPACING: 9-12"

AVAILABILITY: April, May

CULTURAL NOTES: Extremely prolific. Keep on top of deadheading, and they will bloom all season long. Pinch these plants and they will thrive.

HARVEST: When petals are just starting to open, and peel back. Harvest before the petals are fully opened for a longer vase life.

VARIETIES: Picotee

CRASPEDIA 4-packs

SPACING: 9-12"

AVAILABILITY: April

CULTURAL NOTES: Tolerates heat. Easy to dry, and will retain color.

HARVEST: When the balls are fully bright yellow, and stems are stiff.

VARIETIES: Sun Ball

CYNOGLOSSUM 4-packs

SPACING: 9-12"

AVAILABILITY: May

CULTURAL NOTES: AKA Chinese Forget-Me-Not

HARVEST: 1/2 flowers on the stem are open.

VARIETIES: Mystery Rose, Firmament (blue)

DIANTHUS 4-packs

SPACING: 6"

AVAILABILITY: April, May

CULTURAL NOTES: These are prolific, and have a long vase life of about two weeks.

HARVEST: When two to three flowers, or 10-20% of a cluster are open.

VARIETIES: Amazon Neon Cherry, Amazon Rose Magic, Barcelona Pink, Barcelona Red

Amazon Neon Cherry and Amazon Rose Magic varieties are grown from conventional seeds - these plants are not certified organic, but grown organically

DUSTY MILLER 3" pots

SPACING: 9-12"

AVAILABILITY: May, June

CULTURAL NOTES: Beautiful and easy in containers, or in the garden. They provide a silver color that is not found in many other plants. Great for drying.

HARVEST: Harvest the silvery leaves when they reach desired length

VARIETIES: Candicans

FEVERFEW 4-packs

SPACING: 8-12"

AVAILABILITY: April, May

CULTURAL NOTES: Cheerful flowers that work beautifully in straight bunches or mixed bouquets. These blooms surprisingly dry quite nicely.

HARVEST: When flower clusters are 3/4 open. Flowering is spurred by day-length, so they will generally flower on the longest day of the year.

VARIETIES: Magic Single, Magic Lime Green, Sunny Ball, Mix

GOMPHRENA 4-packs

SPACING: 6-8"

AVAILABILITY: May, June

CULTURAL NOTES: Playful pom-pom blooms. Great for drying.

HARVEST: When flowers have their full color, but before the round blooms start to elongate.

VARIETIES: QIS Mix

HARES TAIL 4-packs

SPACING: 10-12"

AVAILABILITY: May

CULTURAL NOTES: This hare's tail grass is very adorable and fluffy. It's so easy to dry, and we love using it in our dried bouquets and wreaths. The stems are relatively long.

HARVEST: Harvest when the fuzzy seed heads are still light green in color, and before they have shed pollen.

VARIETIES: Hare's Tail

HOLY BASIL 3" pots

SPACING: 4-8"

AVAILABILITY: May, June

CULTURAL NOTES: Great in tea, or use foliage in mixed bouquets.

HARVEST: Leave growth points, so the plant will continue to produce. Harvest in the morning to avoid wilting.

VARIETIES: Holy basil

MARIGOLD 4-packs

SPACING: 8-18"

AVAILABILITY: May, June

CULTURAL NOTES: Deadhead, and these will continue to produce blooms. Many people use these as a border, to deter pests. They dry nicely.

HARVEST: When flowers are open, but still have tight centers. Cut deep in the plant to encourage branching and long stems.

VARIETIES: Durango Outback French Mix (more compact plants with shorter stems, 8-12" - these will work well in containers), Giant Orange and Yellow Mix (longer stems, 32"), Cracker Jack African Mix (tallest at 36" with large blooms)

NIGELLA 4-packs

SPACING: 2-9"

AVAILABILITY: May

CULTURAL NOTES: The flowers are beautiful white and delicate blue color. We enjoy the flowers in the field, and only harvest once they have produced seed pods. The pods dry beautifully, and we use them in our dried arrangements and wreaths.

HARVEST: Harvest when buds are fully colored for fresh, or when seed pods are fully formed and firm for dried.

VARIETIES: Love in a Mist

PANSY 4-packs

SPACING: 6-9," ideal for containers

AVAILABILITY: April, May

CULTURAL NOTES: Cheery flowers that tolerate cooler temperatures. We don't grow these for cut flowers, as producing long stems can be a challenge. However, they are perfect additions to

a garden or in containers, as they are prolific and beautiful. Deadheading will encourage them to continue blooming.

HARVEST: When at least one bloom per stem is open. Very cute to harvest into small bud vases.

VARIETIES: Swiss Giant Mix, Rococo Frilled Mix

PHLOX 4-packs

SPACING: 8-12"

AVAILABILITY: May

CULTURAL NOTES: Very prolific with a strong and unique scent. Would work well as a ground cover.

HARVEST: When 1/2 of the flowers in a cluster are open.

VARIETIES: Grandiflora Tapestry Mix

POPPIES 4-packs

SPACING: 6-12"

AVAILABILITY: late April, early May

CULTURAL NOTES: We plant these to use the seed pods in our dried arrangements and wreaths. Although we don't sell fresh poppy flowers (they are quite delicate), we certainly admire them blooming in the field. Pollinators also adore the poppies. You can also let the pod go to seed, and enjoy homegrown poppy seeds! Each seed head contains around one thousand poppy seeds.

HARVEST: For fresh, harvest them once the buds start to color and open, and before they are fully open. For dried, wait for the petals to fall, and the pod's light green color fades.

VARIETIES: Hungarian Breadseed, Lucille

RUDBECKIA 4-packs

SPACING: 12-18"

AVAILABILITY: May, June

CULTURAL NOTES: aka Black Eyed Susans. These plants are quite prolific.

HARVEST: When flowers are open do the wiggle test to determine if ready or not.

VARIETIES: Indian Summer

RUDEBEKIA - TRILOBA 3" pots

SPACING: 12"-24"

AVAILABILITY: May, June

CULTURAL NOTES: These heavily branching plants get quite bushy, tall, and "tangled." If using these for cut flowers give them wider spacing for ease of harvest.

HARVEST: When blooms are fully opened.

VARIETIES: Trioloba, Prairie Glow

SCABIOSA 4-packs

SPACING: 9-15"

AVAILABILITY: April

CULTURAL NOTES: Benefit from pinching. These plants are extremely prolific
HARVEST: Harvest when petals begin forming around the main head.
VARIETIES: Triple Berry Mix

SNAPDRAGON 4-packs

SPACING: 4-6" Planting snapdragons closer together will produce longer, straighter stems.
AVAILABILITY: April, May

CULTURAL NOTES: We don't pinch our snapdragons because we have noticed that unpinched they produce sturdier, more robust stems. However, if you are looking for a larger quantity of stems, experiment with pinching.

HARVEST: Optimal harvest is when about 1/3" of the flowers on the lower stem are open.

VARIETIES: Rocket, Potomac, and Cannes Mixes; Cherry Twist

STATICE 4-packs

SPACING: 8-12"

AVAILABILITY: April, May

CULTURAL NOTES: Excellent for drying.

HARVEST: Harvest when tiny, individual flowers open and color (they usually color to white or yellow). Harvest deep into the plant to encourage long stems.

VARIETIES: Pacific Mix, Pastel Mix, Pink Pokers, Forever Moonlight

STOCK 4-packs

SPACING: 4-6"

AVAILABILITY: April, May

CULTURAL NOTES: Last year was our first year growing stock, and we loved having fresh flowers available relatively early in the season (as early as the end of May). These plants will benefit from being covered to keep away hungry pests, as they are part of the brassica family.

HARVEST: When 1/3 to 1/2 of the blooms on the lower part of the stem are open.

VARIETIES: Katz Formula Mix (includes apricot, bright pink, pale pink, wine red, pale purple, dark purple, creamy yellow, and white)

STRAWFLOWER 4-packs

SPACING: 10-12"

AVAILABILITY: April - May

CULTURAL NOTES: Beautiful both fresh and dried. These plants will benefit from pinching.

HARVEST: The wiggle test is useful in strawflower harvest. Harvest when blooms are still slightly closed, as they often will continue to open after harvested. Also, harvesting on a sunny day, or in the afternoon will ensure that you are catching these flowers at the correct stage.

VARIETIES: Choice Mix, Apricot Mix, Copper Red, Silvery Rose

SUNFLOWER - SINGLE CUT 4-packs

SPACING: 4-6"

AVAILABILITY: May, June

CULTURAL NOTES: We love to experiment with different types of the quintessential summer flower. Pollinators and birds love to spend time in the sunflowers.

HARVEST: Harvest these while the majority of the blooms is closed, with just a few petals sticking out from the center. This will ensure a longer vase life.

VARIETIES: Royal Hybrid 1121, Orange Mahogany, Procut Horizon, Procut Brilliance

SUNFLOWER - BRANCHING 4-packs

SPACING: 18-24"

AVAILABILITY: May, June

CULTURAL NOTES: These plants benefit from pinching, and will produce many stems and multiple blooms. The Soraya and Florenza varieties produce small blooms, and the others are larger heads. Stems are much shorter (still appropriate for cut flowers) than the towering single cut varieties.

HARVEST: For optimal vase life, harvest when color first shows and blooms are just starting to open.

VARIETIES: Florenza, Soraya, Big Smile, Equinox, Teddy Bear

YARROW 3" pots

SPACING: 12-24"

AVAILABILITY: May

CULTURAL NOTES: Perennial

HARVEST: When about 3/4 of flowers are open, and pollen has begun to show.

VARIETIES: Fruit Bowl

ZINNIAS 4-packs

SPACING: 12"

AVAILABILITY: May, June

CULTURAL NOTES: We pinch these plants when they are still young. This helps them produce more stems.

HARVEST: Do the "wobble test" by wobbling the stem. If the flower flops around, it is not ready to harvest. If the stem and flower stay upright, it is ready. By deadheading flowers that have gone past, your plant will produce more and more blooms. If you cut deep into the plant, the stems will start to grow longer, and straighter. Regularly cutting flowers also helps these plants maintain airflow, and stave off powdery mildew for longer.

VARIETIES: Mostly "Benary's Giant" - a prolific and bright mix of colors with large blooms.

Occasionally we will have other varieties like Oklahoma mix.