

## 2007 AAS Award Winners

All-America Selections (AAS) named 3 flowers and 1 vegetable as award winners for 2007. The winners were tested at trial grounds across North America. Each one has superior qualities or traits that distinguish it from similar varieties already on the market. Consider some of the new AAS winners for planting on a trial basis in your garden next year. The information and photos below are courtesy of the All-America Selections. Photos and descriptions of previous winners are found at:

<http://www.all-americaelections.org/>.

### **Vinca 'Pacifica Burgundy Halo'** (bedding plant winner)



'Pacifica Burgundy Halo' is the first vinca with a burgundy halo surrounding a large white center. This bicolor bloom is a vivid contrast, exceptionally visible in an annual garden. Early flowering with a well balanced plant form, 'Pacifica Burgundy Halo' is highly recommended for spring or summer plantings. It is easy to grow with proven heat and drought tolerance and flowers continuously. 'Pacifica Burgundy Halo' is suitable for gardens or containers that receive sun. Gardeners can rely on 'Pacifica Burgundy Halo' to provide color all summer without pinching or tending to plant maintenance.

Species: *Catharanthus roseus*

Common name: Vinca

Unique qualities: Unique color in large white eye type, larger flowers and more vigorous

Flower size: 2 inches

Form: Single

Color(s): Burgundy with large white center

Plant height: 12 inches

Plant width: 10 to 12 inches

Garden Spacing: 10 to 12 inches

Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 60 days

Closest comparison(s) on market: 'Stardust Orchid,' 'Pacifica Burgundy'

### **Celosia 'Fresh Look Gold' (flower winner)**



'Fresh Look Gold' plants are embellished with bright golden plumes that remain colorful all season, not "browning" with maturity. Since the plumes remain attractive, there is no reason to deadhead and no pest problems are expected, so 'Fresh Look Gold' needs little maintenance in a sunny garden. It is a carefree annual useful in formal or informal gardens. 'Fresh Look Gold' proved to be heat, humidity and rain tolerant in AAS Trials across North America. This celosia is one of the best annuals for season-long performance.

Species: *Celosia plumosa*

Common name: Woolflower (Hortis Third), Plumed or Feather Celosia

Unique qualities: Very intensive color, season-long performance

Flower size: Central plume 4-4.5 inches long and 2-3 inches wide

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Form: Plumed flower spike  
Color(s): Deep golden yellow  
Plant height: 12 inches  
Plant width: 12 inches  
Garden Spacing: 10 to 12 inches apart  
Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 110 days  
Closest comparison(s) on market: 'Fresh Look Yellow,'  
'Castle Yellow'

## Petunia 'Opera Supreme Pink Morn' (F<sub>1</sub>) (bedding plant winner)



Iridescent pink blooms are the unique feature of this vigorous trailing petunia. A silvery shine causes blooms to shimmer, capturing an admirer's attention from a distance. The 2.5-inch flowers are pink, shading to creamy white in the center, with a yellow throat. These three colors on a bloom are named a "morn" type. Plants are continuously flowering. 'Opera Supreme Pink Morn' can be relied on for exceptional garden performance without pruning or deadheading.

Species: *Petunia x hybrida*  
Common name: Petunia  
Unique qualities: New iridescent pink color in trailing petunias  
Flower size: 2.5 inches  
Form: Trailing  
Color(s): Pink shading to creamy white with a yellow throat  
Plant height: 4 to 6 inches

Plant width: Spread of 3 feet  
Garden Spacing: Two feet apart  
Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 90-110 days  
Closest comparison(s) on market: 'Wave Pink',  
'Celebrity Chiffon Morn'

## Pepper 'Holy Molé' (vegetable winner) (F<sub>1</sub>)



'Holy Molé' is the first hybrid pasilla-type pepper, which is used to make the famous molé sauce. It showed improved vigor, earliness and considerably higher yield than the comparisons in side-by-side trials. A reason for the higher yield is the virus resistances bred into the variety. The immature green peppers can be harvested in about 85 days from transplanting. If fruit is left on the plant, they will mature to a dark chocolate color. The pepper flavor is nutty and tangy. 'Holy Molé' is easily grown in a sunny location and thrives on summer heat.

Species: *Capsicum annuum*  
Common name: Pepper  
Fruit size: 8 inches long, 1.5 inches wide; fruit weight 1.5 to 2 ounces  
Fruit shape: Long and smooth like a Pasilla type  
Color(s): Dark green immature, brown mature  
Plant height: 20 inches  
Plant width: 20 inches  
Plant habit: Indeterminate growth, upright plant, spreading branches  
Garden Spacing: 2 feet apart  
Disease tolerances: Potato Virus Y and Tobacco Mosaic Virus Strains 0, 1 and 2  
Unique qualities: First hybrid Pasilla, early, higher yield, hybrid vigor  
Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 120 days  
Closest comparison(s) on market: 'Pasilla Bajio,' 'Pasilla Chile'