

## Japanese mustard spinach (Year-round)

One of Tokyo's leading vegetables with the 2nd largest output in Japan (in 2012).



Named by *Tokugawa Yoshimune*, the 8th Tokugawa *shogun*, so they say.

# Ashitaba (Year-round)

"Pick leaves in the evening, and new ones come out tomorrow or ashita." The naming shows



its vigorous growth. Rich in chalcones, vitamins, minerals, etc.

#### Okutama trouts (Year-round)

Bigger than ordinary yamame trouts, growing to weigh 1.5 kgs for 3-year-olds and 2 kgs for 4-year-olds.



Good for *sashimi*, *sushi*, and even for Western dishes.

## TOKYO X Pork (Year-round)

Taste-premium pork with delicious and good flavor fat. A breed by crossing of



three types of Beijing Black, Berkshire and Duroc pigs after a 7-year trial and error process.

# Splendid alfonsino (Year-round)

White-fleshed fish. Fresh ones are particularly delicious when served as sashimi.



## Tokyo Shamo Chicken (Year-round)

Lean (well redcolored) and rich in protein. With low fat, fits for hot pot dishes.



#### Tomatoes (Jan - Nov)

Many varieties from big and medium to very cute sizes are cultivated. Grape tomatoes,



picked up in the Ogasawarajima Islands from February to May, are popular among others with their well-balanced strong sweetness and nice sourness.

## Japanese giant flying fish (Feb - May)

Coming to the Izu Islands waters in spring, called "spring flying fish" also. Bland tasting of



white flesh fits for *sashimi*, dried stock fish (such as *kusaya*), deep-fried fish ball cakes, and the like.

## Passion fruit (Mar - Aug)

Harvesting begins in spring in the Ogasawara Islands, gradually



moving up north from Hachijojima Island to Miyakejima, Kozushima islands, etc. for summer. In recent years, cultivated in the Hachioji region, too.

## **Edamame** soybeans (May - Aug)

An early summer feature, cultivation is getting popular year after year. In Tokyo, sold



at farmers' markets. Some farmers sell them in bundles on the field.

#### Bonitoes (Feb - Apr)

Marketed as the "first bonitoes of the season" from Hachijojima Island, where they are caught around February,



earlier than other island waters. "Hachijo Barrel Bonito", shipped out in ice-packed barrels, is also a well-known branded item. Regularly served as "tataki". Also tastes wonderful as sashimi.

## Norabona (Mar - Apr)

Mild and sweeter leaf vegetables than Japanese mustard spinach or spinach.



Often served after boiled. Farmers began to cultivate them in the present Tokyo's Tama region in the *Edo* period.

## Wasabi (Apr - Nov)

Cultivated with tender care in narrow wasabi fields along the limpid streams of the Tama



River's head areas in Okutama-machi etc.

## Yellowstriped butterfish (May - Aug)

One of the best white-fleshed fish from the summer sea around the Izu Islands. Plenty



of fat in summer in particular. Best as *sashimi* and also for salt-grilled or with simmering in soy sauce.

#### Corns (Jul - Aug)

Cultivated widely in Tokyo including the western Tama region. Those harvested in



the morning are sold at farmers' yard and direct sales shops on the same day.

## Blueberries (Jul - Sep)

The number of pick-your-own orchards is on the increase. Getting popular as a fruit readily enjoyable.



#### Grapes (Aug - Sep)

Of varieties cultivated in Tokyo, "Takao" is one of the highest quality grapes. It tastes rich with firm flesh of strong sweetness and nice sourness and flavor.



## Japanese pears (Aug - Oct)

Many varieties are cultivated in Tokyo. In the Tama River's watershed areas, where



cultivation is active, direct sales shops sell them as "Tamagawa Pear".

# Edo Tokyo Traditional Vegetables

Hitting the spotlight as Tokyo's typical vegetables, trademarks were registered by JA-Tokyo Chuokai with 49 items including Nerima Daikon, Traditional Okura Daikon and Kameido Dakion radishes, Magome Sanzun carrot, Magome Hanjiro cucumber, Terajima Nasu eggplant and Takinogawa Gobo burdock root.







*▲Magome Sanzun* carrot

▲Terajima Nasu eggplant



### Kiwi fruit (Oct - Nov)

"Tokyo Gold", developed in Tokyo, has yellow flesh with strong sweetness that



brings out good taste.

#### Persimmons (Oct - Nov)

"Tokyo Beni", one of Tokyo's branded fruits, is unique with its strong sweet flavor and



reddish orange color.

# Cabbages (Oct - Dec)

Harvested twice a year in early summer and in fall/ winter. Farmers in Tokyo have



been engaged in branding efforts for sweet and juicy winter cabbages as "Tokyo Sweets Cabbage".

# Broccoli (Oct - Dec)

Rich in vitamins, minerals, dietary fibers and other nutrients. New varieties are emerging such



as stick senior broccoli and broccoli sprouts.

## Spinach (Oct - Feb)

Called the king of the green and yellow vegetables with their richness in nutrients. Cultivated in various regions of Tokyo.



## Daikon radishes (Nov - Dec)

Blue-head Daikon radishes with less hot tasting are mainly cultivated today compared



with white-head ones. In Tokyo, traditional *Daikon* radishes are highly prized like *Nerima Daikon, Kameido Daikon, Okura Daikon* radishes.

# Udo spikenard (Dec - May)

Thick and white "Tokyoites" have unique palatability with their crispiness. Cultivated in those environments shielded from light.



# Strawberries (Dec - May)

The more a strawberry gets colorful and ripens, the more its sugar content gets higher.



Suited for direct sales, more farmers have been cultivating them.







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