

## COMMUNITY SEED COLLECTIONS

### CONNECT, SHARE, AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER

#### Join the Community Seed Network

The Community Seed Network (CSN) is an initiative started by seed savers across North America with support from SeedChange and Seed Savers Exchange. The CSN connects and supports community seed initiatives by providing resources, information, and a platform for networking.

- **Connect** using the CSN's directory of community seed initiatives and seed savers across North America to find seed leaders in your community!
- **Share** seeds with other growers via Seeds of Diversity Canada and Seed Savers Exchange and share ideas with seedy folks via the CSN Facebook group.
- **Learn** about the basics of community seed production and the best practices of how to run a community seed collection using the resources shared through the Community Seed Network and Seeds of Diversity Canada.

## RESEARCHERS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

### ENGAGE WITH FARMERS ON PARTICIPATORY SEED RESEARCH

#### Support participatory seed research

We have developed a model for participatory on-farm variety trials and plant breeding projects, and we see a huge potential for growth in using participatory methods including farmer leadership in seed research. Check out our newsletters, our research publications, and connect with our research manager to discuss how to integrate participatory research into your program.

#### Integrate seed into agricultural curricula

Ensure curricula for agricultural programs include knowledge and skills related to seed production, regulations on seed and genetic material, and research skills (e.g. plant selection, varietal improvement, on-farm plant breeding). As a starting point, engage with the Canadian Organic Growers to learn about their online course on Organic Vegetable Seed Production.



Connect with the Community Seed Network  
> [communityseednetwork.org](http://communityseednetwork.org)



Share seeds with other growers  
> [seeds.ca](http://seeds.ca)  
> [seedsavers.org](http://seedsavers.org)



Organic seed production course  
> [seedsecurity.ca/onfarm-research](http://seedsecurity.ca/onfarm-research)