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**Top Heirloom Plants for Raised Bed Gardens**

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SAVANNAH, Ga. (April 1, 2008) – “I like planting my raised beds with foods I love to eat,” says Patti Moreno, The Garden Girl, a sustainable gardening expert and host of the television show *Farmers' Almanac TV*. Moreno prefers gardening in raised beds with heirloom plants grown from seed.

They're called “heirloom” because these types of plants were grown in earlier times, before mass agricultural production of our food. Here are Moreno's picks for plants that lend themselves perfectly to raised beds.

**Patti's Top Heirloom Plants for Raised Beds**

- Herbs such as basil, parsley and oregano
- Tomatoes such as Roma or Brandywine
- Sweet red peppers
- Green onion

***Patti's Planting Tip:*** Add companion plants like marigold for color and visual texture. Marigolds also are natural deterrents for destructive critters and insects.

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