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With mild days and chilly nights ushering the way toward cooler days ahead, several late warm-season crops in the Trial Gardens and the All-America Selections (AAS) Display Garden are making a final push with their yield of tasty vegetables and colorful flowers. Growing temperatures have been just right to provide us with colors reminiscent of an adventurous visit to the local candy shop!



Flower petals of 'Profusion Double Cherry' zinnia (above) gradually fade from the deep pink of cherry taffy to a bubblegum pink, and finally take on hints of marshmallow crème.

'Zahara Starlight Rose' zinnia (below), an AAS winner for 2010, displays the colors of red and white peppermint candies.



'Candyland Red' tomato, an AAS winner for 2016, produces an abundance of currant-type tomatoes that are easy to harvest. Currant-type tomatoes are smaller than cherry tomatoes. Just pop them into your mouth and enjoy their sweet taste!

The colorful fruit of 'Pretty N Sweet' pepper (below), an AAS winner for 2015, hang like an assortment of jelly beans. This sweet pepper can also be grown as an ornamental.

