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## A city girl goes country (part 4) - the 3 dollar pepper

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This is my hopeful solution to the high price of one type of organic produce. This may be the first plant I ever bought and it was an impulse buy as I left the supermarket.



I've been trying to buy organic as much as possible even if it costs more. Then I discovered that some conventionally raised vegetables retain more pesticides than others, so I should be selective as to how I spend my money.

According to the Environmental Working Group (EWG.org) for 2012:

The "Dirty Dozen" are:

Apples, celery, sweet bell peppers, peaches, strawberries, nectarines (imported), grapes, spinach, lettuce, cucumbers, blueberries, potatoes

While the "Clean Fifteen" include:

Onions, sweet corn, pineapple, avocado, cabbage, sweet peas, asparagus, mango, eggplant, kiwi, cantaloupe (domestic), sweet potatoes, grapefruit, watermelon, mushrooms

We eat a lot of peppers – all colors, so the fact that they appear as #3 on the "bad" list was distressing to me. I don't have a lot of organic options around here so when I did see organic peppers offered at our supermarket, they were \$3 each.

As I was leaving the store, there were pepper plants for sale for \$3 each. I took this sign to be a "sign" and I bought one.

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DH is growing peppers from seed. This is my contribution to the cause. Of course by the time our plants produce peppers the cost in the store is likely to be much less. We'll just have to see how it works out.

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**HAYBURNER1969**

I have never been able to grow a pepper that was more than 3 inches long. Hope you have better luck!

I get all I need from our friends - you know them, the conductor and the concertmaster... they raise more than they can ever eat. I hope you do just as well!

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**MERRYMARY42**

We try to raise most things that grow fast and is hardy, tomatoes, peppers, squash, onions as well as herbs, and fruit, so I don't think I can get any more organic than my own back yard. Good Luck, and they tast so much better

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**CD13886868**

Good luck with the peppers, I've never had any success with seeds--too impatient-- always buy the plants. Will be interested to see what develops!

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**DOVESEYES**

Gotta love peppers, ope you get a bumper crop!!!

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**CD13227574**

Apples, yummy. Sweet and tart. Not the least bit concerned they are #1 on the dirty dozen.

Makes them kinda sexy sounding to me...come to Moma you nasty little thing you!

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**CD12146214**

I love all peppers and have no plans to stop eating them anytime soon....I just make sure they are washed well and the seeds are out.

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**WILSONWR**

Good luck with the peppers! Give them plenty of sun...

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**AMARILYNH**

Great idea - I may have to try that! And PICKIE98 we have a real problem with spiders - I will definitely be buying chives to see if it helps! Great idea - and I LOVE fresh chives!! Win-Win!

Forgot to add - I'm a country girl who couldn't wait to leave for the city when I was 18 - and couldn't wait to RETURN to the country (well kind of - in a neighborhood but 9 miles from the nearest town) when we retired!! But I haven't tried any planting other than a basil plant a couple of years ago - guess its time!!

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**WATERMELLEN**

Mmmm, love peppers of all types and colours . . . delicious and beautiful to look at. Wishing you a bumper crop!!

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**BOOKAPHILE**

Good luck with your peppers! I love hearing about your garden!

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**DESERTJULZ**

Good luck with your peppers! In my part of the country, peppers do quite well. I should add





some bell peppers to my gardening beds. Right now, I have two types of hot peppers: Serrano & Thai Hot. If you grow hot peppers, too, then here's a tip. Never plant hot peppers near sweet peppers. They tend to take on the characteristics of the pepper plants next to them. I planted bells next to jalepenos and ended up with very very spicy bells!

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**CD13786757**

I can't afford organic much at all. I would love to grow some myself!

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**GINIEMIE**

I'm with you too. I cannot afford the organic peppers. I plant my own and have had really not much luck. Hope you do better. We only eat red or yellow as Erik and I have some digestive intolerance to the green peppers. I do plant Jalepenos too-for him, but I use them to jazz up stews and soups, good thing my luck has been better with them.



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**MISCHAKEO**

I hope that pepper plants grow. I am with you. I cannot afford those organic peppers either!

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**DR1939**

I've never had much luck with peppers. I suspect it is our short growing season.

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**FATHINSN**

Hmm, growing your own food, a good idea. We keep trying here but vegetables always end up poorly but our fruit trees are much better :D

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**PICKIE98**

Once you get one plant, you will realize how easy it is., we started with Roma's, green bell peppers and chives. Chives also keep spiders away. We planted them under our window.. never got a spider..

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**COCK-ROBIN**

Beautiful!

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**JSTETSER**

Go girl!

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**ONEKIDSMOM**

Good luck!  When we first married, my then husband planted peppers, tomatoes and even broccoli and brussels sprouts in our garden. I'm not much of a gardener myself, but peppers are fairly easy plants!

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**CD13558035**

Enjoy!

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