

Vegetable and Herb Guide and Varieties 2024

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Asparagus

Planting Depth: 8-12 inches
Row Distance: 48-60 inches
Crop Height: 5 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 1
Fall Date: Not Advised
Days to Maturity: 700
Varieties: Jersey Giant, UC 157

Beans, Lima Bush

Planting Depth: 1-1.5 inches
Row Distance: 30-36 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 18- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 15
Days to Maturity: 65-80
Varieties: Henderson, Baby Bush,
Jackson Wonder

Beans, Lima Pole

Planting Depth: 1-1.5 inches
Row Distance: 36-48 inches
Crop Height: 6-8 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 18- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Jul. 25- Aug. 15
Days to Maturity: 75-85
Varieties: Florida Speckled, King of
the Garden

Beans, Pinto

Planting Depth: 1-1.5 inches
Row Distance: 30-36 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 18- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 15
Days to Maturity: 65-80
Varieties: Improved Pinto

Beans, Snap Bush

Planting Depth: 1-1.5 inches
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 18- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 1- Sep. 15
Days to Maturity: 45-60
Varieties: Blue Lake 274, Top Crop,
Tendercrop, Contender, Derby,
Tendergreen

Beans, Snap Pole

Planting Depth: 1-1.5 inches
Row Distance: 36-48 inches
Crop Height: 6-8 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 18- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 15
Days to Maturity: 60-70
Varieties: Blue Lake; Kentucky
Wonder

Beans, Yellow Bush

Planting Depth: 1-1.5 inches
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 18- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 1- Sep. 15
Days to Maturity: 45-60
Varieties: Golden Crop, Improved Golden Wax

Beets

Planting Depth: 1 inch
Row Distance: 12-24 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Sep. 1- Oct. 1
Days to Maturity: 50-60
Varieties: Pacemaker III

Broccoli

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 3 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 30
Days to Maturity: 50-60
Varieties: (spring) Premium Crop Emperor; (spring or fall) Green Comet, Galaxy, Packman, Blue Ribbon

Brussels Sprouts

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 30
Days to Maturity: 60-80
Varieties: Prince Marvel, Royal Marvel, Churchill

Cabbage

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 30
Days to Maturity: 60-90
Varieties: (spring) Early Jersey Wakefield; (spring and fall) Sanibel, Rapid Ball, Savoy Ace (wrinkled leaves), Ruby Ball (red)

Cantaloupe

Planting Depth: 1 inch
Row Distance: 48-96 inches
Crop Height: 1 foot
Spring Date: Apr. 5- May. 1
Fall Date: Jul. 30- Aug. 10
Days to Maturity: 85-100
Varieties: Athena, Magnum 45, Ambrosia, Mission, Explorer, Caravelle, Minnesota Midget (bush type, good in containers)

Carrot

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 12-24 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Sep. 1- Sep. 30
Days to Maturity: 70-80
Varieties: Royal Chantenay,
Burpee's Toudo, Park's Nandor,
Danver's 126, Red Cored Chantenay

Cauliflower

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 3 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 20
Days to Maturity: 70-80
Varieties: Snow Crown

Chard, Swiss

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 18-36 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 3
Fall Date: Aug. 25- Sep. 20
Days to Maturity: 50-80
Varieties: Rhubarb (red color),
Lucullus, Fordhook

Chinese Cabbage

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 18-30 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 10- Aug. 30
Days to Maturity: 60-90
Varieties: Jade Pagoda, Michihli,
China Flash (napa type), China Pride
(napa type)

Cilantro

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 12-24 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Apr. 1
Fall Date: Sep. 1- Sep. 20
Days to Maturity: 40-60
Varieties: Long Standing, Slo Bolt,
Leisure

Collard Greens

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 18-36 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 3
Fall Date: Aug. 25- Sep. 20
Days to Maturity: 50-80
Varieties: Blue Max, Georgia

Corn (sweet)

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 6-8 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 18- Apr. 30
Fall Date: Aug. 10- Aug. 25
Days to Maturity: 70-90
Varieties: (yellow) Golden Queen
Guadalupe Gold; (bi-color) Sweet G-
90, Honey & Pearls; (white) Silver
Queen, How Sweet It Is

Cucumber

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 48-72 inches
Crop Height: 1 foot
Spring Date: Mar. 18- Apr. 30
Fall Date: Aug. 25- Sep. 10
Days to Maturity: 50-70
Varieties for Pickling: County Fair
87, Liberty, Saladina
Varieties for Slicing: Sweet Success,
Sweet Slice, County Fair 87,
Burpless, Dasher II, Slicemaster

Eggplant

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 3 feet
Spring Date: Apr. 1- Apr. 30
Fall Date: Jul. 30- Aug. 25
Days to Maturity: 80-90
Varieties: Tycoon (Oriental),
Florida Market

Garlic

Planting Depth: 1-2 inches
Row Distance: 10-18 inches
Crop Height: 1 foot
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Not Advised
Days to Maturity: 140-150
Varieties: Texas White

Greens

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 18-36 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 3
Fall Date: Aug. 25- Sep. 20
Days to Maturity: 50-80
Varieties: Tyfon Holland

Kale

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 18-36 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 3
Fall Date: Aug. 25- Sep. 20
Days to Maturity: 50-80
Varieties: Dwarf Blue Curled, Blue
Knight

Kohlrabi

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 12-18 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 10
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 20
Days to Maturity: 55-75
Varieties: Grand Duke

Leek

Planting Depth: .5-1 inch
Row Distance: 12-18 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Jan. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 15
Days to Maturity: 80-120
Varieties: American Flag

Lettuce

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 12-24 inches
Crop Height: 1 foot
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 31
Fall Date: Sep. 1- Sep. 30
Days to Maturity: 40-80
Varieties for Butterhead:
Buttercrunch (spring or fall) Tom
Thumb (fall only)
Varieties for Head: Classic, Park's
Mission
Varieties for Leaf: Salad Bowl,
Black Seeded Simpson, Red Sails
(red color)
Varieties for Romaine: Romaine

Mustard

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 18-36 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 3
Fall Date: Aug. 25- Sep. 20
Days to Maturity: 50-80
Varieties: Florida Broadleaf,
Southern Giant Curled,
Tendergreens

Okra

Planting Depth: 1 inch
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 5-7 feet
Spring Date: Apr. 1- Apr. 30
Fall Date: Jul. 1- Aug. 25
Days to Maturity: 55-65
Varieties: Blondy, Lee, Emerald,
Clemson Spineless, Burgundy
Spineless (red color)

Onion (plants or seed)

Planting Depth: .5-1 inch
Row Distance: 12-18 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Jan. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 15
Days to Maturity: 90-120
Varieties: (yellow) Texas
Supersweet (1015Y), Beltsville
Bunching; (red) Red Granex,
Burgundy; (white) Crystal Wax

Parsley

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 12-24 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Oct. 10
Days to Maturity: 70-90
Varieties: Moss Curled, Italian Plain

Peas, English

Planting Depth: 2-3 inches
Row Distance: 18-36 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Jan. 20- Mar. 3
Fall Date: Sep. 15- Nov. 1
Days to Maturity: 55-90
Varieties: Little Marvel, Wando,
Dwarf Gray Sugar

Peas, Edible Podded

Planting Depth: 2-3 inches
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 2.5 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 30- Apr. 30
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 1
Days to Maturity: 60-70
Varieties: (spring) Sugar Snap
(bush); (spring or fall) Sugar Ann
(bush), Sugar Pop (bush), Super
SugarMel (vine)

Peas, Southern

Planting Depth: 2-3 inches
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 2.5 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 30- Apr. 30
Fall Date: Aug. 15- Sep. 1
Days to Maturity: 60-70
Varieties: Blackeye #5, Mississippi
Silver, Purple Hull, Zipper Cream
Crowder, Colossus Crowder

Peppers

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 2-3 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 30- May. 30
Fall Date: Jul. 30- Aug. 25
Days to Maturity: 60-90
Varieties for Hot: Super Chili,
Hungarian Yellow Wax, Long Red or
Slim Cayenne, Hidalgo, Serrano,
Jalapeno, TAM Mild Jalapeno
Varieties for Sweet Bell: Big Bertha
(green), Jupiter (green), Golden
Summer (yellow), Purple Belle
(purple)
Varieties for Sweet: Gypsy, Sweet
Pickle, Cubanelle, Top Banana

Potato, Irish

Planting Depth: 4 inches
Row Distance: 30-36 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Feb. 15
Fall Date: Jul. 30- Aug. 10
Days to Maturity: 60-100
Varieties: Norland (red, early
season), Red LaSoda (red, mid-
season), Kennebec (white, late
season)

Potato, Sweet

Planting Depth: 3-5 inches
Row Distance: 36-48 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Apr. 15- Jun. 1
Fall Date: Not Advised
Days to Maturity: 100-130
Varieties: Bonito, Nancy Hall, O'Henry

Pumpkin

Planting Depth: 1-2 inches
Row Distance: 48-96 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 25- Apr. 25
Fall Date: Aug. 10- Aug. 25
Days to Maturity: 75-100
Varieties: Connecticut Field, Spirit, Small Sugar, Autumn Gold, Jack Be Little (ornamental)

Radish

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 12-18 inches
Crop Height: .5 foot
Spring Date: Feb. 10- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Sep. 20- Nov. 15
Days to Maturity: 25-40
Varieties: (red) Inca, Champion, Cherry Belle; (white) White Icicle, Snow Belle

Rutabaga

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 24-36 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 10
Fall Date: Aug. 25- Nov. 1
Days to Maturity: 60-90
Varieties: American Purple Top

Spinach

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 12-18 inches
Crop Height: 1 foot
Spring Date: Jan. 20- Mar. 10
Fall Date: Sep. 15- Nov. 1
Days to Maturity: 40-60
Varieties: Bloomdale, Melody, Coho, Iron Duke

Squash, Summer

Planting Depth: 1-2 inches
Row Distance: 24-60 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 25- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 1- Aug. 30
Days to Maturity: 50-60
Varieties for Summer: Multipik, Dixie, Sun Drops, Burpee's Butterstick
Varieties for Summer Pan-Type: Sunburst (yellow), Patty Pan (white), Peter Pan (green)

Squash, Winter

Planting Depth: 1-2 inches
Row Distance: 48-78 inches
Crop Height: 1 foot
Spring Date: Mar. 25- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 10- Aug. 30
Days to Maturity: 85-100
Varieties: Early Butternut, Sweet
Mama, Table Ace, Table King Bush,
Acorn, Cream of the Crop

Squash, Zucchini

Planting Depth: 1-2 inches
Row Distance: 24-60 inches
Crop Height: 2 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 25- Apr. 15
Fall Date: Aug. 1- Aug. 30
Days to Maturity: 50-60
Varieties: (green) Senator,
President; (yellow), Goldrush

Tomato

Planting Depth: 4-7 inches
Row Distance: 24-48 inches
Crop Height: 3-6 feet
Spring Date: Mar. 20- Apr. 30
Fall Date: Jun. 15- Jul. 30
Days to Maturity: 55-100
Varieties for Large Fruited:
(determinate) Merced VFT,
Celebration, (VFFT), Celebrity
VFNT, Carnival VFNT, President
VFNT, Surefire VF1; (indeterminate)
Champion VFNT, Quick Pick VFNT,
Simba VFNT, First Lady VFNT,
Superfantastic VFN
Varieties for Small-Fruited:
(determinate) Small Fry VFN;
(indeterminate) Porter, Cherry
Grande, Sweet 100, Roma VF

Turnip

Planting Depth: .5 inch
Row Distance: 12-24 inches
Crop Height: 1.5 feet
Spring Date: Feb. 1- Mar. 10
Fall Date: Aug. 25- Nov. 1
Days to Maturity: 30-60
Varieties: (spring or fall) Tokyo
Cross, Royal Globe II, White Lady;
(fall only) Just Right

Watermelon

Planting Depth: 1-2 inches
Row Distance: 60-96 inches
Crop Height: 1 foot
Spring Date: Mar. 30- Apr. 30
Fall Date: Jul. 20- Aug. 10
Days to Maturity: 80-100
Varieties: Crimson Sweet, Sugar
Baby, Royal Jubilee, Royal Sweet,
Orange Golden, Jack of Hearts
(triploid)