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GROWING GUIDE

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GARDENING

The Most Popular leisure activity in the United States. garden location is important. A sunny well drained location is essential. Rich light loam with good texture is the best. Plant your tall and trellised plants on the north side so they will not shade the shorter plants. Food crops may be planted in parking strips, corners of lots, along fences, and surrounding patios. As little as 100 square feet (10' x 10' or 20' x 5') can be used to grow a lot of good eating.

SOIL MODIFICATION should be made by mixing 2 to 3 inches of organic matter to a depth of 6 inches to benefit most soils. This will help loosen heavy clay soils, add nutrients, and improve the water holding capacity of sandy soils. Use abundant, composted, inexpensive materials such as leaves, sawdust, wood shavings, or old hay. New material should be added each year.



Seeds

Sweet Corn, 5oz.



Utah Spanish Onions, 10g.

Bloomsdale Spinach, 10g.

Waltham Squash, 10g.

Black Beauty Zucchini Squash, 10g.

Champion Radish, 10g.

Rutgers Tomato, 5g.

Swiss Chard, Lucullus, 10g.



Peas Lincoln, 5oz.

Detroit Dark Red, 10g.

Golden Acre Cabbage, 10g.

Romaine Lettuce, 5g.

Simpson Leaf Lettuce 5g.

Marketmore Cucumber, 10g.

Scarlet Nantes Carrot, 10g.

Yolo Wonder Pepper, 5g.

Kentucky Pole Bean, 5oz.

Pink Banana Squash, 5g.

Parsnips, Harris 5g.

Melon, Cantaloupe 5g.

Watermelon, Sweet 5g.

Soil Moisture and Planting

G The frequency of watering depends on the texture of your soil. In arid areas, watering the garden is more necessary. Clay soils require less frequent watering than sandy soils. Gardens in sandy soil would require shallower but more frequent applications of water. When seeds are first planted, it is important that the soil remains moist so that the seeds will germinate as soon as possible. Some seeds, like Corn, Tomato, Pepper, Squash, and Cucumbers, > NEED WARM SOILS before germination can take place. You should wait until the soil warms up before planting, usually two weeks after the average date of the last frost in your area. You might consider starting these seeds in small containers for transplanting. After the seed has germinated and the plant is established, the frequency and depth of watering will increase as the weather gets warmer. Since sandy soils do not store much water, it is suggested that you



Trellis Plants with Large Heavy Fruit, Such as Tomato, Peppers and Beans

add organic matter to increase water holding capacity and water more often. Several vegetables including Onions, Spinach, Peas, Cabbage, Radishes, and Swiss Chard > MAY BE PLANTED

VERY EARLY IN THE SPRING . Many of the early, cool season crops may be planted again in July 1015 to extend the garden season until well after the first frost.

Tips For More Productive Gardening

1. Beds of closely spaced plants that quickly shade the soil reduce weed germination.
2. Organic mulches such as leaves drastically reduce the need for weeding. The cool soil, so wait until later to mulch warm season crops.
3. Shallow, regular cultivation destroys small weeds before they compete with your vegetables for moisture, nutrients, and light. One of the secrets to gardening is to take care of the weed problem before it becomes a large problem.
4. Plant only a few feet of a row at one time if planting lettuce, peas, radishes, and other crops which rapidly become over mature at harvest time. Successive planting will also extend the harvest time.
5. Plant sweet corn in a block of three to four rows wide instead on long single rows. You will get better filled ears of corn because of better pollination. The Native Americans planted corn in hills of 35 seeds for this very reason and fertilized adequately to assist such close planting.
6. For better tomato yields use double hill planting (about 12" between plants).
7. Control weeds early. Hoeing small weeds for an hour will save many hours of work later when the weeds are mature.
8. Control insects when they first appear.
9. Clear plastic around a frame, hot caps, or 'Wall O' Water' may protect newly set plants from late spring frosts.
10. Clear plastic provides more soil warming than does black plastic. Black plastic allows no weed growth. Plastic that covers the soil 23 feet wide, having holes through which are planted warm season crops like squash or tomatoes can hasten their maturity.

Hardy Group ~ Peas, Radishes, Onions, Cabbage, Spinach

PEA Lincoln is a very popular garden variety. This pea has a fine sweet flavor when picked young, and excellent quality when frozen, canned, or used fresh. 60 days. Pods are 3 inches with 5 or 6 peas. Compact 18 to 20 inch plant does not require staking. Fine sweet flavor when picked young. Planting: This hardy pea tolerates cold and light frost well. Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over the seeds; best when planted in blocks or rows grouped together. For an extended harvest period, plant at two week intervals until mid spring and again in late summer for a fall crop. Care: Water by soaking will reduce danger of disease. Support for Vines will increase your harvest yield. Harvesting: Pick when still bright green and seeds have enlarged in the pod. Hold vines to avoid tearing while picking. Nutritional Value: Rich in Minerals, Calcium, Iron & Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, & Niacin. Collecting Seed: Select dry long healthy pods and remove seeds when pods have dried completely. Store in a cool, dry area.

Planting Depth: .5-.75"
Seed Spacing: 1-2"
Row Spacing: 14-18"
Germination temp: 40-85 deg.
Germination Time: 7-15 days
Planting Dates: 3/15-9/1
Seed Per Foot Row: 12
Spacing After Thinning: Do Not Thin
Days to Maturity: 60

RADISH Champion is an AAS Winner and recommended by Utah State University. This easy to grow vegetable is bright cherry red with a very firm globe shaped root. Radishes make a good companion crop. It can be planted again in late summer for a second crop. Radish is eaten plain or used as a garnish for salads. Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. For an extended harvest period, plant at two week intervals avoiding hot summer temperatures. Press soil firmly over seeds. Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly for moist soil. Harvesting: Test pick radishes for size to insure harvest when young and tender. Nutritional Value: contains Calcium, Iron & Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, & Niacin. Collecting Seed: Older plants should blossom and grow into stalks to produced seed. Radish plants produce high yields of seed. The seed stalk produces brown pods which contain the dark brown seeds. When seeds have matured and dried, separate chaff with your fingers, then collect and dry seed. Store in a cool, dry area.

Planting Depth: .25-.5"
Seed Spacing: 1-2"
Row Spacing: 14-18"
Germination temp: 40-85 deg.
Germination Time: 7-15 days
Planting Dates 3/15-5/1
Seed Per Foot Row 12
Spacing After Thinning: 2-4"
Days to Maturity: 25

ONION Utah Yellow Sweet Spanish is a popular and versatile vegetable. These seeds produce large onion bulbs sometimes weighing a pound or more, especially well suited to the Western States. This sweet and mild flavored onion has fair storage characteristics with moderate Pink Root tolerance. Onions may be eaten raw, cooked, or used for seasoning any meal. Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds. Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly for moist soil. Harvesting: Allow plant tops to fall and die before harvesting. Smaller bulb sets can be stored to replant next year Nutritional Value: A valuable source of Calcium, Iron & Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, & Niacin. Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produces a seed stalk the second year. Selected bulbs need to be kept cool and moist. Protect first year bulbs from winter freezing by burying in sand or leaving it in ground covered with heavy mulch. Seed heads form after summer growth. When seeds have matured and partially dried on the seed stalk, gather the seed before it falls to the ground. Complete the drying process at room temperature. Store in a cool, dry area. seeds and keep moist.

Planting Depth: .5"
Seed Spacing: 1"
Row Spacing: 18-24"
Germination temp: 40-75 deg.
Germination Time: 10-15 days
Planting Dates: 3/15-5/15
Seed Per Foot Row: 9
Spacing After Thinning: 2-3"
Days to Maturity: 115

Hardy Group

SPINACH Bloomsdale Long Standing is a delicious and nutritious easy to grow green leaf plant that is recommended by Utah State University. This slow to bolt variety has heavy, glossy, crumpled, dark green leaves. Spinach is delicious cooked, an ingredient in many recipes, steamed, served with butter and lemon juice or fresh in salads. Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds. Sow seeds sparingly and repeat every two weeks as long as the weather is cool (Spring/Fall) Care: Keep free of weeds and regularly water lightly. Protect from insects. Plant in midlate summer for a second crop. Harvesting: Cut leaves (plant top) off about 12" above the base when plant has grown. Plant will regrow leaves for repeat harvests Nutritional Value: A good source of Chlorophyll, Iron, and Vitamin: C. Collecting Seed: Allow several plants to produce flower seed stalks. Cut the mature spinach plants and dry them so that the seed will come off by rubbing them in the palm of your hand. Separate seed from chaff and store in a cool, dry area.

Planting Depth: .25-.5"
Seed Spacing: 1"
Row Spacing: 14-18"
Germination temp: 40-85 deg.
Germination Time: 7-15 days
Planting Dates: 3/15-5/1
Seed Per Foot Row: 12
Spacing After Thinning: 6-8"
Days to Maturity: 45

CABBAGE Golden Acre thrives in cool weather and is easy to grow. This hardy vegetable is delicious eaten raw, cooked, or prepared as sauerkraut and canned. This cabbage is a slow bolting, vigorous, early variety that is recommended by Utah State University. The cabbage head has a mild flavor and measures about 5 to 6 inches in size when mature. Planting: Five or six weeks before last frost start seeds indoors using potting soil mixture. Harden plants for seven days before planting by setting them outdoors during the day. Cabbage plants like sunny locations. Do not plant in same place as previous year to minimize diseases. Firm soil over the seeds and keep moist. *maturity is from setting the transplants into the garden Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly. Protect from insects. Harvesting: Cut just above the lowest leaves and harvest when the head is firm. Continue to water and a second head(s) will form. The secondary heads are very sweet and delicious. Cut and harvest when this new head(s) is about 23 inches in size. Nutritional Value: A valuable source of Vitamins: C & U. Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produces a seed stalk the second year. Selected roots need to be kept cool and moist. Protect first year roots from winter freezing by burying in sand or leaving it in ground covered with heavy mulch. Seed heads form after summer growth. When seeds have matured and partially dried on the seed stalk, gather the seed before it falls to the ground. Complete the drying process at room temperature. Store in a cool, dry area.

Planting Depth: .25-.5"
Seed Spacing: 1"
Row Spacing: 18-28"
Germination temp:40-85 deg.
Germination Time: 5-14 days
Planting Dates 3/15-5/1
Seed Per Foot Row: Transplant
Spacing After Thinning: 18-24"
Days to Maturity: 65

PARSNIP Harris Model
Yields best in full sun. Prefers well-drained, loose, fertile soil, free of stones pH 6.0 to 7.0. Heavy clay soils may cause crooked and branched roots. Needs a fair amount of moisture. Biennial grown as an annual. Requires deep, well-prepared soil, early planting, and good early weed control. Leaves arise from spherical swollen stem. Sow seeds ½ inch deep, 1 inch apart, in rows 18 to 24 inches apart, in early spring. Seeds germinate slowly, usually in about 2 to 3 weeks (longer in cold soils). To speed germination, keep soil moist. Sow along with radishes to break soil crust and mark row. Thin to 3- to 4-inch spacings. Trim instead of pulling to avoid disturbing roots of remaining plants. Mulch to suppress weeds and retain moisture. Hill soil around base of plants to prevent greening of root shoulders.

Planting Depth: .5"
Seed Spacing: 1"-2"
Row Spacing: 12-18"
Germination temp: 50-85 deg.
Germination Time: 10-14 days
Planting Dates 5/20-7/10
Seed Per Foot Row: 8-12
Spacing After Thinning: 3"-4" apart
Days to Maturity: 105

Semi Hardy - Swiss Chard, Beets, Carrots, Lettuce. Plant a week or two after group A or when apple buds are in a tight cluster

SWISS CHARD Lucullus . A biennial plant that has large heavily savoyed green leaves with celery like white stalks. Swiss Chard grows about 28 inches high throughout the summer and fall. Leaves can be eaten like spinach either fresh salad greens or cooked. The flavor is mild and delicious. Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds. Swiss Chard grows well in containers. Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly for moist soil. Harvesting: Cut leaves (plant top) off about 35" above the base when plant has grown . Plant will regrow leaves for repeat harvests. Nutritional Value: A good source of Calcium, Iron & Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, & Niacin. Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produce a seed stalk the second year. When seeds have matured and dried on the seed stalk, separate chaff with your fingers, then collect and dry seed. Store in a cool, dry area.

Planting Depth: .5"
Seed Spacing: 1"
Row Spacing: 18-24"
Germination temp: 35-70 deg.
Germination Time: 7-10 days
Planting Dates 3/15-7/1
Seed Per Foot Row 8
Spacing After Thinning: 8-12"
Days to Maturity: 50

BEET Detroit Dark Red is the most popular beet on the market and is recommended by Utah State University. The 2 • to 3 inch globe shaped roots are tender and sweet and can be harvested and eaten at any stage of growth. Beets prefer cool weather and tolerate a wide range of conditions. The leaves when young make delicious greens either fresh or cooked. Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny , well drained location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds. Sow seeds sparingly and repeat every three weeks as long as the weather is cool . Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly to keep soil moist . Fertilize with vegetable food every four weeks. Harvesting: When beets are about 2" in size pull the entire plant. Smaller plants can be harvested as part of the thinning process. Nutritional Value: A rich source of Iron, Calcium, and Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, and Niacin. Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produces a seed stalk the second year. Selected roots need to be kept cool and moist. Protect first year root from winter freezing by burying in sand or leaving it in ground covered with heavy mulch. Seed heads form after summer growth. When seeds have matured and partially dried on the seed stalk, gather the seed before it falls to the ground. Complete the drying process at room temperature. Store in a cool, dry area.

Planting Depth: .5-.75"
Seed Spacing: 1-2"
Row Spacing: 14-18"
Germination temp: 40-85 deg.
Germination Time: 10-20 days
Planting Dates 3/20-6/15
Seed Per Foot Row 12
Spacing After Thinning: 2-3"
Days to Maturity: 80

CARROT Scarlet Nantes is a 5 • to 6 inch long coreless variety that has a fine sweet flavor for juice, fresh eating, cooking, and freezing. This popular and attractive carrot is recommended by Utah State University. This carrot will store for several months with cool temperatures and is high in vitamin content. Excellent variety for freezing or canning. Planting: Plant in early spring in a sunny location with light or loose soil that is enriched with organic material. Sow seeds sparingly and press soil firmly over seeds. In areas with mild winters, fall planting is recommended. Care: Keep free of weeds and regularly water lightly. Harvesting: When finger size ("") start pulling plants. Smaller plants can be harvested as part of the thinning process Nutritional Value: A excellent source of Iron, Calcium, and Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, and Niacin. Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produces a seed stalk the second year. Selected roots need to be kept cool and moist. Protect first year root from winter freezing by burying in sand or leaving it in ground covered with heavy mulch. Seed heads form after summer growth. When seeds have matured and partially dried on the seed stalk, gather the seed before it falls to the ground.

Planting Depth: .25-.5"
Seed Spacing: 1-2"
Row Spacing: 14-18"
Germination temp: 40-85 deg.
Germination Time: 12-18 days
Planting Dates 3/20-6/15
Seed Per Foot Row 12-18
Spacing After Thinning: 2"
Days to Maturity: 95

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LETTUCE ROMAINE Paris

Island Co. is a fine romaine lettuce with tight, medium to large upright heads with excellent deep green color and fine flavor midribs that are crunchy and juicy .

Romaine lettuces are among the most nutritious of all lettuce due to their higher chlorophyll content.

Utah State University recommends this variety of lettuce. Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds. Sow seeds sparingly and repeat every two weeks as long as the weather is cool (Spring/Fall) Care: Keep free of weeds and regularly water lightly. Protect from insects. Start seeds indoors for earlier crop.

Harvesting: Cut off 12 inches above the ground or pull the entire plant. Nutritional Value: A excellent source of Chlorophyll, Iron, Calcium, and Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, and Niacin. Collecting Seed: Allow several plants to produce flower seedstalks. A dandelion type flower head is formed after the plant blooms. The seed will separate from the chaff by rubbing flower head with your fingers. Store in a cool , dry area.

Planting Depth: .25-.5"

Seed Spacing: 1"

Row Spacing: 14-18"

Germination temp: 35-75 deg.

Germination Time: 7-15 days

Planting Dates 3/20-5/1

Seed Per Foot Row 12

Spacing After Thinning: 6-8"

Days to Maturity: 75

LETTUCE LEAF Black Seeded Simpson

These lettuce seeds are very fine. You can plant these seeds in a row, or broadcast them over an area. When planting in rows, thin to 6" apart, in rows 12-18" apart. Cover the seeds with a very fine layer of loose soil or starting mixture. Water lightly after planting.

Tip: Some people sprinkle the seeds on top of a fine soil, and just water them in. Black Seeded Simpson is not a candidate for transplanting.

Sow seeds directly in your garden.

They also grow well in an outdoor container on your patio or deck.

When it comes time to harvest, just step outside your door and snip as many leaves as you need. Black Seeded Simpson lettuce likes cool

weather and lots of moisture. Grow lettuce plants in full sun, in rich, well drained soil. Liquid fertilizer works well. Weed once or twice early in

their growth cycle. Without competing with weeds, the the plants will grow better, and it makes

harvesting easier. Plant successive crops for a constant supply Black Seeded Simpson lettuce. Plant small

sections in your garden every couple of weeks. Pick Black Seeded Simpson lettuce as soon as it is big

enough to use. We recommend harvesting with a clean, sharp scissors. The plant will re-grow. But,

after a while, it's good to have a vigorous new patch to harvest from.

Planting Depth: .25-.5"

Seed Spacing: 1"

Row Spacing: 14-18"

Germination temp: 35-75 deg.

Germination Time: 7-15 days

Planting Dates 3/20-5/1

Seed Per Foot Row 12

Spacing After Thinning: 6-8"

Days to Maturity: 75

MELON, Cantaloupe

Prefers warm, well-drained, soil, high in organic matter with pH 6.5 to 7.5.

Consider using black plastic and fabric row covers to speed soil warming. Sandy or light-textured soils that warm quickly in spring are best.

Direct-seed 1 to 2 weeks after average last frost when soil is 70 F or warmer.

Plant ½ inch deep, 6 seeds per hill, hills 4 to 6 feet apart; or 1 foot apart in rows 5 feet apart. Can plant at closer spacings if trellised. Thin to 2 to 3 plants per hill.

For transplanting, sow seeds indoors ¼ inch deep in peat pots (2-inch square or bigger), 2 to 4 weeks before setting out. Plants should have one or two true leaves when transplanted.

Transplant at same spacings as direct-seeded crops - 2 to 3 plants per hill in hills spaced 4 to 6 feet apart, or 1 to 2 feet apart in rows 5 feet apart.

Transplants are delicate and roots are sensitive to disturbance. If you need to thin, use scissors. Keep soil intact around plant when transplanting.

If using fabric row covers, remove at flowering to allow pollination by bees.

Good pollination is critical to fruit set.

Plants require consistent moisture until pollination. Once fruits are about the size of a tennis ball, only water if soil is dry and leaves show signs of wilting.

For large plantings, leave a strip of rye cover crop every second or third row perpendicular to prevailing winds to protect plants from damaging wind.

To reduce insect and disease problems, avoid planting cucumber family crops (melons, squash, pumpkins) in the same spot two years in a row.

Planting Depth: .5-1"

Seed Spacing: 6-8" in hill

Row Spacing: 30-36"

Germination temp: 65-85 deg.

Germination Time: 3-5 days

Planting Dates: 2 weeks after last frost

Seed Per Foot Row: 1

Spacing After Thinning: 12" apart

Days to Maturity: 65-85

Tender ~ Bean, Sweet Corn, Cucumber, Zucchini, Pepper

CUCUMBER Straight Eight is a very popular and productive variety with fruits that are 8 to 9 inches long, 2 • inches across with smooth, dark green color. Excellent in salads either diced or sliced. Very delicious when eaten fresh with dressing or dips. Small cucumbers can be used for making pickles. Planting: Plant in late spring in a sunny , well drained location when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past. Press soil firmly over seeds. Start seeds indoors 46 weeks before setting outside for early crop. Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist but do not over water. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. Use loose soil to cover vines periodically so new roots will form and improve overall plant growth. Harvesting: Pick fruit before color turns to yellow usually when size is 68 inches long. Regular picking promotes more fruiting Nutritional Value: Good source of minerals and vitamins with low calorie benefits, an excellent salad vegetable. Collecting Seed: Separate seeds from flesh when cucumbers are very yellow and very ripe. Dry at room temperature. Store cool, dry.

Planting Depth: .5-1”
Seed Spacing: 6-8” in hill
Row Spacing: 30-36”
Germination temp: 60-75 deg.
Germination Time: 7-15 days
Planting Dates 5/5-7/30
Seed Per Foot Row 3
Spacing After Thinning: 3-4 per hill
Days to Maturity: 67

SQUASH Zucchini Black Beauty is a good flavored tender AAS Winner with dark green, glossy fruits that are long, straight, slender, and firm. One of the most popular type of summer squash that is very easy to grow. Zucchini has many uses and recipes that include preparation by baking, frying, steaming, raw, or freezing. Planting: Plant in late spring in a sunny , well drained location when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past. Press soil firmly over seeds. Start seeds indoors 34 weeks before setting outside for early crop. Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist but do not over water. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. Do not be concerned if occasionally the first blossoms do not set fruit, Zucchini is a very prolific plant. Harvesting: The ideal time to pick the fruit is when the size is about 57 inches long and 11/2 inches thick. Continual picking will insure best flavor and extended growing season. Nutritional Value: An excellent source of minerals, Iron, Calcium, and Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, and Niacin. Collecting Seed: Separate Zucchini seeds from flesh when Zucchini are very ripe & mature. Dry at room temperature. Store cool, dry.

Planting Depth: .5-1”
Seed Spacing: 6-8”
Row Spacing: 36-48”
Germination temp: 60-95 deg.
Germination Time: 10-14 days
Planting Dates 5/5-7/20
Seed Per Foot Row 1
Spacing After Thinning: 2-3 per hill
Days to Maturity: 62

PEPPER Yolo Wonder is an improved California Wonder variety that is recommended by Utah State University. This type has large 4 • inch by 4 inch, with 3 to 4 lobed, glossy peppers on large, sturdy plants with good foliage cover. Yolo Wonder L Pepper is resistant to Tobacco Mosaic virus. These green Peppers turn red at full maturity and flavors sweetens. As a favorite garden vegetable, peppers are eaten raw or cooked, as well as served in salads, stews, casseroles, as a garnish, stuffed or baked. Planting: Start seeds indoors 78 weeks before last spring frost in a sunny, warm location. Transplant to a sunny, well drained location in the late spring when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past. Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. *After transplanting into Garden soil Harvesting: The ideal time to pick the fruit is when the size is about 34 inches long and still green. Cut off part of the stem along with the pepper fruit to avoid injuring the plant. Nutritional Value: contains Vitamins: A, & C. Collecting Seed: Select a red, very mature pepper and remove seeds. Allow seeds to thoroughly dry on a paper towel or cloth.

Planting Depth: .5-1”
Seed Spacing: 6-8” in hill
Row Spacing: 30-36”
Germination temp: 60-75 deg.
Germination Time: 7-15 days
Planting Dates 5/5-7/30
Seed Per Foot Row 3
Spacing After Thinning: 3-4 per hill
Days to Maturity: 67

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SWEET CORN Golden

Bantam 8 is a hardy open pollinator variety with 56 inch long ears of richly flavored quality corn. Seed may be saved after harvest for planting in subsequent years. This corn may be served fresh, frozen, or canned. Corn on the cob seasoned lightly with salt and pepper dripping in melted butter is a summer time taste treat. To increase sweetness flavor of corn, add sugar to the boiling water when cooking the corn. Planting: Plant when all danger of frost is gone in a sunny location. The enriched with organic material ground should be cultivated and loosened for best results. Press soil firmly over seeds and keep moist. Plant in blocks of at least four rows side by side to insure best results from pollination. Avoid one long row style planting. Plant every three weeks for extended harvest. Care: Control weeds weekly by cultivating to form hills around corn. Enjoys occasional deep watering in hot temperature areas. Harvesting: Pick ears when firm and silk turns sandy brown. The kernels should be milky and tender when tested with thumbnail. Nutritional Value: Excellent source of minerals and vitamins. Collecting Seed: Leave a few long healthy cobs on the stalk until the kernels show denting. Pick the cobs and dry the kernels completely before removing them from the cob. Store in a cool, dry area.

Planting Depth: .1-1.5"
Seed Spacing: 4-6"
Row Spacing: 30-36"
Germination temp: 50-85 deg.
Germination Time: 7-10 days
Planting Dates 5/5-7/1
Seed Per Foot Row 1
Spacing After Thinning: 8-12"
Days to Maturity: 82

BEAN POLE Kentucky

Wonder Brown. Pods are 7 to 9 inches long, meaty and tender. Stringless when young. Vigorous vine produces a large yield of beans with excellent flavor. This outstanding bean is an excellent variety for eating fresh, canning and freezing. Resistant to bean mosaic virus. Planting: Plant when all danger of frost is gone in a sunny location. The enriched with organic material ground should be cultivated and loosened for best results. Press soil firmly over seeds and keep moist. Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist but do not over water. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. Some use of supports such as poles, strings, fence, or poles will increase your yield of beans. Harvesting: When picking the bean pods (ideal size 68") be careful not to damage the new blossoms that will form into your future bean crop. Pick young for best texture and flavor to prevent over mature stringy bean pods. Do not pick when plants are wet. Nutritional Value: Rich source of minerals and vitamins with high fibre and low calorie benefits. Collecting Seed: Select dry long healthy bean pods that rattle. Remove seeds when pods have dried completely. Store cool, dry area

Planting Depth: 1-1.5"
Seed Spacing: 3"
Row Spacing: 18-24"
Germination temp: 55-75 deg.
Germination Time: 7-10 days
Planting Dates 4/5-6/10
Seed Per Foot Row 9
Spacing After Thinning: 8-12"
Days to Maturity: 65

PEPPER Jalapeno

Jalapeno Peppers start off a bit slow, so start them indoors 8-12 weeks before planting outside. Keep the early soil moist but not over watered. Keep the early plants warm (80-85 deg) and in a sunlit place. Once all chance of frost has passed you can transplant them outside. Choose a location in full sunlight, and occasionally add mushroom mulch or other organic compost. Use cages to support the plant once peppers begin to grow.

Planting Depth: .5-1"
Seed Spacing: 6-8" in hill
Row Spacing: 30-36"
Germination temp: 80-85 deg.
Germination Time: 7-15 days
Planting Dates 5/5-7/30
Seed Per Foot Row 3
Spacing After Thinning: 3-4 per hill
Days to Maturity: 67

Very Tender ~ Winter Squash, Tomato, Pepper

TOMATO Rutgers

80 days. High yields of firm, meaty fruits. An exceptional fine mild flavor. Medium large determinate vines. Resistant to Verticillium and fusarium wilts. Tomatoes are probably the most popular garden vegetable requiring little space and effort yet producing a large crop. Tomatoes can be eaten raw or juiced, dried, canned, baked, fried, and made into a range of sauces. Planting: Start seeds indoors 58 weeks before last spring frost in a sunny, warm location in pots or flats. Transplant to a sunny, well drained location in the late spring when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past. The transplanted plants should be about 512 inches tall. Tomatoes can be sown directly into the garden when the soil and weather is warm. Double hill planting (6 inches apart) and staking tomatoes upright or use a wire cage to increase production. *After transplanting into Garden Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. Harvesting: Pick when fruit turn red. In late fall before any frost, green tomatoes can be picked and ripened in a warm area. Nutritional Value: an excellent source of Vitamins: A, & C and contains B, calcium. Iron, and potassium. Collecting Seed: Select a red, very mature tomato and remove seeds. Allow seeds to thoroughly dry on a paper towel or cloth.

Planting Depth: .25" indoors . 5"outside
Seed Spacing: 2" indoors 6" outdoors
Row Spacing: 36-48"
Germination temp: 50-75 deg.
Germination Time: 8-14 days
Planting Dates 5/20-7/10
Seed Per Foot Row: Transplanted
Spacing After Thinning: 8-12"
Days to Maturity: 80*

WINTER SQUASH Pink Banana

This is an improved butternut type squash with better uniformity and larger yields. This large, thick-skinned cylindrical squash averages 20 inches long and weighs around 12 pounds. It is so large that it is usually sold in chunks instead of whole. Its creamy textured orange flesh offers a fruity and buttery delight to your palate. Although both baking and steaming are great ways to prepare this tasty squash, steaming produces a slightly sweeter, yet mild flavor. This popular squash is easy to grow and stores well when mature. Squash is a delicious vegetable that can be baked, boiled, steamed, fried, or frozen. The plants are prolific to a bountiful harvest. Planting: Plant in late spring in a sunny , well drained location when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past. Press soil firmly over seeds. Start seeds indoors 34 weeks before setting outside for early crop. Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist but do not over water. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. Do not be concerned if occasionally the first blossoms do not set fruit, squash is a very prolific plant. Harvesting: Pick in the fall before the first frost and store in a cool, frost free area. Nutritional Value: A good source of Minerals and Vitamins. Collecting Seed: Save seeds from the winter squash and dry at room temperature. Store in a cool, dry area.

Planting Depth: .5-1"
Seed Spacing: 6-8" in hill
Row Spacing: 48-60"
Germination temp: 60-95 deg.
Germination Time: 10-14 days
Planting Dates 5/20-7/10
Seed Per Foot Row 1
Spacing After Thinning: 2-3 per hill
Days to Maturity: 105

Same Instructions for **Waltham Butternut Squash.**

WATERMELON, Sweet Crimson

Prefers warm, well-drained, soil, high in organic matter with pH 6.5 to 7.5. In many areas, successful crops require starting plants indoors, using plastic mulch to warm soil, and fabric row covers to protect young transplants. Direct seed 1 to 2 weeks after average last frost when soil is 70 F or warmer. Plant ½ inch deep, 6 seeds per hill, hills 3 feet apart each way for bush varieties, or 3 feet apart in rows 8 feet apart for vining types. Thin to 2 to 3 plants per hill. For transplanting, sow seeds indoors ¼ inch deep in peat pots (2-inch square or bigger), 2 to 4 weeks before setting out. Set outside 2 weeks after average last frost, 3 plants per hill, hills 3 feet apart each way for bush varieties, or 3 feet apart in rows 8 feet apart for vining types. Transplants are delicate. Keep soil intact when transplanting. Mulch plantings after soil has warmed to help maintain consistent moisture and suppress weeds. If using fabric row covers, remove at flowering to allow pollination by bees. Good pollination is critical to fruit set. Plants require consistent moisture until pollination. Once fruit are about the size of a tennis ball, only water if soil is dry and leaves show signs of wilting. Avoid planting cucumber family crops (melons, squash, pumpkins) in the same spot two years in a row.

Planting Depth: .5-1"
Seed Spacing: 6-8" in hill
Row Spacing: 30-36"
Germination temp: 60-95 deg.
Germination Time: 3-5 days
Planting Dates: 2 weeks after last frost
Seed Per Foot Row: 1
Spacing After Thinning: 12" apart
Days to Maturity: 67