

Vegetable planting guide



Vegetable	PLANTING TIME		SEEDS OR PLANTS		SPACING		Days to first harvest ^b	Estimated yield per foot of row ^c (pounds)
	Indoors at Madison ^a	Outdoors at Madison ^a	For 100 feet of row	Seed depth (inches)	Between rows (inches)	Between plants (inches)		
Asparagus		April 15	50 crowns	6–8 ^d	36–40	18–24	1–2 years	1.00
Bean, bush lima		May 25	8 oz	1	24–30	3–4	70–80	0.30
Bean, bush snap		May 10	8 oz	1	18–24	2–3	50–60	0.50
Bean, pole snap		May 10	6 oz	1	30–36	3–4	60–65	0.70
Beet		April 15	1–1¼ oz	½	15–18	2–3	50–60	0.50–1.50
Broccoli	March 15	May 1 (plants)	40–50 plants		24–36	18–24	60–70	0.80
Brussels sprouts		May 15 (seeds)	½ oz	½	24–30	12–18	90–100	1.00
Cabbage, early	March 15	May 1 (plants)	50–70 plants		18–24	12–18	60–70	2.00
Cabbage, late		May 15 (seeds)	½ oz	½	24–30	18–24	90–100	2.50
Carrot		April 15	¼ oz	¼	15–18	1–2	60–70	1.00–1.50
Cauliflower	March 15	May 1 (plants)	50–70 plants		24–30	12–18	50–60	0.80
Celeriac	March 15	May 20 (plants)	200–300 plants	⅛	24–36	4–6	110	1.10
Celery	March 15	May 20 (plants)	200 plants	⅛	30–36	4–6	100–110	2.00
Chard		April 15	1–1¼ oz	½	15–18	3–4	40–50	2.00
Chinese cabbage		June 20 (seeds)	½ oz	½	24–30	10–12	90–100	3.00
Collards		June 20 (seeds)	½ oz	½	24–36	12–24	60–85	1.90
Corn		May 10, May 25 ^e	100–150	1–1½	30–36	8–10	65–90	1.50
Cucumber		June 1 (seeds)	½ oz	1	36–40	4–8	38–55	2.00–2.25
Eggplant	March 15	June 1 (plants)	50–60 plants		30–36	18–24	70–80	1.75
Endive		June 25	1 oz	¼–½	18–24	8–10	90	0.50
Kale		June 25	½ oz	½	24–30	8–10	50–70	0.75
Kohlrabi		April 15	8 oz	¾	15–18	3–4	50–60	1.50
Lettuce, head	March 15	May 1 (plants)	100 plants		15–18	8–10	60–70	0.50
Lettuce, leaf		April 15	¼ oz	¼	15–18	2–3	40–50	0.25
Muskmelon	May 1	May 20 (plants)	34–50 plants		36–40	24–36	80–90	2.00
Mustard		April 15	½ oz	¼	18–24	2–3	40	0.50
Okra	April 15	June 1 (plants)	50–75 plants		42–60	8–24	50–60	0.60
Onion	Feb. 15	May 1 (plants)	300–400		15–18	3–4	110–120	2.00
Onion, sets		April 15	3–4 lb	2	15–18	1–2	40–50	1.00
Parsley (plants)	March 1	May 1	100 plants		18–24	6–8	30–40	0.25
Parsnip		April 15	½ oz	½–¾	24–30	2–3	100–120	1.50
Pea		April 15	1 lb	1	15–18	1–2	60–70	0.25–0.50
Pepper	April 1	June 1 (plants)	50–60 plants		30–36	18–24	60–70	2.00
Potato, early		April 15	12–15 lb	3–4	30–36	12–15	80–100	1.50
Potato, midseason		April 15	12–15 lb	3–4	30–36	12–15	100–120	2.00
Potato, late		April 15	12–15 lb	3–4	30–36	12–15	120–140	2.50
Pumpkin	May 1	May 20 (plants)	34–50 plants		48–60	24–36	90–110	2.00
		May 10 (seeds)	½ oz	1–1½	48–60	24–36	90–110	2.00
Radish		April 15	1 oz	½–¾	15–18	1–2	25–30	0.50
Rhubarb		April 15	35 crowns	3–4	48–54	36	1 year	2.00
Rutabaga		June 15	⅛ oz	¾	24–30	6–8	100–110	3.00
Salsify		April 15	½ oz	½	18	2–3	120	0.75
Spinach		April 15	1 oz	½–¾	15–18	1–2	40–50	1.00
Squash, summer		May 20	½ oz	1–1½	48–60	24–36	50–60	2.00
Squash, fall	May 1	May 20 (plants)	34–50 plants	1–1½	72–84	24–36	90–120	2.00
Tomato	April 15	May 20 (plants)	34–60 plants		36–42	18–36	65–80	2.00–4.00
Turnip		April 15	¼ oz	½–¾	18–24	2–3	60–70	2.00
Watermelon		May 20	½ oz	1	96	96	75–90	2.00

^aPlant 1–2 weeks later along the lower lake shore and in the central part of state and 2–3 weeks later in northern counties.

^bCultivars vary greatly in time needed to reach harvest stage; extend the harvest season by planting cultivars of different maturity dates or by making successive plantings of the same cultivar.

^cEstimated yields under less than ideal growing conditions; actual yields will vary widely with weather, soil fertility and cultural practices.

^dTwo inches of soil covering at planting. Gradually fill trench 6–8 inches with soil as plants grow.

^eMay 25 for sugary enhancers and supersweets.

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