

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)	⅞ 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)	⅞ 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	⅜	24-36	4-6	110	1.10
Celery	March 15	May 20 (plants)	200 plants	⅜	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)	⅞ 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	⅓ 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	⅓ 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	⅞ 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.