

VEGETABLE PLANTING AND HARVESTING TIMES

The range of dates provided are the time periods in which you could sow seed or plant transplant and have success. Some crops can be planted in succession (every 2 weeks for example) within that time frame. Other crops are simply planted at some point within that time frame.

If you do not wish to start your own transplants indoors from seed, purchase and plant transplants from the garden center within the dates shown for "Transplant Seedlings Outdoors"

The harvest dates are approximate based on planting on the earliest date listed and extending to the latest possible date.

Crops that are not planted in succession will be harvested within that time frame, not for the entire time frame.

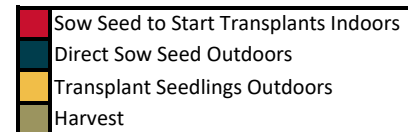
Crops planted in succession could have sustained harvest within that time period.

Dates listed are for Central Iowa.

Southern Iowa can shift the sowing, planting, and harvesting dates approximately one week earlier.

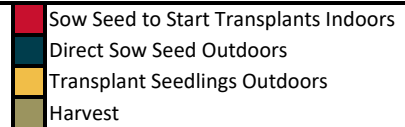
Northern Iowa can shift the dates approximately one week later.

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Crop	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Beans, Green/Snap/Wax/Pole			■	■	■	■	■	■	
Beans, Lima			■	■	■	■	■	■	
Beets (stagger plantings every 4 weeks)		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Bok Choi Spring & Fall Planting		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Broccoli Spring Planting	■	■	■	■	■	■			
Broccoli Fall Planting			■	■	■	■			
Brussels Sprouts			■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Cabbage Spring Planting	■	■	■	■	■	■			
Cabbage Fall Planting		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Cabbage, Chinese/Napa	■	■	■	■	■	■			
Cantaloupe Direct Sow			■	■	■	■	■	■	
Cantaloupe Transplants		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Carrots (stagger plantings every 3-4 weeks)		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Cauliflower Spring Planting	■	■	■	■	■	■			
Cauliflower Fall Planting			■	■	■	■	■	■	
Celeriac		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Collards Spring Planting Direct Sow		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Collards Spring Planting Transplants	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Collards Fall Planting Direct Sow					■	■	■	■	
Collards Fall Planting Transplants				■	■	■	■	■	

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Corn, Pop									
Corn, Sweet (<i>Stagger plantings every 2 weeks</i>)									
Cucumber									
Direct Sow									
Transplants									
Edamame									
Eggplant									
Garlic*									
From Cloves									
Kale									
Spring Planting									
Direct Sow									
Transplants									
Fall Planting									
Direct Sow									
Transplants									
Kohlrabi									
Spring Planting									
Direct Sow									
Transplants									
Fall Planting									
Direct Sow									
Transplants									
Leek									
Lettuce, Baby Leaf & Salad Mixes (<i>Stagger plantings every 3-4 weeks</i>)									
Lettuce, Head									
Spring & Fall Planting									
Melon, Honeydew									
Direct Sow									
Transplants									
Muskmelon									
Direct Sow									
Transplants									
Okra									
Direct Sow									
Transplants									
Onions, Dry									
From Plants									
Direct Sow									
From Sets									
Onions, Green & Scallions									
Spring & Fall Planting									
From Plants									
Direct Sow									
From Sets									
Parsnips **									
Peas									
Spring & Fall Planting									
Pepper									

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Potatoes	From Tuber Pieces		Harvest	Harvest			Harvest	Harvest		
Potatoes, New	From Tuber Pieces		Harvest	Harvest		Harvest				
Pumpkin	Direct Sow			Direct Sow	Direct Sow		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	
	Transplants		Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	
Radicchio/Escarole/Endive	Spring Planting	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors		Harvest				
	Fall Planting				Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors		Harvest	
Radish	Spring & Fall Planting <i>(stagger plantings every 7-10 days)</i>		Direct Sow	Direct Sow			Direct Sow	Direct Sow		
Radish, Winter/Diakon	Spring & Fall Planting		Direct Sow		Harvest		Direct Sow		Harvest	
Rutabaga					Direct Sow	Direct Sow			Harvest	Harvest
Salsify			Direct Sow	Direct Sow					Harvest	Harvest
Shallots	From Plants	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors			Harvest			
	Direct Sow	Direct Sow	Direct Sow				Harvest			
	From Sets		Transplant Seedlings Outdoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors			Harvest			
Spinach	Spring & Fall Planting		Direct Sow	Direct Sow			Direct Sow	Direct Sow	Harvest	Harvest
Squash, Summer	Direct Sow			Direct Sow	Direct Sow	Direct Sow	Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	
	Transplants		Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors	Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	
Squash, Winter	Direct Sow			Direct Sow	Direct Sow		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	
	Transplants		Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors	Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	
Sweet Potatoes	From Slips				Transplant Seedlings Outdoors			Harvest	Harvest	
Swiss Chard	Spring Planting	Direct Sow	Direct Sow	Direct Sow			Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	
		Transplants	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	
	Fall Planting	Direct Sow				Direct Sow	Direct Sow		Harvest	Harvest
		Transplants				Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors	Harvest	Harvest
Tomatillos/Ground Cherry/Husk Cherry		Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors			Harvest	Harvest		
Tomato		Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors			Harvest	Harvest		
Tomato, Cherry		Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest		
Turnips	Spring & Fall Planting		Direct Sow		Harvest		Direct Sow		Harvest	
Watermelon	Direct Sow			Direct Sow	Direct Sow		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	
	Transplants		Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Sow Seed to Start Transplants Indoors	Transplant Seedlings Outdoors		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	

* Plant garlic cloves in fall for harvest the following year
 ** Parsnips can also be overwintered in garden and dug as soon as ground is workable in March