

**Around The Farms**

By Mike Williams  
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**Rotate Vegetable Families In the Garden**

Start talking about crop rotation and immediately most people think that is something only corn, wheat, and tobacco farmers are supposed to do. In reality, crop rotation is just as beneficial to the home vegetable gardener as it is to the commercial farmer.

Successful gardeners understand the importance of a crop rotation plan in controlling insects and diseases. Most of the vegetables grown in the home garden will belong to twelve distinct families. Since most vegetables within a particular family are susceptible to the same insects and diseases, a good rotation scheme will disperse the food supply for insects and reduce the soil-dwelling fungi, bacteria, and viruses that might build up in the soil.

As a general rule, gardeners should try not to plant the same crop or closely related crops in the same location within the garden site more often than once every three years. For example, if last year's garden area is being used again this year, potatoes could be planted where the beans and peas were grown or where any other vegetable families were planted last growing season.

The success of a good crop rotation plan is dependent upon the home gardener faithfully keeping a record of where each vegetable is grown in the garden. Why not start a rotation plan this growing season? The end product will be fewer harvest problems through out the year.

The following are garden tasks that should be completed during the month of March:

- Plant seed of eggplant, tomato, and pepper for later transplants in
- Lime garden site if soil analysis recommends it.
- Organize materials to incorporate plant materials into the soil well in advance of planting to allow proper decomposition.
- Finish purchasing garden seed.
- Plant onion sets, green peas, leafy greens, broccoli, cauliflower, radish (first planting) and beets.

**— IRS —**

The first installment of 1983 estimated Federal income tax payments by individuals other than farmers and fishermen is due by April 15, 1983, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Generally, taxpayers who have estimated tax of \$300 or more and estimated gross income of more than \$500 that is not subject to withholding must file a Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals," the IRS said.

The Form 1040-ES package, containing instructions, a tax worksheet, and four payment vouchers, will be sent to those taxpayers who filed estimated tax last year. Also, 1040-ES forms are stocked at many local IRS offices.

The IRS also has a free reference publication, no. 505, "Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax," which provides information about paying estimated tax. The publication may be ordered on the handy order form in the tax package, or by calling the IRS toll-free forms number.

**Prayer Breakfast**

The Rose of Sharon Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday at 9:30 A.M. The meeting will be held in the private dining room of Gabby's Restaurant.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Margaret Solomon, Mrs. Solomon is a native of Trinidad. She and her husband Rev. Ray Solomon pastor The Lord Jesus Christ Center of Rocky Mount, N.C.

This is an interdenominational meeting. Everyone of all faiths are invited to attend. For reservations, please call Louise A. Wheeler if you live in the Edenton area. If you live in the Creswell area call Jean Crispian 797-4036. All reservations should be made no later than 5 P.M. Friday.

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