

Home Garden Vegetable Planting Guide

Seed or plants	Amount per person per year	Suggested varieties	Suggested planting dates ¹	Inches between plants	Planting depth (inches)	Approx. seeds per ounce	Days to maturity
Asparagus (crowns)	10	Mary Washington	Nov. 15-Mar. 15	15	6.0	—	2 years
Beans, snap	1/4 pound	Tenderette, Harvester, Astro, Roma (Flat)	Apr. 15-July 15	3	1.0	100	50-55
Beans, pole	1/4 pound	Kentucky Wonder 191, Dade, Blue Lake	April 15-July 1	6	1.0	100	65-70
Beans, bush lima	1/4 pound	Fordhook 242, Henderson Bush, Early Thorogreen	May 1-July 1	6	1.5	70 ³	65-80
Beans, pole lima	1/4 pound	King of the Garden, Sieva (small)	May 1-June 15	8	1.5	70 ³	75-95
Beet	1/4 packet	Ruby Queen, Early Wonder	Mar. 1-Apr. 1; July 15-Aug. 15	2	0.5	1,600	55-60
Broccoli ²	15 plants	DeCicco, Green Comet, Bravo	Mar. 1-15; July 15-Aug. 15	18	0.5	9,000	70-80
Brussel sprouts ²	1/2 packet	Long Island Improved, Jade Hybrid	July 1-15	20	0.5	9,000	90-100
Cabbage (plants) ²	25 plants	Round Dutch, Early Jersey Wakefield	Feb. 1-Apr. 1; Aug. 1-15	12	0.5	9,000	70-80
Cantaloupe	1/4 ounce	Classic, PMR 45, Burpee Hybrid, Ambrosia	Apr. 20-June 1	24	1.0	1,000	85-99
Cauliflower ²	25 plants	Early Snowball "A"	Mar. 1-15; July 1-Aug. 1	18	0.5	10,000	58-65
Carrot	1/4 packet	Danvers Half Long, Spartan Bonus	Feb. 15-Mar. 1; July 1-15	2	0.25	23,000	85-95
Collards ²	25 plants	Vates, Morris' Improved Heading	July 15-Aug. 15	18	0.5	8,000	60-100
Corn, sweet	1/4 pound	Silver Queen, Earliking, Seneca Chief, White Delight	April 15-June 1	12	1.5	150	85-90
Chinese cabbage	1/4 packet	Michihli, Hybrid G	Aug. 1-15	12	0.5	9,500	75-85
Cucumber, pickling	1/4 packet	Pixie, Chipper, Galaxy, Liberty (Mountains only)	Apr. 20-May 15	10	1.0	1,000	40-50
Cucumber, slicing	1/4 packet	Poinsett, Sweet Slice, Highmark II (mountains)	Apr. 20-May 15	10	1.0	1,000	40-50
Eggplant (plants) ²	2 plants	Florida Highbush, Special Hibush	May 1-30	24	0.5	6,000	80-85
Kale	1/4 ounce	Green Curled Scotch, Siberian, Vates	Mar. 1-Apr. 1; Aug. 1-Sept. 1	2	0.5	10,000	40-50
Kohlrabi	1/4 ounce	White Vienna	Mar. 1-Apr. 15; Aug. 1-Sept. 1	4	0.5	8,000	50-60
Lettuce, leaf	1/2 packet	Grand Rapids, Salad Bowl, Buttercrunch	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	10	0.25	25,000	70-85
Lettuce, head	15 plants	Great Lakes, Fulton, Fairton	Mar. 1-15	10	0.25	25,000	70-85
Mustard	1/4 ounce	Southern Giant Curled, Tendergreen	Mar. 1-Apr. 1; Aug. 1-Sept. 1	2	0.5	15,000	30-40
Onion (seed)	1/4 ounce	Yellow Danvers, San Joaquin	Sept. 1-30	4	0.5	9,500	130-150
Onion (sets or plants)	50	Ebenezer, Excell, Early Grano	Feb. 1-Mar. 15	4	—	—	60-80
Okra	1/4 packet	Clemson Spineless, Emerald	May 1-30	12	1.0	500	60-70
Peas, garden	1/4 pound	Wando, Green Arrow, Freezonian	Feb. 1-Mar. 1	2	1.0	200 ³	65-70
Peas, Southern	1/2 pound	Dixilee, Mississippi Silver, Colossus	May 1-July 1	4	1.0	125	55-65
Pepper, sweet (plants) ²	4 plants	California Wonder, Yolo Wonder, Pimento	May 1-30	15	0.5	4,500	75-80
Pepper, hot (plants) ²	2 plants	Red Chili, Cayenne, Hungarian Yellow Wax	May 1-30	15	0.5	4,500	75-80
Potato, Irish	10 pounds	Kennebec, Boone (mountains only), Pungo, Superior	Mar. 1-15	10	5.0	—	95-120
Potato, sweet ⁴	75 plants	Porto Rico 198, Centennial, Jewel	May 15-June 15	10	—	—	95-125
Pumpkin	1/4 packet	Big Jumbo, Howden's Field, Spookie (small)	May 1-30	48	1.5	110	115-120
Radish	1/4 packet	Early Scarlet Globe, Cherry Belle	Feb. 1-Apr. 15; Aug. 1-Sept. 1	1	0.5	2,000	25-30
Rutabaga	1/4 packet	American Purple Top, Laurentian	Feb. 1-Apr. 1; July 1-Aug. 1	4	0.5	12,000	70-80
Spinach	1/4 packet	Hybrid 7, Dark Green Bloomsdale	Feb. 15-Mar. 15; Aug. 1-15	6	0.5	2,800	50-60
Squash, summer	1/4 packet	Seneca Prolific (yellow), Zucchini Elite (green)	Apr. 15-May 15	24	1.5	300	50-60
Swiss chard	1/4 packet	Lucullus	Mar. 15-May 1	6	0.5	1,800	60-70
Tomato (plants) ²	15 plants	Big Seven, Manapal, Marion, Better Boy	Apr. 20-July 15	18	0.5	10,000	75-85
Turnip	1/4 ounce	Purple Top White Globe, Just Right	Feb. 1-Apr. 15; Aug. 1-30	2	0.5	13,000	55-60
Watermelon	1/2 ounce	Congo, Sweet Princess, Petite Sweet (small)	Apr. 15-June 1	36	1.5	250 ³	90-100

¹ Dates shown are for upper Coastal Plains and Lower Piedmont. In western North Carolina delay planting 10-20 days in spring and plant 10 to 20 days earlier in the fall. In eastern North Carolina plant 7 to 14 days earlier in spring and 7 to 14 days later in the fall.
² Seeding depths and soil temperature are given for gardeners who wish to grow their own plants.
³ Where bacterial (Granville) wilt is a problem choose Saturn or Venus varieties. Both varieties have high resistance to the disease.
⁴ At this temperature germination and emergence should be rapid. Planting at lower soil temperature would significantly delay emergence.
⁵ Size of these seeds varies widely with variety.
⁶ Set plants at least 50 percent of their length below ground.

Extension Service Prepares Planting Guide

A home garden vegetable planting guide has been prepared by N. C. Agricultural Extension Service horticulturists as an aid to seed selection and planting. Which variety of sweet corn may be the best for Tar Heel growing conditions? Experi-

ments with the many varieties that are available suggest that four of the best are Silver Queen, Earliking, Seneca Chief and White Delight. The best time to plant southern peas? May 1 to July 1 is the most desirable planting time in the upper Coastal Plain

and lower Piedmont. Start slightly later in the Western sections and a little earlier near the coastal region. It will take about 70 to 80 days for your cabbage plants to mature, but you can be eating radishes out of your garden only 25 to 30 days after

planting. Set tomato plants about 18 inches apart in the row, and space onion seeds or sets about four inches apart. Cover asparagus crowns about six inches deep when starting this crop, but carrot

seeds should just barely be covered with about a quarter of an inch of soil.

This is the kind of information the North Carolina State University specialists put together each year to aid Tar Heel gardeners.

Garden Tips

For the many gardeners in Forsyth County that have taken their soil sample and those that plan to, you will want to clip this article and keep it beside your hoe or somewhere near your gardening tools. I am very pleased to see you taking a soil sample for your lawn and gardens. Now, what I would like to do is interpret your report.

The printed information in the green shaded area is the results of what your soil was like when you took the sample. The VW reading is the weight of the sample in volume. This is not as important to you as it is to the lab technician or other report readings.

So, let's move to your (P) phosphorous and (k) potassium levels. The scale of 1-100 can be compared exactly to the grading scale of a test or examination. If your reading is 50, this is not too good. If it is 70, it's passing. But if it is 100 or 100 plus, this is fantastic. You are doing great! The reason for not having a nitrogen reading is because our lab is not equipped to run nitrogen tests.

These three elements (N, P, K) are absolutely essential for your corn to tassel, beans to pod and your garden to produce the food you want.

The remainder of the elements, which we call the secondary elements are important but not as much as the "essential three." The (O.M) organic matter is on a scale of 1-10. This tells you when you should keep adding back to the soil materials such as leaves, sawdust, (old) manure, etc. When you reach the scale of 10, you are doing fine again, but this does not mean to stop adding back to Mother earth.

Now, let's talk a little about pH. Erase from your mind the letters pH and replace it with sour and sweet. If your reading is below 6.9, it is sour. If it is 7.1 or above, it is sweet. If it is 7.0, you guessed it, it is neutral. Now what about it?

Well, if you are told to use lime, which is written in the form of pounds per thousand square feet, (M) your soil is too sour. If they do not suggest any at all, you are just right on your sour and sweetness. The fertilizer is also given in the form of pounds per thousand square feet.

If they tell you to use 5-10-5, 10-10-10, or 0-14-14 and you are unable to find it, don't get frustrated. Use what you can find as closely related as possible in the amounts they prescribed. And by all means, keep your sheets for a record and look at this season's gardens and laws as the most luscious ever.

Do Your Fruit Trees Set Fruit?

Lack of sunlight and rapid growth are the usual answer for this happening. The remedy is to give them more light if possible and hold back on the n

nitrogen. (Remember, it's the first number on the fertilizer bag.) Instead, apply phosphorus and potash, especially phosphorus.

Poor pollination and lack of a mate for hollies, nandinas, grapes, and other plants are also reasons for not having fruit and berries.

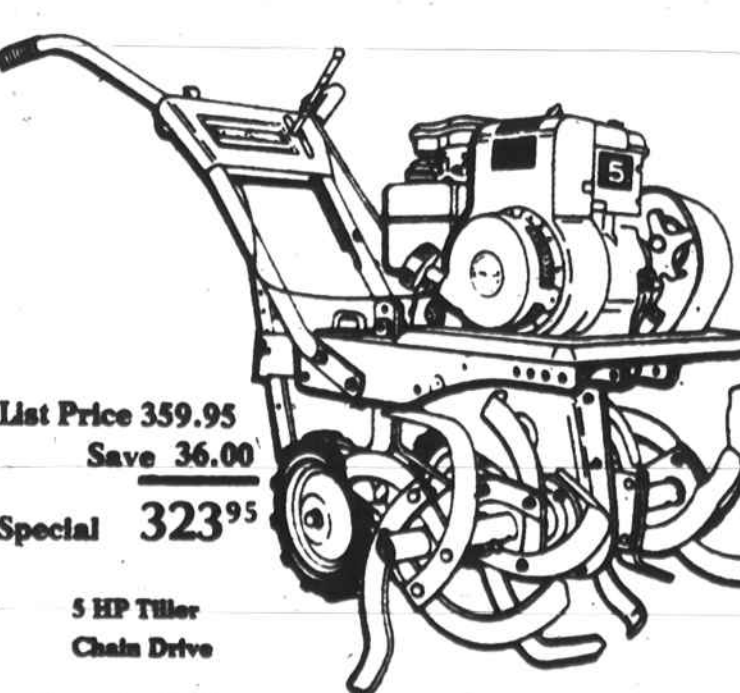
Starter Solutions for Transplants

Did you know that you can make your own kick-off solution for transplants? Well, just do as follows: dissolve one-pound of 8-8-8 or 5-10-10 fertilizer (or any other similar one) in 10 gallons of water (3-4 tablespoons in one gallon) and use about one cup per plant. Put the fertilizer in a jar and shake it until as much of it as possible has dissolved.

You can now give those young tender plants that extra push when they are transplanted into your garden.

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