

Successful gardening depends as much on planning as on planting

If you are considering planting a vegetable garden this year, remember that a successful garden depends as much on planning as on planting.

Extension horticultural specialists at North Carolina State University offer these suggestions on planning your vegetable garden.

If space is limited, plant vegetables that will be highly productive. Examples are broccoli, leaf lettuce, onions, turnips, beets, radishes, tomatoes, peppers, bush beans, bush squash and eggplants. Save space by growing vine

crops such as cucumbers and cantaloupes on wire trellises or fences.

Plant each vegetable during its ideal planting time for optimum production. Check with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service office in your county for suggested planting dates in your area.

Plant tall vegetables like okra, sweet corn and pole beans on the north side of the garden to keep them from blocking sunlight from other vegetables.

If the garden site is partially shaded, plant leafy

vegetables like lettuce, spinach, turnips, cabbage and beets. These can grow with less sunlight than other crops.

Group perennial vegetables like asparagus, multiplying onions, garlic and horseradish on one side of the garden so they will not be disturbed during the cultivation of annual vegetables.

Group tomatoes, okra and eggplants together if they are to be carried over into the fall garden. They will not be disturbed when cultivating the fall garden. They will be easier to protect from the first frosts if they are

together in one part of the garden.

Make successive plantings of sweet corn, beans, radishes and spinach at two to three-week intervals.

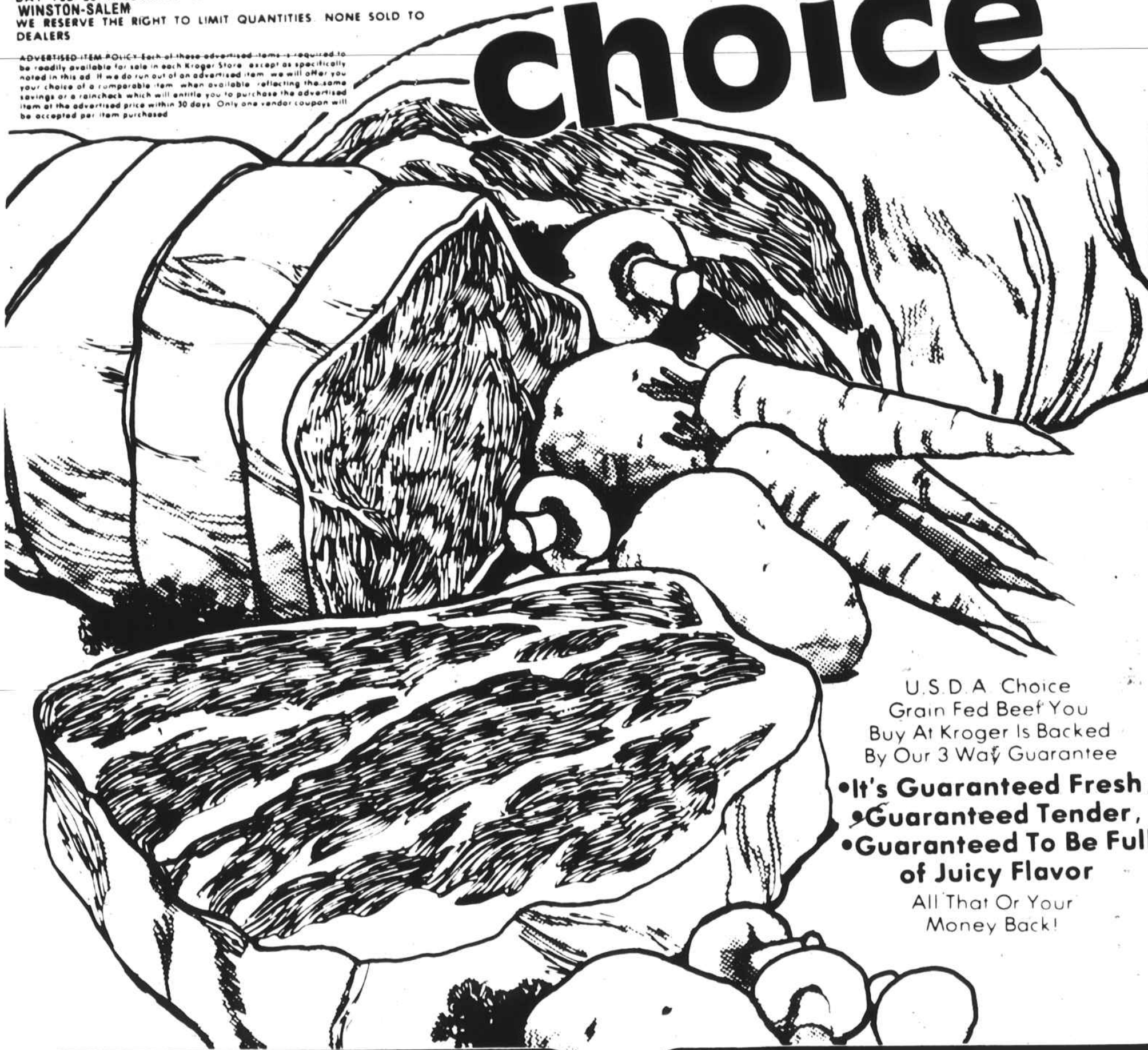
Make a chart of the area to be planted. The chart will help you make deadlines that might be put off until tomorrow, put off until next week, or missed altogether. The chart will contain information such as the kind of vegetables to be planted, the distance between rows and plants, the amount of fertilizer to use, and the planting dates.



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