

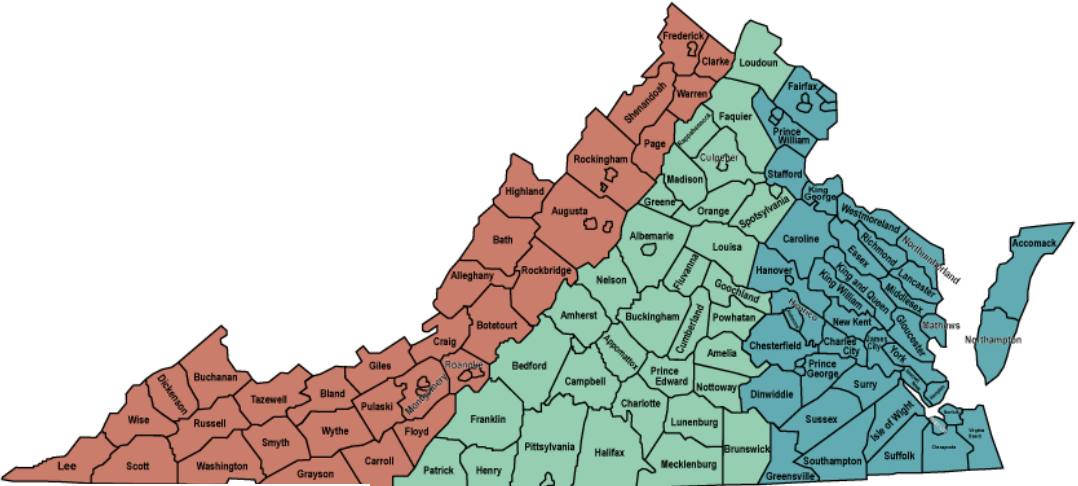
Sustainable and Urban Agriculture Series **Fact Sheet 11-03**

Planting Calendar for Vegetable Gardeners in Virginia

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Introduction

It is very important for vegetable gardeners to make use of the planting calendar to determine what and when to plant. Gardening calendars also help in planning for the produce harvest. Planting vegetable seeds or transplants at the right time leads to maximum yield, thereby giving gardeners maximum benefits. Depending on what part of Virginia the garden is located, the optimal time of planting will vary, since plant growth is dependent on local climate. For this factsheet, three regions have been delineated; Mountain, Piedmont, and Coastal Plain, that generally have different soils, elevation, hydrology and climate.



Mountains Inland Plains (Piedmont) Coastal Plains

Virginia Regions. Source: Department of Conservation and Recreation (2014)

Vegetables planting should be matched with the planting calendar. This factsheet is based on the planting calendar developed by the Virginia Master Gardeners.

LOCATION KEY: Coastal ——— Inland Plains ——— Mountains ——— Not recommended = --NR--

PLANTING KEY: S = Direct sow TP = Transplant B = Bulb, tuber or slip planting date

MONTH: WFFK*		FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
		1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3
Asparagus	S										
Beans, bush	S										
Beans, pole	S										
Beans, Lima	S										
Beets	S										
Broccoli	S										
	TP										
Brussels Sprouts	S										
	TP										
Cabbage	S										
	TP										
Cabbage Chinese	S										
Carrots	S										
Cauliflower	S										
	TP										
Collards	S										
Corn, Sweet	S										
Cucumbers	S										
Eggplant	TP										
Endive	S										
Garlic	B										
Kale	S										
Kohlrabi	S										
MONTH: WEEK:		FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
		1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3

MONTH: WFFK*		FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
		1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3
Lettuce, Bibb	S										
Lettuce, Leaf	S										
Muskmelon	S										
Mustard	S										
Okra	S										
Onions	S										
Onion, Multinlier	B										
Peas	S										
Peas, Southern	S										
Peppers	S										
Potatoes	S										
Pumpkins	S										
Radish	S										
Rutabaga	S										
Spinach	S										
Squash, Summer	S										
Squash, Winter	S										
Sunflower	S										
Sweet Potato	B										
Swiss Chard	S										
Tomatoes	TP										
Turnips	S										
Watermelon	S										
MONTH: WEEK:		FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
		1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3	1 3 1 3

Source: Saving Our Seeds (2014).

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