



Year-Round Food Gardening in Sonoma County

Vegetable	Planting Window	Cool/Warm Direct/Trans	Final Spacing	Days to Maturity	Harvest
ASPARAGUS, crowns (roots)	Jan-Mar	T	12 in	2-4 years	Harvest 2 years from planting crowns/roots
PEAS	Jan-Apr	C, D	2-4 in	60-80	Pick pods regularly to prolong harvest
ONIONS, bulb	Jan-May	C,D/T	4-5 in	90-150	After tops yellow and fall over
ARUGULA	Feb-Mar	C, D/T	6 in	30-40	Cut young leaves well before they flower
BOK-CHOY	Feb-Mar	C, D/T	6-12 in	40-60	Cut outer leaves when heads are 10-12ö tall
SPINACH	Feb-Mar	C, D/T	3-4 in	40-50	Cut outer leaves or whole plant
TURNIPS	Feb-Mar	C, D	2-6 in	45-75	Start pulling when 2 ö 3ö
RADISHES	Feb-Apr	C, D	1 in	20-60	Harvest as early as 3 weeks from sowing
POTATOES (<u>not</u> sweet)	Feb-May	C, D	12-18 in	90-120	Dig after flowering when tops die down
LEEKs	Feb-Jul	C, T	2-4 in	120-150	When stems are 1/2 to 2ö wide
SWISS CHARD	Feb-Aug	C, D/T	12 in	60-80	Cut outer leaves when plant is 12-18ö
LETTUCE öHEAD & LEAF	Feb-Oct	C, D/T	4-12 in	50-60	Cut young outer leaves or whole plant
CILANTRO/CORIANDER	Feb - Oct	C, D/T	18 in		
BROCCOLI	Mar-Apr	C, T	18-24 in	60-80	Cut central head with tight buds
CABBAGE	Mar-Apr	C, T	24-30 in	65-120	When firm and before head splits
CAULIFLOWER	Mar-Apr	C, T	18-24 in	80-110	When heads are full size
KOHLRABI	Mar-Apr	C, D	4-6 in	50-70	When bulb is 2-3ö wide
BEETS	Mar-Aug	C, D	3 in	55-70	When bulb is 1-3ö wide
CARROTS	Mar-Sep	C, D	2 in	120-150	When roots are 1ö in diameter
ONION, bunching	Mar-Oct	C, D/T	12 in	70-80	When tops are 12-18ö tall
KALE	Mar-Nov	C, D/T	18-36 in	65-75	Cut outside leaves or whole plant
ASPARAGUS (seedlings)	Apr-Jun	C, T	12 in	3-4 yrs	Cut 5- to 8-inch spears; cut lightly third yr
CELERIAC	Apr-Jun	C, T	6-8 in	150-160	Dig when roots are 3ö wide
OKRA	Apr-Jun	W, T	12-18 in	70-80	When 2 ½ - 3 ö long
PEPPERS	Apr-Jun	W+, T	18-24 in	65-85	Can be picked green or wait for color
PUMPKINS	Apr-Jun	W, D/T	48-96 in	100-120	When shell has hardened
TOMATILLOS	Apr-Jun	W, T	10 in	70-80	When fruit is green and 1-2ö wide
TOMATOES	Apr-Jun	W+, T	18-36 in	50-90	When fruit is fully ripe and colored
CORN, SWEET	Apr-Jul	W, D	12 in	65-100	3 weeks after silks appear
CUCUMBERS	Apr-Jul	W+, D/T	12-36 in	50-75	Pick when ripe to prolong harvest
SQUASH, SUMMER	Apr-Jul	W, D/T	25-60 in	50-60	When small and tender
EGGPLANT	May	W+, T	18 in	60-80	When some color develops
MELONS	May-Jun	W+, D/T	12 in	85-120	Ripeness depends on type
PARSNIPS	May-Jun	C, D	3 in	90-120	Harvest when mature; before flowering
SQUASH, WINTER	May-Jun	W, D/T	24-48 in	80-120	Shell should be completely hardened
BEAN, POLE & BUSH	May-Jul	W, D	1-3 in	48-70	Pick pods when mature to prolong harvest
ARTICHOKES	May-Sep	C, D/T	24-48 in	130-190	Cut tight, plump buds next spring

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CARDOON	May-Sep	C, T	24-48 in	180	Cut whole plant below soil in fall
CELERY	Jun-Jul	C, T	6 in	90-170	Harvest outer stalks or whole plant
BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Jul-Aug	C, T	24 in	100-150	Pick 1- to 2-in sprouts before leaves yellow
CABBAGE	Jul-Aug	C, T	24-30 in	65-120	When firm and before head splits
BROCCOLI	Jul-Sep	C, T	18-24 in	90-110	Cut central head with tight buds
CHINESE CABBAGE	Jul-Sep	C, D/T	12-18 in	70-85	Whole heads when firm and well-formed
GREENS, ASSORTED	Jul-Oct	C, D	2-6 in	35-45	Harvest varies by crop, before flowering
SPINACH	Jul-Oct	C, D/T	3-4 in	40-50	Cut outer leaves or whole plant
RUTABAGAS	Aug	C, D	6 in	90	When roots are 2-3ö in diameter
CAULIFLOWER	Aug-Sep	C, T	18-24 in	80-110	When heads are full size
CHICORY & RADICCHIO	Aug-Sep	C, D	12 in	80-90	Harvest small leaves in 40-50 days
ENDIVE & ESCAROLE	Aug-Sep	C, D	8-10 in	60-80	Harvest leaves; overwinters well
KOHLRABI	Aug-Sep	C, D	4-6 in	60-70	When bulb is 2-3ö wide
ONIONS, bulb	Aug-Sep	C, D/T	4-5 in	90-150	After tops yellow and fall over
RADISHES, Daikon & winter	Aug-Sep	C, D	4-8 in	50-70	Harvest roots about 2ö in diameter
TURNIPS	Aug-Sep	C, D	2-6 in	30-55	Start pulling after 75 days
BOK CHOY	Aug-Oct	C, D/T	6-12 in	30-60	When heads are 10-12ö tall
PEAS	Aug-Oct	C, D	2-4 in	60-80	Pick pods regularly to prolong harvest
CORN SALAD (MACHE)	Sept-Oct	C, D	2 in	80	Harvest leaves; overwinters well
RADISHES	Sep-Oct	C, D	1 in	20-60	Harvest as early as 3 weeks from sowing
GARLIC	Oct-Nov	C, D	3 in	120-185	Harvest end of June; stop water last month
RHUBARB	Dec-Mar	C, D/T	36 in	-	Harvest 1 yr from roots or 3 yrs from seed

C = cool season crops that grow best in soil temps of 60-65 degrees and air temps of 55-75 degrees.

W = warm season crops that grow best in soil temps of 65-80 degrees and air temps of 65-95 degrees and little cooling at night

W+ = warm season crops that need extra protection to keep them warm if planted early in season.

D = seed is usually sown directly in the garden

T = crops are usually planted from transplants

D/T = seeds can be planted directly into soil or transplants can be used

Planting dates are approximate; weather patterns, microclimate and other growing conditions must be considered when direct seeding and transplanting.

For crops that are normally direct seeded like carrots, peas, beans, start "Days to Maturity" at time seed is sown.

For crops that are normally transplanted, like eggplants, peppers, tomatoes, start "Days to Maturity" at time the seedling is planted.

Use "Days to Maturity" for succession planning.

The actual number of days between planting and harvesting depends on the variety and your microclimate in that year. Vegetables planted in fall may take much longer to mature since the fall and winter growing season is so cool.

For more information, refer to the Sonoma County "[Vegetable Planting Summary](#)" and individual crop articles on the Sonoma County Master Gardener [website](#).

For help with your garden problems, call the Master Gardener hotline at 565-2608 or visit the Master Gardener information desk in the University of California Cooperative Extension office (133 Aviation Blvd., #109, Santa Rosa), or ask a Master Gardener at your local farmers market or the Sonoma County Fair or other event. See our website at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/scmg/> for additional publications.

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