

Seed Starting & Planting Chart

Plant	Start Indoors	Germination Period	Direct Sow (spring and fall dates if applicable for fall crops)	My Sow Date (my last frost date _____ My first frost date _____)
Basil	4-8 weeks, plant outside 2-3 weeks after last frost	5-10 days	2-4 weeks after last frost	
Beans, bush, pole and shelled	You can start indoors on the last frost date but beans don't like their roots messed with and I prefer to direct sow	6-18 days	3 to 4 weeks after last frost	
Beets	3 weeks before last frost, plant outside on last frost date	5-21 days	2 to 4 weeks before last frost and sow up to 8 weeks before first frost in fall	

Broccoli	7 weeks before last frost, plant outside 2 weeks before last frost	4–20 days	2 weeks before last frost, 10 to 12 weeks before first frost in fall	
Brussels sprouts	2–3 weeks before last frost, plant outside 2 weeks after last frost	5–15 days	2 weeks after last frost, can direct sow 10 weeks before first frost in fall	
Cabbage	6 weeks before last frost, plant outside 2 weeks before last frost	4–20 days	2 weeks before last frost, 6 to 8 weeks before first frost in fall	
Carrot		7 – 21 days	2 – 4 weeks before last frost, 8 to 12 weeks before first frost in fall	
Cauliflower	8–10 weeks before last frost, plant outside 4 weeks before last frost	4–10 days	2 weeks before last frost	

	Fall crop start 12 – 14 weeks before first frost, plant outside 8 weeks before first fall frost			
Chard	4 weeks before last frost, plant outside last frost date	5-21 days	Last frost date, 10 to 12 weeks before first frost date in fall	
Cilantro/ Coriander	4–8 weeks before last frost, plant outside right at last frost	5–10 days	2 weeks before last frost , 6 – 8 weeks before first frost in fall	
Corn	Best direct sown	3 – 10 days	2 weeks after last frost	

Cucumber (see Summer Squash)				
Dill	Best direct sown	2–3 weeks	4 weeks after last frost or when soil temp is 60 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer	
Garlic			Plant cloves in ground between 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after first frost in fall for summer harvest, mild winter climates can plant bulbs 8 to 10 weeks before first frost in spring for late summer harvest if ground isn't frozen	

Kale	3 to 6 weeks before last frost, plant outdoors 2 -3 weeks before last frost	4-9 days	2 -4 weeks before last frost, 6 to 8 weeks before first frost in fall	
Lettuce	6-8 weeks before last frost, plant outdoors 3 to 4 weeks before last frost	2-15 days	2-4 weeks before last frost and 6-8 weeks before first frost in fall	
Marjoram	2-3 weeks; plant outside after all danger of frost has past	8-10 weeks	1 week after last frost	
Melon	Last frost date, plant outdoors 4 weeks after last frost	4-10 days	4 weeks after last frost	

Okra	6 – 4 weeks before last frost, plant outside 4 weeks after last frost	5 – 12 days	4 weeks after last frost	
Onion	10–16 weeks before last frost	7–28 days	bulbs 6 weeks before or 4 weeks after last frost	
Parsnip		10 – 21 days	2 weeks before last frost through 12 weeks before first frost in fall	
Pea	8 weeks before last frost, plant out 4 weeks before last frost	6–17 days	4–6 weeks before last frost through 12 weeks before first frost in fall	
Pepper	4–8 weeks before last frost (in cooler climates I recommend 8 weeks)	Hot, 14–28 days Sweet, 7–14 days	Put seedlings out 3– 4 weeks after last frost	

Potato			2- 4 weeks before last frost in spring	
Radish		3 – 10 days	2 – 4 weeks before last frost in spring through 8 weeks before first frost in fall	
Spinach	8 – 6 weeks before last frost, plant out 4 weeks before last frost	5 – 21 days	6 weeks before last frost in spring through 6 weeks before first frost in fall	
Squash, Summer and Winter	2 weeks before last frost	3–10 days	2–4 weeks after last frost	
Summer Savory	6–8 weeks; plant outdoors after all danger of frost has passed	2–3 weeks	1 week after last frost	Summer Savory

Sweet Potato			3 - 4 weeks after last frost in spring	
Tomato	2-8 weeks before last frost (8 to 10 weeks for cold climates)	5-14 days		
Turnip		5 - 10 days	2 - 4 weeks before last frost, 4 weeks before first frost in fall	