

Calendar Key:

Planting Method:

D= Direct Seed
 S= Seed indoors for transplanting later
 T= Transplant

Color Code:

Overall Good Planting Time
 Risky Planting Time
 Needs Frost Protection
 Needs Shade Cloth



	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July
Arugula	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	
Basil	ST	T					S	DT	DT	DT		
Beans	D	D						D	D	D		
Beets		D	D				D	D				
Bok Choy	SD	SDT	SDT					SDT	SDT			
Broccoli	S	ST	T	T			S	T				
Cabbage	S	ST	T	T		S	T	T				
Carrots	D	D	D	D	D		D	D				
Chard		SD	SDT	SDT			S	DT	T			
Collards	S	SDT	DT	DT		S	DT	DT				
Corn								D	D			D
Cucumbers							S	SDT	DT			
Eggplant							S	T	T	T		
Garlic			D	D								
Kale	S	SDT	DT	T								
Lettuce	S	ST	SDT	SDT	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	T		
Melons							S	DT	DT			
Mustards		D	D	D								
Okra							S	SDT	SDT	DT	DT	DT
Onions	S	S	DT	T								
Peas (field)	D										D	D
Peas (English)		D			D	D	D					
Peppers						S	S	T	T	T	T	
Potatoes							D					
Spinach		ST	SDT	SDT	SDT	ST	ST	ST				
Strawberries			T	T								
Summer squash								SDT	DT			
Sweet Potatoes									T	T	T	
Tomatoes	T					S	T	T				S
Turnips		D	D	D			D	D				
Winter Squash								SDT	SDT	DT	DT	



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Planting Dates for North Florida

By Katie Harris of Full Earth Farm

Finding accurate vegetable and fruit planting information for our region can be challenging. Most gardening publications are geared for places with real winters and thus much shorter growing seasons. Here we are privileged to be able to plant food crops year-round. This doesn't, however, mean we can plant anything anytime of the year. Timing helps us plant with the appropriate seasons as well as when certain bugs are least active. For all gardens, but especially organic ones,

timing is everything.

Terms to Know

Direct Seed: Putting seeds directly into the soil where they will be grown to maturity.

Transplant: Putting established plants, which were started from seed in flats or pots, into the ground where they will be grown to maturity.

Frost Cloth: A thin cloth used to cover plants during a freeze to slow the thaw and protect the plants. (sold at local nurseries)

Shade Cloth: Netting used to cover plants in the summer, often over hoops, to create a cooler growing environment.

Risky Planting Times

When looking at the planting calendar you will notice some blocks that are orange, indicating they are "risky" planting times. This is because there are many different factors that determine whether or not a crop succeeds, and it is more difficult to succeed in certain times of year than others. Whether your growing space is on a hilltop or in a lowland effects temperature. Tree cover also plays a role. For example, planting in a pine grove can provide season extensions protecting from both frost and excessive heat, while full sun will leave crops exposed but provide more daylight. Every growing space has pros and cons that change the equation for what crops to grow when. And then there are bugs. Some gardens get pests earlier than others in practically the same location. The planting times labeled "risky" represent times when your crop may or may not



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