

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
Garden Planting Calendar for Annual Vegetables, Fruits, and Herbs in North Carolina

Fruit, Herb, or Vegetable	Days to Harvest (from seed unless otherwise noted)	Distance Between Plants	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
			1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15
			Artichokes, globe	T = 1 year	30 in																					
Artichokes, Jerusalem (Best grown in a pot because plants can spread aggressively.)	Tu = 6 – 8 months	9 – 12 in																								
Arugula	40 – 50	6 – 9 in																								
Asparagus	C = 2 years	18 in																								
Basil	T = 14 – 35 S = 50 – 75	2 – 8 in																								
Beans, lima/bush	65 – 80	6 in																								
Beans, lima/pole	75 – 95	6 in																								

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Beans, snap/bush	50 – 55	2 in																									
Beans, snap/pole	65 – 70	6 in																									
Beets	55 – 60	2 in																									
Broccoli	T = 70 – 80	18 in																									
Brussels sprouts	T = 40 – 50 S = 90 – 100*	14 – 18 in																									
Cabbage	T = 63 – 75 S = 90 – 120*	12 in																									
Cabbage, Chinese	T = 45 – 55 S = 75 – 85	12 in																									
Carrots	75 – 80	2 in																									

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			Cauliflower	T = 55 – 65 S = 85 – 95	18 in																					
Celery	T = 60 – 70 S = 120 – 150*	6 – 8 in																								
Chard, Swiss	T = 32 – 42 S = 60 – 70	6 in																								
Cilantro	50 – 55	2 – 4 in																								
Collard greens	T = 32 – 72 S = 60 – 100	18 in																								
Corn, sweet	85 – 90	12 in																								
Cucumbers	T = 28 – 37 S = 56 – 65	12 in																								
Dill	40 – 55	2 – 4 in																								

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			Eggplant	T = 90 – 95 S = 150 – 155*	24 in																					
Florence fennel	60 – 90	6 – 12 in																								
Garlic	B = 180 – 210	4 – 6 in																								
Kale	T = 14 – 22 S = 40 – 50	6 in																								
Kohlrabi	T = 22 – 32 S = 50 – 60	4 in																								
Leek	T = 50 – 80 S = 120 – 150	4 in																								
Lettuce, head	T = 45 – 60 S = 70 – 85	10 in																								
Lettuce, leaf	T = 15 – 25 S = 40 – 50	6 in																								

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Melons, cantaloupe	T = 57 – 62 S = 85 – 90	24 in																										
Melons, watermelon	T = 62 – 72 S = 90 – 100	60 in																										
Mustard	30 – 40	2 in																										
Okra	T = 18 – 28 S = 60 – 70	12 in																										
Onions, bulb	B = 75 – 105 S = 90 – 120	4 in																										
Onions, green	T = 42 – 50 S = 60 – 70	1 – 2 in																										
Pac choi, bok choy	T = 30 – 75 S = 45 – 90*	7 – 12 in																										
Parsley	T = 33 S = 75	9 – 12 in																										

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			Parsnips	100 – 130	3 – 4 in																					
Peanuts	145 – 160	6 – 8 in																								
Peas, dwarf/bush	54 – 60	4 in																								
Peas, vining	54 – 72	2 – 3 in																								
Peas, field/southern	55 – 65	4 in																								
Peppers	T = 75 – 80 S = 145 – 150*	18 in																								
Potatoes, Irish	Tu = 95 – 120	10 in																								
Potatoes, sweet	T = 95 – 125	10 in																								

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			Pumpkin	115 – 120	48 in																					
Radishes	20 – 25	1 in																								
Rutabaga	70 – 80	4 in																								
Spinach	50 – 60	6 in																								
Squash, summer	T = 30 – 40 S = 50 – 60	24 in																								
Squash, winter	T = 42 – 67 S = 70 – 95	36 in																								
Sunflower	55 – 110	9 – 24 in																								
Tomatoes	T = 75 – 85 S = 125 – 135*	18 in																								

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			Turnips	55 – 60	2 in																					

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