

Garden Calendar

Note: this is a work-in-progress, which I keep revising each year. It is also tuned to my location: southern Bruce County, Ontario, which is about climate zone 4 or 5. Adjust to your local conditions. Dates are approximate; for example, we often spend much of the first half of May planting potatoes, and 6-8 weeks in the fall harvesting dry beans.

KEY: **i** start indoors **p** plant [outdoors] **t** transplant **h** harvest

Late February-early March	<i>Prune fruit trees, grapes, raspberries, coppice & pollard</i>	
Mar. 10	i peppers, onions	
Mar. 15	i leeks	
April 1	i tomatoes, tomatillos, ground cherries	
Apr. 15	t 2 nd -year biennials [for seed production]	<i>Graft apples</i>
20s of April	p peas, spring wheat, barley, oats	
	p lettuce, mustard greens, radishes, spinach	<i>Chit potatoes</i>
	p oilseed poppies, favas, flax, lentils	
	p snow peas every 10 days	
	p turnips, onion sets, parsnips, scorzonera, salsify	
May 1	i cucumbers, melons, watermelon, sorghum	<i>Transplant trees</i>
	p chickpeas, safflower	<i>Trellis peas</i>
	p grasspeas	
May 4	p potatoes (<i>when dandelions bloom</i>)	
	p beets, chard (<i>when daffodils bloom</i>)	
May 10	t leeks	
	p nuts	
May 15	i kale, winter kohlrabi, basil	
	p corn	
May 20	p runner beans, parsley	
	p kale, kohlrabi	
	p squash, pumpkins, zucchini, sunflowers	
May 25 -----	<i>Average frost-free date -----</i>	
Late 20s of May	t tomatoes, peppers, tomatillos, ground cherries	
	p Ethiopian kale	
	p peanuts	
June 1	t cucumbers, melons, watermelons	

	p amaranth nursery beds [if transplanting]	
	p beans	
	p sorghum (or t)	
June 5	p cowpeas, soybeans	<i>Stake 2nd-year brassicas</i>
		<i>Thin poppies</i>
June 10	p cornfield beans	h spring greens
June 15	t kale, kohlrabi	<i>Hill potatoes</i>
	p rutabaga	
June 20	t amaranth	<i>Cucumber beetles, squash bugs</i>
	p carrots	h lambsquarters
	<i>1st cut hay</i>	<i>Trellis beans, tomatoes</i>
		<i>Control weeds, mulch everything</i>
July 1		h snow peas
10s of July		h turnip seed
20s of July	<i>Corn at 50% silking</i>	
		h garlic h biennial seed
		h dry peas, fall grains
August 1-10	h <i>Harvest apples</i>	<i>Prune watersprouts on apples</i>
	p fall greens, turnips, winter radishes	
	<i>2nd cut hay</i>	
		h grasspeas, lentils, chickpeas
20s of August		h green beans, tomatoes, zucchini
		h late dry peas, favas
Aug. 30		<i>Terminate potato tops*</i>
Early September		h oilseed poppies
		h early dry beans
Sept. 15		h potatoes
Sept. 20	p winter wheat, spelt	
		h squash
	h final round of tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, green beans, shelly beans	
Sept. 25 -----	Average first frost -----	
		h amaranth, peanuts, soybeans
	h <i>Apples</i>	h corn, most dry beans, sorghum, foxtail millet
Mid October		h beets, fall greens

	p rye
Late October	h kohlrabi, horseradish
	<i>Freeze</i>
Early November	h turnips, winter radish, rutabaga, carrots, last kale
<i>Winter thaws</i>	h Jerusalem artichoke, parsnips

**We sickle and compost our potato plants at least 2 weeks before harvest to control late blight.*