



Spring Sowing & Planting Dates

Vegetables

from http://www.johnnyseeds.com/e-pdgseedstart.aspx?source=W_InteractiveTools_122014

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Crop: Sorted by when to start	Number of weeks to start seeds before setting-out date	When To start inside		Safe time to set out plants (relative to frost-free date)	Setting-out date	
		From	To		From	To
Onions	8 to 10	2-Feb	16-Feb	4 weeks before	12-Apr	
Parsley	9 to 10	9-Feb	23-Feb	2 to 3 weeks before	19-Apr	26-Apr
Leeks	8 to 10	16-Feb	1-Mar	2 weeks before	26-Apr	
Peas*	3 to 4	16-Feb	8-Mar	6 to 8 weeks before	15-Mar	29-Mar
Corn salad/mache	4 to 6	16-Feb	22-Mar	3 to 6 weeks before	29-Mar	19-Apr
Spinach	4 to 6	16-Feb	22-Mar	3 to 6 weeks before	29-Mar	19-Apr
Celery & celeriac	10 to 12	23-Feb	8-Mar	1 week after	17-May	
Collards	4 to 6	1-Mar	15-Mar	4 weeks before	12-Apr	
Kale	4 to 6	1-Mar	15-Mar	4 weeks before	12-Apr	
Kohlrabi*	4 to 6	1-Mar	15-Mar	4 weeks before	12-Apr	
Mustard*	4 to 6	1-Mar	15-Mar	4 weeks before	12-Apr	
Cabbage	4 to 6	1-Mar	12-Apr	4 weeks before	12-Apr	10-May
Lettuce	4 to 5	8-Mar	22-Mar	3 to 4 weeks before	12-Apr	19-Apr
Beets*	4 to 6	15-Mar	29-Mar	2 weeks before	26-Apr	
Broccoli	4 to 6	15-Mar	29-Mar	2 weeks before	26-Apr	
Swiss chard	4 to 6	15-Mar	29-Mar	2 weeks before	26-Apr	
Eggplant	8 to 10	15-Mar	5-Apr	2 to 3 weeks after	24-May	31-May
Cauliflower	4 to 6	15-Mar	12-Apr	2 weeks before	26-Apr	10-May
Artichoke	8	15-Mar		on frost-free date	10-May	
Tomatoes	6 to 8	22-Mar	12-Apr	1 to 2 weeks after	17-May	24-May
Peppers	8	29-Mar		2 weeks after	24-May	
Basil	6	5-Apr		1 week after	17-May	
Corn*	2 to 4	12-Apr	10-May	0 to 2 weeks after	10-May	24-May
Okra*	4 to 6	12-Apr	10-May	2 to 4 weeks after	24-May	7-Jun
Cucumber	3 to 4	19-Apr	3-May	1 to 2 weeks after	17-May	24-May
Melons	3 to 4	26-Apr	3-May	2 weeks after	24-May	
Pumpkins	3 to 4	26-Apr	3-May	2 weeks after	24-May	
Squash	3 to 4	26-Apr	3-May	2 weeks after	24-May	
Watermelon	3 to 4	26-Apr	3-May	2 weeks after	24-May	
* Usually direct-sown, but may be started indoors						
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Delphinium	10 to 16	19-Jan	1-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Dianthus (Sweet William)	10 to 12	2-Feb	23-Feb	1 to 2 weeks before	26-Apr	3-May
Viola (Pansy)	8 to 12	2-Feb	8-Mar	1 to 2 weeks before	26-Apr	3-May
Lisianthus	12 to 13	9-Feb	16-Feb	on frost-free date	10-May	
Asclepias (Butterfly Weed)	10 to 12	16-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Chinese Lanterns	8 to 12	16-Feb	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Digitalis (Foxglove)	10 to 12	16-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Eucalyptus	10 to 12	16-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Verbena	8 to 12	16-Feb	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Craspedia (Drumstick Flower)	8 to 10	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Datura (Angel's Trumpet)	8 to 12	1-Mar	5-Apr	2 to 3 weeks after	24-May	31-May
Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)	8 to 10	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Helianthus maximillianii	8 to 10	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Hollyhock	8 to 10	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Lupine	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	2 weeks before	26-Apr	
Petunia	8 to 10	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Polygonum (Prince's Feather)	8 to 10	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan)	8 to 10	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Salvia	6 to 8	1-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Snapdragon	8 to 10	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Stock	8 to 10	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Yarrow	8 to 12	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Forget-Me-Not	8 to 9	8-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Hibiscus	8 to 10	8-Mar	22-Mar	1 week after	17-May	
Impatiens	8 to 10	8-Mar	22-Mar	1 week after	17-May	
Ageratum	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Agrostemma (Corn Cockle)*	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Ammi (False Queen Anne's Lace)*	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Artemisia (Sweet Annie) ***	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Aster, China	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Bells of Ireland**	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Calendula*	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Cardoon	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Centaurea (Bachelor's Button)*	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Flower Collections & Mixes*	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Gomphrena (Globe Amaranth)	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Kale, Ornamental	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Larkspur*	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Monarda (Bee Balm)	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Phlox**	4	15-Mar		1 to 2 weeks before	26-Apr	3-May
Iceland Poppy	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Ptilotus	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Sanvitalia	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	



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Strawflower	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Sweet Pea*	4 to 6	15-Mar	5-Apr	1 to 2 weeks before	26-Apr	3-May
Thunbergia (Black Eyed Susan Vine)	6 to 8	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	10-May	
Castor Bean	6 to 8	22-Mar	5-Apr	1 week after	17-May	
Celosia	6 to 8	22-Mar	5-Apr	1 week after	17-May	
Coleus	8	22-Mar		1 week after	17-May	
Cosmos*	5 to 7	22-Mar	5-Apr	on frost-free date	10-May	
Marigold	6 to 8	22-Mar	5-Apr	1 week after	17-May	
Pepper, Ornamental	8	22-Mar		1 week after	17-May	
Carthamus (Safflower)*	4 to 6	29-Mar	12-Apr	on frost-free date	10-May	
Euphorbia (Snow-on-the-Mountain)*	4 to 6	29-Mar	12-Apr	on frost-free date	10-May	
Nigella*	4 to 6	29-Mar	12-Apr	on frost-free date	10-May	
Salpiglossis (Painted Tongue)	4 to 6	29-Mar	12-Apr	on frost-free date	10-May	
Scabiosa (Pincushion Flower)	4 to 6	29-Mar	12-Apr	on frost-free date	10-May	
Amaranthus	4 to 6	5-Apr	19-Apr	1 week after	17-May	
Hyacinth Bean	4 to 6	5-Apr	19-Apr	1 week after	17-May	
Tithonia (Mexican Sunflower)*	6	5-Apr		1 week after	17-May	
Sunflowers*	4-Mar	12-Apr	19-Apr	on frost-free date	10-May	
California Poppy*	2 to 3	19-Apr	26-Apr	on frost-free date	10-May	
Corn Poppy*	2 to 3	19-Apr	26-Apr	on frost-free date	10-May	
Zinnia	4	19-Apr		1 week after	17-May	
Morning Glory	3 to 4	3-May	17-May	3 to 4 weeks after	31-May	7-Jun
Scarlet Runner Bean	2 to 3			soil 60 degrees		

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