

Introduction to Organic Vegetable Gardening

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Links:

Cover Crops: <http://www.sare.org/publications/covercrops.htm>

Soil Biology Primer: http://soils.usda.gov/sqi/concepts/soil_biology/biology.html

Soil Survey Web Site: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

Vegetable Planting Dates: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/plantanswers/earthkind/ekgarden14.html>

Vegetable Variety Selection: http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/veg_variety/

Books:

“Four Season Harvest” by Eliot Coleman

“Hands on Agronomy” by Neal Kinsey

“How to Grow More Vegetables (and Fruits, Nuts, Berries, Grains and other Crops) Than You Ever Thought Possible on Less Land Than You Can Imagine” by John Jeavons

“McGee & Stuckey's Bountiful Container: Create Container Gardens of Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits, and Edible Flowers” by Rose Marie Nichols McGee & Maggie Stuckey

“The New Organic Grower” by Eliot Coleman

“Square Foot Gardening” by Mel Bartholomew

“Teaming with Microbes: The Organic Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web” by Jeff Lowenfels & Wayne Lewis

Cool Weather Crops:

Fava Beans, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Chard, Cilantro, Collards, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Mustard, Onions, Parsley, Snow Peas, Sugar Snap Peas, Green Shelling Peas, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips

Warm Weather Crops:

Beans, Corn, Cucumber, Eggplant, Melons, Okra, Southern Peas, Peppers, Pumpkins, Squash (Summer & Winter), Tomatoes

Crop Families:

- Alliaceae (Onion Family): onion, garlic, leek, shallot, chive
- Apiaceae (Carrot Family): carrot, parsnip, parsley, celery
- Asteraceae (Sunflower Family): lettuce, chicory, endive, salsify, Jerusalem artichoke
- Brassicaceae (Mustard Family): cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kohlrabi, turnip, radish, Chinese cabbage, kale, collards, rutabaga
- Chenopodiaceae (Goosefoot Family): beet, Swiss chard, spinach
- Convolvulaceae (Bindweed Family): sweet potato
- Cucurbitaceae (Gourd Family): cucumber, muskmelon, watermelon, squash, pumpkin, gourd
- Fabaceae (Pea Family): pea, snap bean, lima bean, soybean
- Malvaceae (Mallow Family): okra
- Poaceae (Grass Family): sweet corn, popcorn, ornamental corn
- Solanaceae (Nightshade Family): tomato, pepper, eggplant, potato, husk tomato