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1 year onion, parsley, parsnip

2 years sweet corn, leek, okra, peppers, quinoa

3 years asparagus, beans, broccoli, carrots, celery, dill, fennel, kohlrabi, peas, spinach, tomatillo

4 years arugula, beets, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, chard, eggplant, favas, kale, pumpkin, rutabaga, squash, tomatoes, turnips, watermelon

5 years basil, collards, cucumber, muskmelons, radish

6 years lettuce

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***Adapted from J.F. Harrington and P.A. Minges, Vegetable Seed Germination, University of California Agricultural***

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