

Table 2
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Artichoke ³	Aug.-Dec.	May - July	July	Sept.	C	3 - 4 plants	48	60	32	1 - 2	Freeze whole, can, dry, or freeze hearts
Asparagus ³	Jan. - March	Jan. - Feb.	Jan. - Feb.	Feb. - Apr.	C	30 - 40 plants	12	60	32	3 - 4	Can, dry, or freeze
Beans, lima ¹	May - June	May - June	May - June	---	W	15 - 25 ft. row	6 bush 24 pole	30	40	1 - 3	Can, dry, or freeze
Beans, snap ^{1,2}	July May - June	March - Aug.	Apr. - May July - Aug.	Jan. - March Aug.	W	15 - 25 ft. row	3 bush 24 pole	30 ⁴	45-55	1 - 2	Can, dry, or freeze
Beets ^{1,2}	Feb. - Aug.	Jan. - Sept.	Feb. - Apr. Aug.	Sept - Jan.	C	10 - 15 ft. row	2	18 ⁴	32	3 - 10	Can, dry, or freeze
Broccoli ^{2,3}	Feb. - Apr. Aug. - Sept.	June - July Jan. - Feb.	Dec. - Feb. July	Sept.	C	15 - 20 ft. row	9 - 12	36	32	1 - 2	Dry or freeze
Brussels sprouts ³	Feb - May	June - July	---	---	C	15 - 20 ft. row	24	36	32	3 - 4	Dry or freeze
Cabbage ^{1,3}	Jan. - Apr. July - Sept.	Aug. - Feb.	July Feb.	Sept. - Nov.	C	10 - 15 plants	24	36	32	12 - 16	Dry or freeze
Cabbage ¹ , Chinese	July - Sept.	Aug. - Oct.	Aug.	Aug. - Nov.	C	10 - 15 ft. row	6	30 ⁴	32	2 - 3	Dry or freeze
Cantaloupes/ Other melons	May	Apr. - May	Apr. - June	Jan. - Apr. July	W	5 - 10 hills	12	72	40-50	2 - 4	Freeze
Carrots ^{1,2}	Jan. - May July - Aug	Jan. - Sept.	Aug. - Sept Feb. - Apr.	Sept - Dec.	C	20 - 30 ft row	2	24 ⁴	32	16 - 20	Can, dry or freeze
Cauliflower ³	June - July Jan.- Feb.	July - Oct. Feb.	July - Aug.	Aug. - Sept.	C	10 - 15 plants	24	36	32	2 - 3	Pickle, dry, or freeze
Celeriac	March - June	March - Aug.	June - Aug.	---	C	10 - 15 ft row	4	24 ⁴	32	8 - 16	Can, dry or freeze

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Celery ^{1,3}	March - June	Apr. - Aug.	June- Aug.	---	C	20 - 30 ft row	5	24 ⁴	32	8 - 16	Can, dry or freeze
Chard ¹	Feb. - May Aug.	Feb. - May	Feb. - Aug.	Sept. - Oct	C	3 - 4 plants	12	30	32	1 - 2	Freeze
Chayote	---	Apr. - May	May - June	---	W	1 - 2 plants	72	Use trellis	---	---	Use fresh
Chives ¹	Apr.	Feb. - Apr.	Feb. - March	Sept. - Feb.	C	1 clump	---	---	---	---	Use fresh
Corn, sweet ²	May - July	March - July	March - July	Feb. - March	W	20 - 30 ft	12	36	32	1/2 - 1	Can, dry or freeze
Cucumbers	Apr. - June	Apr. - June	Apr. - July	Feb. - May	W	6 plants	24	48	45-55	1 - 2	Freeze, pickle or puree
Eggplant ^{1,3}	May	Apr. - May	Apr. - May	Feb. - Apr.	W	4 - 6 plants	18	36	50-60	1 - 2	Dry or freeze
Endive ¹	March - July	Dec. - Aug.	Jan., Apr.	Sept. - Dec.	C	10 - 15 ft row	10	24 ⁴	32	2 - 3	Use fresh
Florence Fennel	March - July	Feb. - July	Aug.	Sept. - Nov.	C	10 - 15 ft row	4	30 ⁴	32	2 - 3	Can, dry or freeze
Garlic ¹	Oct. - Dec.	Oct. - Dec	Oct. - Dec.	Sept. - Nov.	C	10 - 20 ft row	3	18 ⁴	65-70	24 - 32	Use fresh
Kohlrabi ¹	July - Aug.	Jan. Aug. - Sept.	Aug.	Oct. - Nov.	C	10 - 15 ft row	3	24	32	2-4	Use fresh
Leeks	Feb. - Apr.	Jan. - Apr.	Jan. - Apr.	---	C	10 ft row	2	24	32	4 -12	Use fresh
Lettuce ^{1,2}	Feb. - Aug.	Aug. - Apr.	Aug. Nov. - March	Sept. - Dec.	C	10 - 15 ft row	12 head 6 leaf	24	32	2 - 3	Use fresh
Mustard	Apr. July - Aug.	Aug. - Feb.	Aug. - Apr.	Oct. - Dec.	C	10 ft row	8	24 ⁴	32	1 - 2	Use fresh
Okra	May	Apr. - May	May	March	W	10 - 20 ft row	18	36	32	50 - 60	Use fresh

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Onions ¹ (bulb)	Jan. - March	Feb. - March	Nov. - March	Oct. - Nov.	C	30 - 40 ft. row	3	18 ⁴	32 - 36	12 - 32	Can, dry or freeze
Onions ^{1,2,3} (green)	Apr. - July	All year	Aug. - Dec.	Sept. - Jan.	C	---	---	---	85-90	---	Use fresh
Parsley ¹	Dec. - May	Dec. - May	Dec. - May	Sept. - Oct.	C	1 - 2 plants	8	24	32	1 - 2	Dry or freeze
Parsnips	May - June	March - July	May - July	Sept. - Oct.	C	10 - 15 ft row	3	24 ⁴	32	8 - 16	Freeze
Peas ^{1,2}	Jan. - Apr. Sept. - Oct.	Aug. Dec. - March	Sept. - Jan.	Sept. - Oct. Jan. - Feb.	C	30 - 40 ft row	2	36 bush	32	1 - 2	Can, dry or freeze
Peppers ^{1,3}	May	Apr. - May	May	March	W	5 - 10 plants	24	36	45-55	4 - 6	Can, dry or freeze
Potatoes ³ , sweet	May	Apr. - May	Apr. - June	Feb.-June	W	50 - 100 ft row	12	36	55-60	8 - 24	Can, dry or freeze
Potatoes, white	Early: Feb. Late: Apr. - May	Feb. - May June - Aug.	Feb. - March Aug.	Dec. - Feb.	C	50 - 100 ft row	12	30	40-45	12 - 20	Can, dry or freeze
Pumpkins	May	May - June	Apr. - June	March - July	W	1 - 3 plants	48	72	55	8 - 24	Can, dry or freeze
Radish ^{1,2}	All year	All year	Sept. - Apr.	Oct. - March	C	4 ft row	1	6 ⁴	32	---	Use fresh
Rhubarb ³	Dec. - March	Dec. - Jan.	Dec. - Feb.	---	C	2 - 3 plants	36	48	32	2 - 3	Can or freeze
Rutabaga	July March - Apr.	July - Sept. Aug - March	Aug.	Oct. - Dec.	C	10 - 15 ft row	3	6 ⁴	32	8 - 16	Freeze
Spinach ¹	Aug. - Feb.	Aug. - March	Sept. - Jan.	Sept. - Nov.	C	10 - 20 ft row	3	18 ⁴	32	1 - 2	Dry or freeze
Squash ¹ , summer	May - July	Apr. - June	Apr. - July	Feb. - March	W	2 - 4 plants	24	48	50-55	2 - 3	Can, dry or freeze

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Squash ¹ winter	May	Apr. - June	Apr. - June	Feb. - March Aug.	W	2 - 4 plants	24 - 48	72	55	8 - 24	Can, dry or freeze
Tomatoes ^{1,3}	May	Apr. - July 15	Apr. - May	Dec. - March	W	10 - 20 plants	18 - 36	36 - 60	55-65	1 - 2	Can, dry or freeze
Turnips ¹	Jan., Aug.	Jan. Aug. - Oct.	Feb., Aug.	Oct. - Feb.	C	10 - 15 ft row	2	18 ⁴	32	8 - 12	Can
Watermelons	May - June	Apr. - June	Apr. - June	Jan. - March	W	6 plants	60	72	40	2 - 3	Freeze

¹This crop is suitable for a small garden if compact varieties are grown.

² In a suitable climate, these crops can be planted more than once/year for a continuous harvest.

³ Transplants, shoots, or roots are used for field planting.

⁴ If grown in beds, plant two rows per bed. Space the beds about 32 - 40 inches apart and make the tops of the beds 18 inches wide.

*Since the areas shown here are large, planting dates are only approximate, as the climate may vary even in small sections of the state. Contact experienced gardeners in your community and experiment on your own to find more precise dates.

**Planting distances listed here are standards. Many crops can be spaced more closely for intense production.

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