



Nature's Crossroads

Earth-Friendly Seeds for Midwest Gardeners



This planting calendar gives very conservative planting dates in Zone 5 based on a last spring frost of May 15th and a first fall frost of October 15th; make sure to adjust the calendar based on the frost dates of your area. Plant categories followed with an "I" should be started indoors and transplanted. Plant categories followed by an "ID" can be started indoors(I) and transplanted(T) or seeded directly(D) with equal success.

I	Plant Indoors
D	Seed Directly
T	Transplant

	March				April				May				June				July				August				September				October			
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Asian Greens/Mustards*				D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D		
Basil (ID)	I	I	I	I					T	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	T													
Bean									D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D													
Beet				D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D									
Broccoli				I	I		D	D	TD	D	D											D	D	D	D							
Cabbage					I		D	D	TD	D	D											D	D	D	D							
Cauliflower							I		T												D	D	D	D	D	D						
Carrot				D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D								
Cilantro							D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D							
Corn										D	D	D	D	D	D																	
Cucumber (ID)							I	I	I		TD	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D													
Dill					D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D									
Eggplant (I)			I	I	I	I	I	I		T	T	T	T	T																		
Kale					ID	D	TD	D	D	D	D	D									D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D		
Lettuce					D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D					
Melon (ID)							I	I	I	I	I		TD	TD	TD	TD																
Green Onion					D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D						
Pea			D	D	D	D																D	D	D	D							
Pepper (I)			I	I	I	I	I	I		T	T	T	T	T																		
Radish			D	D	D	D	D	D	D													D	D	D	D	D	D	D				
Spinach/Arugula**			D	D	D	D	D	D	D													D	D	D	D	D	D	D				
Summer Squash/Zucchini (ID)									I		TD	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D								
Sunflower											D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D											
Swiss Chard*					D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D						
Tomato (I)			I	I	I	I	I	I		T	T	T	T	T																		
Watermelon								I		TD	D	D	D	D	D	D																
Winter Squash/Pumpkin (ID)								I		TD	TD	D	D																			

* Baby leaf production only for fall-planted Asian Greens and Swiss Chard (not full-sized heads; harvest before hard freeze).

** Cover October plantings of Arugula/Spinach with straw or row cover to harvest in spring.

Our Mission

At Nature's Crossroads, our mission is to rebuild the supply of locally grown, locally adapted, Earth-friendly seeds for farmers and gardeners in Indiana and surrounding states. We are working to build a network of seed savers as well as a community of organic gardeners and farmers to turn those seeds into food for their families and communities. Our belief is that gardening is a great way to improve the environment, beautify our homes, get some exercise, and play in the dirt while providing healthy food for our families.

Your support enables us to:

- Build a great network of local seed suppliers
- Protect the environment
- Educate the community about organic gardening
- Support local food production



Who We Are

We are an organic seed company based in Bloomington, Indiana dedicated to providing high quality Earth-friendly vegetable, herb, fruit, and flower seeds for the Midwest gardener. We test all our varieties at our sister farm, LIFE Certified Organic Farm in Morgan County (www.lifefarmcsa.com), to ensure that they grow well in the Midwest climate. LIFE also grows a selection of our seeds along with several other farmers and gardeners in Indiana and surrounding states.



More Than Just Seeds

In addition to selling seeds, we give back to the community through school fundraisers, educational programs for gardeners, garden sponsorships, and much more. Visit our website to learn more about our support for gardeners or to place a seed order. We are passionate about organic gardening and hope you love our seeds!



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EARTH-FRIENDLY SEEDS FOR MIDWEST GARDENERS

Nature's Crossroads Planting Chart

Planting charts are one of the most powerful tools any gardener can possess. Planting charts provide a strategy for getting the most out of your garden over the entirety of the season. This means not only planting well in the spring, but throughout the year with succession crops and another big planting in the fall. Our planting chart provides suggested planting dates for most of our seed types and will help to ensure you have a bountiful season.



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