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## Ultimate Garden <br> Cheat Sheet

Hey there! This is fantastic!
Our veggie planting cheat sheet is going to give you the tools you need to know exactly how far apart to plant your plants for maximum production, how much you can expect to harvest, our favorite varieties (so you know you're growing a winner) and more...

So let's dive right in.

## GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE CHEAT SHEET:

Direct Seeding vs Transplanting: Direct seeding is when you plant your seeds directly into the ground in your garden. Transplanting is when you seed your plants indoors in a soil block or plug tray and then transplant them into your garden later.

You'll notice we like to transplant a LOT of what we grow. It gives a more sure harvest and uses the garden space more efficiently. But some things are easiest when sown directly into the ground.

The crops we like to direct seed are labeled: DS
The crops we like to transplant are labeled: $\mathbf{T}$


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Spacing Guide: We use a very simple spacing guide for maximum production in your garden. But first make note that our spacing recommendations are designed for growing in a 30 inch wide garden bed. We then use three numbers to define the spacing used for each crop (ex. 2/14/18). Here's how the three numbers work:

1st number shows how many rows to plant in the 30 inch bed 2nd number represents how many inches apart to space the rows 3rd number represents how many inches apart to plant your plants

## Cabbage: 2 / 14 / 18

(1) (2) (3)


NOTE: The rows of plants in each bed should be staggered like in this diagram where there are three rows staggered with each other:


Expected Harvest: This is about how much food you can expect to harvest from each crop based on how much you can grow in 100 feet of a 30 inch wide bed.

Seeding Tips: We share some seeding tips on when to plant each crop or if you can plant multiple times during the year for a longer harvesting time.

Favorite Varieties: These are some of our favorite varieties! Looking through a catalog with hundreds of options can sometimes be overwhelming. Stick to one of our favorites and you can know you're growing a winner and save the stress of trying to figure it out yourself.

NOTE: Make note that we live in the Southeastern USA. Most varieties will grow well in other locations as well but some may be especially suited to our location and climate.


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| Crop | Direct Seed or Transplant | Spacing Guide | Expected Harvest ( 100 ft of bed) | Seeding Tips | Favorite Varieties |
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| Dried Beans | DS | 2/14/4 |  |  | Pinkeye Purple Hull, Iron \& Clay |
| Green Beans | DS | 2/14/4 | 60lb/week | Every 2 weeks for a continuous harvest | Snap - Jade, Strike <br> Pole - Kentucky Wonder |
| Beets | DS or T (2-3 <br> seeds per block) | $\begin{gathered} \text { DS }-3 / 10 / 1 \\ \text { thin to } 3 \\ \text { inches } \\ \mathrm{T}-3 / 10 / 6 \end{gathered}$ | 160 bunches (3-5 beets/ bunch) | Up to 6 seedings three weeks apart, spring and late summer | Red - Merlin, Ace <br> Yellow - Touchstone Gold <br> Chioggia - Guardsmark |
| Broccoli | T | 2/14/18 | 120 heads | Spring and fall. One or two seedings each season | De Cicco, Waltham, Belstar, Batavia, Fiesta |
| Cabbage | T | 2/14/18 | 120 heads | Spring and fall. One or two seedings each season | Fresh - Famosa, Farao, <br> Red Express, Golden Acre <br> Storage - Impala, Deadon |
| Carrots | DS | 6/4/0.5 thin to 1.25" | 180 bunches, 8-12 carrots/ bunch | Seed every 2 weeks spring and fall | Orange - Yaya, Napoli, Bolero Colored - White Satin, Yellowstone, Purple 68 |
| Cauliflower | T | 2/14/18 | 120 heads | Spring and fall. One or two seedings each season | Skywalker, Veronica (Romanesco) |
| Chard | T | 3/10/12 | 150 bunches/ week. <br> Assume 1 bunch per 2 plants, every 2 weeks | 2 seedings (early spring and mid to late summer if your summers are hot. If they are cool you could add a late spring seeding for a summer crop). | Rainbow, Fordhook Giant |
| Collards | T | 2/14/18 | Assume 1 bunch per 2 plants, every 2 weeks | 2 seedings (early spring and mid to late summer if your summers are hot. If they are cool you could add a late spring seeding for a summer crop). | Champion |


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| Corn | DS | 2/14/12 | 8 dozen ears | Must be grown in blocks for proper pollination. Succession plantings two weeks apart for a steady supply | Silver Queen, Popcorn |
| Cucumbers | T | 1 row, 18 inches between plants | Assume 5-10 cucumbers/ plant | 2 seedings, early spring and mid summer | Marketmore, Corinto, Lemon |
| Eggplant | T | 1 row, 18 inches between plants | 65 eggplant/ week | 1 or 2 seedings, early spring and mid summer | Black Beauty, Nubia, Traviata, Gretel, Hansel, Fairy Tale |
| Kale | T | 3/10/12 | 150 bunches/ week. <br> Assume 1 bunch per 2 plants, every 2 weeks | 2 seedings (early spring and mid to late summer if your summers are hot. If they are cool you could add a late spring seeding for a summer crop). | Ripper, Lacinato, Siberian, Red \& White Russian, Curly Roja |
| Romaine Lettuce | T | 3/10/12 for large heads 4/8/6 for small heads | 360 large heads or 800 small heads | Seed every two weeks | Green Large - Ridgeline, Holon, Green Towers, Coastal Star, Jericho Green Mini - Ansar, Dragoon Red Large - Rouge d'Hiver <br> Red Mini - Breen, Pomogranate Crunch, Truchas |
| Leaf Lettuce | T | 3/10/12 | 360 heads | Seed every two weeks | Green - Black Seeded Simpson, Waldmann's, Lettony, Bergam's Green, Muir, Nevada Red - Vulcan, New Red Fire, Red Sails, Magenta |


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| Sweet <br> Potatoes | DS using plant slips | 1 row, 12 inches apart in row | Expect at least 100 lbs | Plant in spring | Beauregard, Georgia Jets, Hatteras, O'Henry |
| Spinach | T | 4/6/6 | Expect 75 lbs with 2-3 pickings | 2 seedings in spring, 4 weeks apart. 2 in late summer, 2 weeks apart | Space, Corvair, Red Cardinal |
| Summer Squash | T | 1 row, 24 inches between plants | Assume 5-10 squash/plant | 3 plantings. 2 in spring 1 month apart. 1 in mid summer | Dunja, Yellow Crookneck, <br> Y-Star, G-Star |
| Winter Squash | T | 1 row, 24 inches between plants | Expect about 200 lbs | Seed in the spring | Butternut, Acorn, Baby Blue Hubbard, Delicata, Sugar Dumpling, Buttercup, Spaghetti, Crown Pumpkin, Kabocha |
| Tomatoes | T | 1 row, 18 inches between plants | Expect about 200-500 lbs | 2 seedings at least 1 month apart | Slicing - Orange, Caiman (leaf mold resistance for hoop house), Big Dina, Moskovich, Cosmonaut, Volkay, Cherokee Purple Cherry - Sungold |
| Turnips | DS | $\begin{gathered} 5 / 6 / 0.5 \\ \text { thin to } 1.25 \\ \text { inches } \end{gathered}$ | 200 bunches of 3-4/bunch | 3 seedings in spring, 2 weeks apart. 2 seedings in late summer, 3 weeks apart | Purple Top, Hakurei (Japanese Market) |



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