

Hill Country Planting Dates—Spring Garden

You may purchase transplants or grow your own seedlings. See page 60.

Table 5--Hill Country Planting Dates—Spring Garden								
Vegetable	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Winter								
Asparagus (crowns)			■					
Beet (direct sow)			■					
Broccoli (start seedlings)		⇔	■					
Cabbage (start seedlings)		⇔	■					
Carrot (direct sow)			■					
Cauliflower (start seedlings)		⇔	■					
Chard, Swiss (either)		⇔	■					
Collards (Kale) (start seedlings)		⇔	■					
Kohlrabi (start seedlings)		⇔	■					
Lettuce (seeds or start seedlings)	⇔		■					
Mustard (direct sow)			■					
Onion (transplants** or sets) (p.28)			■					
Peas, Sugar Snap/Snow (d. sow)			■					
Potato, Irish (seed pieces) ***			■					
Radish (direct sow)			■					
Spinach (direct sow)			■					
Turnip (direct sow)			■					
Spring								
Beans, Lima Bush (direct sow)						■		
Beans, Lima Pole (direct sow)						■		
Beans, Snap Bush (direct sow)						■		
Beans, Snap Pole (direct sow)						■		
Cantaloupe (direct sow)						■		
Corn, Sweet (direct sow)						■		
Cucumbers (direct sow)						■		
Eggplant (start seedlings)				⇔		■		
Okra (direct sow)						■		
Peas, Southern (direct sow)						■		
Peppers (start seedlings)			⇔			■		
Potato, Sweet (slips) (see p. 54)						■		
Pumpkin (direct sow)						■		
Squash, Summer (direct sow)						■		
Squash, Winter (direct sow)						■		
Tomato (start seedlings)			⇔			■		
Watermelon (direct sow)						■		

■ Freeze-tolerant vegetables ■ Freeze-sensitive vegetables
 ⇔ Start seeding vegetables in trays under lights. See p. 68 footnote for explanation.
 Plant the freeze-sensitive transplants after danger of freeze has passed (except for Irish potatoes).

**Purchase onion transplants.

***Tops of potatoes can be frozen, but may come back if the seed potato is not rotten. Since they are planted in February, cover the leaves if a freeze or frost occurs.

Hill Country Planting Dates—Fall Garden

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For fall gardens, use fast-maturing varieties. See Table 1 for a list of vegetable varieties for Comal County with their maturity days. Note: Pole beans have long harvest days, but bush beans harvest in about 14 days, so only bush beans are used in fall. First Average freeze is November 10 in the Hill Country of Comal County.

Table 6—Hill Country Planting Dates—Fall Gardens								
Vegetable	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Early Fall Planting								
Beets (direct sow)					██████████	██████████		
Broccoli (start seedlings)			↔			██████████		
Brussels sprouts (start seedlings)			↔			██████████		
Cabbage (start seedlings)			↔			██████████		
Carrot (direct sow)					██████████	██████████		
Cauliflower (start seedlings)			↔			██████████		
Chard, Swiss (direct sow)					██████████	██████████		
Collards (direct sow)					██████████	██████████		
Garlic (cloves) (direct sow)						██████████	██████████	
Kohlrabi (start seedlings)			↔		██████████	██████████		
Lettuce (either)				↔		██████████	██████████	██████████
Mustard (direct sow)					██████████	██████████		
Onion (seeds) (see p. 28-29)						██████████		
Radish (direct sow)					██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Spinach (either)			↔		██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Turnip (direct sow)					██████████	██████████	██████████	
Summer Planting								
Beans, Lima Bush (direct sow)				██████████				
Beans, Snap Bush (direct sow)				██████████				
Corn, Sweet (direct sow)				██████████				
Cucumbers (direct sow)				██████████				
Eggplant (start seedlings)	↔		██████████					
Peas, Southern			██████████					
Peppers (start seedlings)	↔		██████████					
Potato, Irish (seed pieces) See p. 31				██████████				
Pumpkin (direct sow)			██████████					
Squash, Summer (direct sow)			██████████					
Squash, Winter (direct sow)			██████████					
Tomato (start seedlings)	↔		██████████					
							Avg. First Freeze Date—November 10	

Freeze-tolerant vegetables
 Freeze-sensitive vegetables
 Start seeding vegetables in trays under lights.

*The date for seeding transplants is dependent on the dates you plan to plant your garden. Usually tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers take about 8 weeks before being ready to plant. Other vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, spinach, etc., may take only 6 weeks before being ready to plant. You must decide exactly when you should plant the seedlings depending on your final planting date.