

MOUNTAIN VALLEY SEEDS

Presents

Canned Garden Seeds

THE 100% NON-HYBRID LONG TERM STORAGE SEEDS

Sweet Corn, Golden Bantam, 5 oz
Peas, Little Marvel, 10 oz
Radish Champion, 10 gr
Onion, Utah Sweet Spanish, 10 gr
Beet, Detroit Dark Red, 10 gr
Tomato, Ace 55 VF, 5 gr

Spinach, Bloomsdale Longstanding, 10 gr
Cabbage, Golden Acre, 10 gr
Swiss Chard, Lucullus, 10 gr
Lettuce, Romaine Paris Island Cos, 5 gr
Carrot, Scarlet Nantes, 10 gr

Pepper, Yolo Wonder, 5 gr
Winter Squash, Waltham Butternut, 10 gr
Cucumber, Marketmore 76, 10 gr
Pole Bean, Blue Lake, 5 oz
Squash Zucchini, Black Beauty, 10 gr

Premium Quality Non Hybrid Seeds; enough to plant more than 3/4 acres. These varieties have been recommended by Utah State University for short season climates; with excellent adaptability for most regions. These **16 easy to grow, Non-Hybrid varieties** have been especially selected for this application. Your unopened seeds should store for four years or more depending on storage temperature. These seeds have been carefully dried to their optimum moisture content to increase their storage life. The cooler the storage temperature, the longer the storage life of your seeds. **Ideal for Emergency and Preparedness Storage.** The best place to store your seed would be in a cool, dry, dark location such as a basement. For best results store unopened can in a refrigerator or freezer.

The **JUMBO SIZED seed packets give you more seed for your money** and are uniquely heat sealed in a triple layered foil bag. Our seed packets allow you to reuse their bags by resealing the seeds with our unique E -Z Lock feature. You can replant the seeds of these non - hybrid varieties for future harvests.

GARDENING is the most popular leisure activity in the United States. A Brigham Young University study showed that for an average garden you would spend about \$30.00 for seeds but harvest vegetables that would be worth more than \$600.00 per year. Growing vegetables is not only for mental and physical health but it is also economical and teaches children responsibility.

GARDEN LOCATION is important. A sunny well - drained location is essential. Rich light loam with good texture is the best. Plant your tall and trellised plants on the north side so they will not shade the shorter plants. Food crops may be planted in parking strips, corners of lots, along fences, and surrounding patios. As little as 100 square feet (10' x 10' or 20' x 5') can be used to grow a lot of good eating.

SOIL MODIFICATION should be made by mixing 2 to 3 inches of organic matter to a depth of 6 inches to benefit most soils. This will help loosen heavy clay soils, add nutrients, and improve the water holding capacity of sandy soils. Use abundant, composted, inexpensive materials such as leaves, sawdust, wood shavings, or old hay. Some materials might contain weed seed. To avoid nitrogen deficiency and pale plants, add 1 pound (1 pint) of ammonium sulfate for each 1 inch of material per 100 square feet. If enough composted material or manure is available, reduce the ammonium sulfate rate by half. Peat Moss, perlite, or vermiculite can provide the loosening effects but are more expensive and have not nutritional content. To maintain this improved tilth and structure, add organic material each year.

SOIL MOISTURE & PLANTING: The frequency of watering depends on the texture of your soil. In arid areas, watering the garden is more necessary. Clay soils require less frequent watering than sandy soils. Gardens in sandy soil would require shallower but more frequent applications of water. When seeds are first planted, it is important that the soil remains moist so that the seeds will germinate as soon as possible. Some seeds, like **Corn, Tomato, Pepper, Squash, and Cucumbers,** > **NEED WARM SOILS** before germination can take place. You should wait until the soil warms up before planting, usually two weeks after the average date of the last frost in your area. You might consider starting these seeds in small containers for transplanting. After the seed has germinated and the plant is established, the frequency and depth of watering will increase as the weather gets warmer. Since sandy soils do not store much water, it is suggested that you add organic matter to increase water holding capacity and water more often. Several vegetables including **Onions, Spinach, Peas, Cabbage, Radishes, and Swiss Chard** > **MAY BE PLANTED VERY EARLY IN THE SPRING.** Many of the early, cool season crops may be planted again in July 10-15 to extend the garden season until well after the first frost.

HARDY GROUP:

Peas, Radish, Onions, Cabbage, Spinach.

*Plant as soon as the soil is dry enough to work, or when apple buds start to swell, or **about March 15 to May 15***

PEA - Little Marvel is a very popular garden variety. This pea has a fine sweet flavor when picked young, and excellent quality when frozen, canned, or used fresh. Compact plants are 18 - 20 inches high so as to not require staking with pods that are 3 inches long with 5-6 peas in each of them.

Planting: This hardy pea tolerates cold and light frost well. Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over the seeds; best when planted in blocks or rows grouped together. For an extended harvest period, plant at two week intervals until mid - spring and again in late summer for a fall crop.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
½ to ¾"	1-2"	14-18"	40-85	7-15	3/15 to 9/1	12	do not thin	60

Care: Water by soaking will reduce danger of disease. Support for Vines will increase your harvest yield.

Harvesting: Pick when still bright green and seeds have enlarged in the pod. Hold vines to avoid tearing while picking.

Nutritional Value: Rich in Minerals, Calcium, Iron & Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, & Niacin.

Collecting Seed: Select dry long healthy pods and remove seeds when pods have dried completely. Store in a cool, dry area.

RADISH - Champion is an AAS Winner and recommended by Utah State University. This easy to grow vegetable is bright cherry red with a very firm globe - shaped root. Radishes make a good companion crop. It can be planted again in late summer for a second crop. Radish is eaten plain or used as a garnish for salads.

Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. For an extended harvest period, plant at two week intervals avoiding hot summer temperatures. Press soil firmly over seeds.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
¼ to ½"	1"	14-18"	40-85	7-15	3/15 to 5/1	12	2-4"	25

Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly for moist soil.

Harvesting: Test pick radishes for size to insure harvest when young and tender.

Nutritional Value: contains Calcium, Iron & Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, & Niacin.

Collecting Seed: Older plants should blossom and grow into stalks to produced seed. Radish plants produce high yields of seed. The seed stalk produces brown pods which contain the dark brown seeds. When seeds have matured and dried, separate chaff with your fingers, then collect and dry seed. Store in a cool, dry area.

ONION - Utah Yellow Sweet Spanish is a popular and versatile vegetable recommended by Utah State University. These seeds produce large onion bulbs sometimes weighing a pound or more, especially well suited to the Western States. This sweet and mild flavored onion has fair storage characteristics with moderate Pink Root tolerance. Onions may be eaten raw, cooked, or used for seasoning any meal.

Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
½"	1"	18-24"	40-75	10-15	3/15 to 5/15	9	2-3"	115

Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly for moist soil.

Harvesting: Allow plant tops to fall and die before harvesting. Smaller bulb sets can be stored to replant next year

Nutritional Value: A valuable source of Calcium, Iron & Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, & Niacin.

Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produces a seed stalk the second year. Selected bulbs need to be kept cool and moist. Protect first year bulbs from winter freezing by burying in sand or leaving it in ground covered with heavy mulch. Seed heads form after summer growth. When seeds have matured and partially dried on the seed stalk, gather the seed before it falls

to the ground. Complete the drying process at room temperature. Store in a cool, dry area.

SPINACH - Bloomsdale Long Standing is a delicious and nutritious easy to grow green leaf plant that is recommended by Utah State University. This slow to bolt variety has heavy, glossy, crumpled, dark green leaves. Spinach is delicious cooked, an ingredient in many recipes, steamed, served with butter and lemon juice or fresh in salads.

Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds. Sow seeds sparingly and repeat every two weeks as long as the weather is cool (Spring/Fall)

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/4 to 1/2"	1"	14-18"	40-85	7-15	3/15 to 5/1	12	6-8"	45

Care: Keep free of weeds and regularly water lightly. Protect from insects. Plant in mid-late summer for a second crop.

Harvesting: Cut leaves (plant top) off about 1-2" above the base when plant has grown. Plant will regrow leaves for repeat harvests

Nutritional Value: A good source of Chlorophyl, Iron, and Vitamin: C.

Collecting Seed: Allow several plants to produce flower seed stalks. Cut the mature spinach plants and dry them so that the seed will come off by rubbing them in the palm of your hand. Separate seed from chaff and store in a cool, dry area.

CABBAGE - Golden Acre thrives in cool weather and is easy to grow. This hardy vegetable is delicious eaten raw, cooked, or prepared as sauerkraut and canned. This cabbage is a slow bolting, vigorous, early variety that is recommended by Utah State University. The cabbage head has a mild flavor and measures about 5 to 6 inches in size when mature.

Planting: Five or six weeks before last frost start seeds indoors using potting soil mixture. Harden plants for seven days before planting by setting them outdoors during the day. Cabbage plants like sunny locations. Do not plant in same place as previous year to minimize diseases. Firm soil over the seeds and keep moist.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/4 to 1/2"	1"	18-24"	40-85	5-14	3/15 to 5/1	Transplant	18-24"	65

*maturity is from setting the transplants into the garden

Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly. Protect from insects.

Harvesting: Cut just above the lowest leaves and harvest when the head is firm. Continue to water and a second head(s) will form.

The secondary heads are very sweet and delicious. Cut and harvest when this new head(s) is about 2-3 inches in size.

Nutritional Value: A valuable source of Vitamins: C & U.

Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produces a seed stalk the second year. Selected roots need to be kept cool and moist. Protect first year roots from winter freezing by burying in sand or leaving it in ground covered with heavy mulch. Seed heads form after summer growth. When seeds have matured and partially dried on the seed stalk, gather the seed before it falls to the ground. Complete the drying process at room temperature. Store in a cool, dry area.

SEMI-HARDY GROUP:

Swiss Chard, Beet, Carrot, Lettuce

*Plant a week or two after "A" group or when apple buds are in a tight cluster or **about March 20 to July 1***

SWISS CHARD - Lucullus is recommended by Utah State University. It a biennial plant that has large heavily savoyed green leaves with celery - like white stalks. Swiss Chard grows about 28 inches high throughout the summer and fall. Leaves can be eaten like spinach either fresh salad greens or cooked. The flavor is mild and delicious.

Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds. Swiss Chard grows well in containers.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/2	1"	18-24"	35-70	7-10	3/15 to 7/1	8	8-12"	50

Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly for moist soil.

Harvesting: Cut leaves (plant top) off about 3-5" above the base when plant has grown . Plant will regrow leaves for repeat harvests.

Nutritional Value: A good source of Calcium, Iron & Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, & Niacin.

Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produce a seed stalk the second year. When seeds have matured and dried on the seed stalk, separate chaff with your fingers, then collect and dry seed. Store in a cool, dry area.

BEET - Detroit Dark Red is the most popular beet on the market and is recommended by Utah State University. The 2 ½ to 3 inch globe shaped roots are tender and sweet and can be harvested and eaten at any stage of growth. Beets prefer cool weather and tolerate a wide range of conditions. The leaves when young make delicious greens either fresh or cooked.

Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny , well drained location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds. Sow seeds sparingly and repeat every three weeks as long as the weather is cool .

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
½ to ¾"	1-2"	14-18"	40-85	10-20	3/20 to 6/15	12	2-3"	60

Care: Keep free of weeds and water regularly to keep soil moist . Fertilize with vegetable food every four weeks.

Harvesting: When beets are about 2" in size pull the entire plant. Smaller plants can be harvested as part of the thinning process.

Nutritional Value: A rich source of Iron, Calcium, and Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, and Niacin.

Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produces a seed stalk the second year. Selected roots need to be kept cool and moist. Protect first year root from winter freezing by burying in sand or leaving it in ground covered with heavy mulch. Seed heads form after summer growth. When seeds have matured and partially dried on the seed stalk, gather the seed before it falls to the ground. Complete the drying process at room temperature. Store in a cool, dry area.

CARROT - Scarlet Nantes is a 5 ½ to 6 inch long coreless variety that has a fine sweet flavor for juice, fresh eating, cooking, and freezing. This popular and attractive carrot is recommended by Utah State University. This carrot will store for several months with cool temperatures and is high in vitamin content. Excellent variety for freezing or canning.

Planting: Plant in early spring in a sunny location with light or loose soil that is enriched with organic material. Sow seeds sparingly and press soil firmly over seeds. In areas with mild winters, fall planting is recommended.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/4 to 1/2	1-2"	14-18"	40-85	12-18	3/20 to 6-15	12-18	2""	95

Care: Keep free of weeds and regularly water lightly.

Harvesting: When finger size (½") start pulling plants. Smaller plants can be harvested as part of the thinning process

Nutritional Value: A excellent source of Iron, Calcium, and Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, and Niacin.

Collecting Seed: Biennial plant that produces a seed stalk the second year. Selected roots need to be kept cool and moist. Protect first year root from winter freezing by burying in sand or leaving it in ground covered with heavy mulch. Seed heads form after summer growth. When seeds have matured and partially dried on the seed stalk, gather the seed before it falls to the ground. .

LETTUCE ROMAINE - Paris Island Cos is a fine romaine lettuce with tight, medium to large upright heads with excellent deep - green color and fine flavor midribs that are crunchy and juicy . Romaine lettuces are among the most nutritious of all lettuce due to their higher chlorophyll content. Utah State University recommends this variety of lettuce. Cool

weather crop.

Planting: Plant very early in the spring in a sunny location as soon as the ground may be cultivated and enriched with organic material. Press soil firmly over seeds. Sow seeds sparingly and repeat every two weeks as long as the weather is cool (Spring/Fall)

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/4 to 1/2	1"	14-18"	35-75	7-15	3/20 to 5/1	12	6-8"	75

Care: Keep free of weeds and regularly water lightly. Protect from insects. Start seeds indoors for earlier crop.

Harvesting: Cut off 1-2 inches above the ground or pull the entire plant.

Nutritional Value: A excellent source of Chlorophyl, Iron, Calcium, and Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, and Niacin.

Collecting Seed: Allow several plants to produce flower seedstalks. A dandelion type flower head is formed after the plant blooms. The seed will separate from the chaff by rubbing flower head with your fingers. Store in a cool, dry area.

TENDER GROUP:

Bean, Sweet Corn, Cucumber, Zucchini

Plant on the average date of last spring frost, or when apple blossoms are open, or about May 5 to July 1

BEAN - Blue Lake Pole FM1K will produce a very high yield of stringless, dark green 6 to 7 inch pods that are smooth and straight. This outstanding bean is an excellent variety for eating fresh, canning and freezing.

Planting: Plant when all danger of frost is gone in a sunny location. The enriched with organic material ground should be cultivated and loosened for best results. Press soil firmly over seeds and keep moist.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1- 1-1/2"	3"	18-24"	55-75	7-10	4/5 to 6/10	9	8-12"	63

Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist but do not over water. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. Some use of supports such as poles, strings, fence, or poles will increase your yield of beans.

Harvesting: When picking the bean pods (ideal size 6-8") be careful not to damage the new blossoms that will form into your future bean crop. Pick young for best texture and flavor to prevent over mature stringy bean pods. Do not pick when plants are wet.

Nutritional Value: Rich source of minerals and vitamins with high fibre and low calorie benefits.

Collecting Seed: Select dry long healthy bean pods that rattle. Remove seeds when pods have dried completely. Store cool, dry area.

SWEET CORN - Golden Bantam 12 is a hardy open pollinator variety with 5-6 inch long ears of richly flavored quality corn. Seed may be saved after harvest for planting in subsequent years. This corn may be served fresh, frozen, or canned. Corn on the cob seasoned lightly with salt and pepper dripping in melted butter is a summer time taste treat. To increase sweetness flavor of corn, add sugar to the boiling water when cooking the corn.

Planting: Plant when all danger of frost is gone in a sunny location. The enriched with organic material ground should be cultivated and loosened for best results. Press soil firmly over seeds and keep moist. Plant in blocks of at least four rows side by side

to insure best results from pollination. Avoid one long row style planting. Plant every three weeks for extended harvest.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1- 1-1/2"	4-6"	30-36"	50-85	7-15-10	5/5 to 7/1	1	8-12"	82

Care: Control weeds weekly by cultivating to form hills around corn. Enjoys occasional deep watering in hot temperature areas.

Harvesting: Pick ears when firm and silk turns sandy brown. The kernels should be milky and tender when tested with thumbnail.

Nutritional Value: Excellent source of minerals and vitamins.

Collecting Seed: Leave a few long healthy cobs on the stalk until the kernels show denting. Pick the cobs and dry the kernels completely before removing them from the cob. Store in a cool, dry area.

CUCUMBER - Marketmore 76 is a very popular and productive variety with fruits that are 8 to 9 inches long, 2 ½ inches across with smooth, dark green color. Excellent in salads either diced or sliced. Very delicious when eaten fresh with dressing or dips. Small cucumbers can be used for making pickles.

Planting: Plant in late spring in a sunny, well drained location when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past. Press soil firmly over seeds. Start seeds indoors 4-6 weeks before setting outside for early crop.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/2-1"	6-8 in hill	30-36"	60-75	7-14	5/5 to 7/30	3	3-4 per hill	67

Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist but do not over water. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. Use loose soil to cover vines periodically so new roots will form and improve overall plant growth.

Harvesting: Pick fruit before color turns to yellow usually when size is 6-8 inches long. Regular picking promotes more fruiting.

Nutritional Value: Good source of minerals and vitamins with low calorie benefits, an excellent salad vegetable.

Collecting Seed: Separate seeds from flesh when cucumbers are very yellow and very ripe. Dry at room temperature. Store cool, dry.

SQUASH - Zucchini Black Beauty is a good flavored tender AAS Winner with dark green, glossy fruits that are long, straight, slender, and firm. One of the most popular type of summer squash that is very easy to grow. Zucchini has many uses and recipes that include preparation by baking, frying, steaming, raw, or freezing.

Planting: Plant in late spring in a sunny, well drained location when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past. Press soil firmly over seeds. Start seeds indoors 3-4 weeks before setting outside for early crop.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/2-1"	6-8 in hill	36-48"	60-95	10-14	5/5 to 7/20	1	2-3 per hill	62

Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist but do not over water. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. Do not be concerned if occasionally the first blossoms do not set fruit, Zucchini is a very prolific plant.

Harvesting: The ideal time to pick the fruit is when the size is about 5-7 inches long and 1-1/2 inches thick. Continual picking will insure best flavor and extended growing season.

Nutritional Value: An excellent source of minerals, Iron, Calcium, and Vitamins: A, B1, B2, C, and Niacin.

Collecting Seed: Separate Zucchini seeds from flesh when Zucchini are very ripe & mature. Dry at room temperature. Store cool, dry.

VERY TENDER:

Pepper, Winter Squash, Tomato

Plant about two weeks after "C" group or when there are little green apples on the tree or about May 20 to June 10

PEPPER - Yolo Wonder is an improved California Wonder variety that is recommended by Utah State University. This type has large 4 ½ inch by 4 inch, with 3 to 4 lobed, glossy peppers on large, sturdy plants with good foliage cover. Yolo Wonder L Pepper is resistant to Tobacco Mosaic virus. These green Peppers turn red at full maturity and flavors sweetens. As a favorite garden vegetable, peppers are eaten raw or cooked, as well as served in salads, stews, casseroles, as a garnish, stuffed or baked.

Planting: Start seeds indoors 7-8 weeks before last spring frost in a sunny, warm location. Transplant to a sunny, well drained location in the late spring when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/4"	2"	24-30"	60-85	14-21	5/20 to 7/1	transplanted	18-24"	75*

Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. *After transplanting into Garden soil

Harvesting: The ideal time to pick the fruit is when the size is about 3-4 inches long and still green. Cut off part of the stem along with the pepper fruit to avoid injuring the plant.

Nutritional Value: contains Vitamins: A, & C.

Collecting Seed: Select a red, very mature pepper and remove seeds. Allow seeds to thoroughly dry on a paper towel or cloth.

WINTER SQUASH - Waltham Butternut is AAS Winner & recommended by Utah State University. This is an improved butternut type squash with better uniformity and larger yields. The fruits are tan in color and about 8 to 10 inches long, thick skinned with deep orange interiors. This popular squash is easy to grow and stores well when mature.

Squash is a delicious vegetable that can be baked, boiled, steamed, fried, or frozen. The plants are prolific to a bountiful harvest.

Planting: Plant in late spring in a sunny, well drained location when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past. Press soil firmly over seeds. Start seeds indoors 3-4 weeks before setting outside for early crop.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/2-1"	6-8 in hill	48-60"	60-95	10-14	5/20 to 7/10	1	2-3 per hill	90

Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist but do not over water. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch. Do not be concerned if occasionally the first blossoms do not set fruit, squash is a very prolific plant.

Harvesting: Pick in the fall before the first frost and store in a cool, frost free area.

Nutritional Value: A good source of Minerals and Vitamins.

Collecting Seed: Save seeds from the winter squash and dry at room temperature. Store in a cool, dry area.

TOMATO - Ace 55 VF is a vigorous, medium - large, determinate vine that produces bright red, low - acid, thick-walled tomatoes. Tomatoes are probably the most popular garden vegetable requiring little space and effort yet producing a large crop. Tomatoes can be eaten raw or juiced, dried, canned, baked, fried, and made into a range of sauces.

Planting: Start seeds indoors 5-8 weeks before last spring frost in a sunny, warm location in pots or flats. Transplant to a sunny, well drained location in the late spring when the cultivated and enriched with organic material ground is warm and all danger of frost is past. The transplanted plants should be about 5-12 inches tall. Tomatoes can be sown directly into the garden when the soil and weather is warm. Double hill planting (6 inches apart) and staking tomatoes upright or use a wire cage to increase production.

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Row Spacing	Germination Temperature	Germination Time in Days	Average Planting Dates	Number of Seeds per foot row	Spacing after Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/4" indoors 1/2" outdoors	1-2" 6"	36-48"	50-75 50-75	8-14 14-18	3/20 to 5/01 5/20 to 7/10	Transplanted 1	8/12"	80*

*After transplanting into Garden

Care: Water lightly to keep soil moist. Control weeds with cultivation or mulch.

Harvesting: Pick when fruit turn red. In late fall before any frost, green tomatoes can be picked and ripened in a warm area.

Nutritional Value: an excellent source of Vitamins: A, & C and contains B, calcium. Iron, and potassium.

Collecting Seed: Select a red, very mature tomato and remove seeds. Allow seeds to thoroughly dry on a paper towel or cloth.

FALL PLANTINGS:

Beets, Cabbage, Lettuce, Onions, Peas, Spinach

plant June 1 to August 1

FERTILIZER is important for plants to increase yield. Use a fertilizer mixture of 16-16-8 or 16-20-0. With a hoe, make a 3" deep trench 4 inches away from the planted seed and apply 1 cup of fertilizer per 10 foot row. After 4 to 5 weeks, apply 1/3 cup of 34-0-0 per 10 foot row. Tomatoes may not need the second application of nitrogen if your soil is rich. Excessive nitrogen will cause plants to produce too many leaves and not enough ripe fruit.

USE SPACE WISELY as you layout your garden design. Precision planting to give each plant its space to develop will permit wide row or bed planting. A single row is not the way to get high yields. Arrange the plants in 3-5 feet wide areas; where there is no traffic to pack the soil and inhibit root growth. Train sprawly plants up fences. Use netting for cucumbers, beans, and tall peas to climb. Stake tomatoes upright or use a wire cage. Grow radishes or lettuce while widely spaced plants such as squash or tomatoes are developing. Plant pole beans when corn is about 12 - 15 inches high and they will have ready-made supports.

TIPS FOR MORE PRODUCTIVE GARDENING:

1. Beds of **closely spaced plants** that quickly shade the soil reduce weed germination.
2. **Organic mulches** such as leaves drastically reduce the need for weeding. The cool soil, so wait until later to mulch warm season crops.
3. Shallow, **regular cultivation** destroys small weeds before they compete with your vegetables for moisture, nutrients, and light. One of the secrets to gardening is to take care of the weed problem before it becomes a large problem.
4. Plant only a few feet of a row at one time if planting lettuce, peas, radishes, and other crops which rapidly become over - mature at harvest time. **Successive planting** will also extend the harvest time.
5. Plant sweet **corn in a block** of three to four rows wide instead on long single rows. You will get better filled ears of corn because of **better pollination**. The Native Americans planted corn in hills of 3-5 seeds for this very reason and fertilized adequately to assist such close planting.
6. For better tomato yields use **double hill planting** (about 12" between plants).
7. **Control weeds early**. Hoeing small weeds for an hour will save many hours of work later when the weeds are mature.
8. **Control insects** when they first appear.
9. Clear plastic around a frame, hot caps, or 'Wall O' Water' may **protect newly set plants** from late spring frosts.
10. **Clear plastic** provides more soil warming than does black plastic. **Black plastic** allows no weed growth. Plastic that covers the soil 2-3 feet wide, having holes through which are planted warm season crops like squash or tomatoes can hasten their maturity.