

Suggested Vegetable Planting Dates For the Wasatch Front



Listed below are suggested vegetable planting dates for an average year along the Wasatch Front. Of course, each season has its own unique weather conditions. The “Average Planting Date” is for the initial planting. With crops such as broccoli, radish, carrot, sweet corn, and Swiss chard, several plantings can be made a few weeks apart and later than the average planting date. The average date of the last spring frost will vary with location and elevation. Listed below are the 30-year average last frost dates for various cities.

City	City Average Last Frost*
<i>Bountiful - Val Verda</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>Farmington</i>	<i>May 5</i>
<i>Midvale</i>	<i>May 13</i>
<i>Ogden</i>	<i>May 3</i>
<i>Provo - Airport</i>	<i>May 21</i>
<i>Provo - BYU</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>Salt Lake City - Airport</i>	<i>April 26</i>
<i>Salt Lake City - U of U</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>Salt Lake County - Cottonwood Weir</i>	<i>April 30</i>
<i>Tooele</i>	<i>May 7</i>
<i>Tremonton</i>	<i>May 3</i>

*For more information on freeze dates and Utah’s climate, go to climate.usu.edu

Group A: Hardy

(Plant as soon as the soil dries out in the spring.)

Average Planting Date: March 1 - April 15

- Artichoke
- Asparagus
- Broccoli
- Brussels Sprouts
- Cabbage
- Kohlrabi
- Onions
- Peas
- Radish
- Rhubarb
- Spinach
- Turnip

Group B: Semi-Hardy

(Plant a week or two after "A" group or about two weeks before average last spring frost.)

Average Planting Date: March 20 - May 1

- Beet
- Carrot
- Cauliflower
- Endive
- Lettuce
- Parsley
- Parsnip
- Potato
- Salsify
- Swiss Chard

Group C: Tender

(Plant on the average date of the last spring frost - about when first apples reach full bloom.)

Average Planting Date: May 5 - June 1

- Celery
- Cucumber
- Dry Bean
- New Zealand
- Snap Bean
- Spinach
- Summer Squash
- Sweet Corn

Group D: Very Tender

(Plant when the soil is warm, about two weeks after "C" group.)

Average Planting Date: May 20 - June 10

- Cantaloupe
- Eggplant
- Lima Bean
- Pepper, Sweet, Hot
- Pumpkin
- Tomato
- Watermelon
- Winter Squash

Group E: Special Plants for Fall Harvest

	<i>Average Planting Date</i>
Beets	July 1- August 1
Cabbage	May 1- July 15
Kale	July 1 - August 15
Lettuce	June 1 - August 1
Onion	August 1 - August 10
Rutabaga	June 15 - July 1
Spinach	July 1 - August 15
Turnip	July 1 - August 1

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