

Planting Dates for Vegetable Crops in MD

Crops	Spring Planting Dates ¹	Fall Planting Dates ¹	Feet of Row per Person	Seed or Plants per 100 ft of Row	Depth to Plant (Inches) ²	Planting Distances Between Rows (Inches) ³	Planting Distances in Rows (Inches)
Asparagus*	Mar 20-Apr 15		20	100 crowns	6-8	36-60	12-18
Beans, Lima	May 10-June 10	June 20-July 10	20	3/4 lb.	1-1 1/2	30-36	3-4
Beans, Snap	May 5-June 30	July 1-Aug 5	20	3/4 lb.	1-1 1/2	24-30	1-2
Beets	Apr 1-June 15	June 20-Aug 1	10	2 oz.	1/2	15-24	2-3
Broccoli*	Apr 1-May 1	July 20-Aug 20	20	67 plants	1/2	24-36	18-24
Brussels sprouts*	Apr 1-May 1	July 1-Aug 1	10	67 plants	1/2	24-36	18-24
Cabbage*	Mar 15-Apr 10	July 10-Aug 20	15	100 plants	1/2	24-36	12-18
Cabbage, Chinese	Mar 15-May 1	July 1-Aug 5	10	1 packet	1/2	18-30	8-12
Cantaloupes	May 15-June 15		25	1/2 oz.	1	60-72	24
Carrots	Apr 10-June 1	June 15-Aug 1	20	1/2 oz	1/4	15-30	2-3
Cauliflower*	Apr 1-May 1	July 1-Aug 1	15	67 plants	1/2	24-36	18-24
Celery*	Apr 15-May 1	June 1-July 20	10	300 plants	1/8	18-36	4-6
Chard, Swiss	Apr 15-June 15	June 15-July 25	5	2 oz	1/2	18-36	12-18
Chives	Mar 20-Apr 20			1 packet	1/2	15-24	2-4
Collards*	Apr 1-June 1	July 10-Aug 10	15	67 plants	1/2	24-36	18-24
Cress, Upland	Apr 10-May 10	Sept 1-Oct 1		1 packet	1/4	15-30	2-3
Cucumbers	May 10-June 1	June 15-July 10	15	1/2 oz	1	48-60	18
Eggplants*	May 15-June 10		6	67 plants	1/4	30-42	24
Endive	Apr 1-May 1	July 10-Aug 20	10	1/4 oz	1/4	18-36	12
Garlic ⁴	Mar 15-Apr 15	Oct 15-Nov 15	10	400 cloves	1-2	18-24	3
Horseradish*	Apr 1-May 1		5	67 roots	2	18-36	12-18
Kale	Apr 1-Apr 20	July 10-Aug 10	15	1/4 oz	1/2	18-36	8-12
Kohlrabi	Apr 1-May 10	July 10-Aug 10	10	1/4 oz	1/2	18-36	4-6
Leek	Apr 1-May 1		3	1/4 oz	1/2	12-30	2-3
Lettuce, Head*	Apr 1-May 1	Aug 1-Aug 15	10	100 plants	1/4	18-30	12-18

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Lettuce, Leaf	Mar 15-June 1	July 15-Sept 1	15	1 packet	1/4	12-18	8-12
Lettuce, Romaine, Butterhead	April 1-May 15	July 20-Sept 1	15	1 packet	1/4	18-24	18-24
Mustard	Apr 1-May 10	July 20-Aug 20	15	1/4 oz	1/4	18-24	12
Okra	May 10-June 1		10	2 oz	1	36-48	12-18
Onions*	Apr 1-May 1		12	400 plants		15-24	3-4
Onion, Seed	Mar 15-Apr 15		12	1/2 oz	1/2	15-24	3-4
Onion, Sets	Mar 15-Apr 15		12	2 lb	1-2	15-24	3-4
Onion, Multiplier (potato onion)	Oct 15-Nov 15		10	2 lb	1-2	15-24	6-8
Parsley	Apr 1-May 1		1	1 packet	1/4	15-24	6-8
Parsnips	Apr 1-May 1		10	1 packet	1/2	18-24	3-4
Peas	Mar 15-May 1	July 25-Aug 5	20	1/2 lb	1-2	8-24	2-3
Peas, Black-eye	May 15-June 1	June 1-July 1	20	1/2 lb	1	36	4
Peppers*	May 15-June 10		6	67 plants	1/4	30-42	18-24
Potatoes	Mar 20-May 10	June 15-July 10	20	8 lbs	4	30-36	12
Pumpkins	May 20-June 10		10	1 oz	1	60-96	48-72
Radishes	Mar 20-May 10	July 20-Sept 15	10	1 oz	1/2	12-24	1
Rhubarb*	Mar 20-Apr 15	Oct 15-Nov 15	10	33 roots		36-48	36-48
Rutabagas		July 1-Aug 1	10	1/2 oz	1/4	18-30	3-4
Salsify	Apr 1-May 15	June 1-July 1	10	1 oz	1/2	18-30	2-3
Shallots	Apr 1-May 1	Oct 15-Nov 15		1 lb	1-2	12-30	2-3
Soybeans	May 15-June 15	June 15-July 1	20	1 lb	1-2	24-30	2
Spinach	Mar 10 -Apr 20	Aug 1-Sept 5	10	1 oz	1/3	12-24	2-4
Spinach, New Zealand	May 1-June 15	June 15-July 20	5	1 oz	1	30-42	15-18
Squash, Summer	May 1-May 30	June 1-June 15	6	1 oz	1-2	48-60	18-24
Squash, Winter	May 15-June 15		15	1 oz	1-2	60-84	36-48
Sweet Corn	May 1-June 15	June 15-July 10	50	1 oz	1-2	30-36	10-12
Sweet Potatoes*	May 20-June 10		20	100 plants		30-42	12-15
Tomatoes*	May 1-June 15	June 15-July 5	10	67 plants		30-42	18-30
Turnips	Mar 20-May 1	July 10-Sept 1	15	1/2 oz	1/4	18-30	2-3
Watercress	Mar 20-May 1			300 plants		18-24	46
Watermelon	May 15-June 15		20	1 oz	1-2	60-96	48-60

***Dates are for setting out transplants**

¹ Dates are for Central Maryland. Advance or delay planting dates accordingly for other areas of the state.

² A good rule of thumb is to plant seeds to a depth 2x their diameter. Seeds can be planted deeper in sandy soils and shallower in heavy clay soils.

³ Distance between rows can be reduced if rows are planted on a raised bed.

⁴ Garlic planted in the fall will out produce garlic planted in the spring.

For information on recommended cultivars see HG70

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