

VEGETABLE PLANTING GUIDE

Table with 14 columns: Vegetable, Catalog # range, avg. sds/oz, sds/100', Pkt plants, distance apart, thin to, row spacing, seed depth, min soil temp °F, ideal soil temp, hardiness, planting dates. Lists various vegetables like Amaranth, Artichoke, Bean, Beet, Broccoli, etc.

Abbreviations Pkt plants=how many row feet or hills our smallest packet will plant T=transplanted only, in our climate. tp=transplant pl=plants g=grams, 28.4g=1oz. No=not necessary to thin *Celery and some varieties of eggplant require fluctuating day and night temperatures for good germination.

Hardiness rating VT=very tender: will not survive frost, can be damaged by temperatures under 40° T=tender: will not survive frost MH=moderately hardy: survives light frosts H=hardy: survives frost generally to the low twenties VH=very hardy: will overwinter if protected

Approximate planting date: ASAP=as soon as ground can be worked, does not thrive in heat Approximate planting dates are for our Central Maine climate. Please make appropriate adjustments for your climate, using hardiness as a guide.

Notes: Seed counts are provided as a guide, not a guarantee. They vary from cultivar to cultivar. Planting rates will vary if intensive methods such as beds are used. Minimum soil temperatures are the lowest that will permit any germination. Expect slow spotty germination if you plant below or above the ideal range. For a good stand and quickest emergence plant as close to the middle of the ideal range as possible. If you have specific cultural questions, consult more detailed resources or get in touch with us.

A few seeds with unusually thick or hard coatings may benefit from scarification just before sowing. This is accomplished by nicking them with a knife, a pinpoint or lightly scratching them with sandpaper.

Some seeds need to be stratified before sowing. This tricks the seed by thinking it has gone through winter followed by the gradual warm-up of spring. It is accomplished by first moistening and then chilling the seed for a specified period of time.

