

# Vegetable Seed Starting Dates

CROP	NUMBER OF WEEKS TO START SEEDS BEFORE SETTING-OUT DATE	When to start inside		Setting-out date		
		FROM	TO	SAFE TIME TO SET OUT PLANTS (RELATIVE TO FROST-FREE DATE)	FROM	TO
Artichoke	8	26-Mar		on frost-free date	21-May	
Basil	6	16-Apr		1 week after	28-May	
Beets*	4 to 6	26-Mar	9-Apr	2 weeks before	7-May	
Broccoli	4 to 6	26-Mar	9-Apr	2 weeks before	7-May	
Cabbage	4 to 6	12-Mar	23-Apr	4 weeks before	23-Apr	21-May
Cauliflower	4 to 6	26-Mar	23-Apr	2 weeks before	7-May	21-May
Celery & Celeriac	10 to 12	5-Mar	19-Mar	1 week after	28-May	
Collards	4 to 6	12-Mar	26-Mar	4 weeks before	23-Apr	
Corn*	2 to 4	23-Apr	21-May	0 to 2 weeks after	21-May	4-Jun
Cucumber	3 to 4	30-Apr	14-May	1 to 2 weeks after	28-May	4-Jun
Eggplant	8 to 10	26-Mar	16-Apr	2 to 3 weeks after	4-Jun	11-Jun
Kale	4 to 6	12-Mar	26-Mar	4 weeks before	23-Apr	
Kohlrabi*	4 to 6	12-Mar	26-Mar	4 weeks before	23-Apr	
Leeks	8 to 10	26-Feb	12-Mar	2 weeks before	7-May	
Lettuce	4 to 5	19-Mar	2-Apr	3 to 4 weeks before	23-Apr	30-Apr
Melons	3 to 4	7-May	14-May	2 weeks after	4-Jun	
Mustard*	4 to 6	12-Mar	26-Mar	4 weeks before	23-Apr	
Okra*	4 to 6	23-Apr	21-May	2 to 4 weeks after	4-Jun	18-Jun
Onions	8 to 10	12-Feb	26-Feb	4 weeks before	23-Apr	
Parsley	9 to 10	19-Feb	5-Mar	2 to 3 weeks before	30-Apr	7-May
Peas*	3 to 4	26-Feb	19-Mar	6 to 8 weeks before	26-Mar	9-Apr
Peppers	8	9-Apr		2 weeks after	4-Jun	
Pumpkins	3 to 4	7-May	14-May	2 weeks after	4-Jun	
Spinach	4 to 6	26-Feb	2-Apr	3 to 6 weeks before	9-Apr	30-Apr
Squash	3 to 4	7-May	14-May	2 weeks after	4-Jun	
Swiss Chard	4 to 6	26-Mar	9-Apr	2 weeks before	7-May	
Tomatoes	6 to 8	2-Apr	23-Apr	1 to 2 weeks after	28-May	4-Jun
Watermelon	3 to 4	7-May	14-May	2 weeks after	4-Jun	

\* Usually direct-sown, but may be started indoors