

Time to seed before last frost, days for germination, optimum temperature for germination, and light requirements for selected vegetable crops

| Plant | Approximate Time to Seed Before Last Frost Date (Weeks) | Time Seeds Take to Germinate (Days) | Temperature (°F) | Light/Dark Requirement |
|--------------|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Broccoli | 8 | 5 to 10 | 70 | Either |
| Cabbage | 8 | 5 to 10 | 70 | Either |
| Cauliflower | 8 | 5 to 10 | 70 | Either |
| Cucumber | 4 or less | 5 to 10 | 85 | Either |
| Eggplant | 8 | 5 to 10 | 70 | Either |
| Lettuce | 8 | 5 to 10 | 70 | Light |
| Muskmelon | 4 or less | 5 to 10 | 85 | Either |
| Pepper | 8 | 5 to 10 | 80 | Either |
| Squash | 4 or less | 5 to 10 | 85 | Either |
| Tomato | 6 | 5 to 10 | 80 | Either |
| Watermelon | 4 or less | 5 to 10 | 85 | Either |