



# Planting & Maturity Dates of Vegetables in New Hampshire

The time required for vegetables to mature depends primarily on the maturity characteristic of a variety and the climatic conditions prevailing where the crop is grown. In addition to the normal differences existing between Northern and Southern New Hampshire, temperatures often fluctuate widely within a small geographic area.

Consequently, this table gives a range of maturity dates rather than a specific date. All dates here refer to maturity from direct seeding in the garden unless specified as transplants. Except for winter squash, all dates listed refer to varieties grown for fresh consumption during the growing season or those grown for canning or freezing. Gardeners who wish to store cabbage, carrots or other vegetables in a root cellar should choose long-season varieties bred for that purpose and plant and harvest according to package directions. Storage crops typically are harvested after the first hard freeze, but before the ground freezes.

Crop	Average Planting Dates	Average Maturity Dates
<b>Asparagus (seeds or crowns)</b>	May 1 – May 15	May 15 – June 1 (2-3 years later)
<b>Beans</b>		
<b>Snap (bush)</b>	May 10 – May 25	July 1 – July 15
<b>Snap (pole)</b>	May 10 – May 25	July 15 – August 1
<b>Lima (bush)</b>	May 10 – May 25	July 25 – August 10
<b>Shell (horticultural)</b>	May 10 – May 25	July 25 – August 10
<b>Beets (seed)</b>	April 20 – May 15	June 20 – July 15
<b>Broccoli (seed)</b>	May 1 – May 15	July 10 – July 20
<b>Broccoli (transplants)</b>	May 5 – May 15	June 20 – July 1
<b>Brussels Sprouts (transplants)</b>	May 5 – May 15	August 10 – August 20
<b>Cabbage (seed)</b>	May 1 – May 15	July 15 – August 1
<b>Cabbage (transplants)</b>	May 5 – May 15	July 1 – July 15
<b>Chinese Cabbage (seed)</b>	July 1 – July 15	Sept. 1 – Sept. 15
<b>Carrots</b>	April 15 – May 15	July 5 – August 5
<b>Cauliflower (seed)</b>	May 5 – May 15	July 15 – August 1
<b>Cauliflower (transplants)</b>	May 5 – May 15	July 1 – July 15
<b>Celery (transplants)</b>	May 10 – May 20	August 25 – Sept. 1

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Average Planting Dates</b>	<b>Average Maturity Dates</b>
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	May 10 – May 31	July 15 – August 1
<b>Popcorn</b>	May 10 – May 31	August 20 – Sept. 1
<b>Cucumbers (slicing)</b> <b>Cucumbers (pickling)</b>	May 20 – June 1 May 20 – June 1	July 20 – August 1 July 15 – July 25
<b>Eggplant (transplants)</b>	May 25 – June 1	August 10 – August 20
<b>Endive</b>	April 15 – May 15	July 15 – August 15
<b>Kale</b>	April 15 – May 15	June 10 – July 10
<b>Kohlrabi</b>	April 15 – May 15	June 10 – July 10
<b>Lettuce</b>		
<b>Iceburg type (seed)</b>	April 15 – May 15	August 1 – August 15
<b>Iceburg type (transplants)</b>	May 10 – May 30	July 25 – August 10
<b>Butterhead type (seed)</b>	April 15 – May 15	June 15 – June 25
<b>Butterhead type (transplants)</b>	May 10 – May 30	June 5 – June 20
<b>Leaf type (seed)</b>	April 15 – May 15	June 1 – June 10
<b>Leaf type (transplants)</b>	May 10 – May 30	May 25 – June 1
<b>Muskmelon (seed)</b> <b>Muskmelon (transplants)</b>	May 20 – June 5 May 25 – June 5	August 1 – Sept. 1 July 10 – August 15
<b>Onions (sets and plants)</b>	May 1 – May 15	August 10 – August 25
<b>Parsley (transplants)</b>	May 1 – May 15	August 10 – August 25
<b>Parsnips</b>	May 10 – May 20	August 20 – Sept. 15
<b>Peas</b>	April 20 – May 5	July 1 – July 15
<b>Pepper (transplants)</b>	May 25 – June 1	August 10 – August 20
<b>Potatoes</b>	May 15 – May 25	August 15 – Sept. 15
<b>Pumpkin</b>	May 20 – June 1	Sept. 1 – Sept. 15
<b>Radish</b>	May 5 – May 25	June 15 – July 1
<b>Rhubarb (crowns)</b>	May 15 – June 1	(1 year later) June 1 – June 15
<b>Rutabaga</b>	April 20 – May 15	August 10 – Sept. 1
<b>Spinach</b>	April 20 – May 15	June 10 – June 20
<b>Swiss Chard</b>	April 20 – May 15	June 20 – July 15
<b>Squash</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	May 20 – June 1	July 10 – July 20
<b>Winter</b>	May 20 – June 1	Sept. 1 – Sept. 15
<b>Tomatoes (transplants)</b>	May 25 – June 1	August 1 – August 15

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Average Planting Dates</b>	<b>Average Maturity Dates</b>
<b>Turnip</b>	April 20 – May 15	June 20 – July 1
<b>Watermelon (seeds)</b>	May 20 – June 1	August 25 – Sept. 15
<b>Watermelon (transplants)</b>	May 25 – June 1	August 15 – Sept. 1

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