

# Optimal Planting Dates—Chatham County, NC

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
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Plant Now for Spring Harvest			Plant Now for Summer Harvest			Plant Now for Fall Harvest						

Cool Season Crops—frost tolerant											
Peas, garden		s	s	s							
Peas, snow		s	s	s	s						
Peas, sugar snap		s	s	s	s						
Carrots		s	s	s	s			s	s		
Parsnips			s	s	s	s		s	s		
Radish			s	s	s			s	s	s	
Rutabaga			s	s	s	s		s	s	s	
Kohlrabi			s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	
Arugula			s	s	s			s	s	s	
Lettuce			s,t	s,t	s,t	s,t			s,t	s,t	t
Spinach			s,t	s,t	s,t	s,t			s	s,t	s,t
Turnips			s	s	s	s			s	s	s
Mustard			s	s	s	s			s	s	s
Green Onion			s,t	s,t	s,t	s,t			s	s	s
Bulb Onion			t,b	t,b	t,b					s	s,t
Kale			t	t	t			s	s,t	t	
Collards			t	t	t			s	s,t	t	
Cabbage			t	t	t			s	s,t	t	
Broccoli			t	t	t			s	s,t	t	
Cauliflower			t	t	t			s	s,t	t	
Irish Potatoes			tu	tu	tu						
Leeks				s,t	s,t	s,t	s,t	s,t			
Swiss Chard				s,t	s,t	s,t					
Pac/Bok Choi				s,t	s,t				s	s,t	s,t
Beets				s	s	s			s	s	
Brussels Sprouts								s	s	t	t
Shallots										b	b
Garlic										b	b
Warm Season Crops—frost sensitive											
Beans, Snap					s	s	s	s			
Sweet Corn					s	s					
Summer Squash, Zucchini					s,t	s,t	s,t	s,t			
Cucumber					s,t	s,t	s,t		s,t	s,t	
Beans, Lima						s	s	s		s	s
Southern Peas						s	s	s	s		
Tomato						t	t	t		t	t
Peppers							t	t		t	t
Eggplant							t	t		t	t
Winter Squash							s,t	s,t	s,t		
Cantaloupe							s,t	s,t	s,t		
Watermelon							s,t	s,t	s,t		
Okra							s,t	s,t		s	s
Peanuts							s	s			
Sweet Potato							t	t	t		

! = average last spring frost  
!! = average first fall frost

s = seed  
t = transplant  
b = bulb  
tu = tuber



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