









Spring Vegetable Planting Guide for North Florida

Crop	Recommended Varieties	North Florida Planting Dates	Days to Harvest (from seed)	Row Spacing (in)	Plant Spacing (in)	Seed Depth (in)
Beans, bush 	Snap: Bush Blue Lake, Contender, Roma II, Provider, Cherokee Wax Shell: Horticultural, Pinto, Red Kidney, Black Bean, Navy	Mar—Apr	50-60	18-30	2-3	1-2
Beans, pole	McCaslan, Kentucky Wonder, Blue Lake	Mar—Apr	55-70	40-48	3-6	1-2
Beans, lima	Fordhook 242, Henderson, Jackson Wonder, Dixie (Speckled) Butterpea, Early Thorogreen	Mar—Aug	65-75	24-36	3-4	1-2
Cantaloupes & Honeydew	Athena, Ambrosia, Galia (green fresh)	Mar—Apr	75-90	60-72	24-36	1-2
Collards	Georgia, Georgia Southern, Top Bunch, Vates	Feb—Apr	70-80	24-30	10-18	1/2 - 1
Corn, sweet	White: Silver Queen, How Sweet It Is, Sweet Ice Yellow: Sweet Riser, Early Sunglow	Mar—Apr	60-95	24-36	12-18	1-2
Cucumbers 	Slicers: Sweet Success, Poinsett, Ashley, MarketMore 76, Straight Eight, Space Master Picklers: Liberty Hybrid, Eureka, Boston Pickling	Feb—Apr	50-65	36-60	12-24	1-2
Eggplant	Black Beauty, Dusky, Long, Ichiban, Cloud Nine (white)	Feb—July	90-110	36-42	24-36	1/2
Mustard	Southern Giant Curled, Florida Broad Leaf, Tendergreen, Giant Red, Green Wave, Mizuna	Sept—May	40-60	14-24	1-6	1/2 - 1
Onions	Clemson Spineless, Emerald, Annie Oakley II, Cajun Delight	Mar—July	50-75	24-40	6-12	1-2
Peas, Southern	California Blackeye No. 5, Pinkeye Purple Hull, Texas Cream	Mar—Aug	60-90	30-36	2-3	1-2
Peppers 	Bell: California Wonder, Red Knight, Big Bertha Sweet: Sweet Banana, Giant Marconi, Mariachi, Cubanelle Jalapeno: Early Jalapeno, Jalapeno M Hot: Cherry Bomb, Hungarian Hot Wax, Big Chile II, Numex, Ancho, Thai, Anaheim Chile, Long Cayenne, Habanero, Caribbean Red Habanero	Feb—Apr and July—Aug	80-100	20-36	12-24	1/2

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Potato, Sweet	Centennial, Beauregard, Vardaman	Mar—June	120-140 (transplants)	48-54	12-14	—
Pumpkin	Big Max, Connecticut Field, Prizewinner, Jack Be Little, Jack O Lantern	Mar—Apr	90-120	60-84	36-60	1-2
Squash 	Summer: Early Prolific Straightneck, Summer Crookneck, Early White Scallop Winter: Spaghetti, Table King, Table Queen & Table Ace (Acorn), Waltham, Early Butternut Zucchini: Cocozelle, Spineless Beauty, Black Beauty Calabaza	Mar—Apr (summer) March (winter) Mar—Apr (zucchini/calabaza)	80-110	36-48	24-36	1-2
Swiss Chard	Bright Lights, Bright Yellow, Fordhook Giant, Lucullus, Red Ruby	Almost Year Round	50-60	6-12	6-12	1/2 - 1
Tomatoes 	Large Fruit: Celebrity, Heat Wave II, Better Boy, Beefmaster, BHN444-Southern Star*, Amelia*, BHN640* Small Fruit: Sweet 100, Juliet, Red Grape, Sun Gold, Sugar Snack, Sweet Baby Girl Heirloom: Green Zebra, Cherokee Purple, Eva Purple Ball, Brandywine, Mortgage Lifter, Delicious *Resistant to Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus	Feb—Apr	90-110	36-48 (Stake) 40-60 (Ground)	18-24 (Stake) 36-40 (Ground)	1/2
Turnips	Roots: Purple Top, White Globe Roots & Greens: Purple Top Greens: Seven Top, Shogoin	Jan—Apr	40-60	12-20	4-6	1/2 - 1
Watermelon 	Large: Jubilee (aka FL Giant), Crimson Sweet, Charleston Grey 133 Small: Sugar Baby, Mickeylee *Seedless types must be interplanted with regular types to dependably bear fruit.	Mar—Apr and July—Aug	85-95	84-108 (Large) 48-60 (Small & Seedless)	48-60 (Large) 15-30 (Small & Seedless)	1-2

***Other varieties may produce well also. Suggestions are based on availability, performance, and pest resistance.

For information on vegetable gardening, vegetable crops not listed above, planting dates for other parts of Florida and more, check out the *Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide* at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/VH021> or stop by the Baker County Extension Office for a free copy.