



GARDENING HAS NOT BEEN CANCELED.

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What the seed packet has to say

Corn

Zea mays

Soil Temp. for Germ.	65-85°F	Days to Emergence	7-14
Seed Depth	1-2"	Thin Plants To	8-12"
Seed Spacing	4"	Row Spacing	24-30"
Min. Germ.	80%	Seed Life	1 year
Seeds per ounce	≈ 110-250	Fertilizer Needs	High

Days to maturity are calculated from date of direct seeding.

Squash

Cucurbita spp.

Soil Temp. for Germ.	65-85°F	Days to Emergence	5-10
Seed Depth	1-1 1/2"	Thin Plants To	1-2/hill
Seed Spacing	3-4/hill	Row Spacing	3-6'
Min. Germ.	75%	Seed Life	3-4 years
Seeds per gram	See below	Fertilizer Needs	Medium

Days to maturity are from date of direct seeding.

Culture

- Fertile, well-drained soil gives best results
- Squash is a warm season crop, avoid planting too early; raised beds and plastic mulch help keep roots warm

Peppers

Capsicum annuum

Soil Temp. for Germ.	70-90°F	Days to Emergence	8-25
Seed Depth	1/4"	Soil Temp. for Trans.	65°F
Plant Spacing	12-18"	Row Spacing	24-30"
Min. Germ.	70%	Seed Life	2 years
Seeds per 1/4 gram	≈ 35	Fertilizer Needs	High

Days to maturity are calculated from date of transplanting and reflect edible green fruit.

Culture

- Peppers are warm season annuals that grow best in composted, well-drained soils with a pH of 5.5-6.8
- Extra calcium and phosphorus are needed for highest yields
- Plants perform best...

Planting at what depth

- Read the seed package



Tools for seed planting

- Once the soil has been worked and it's ready for planting.
- My favorite tools for seed starting.....

Pointed hand trowel
Rounded hand trowel
Old flat bladed screw driver



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Vegetable Gardeners Best Friend



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Planting Vegetable Seeds

◦ First, Busting some Myths

- You need to “hill” some vegetables.
- The planting depth is the length of the seed.
- The temperature of the soil doesn't matter.
- Add fertilizer in with the seed.
- Vegetables are drought tolerant.