

Vegetable Climatic Adaptations for Solano County

Vegetable variety	Preferred climate C=cool W=warm	Planting times	Benicia	Vallejo	Fairfield	Rio Vista	Vacaville	Dixon	REMARKS
Artichoke	C	Aug to Dec	ok	ok	poor	poor	no	no	Best results in cool areas
Asparagus	C,W	Jan to Mar	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Adapts well except in coolest areas
Beans, Lima	W	May to Jun	no	no	poor	ok	ok	ok	Requires good drainage
Beans, Snap (1)	W	May to Jul	no	no	poor	ok	ok	ok	Will not flower in cool areas
Beets, table	C	Jan to Feb or in Aug	ok	ok	ok	ok	poor	poor	Tops are edible
Broccoli (2)	C	Early Aug	ok	ok	ok	ok	no	no	Good winter crop in warm areas
Brussels Sprouts	C	Apr to Jul	ok	ok	no	no	no	no	Needs cool climate and fog
Cabbage (2)	C	Aug	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Winter crop in warm areas
Cantaloupes	W	May	no	no	no	poor	ok	ok	High heat requirement
Carrots (1)(2)	C,W	Jan to Aug	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Good winter crop in warm areas
Cauliflower (2)	C	Jun or Jul or in Aug	ok	ok	ok	poor	poor	poor	Good winter crop in warm areas
Celery	C	Feb to May	ok	ok	no	no	no	no	Needs humidity and fog
Chard (2)	C	Feb or Oct	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Continuous harvest
Chayote	W	May	no	no	poor	ok	ok	ok	Train vine on fence or trellis
Corn, sweet (1)	W	Apr to Jun	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	see foot note
Cucumbers	W	Apr to May	no	no	no	?	ok	ok	supply sufficient water
Eggplant	W	Apr to May	poor	poor	ok	ok	ok	ok	Control Spider mites
Endive	C	August	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Good winter crop
Garlic	C,W	Oct to Nov	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Harvest the following August
Kohlrabi	C	Jan or Feb or Aug	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Good winter crop in warm areas
Lettuce, head (2)	C	Aug	ok	ok	poor	poor	poor	poor	Cool climate for firm heads
lettuce, leaf	C	May to Aug	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Good in warm areas
Lettuce, Romaine	C	May to Aug	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Good in warm areas
Mustard (2)	C	Jul to Aug	ok	ok	ok	ok	no	no	Winter crop
Okra	W	Apr to May	no	poor	poor	ok	ok	ok	Requires high temperature
Onions (1)	C,W	Oct or Nov or Feb or Mar	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Transplants easily
Parsnips	C	May to Jun	ok	ok	ok	ok	poor	poor	Store for two months before eating
Peas, sweet	C	Jan to Mar or in Aug	ok	ok	ok	poor	no	no	Will not tolerate heat
Peppers	W	Apr to Jun	no	no	poor	ok	ok	ok	slow to germinate
Potatoes, Sweet	W	Mar to May	Not generally recommended for the soils of this area						Good results in a planter box with sandy soil
Potatoes, Irish(1)	C,W	Mar to July	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Well drained sandy soils
Pumpkins	W	Apr or May	no	no	no	ok	ok	ok	Hot weather and plenty of space
Radish (1)	C,W	Plant all year	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Harvest every thirty days
Rhubarb (2)	C	Dec or Jan	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Perennial plant
Rutabaga(2)	C	July	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	One or two plants- usually enough

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Spinach (2)	C	Sept to Jan	ok	ok	poor	?	no	no	Good winter crop in warm area
Squash, all	W	Apr to Jun	no	poor	poor	ok	ok	ok	needs room to grow
Tomatoes (1)	W	Apr to Jun	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Select proper variety
Turnips (2)	C	Mar to Aug	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	Winter crop in warm areas
Watermelons	W	Apr or May	no	no	poor	ok	ok	ok	High heat requirement
(1) Select variety adapted to your climate and soil type									
(2) Many cool season crops can be grown as a winter crop in the warmer areas.									