

A wicker basket filled with fresh produce including tomatoes, grapes, cucumbers, apples, and cauliflower. The basket is set against a background of green foliage.

FBMG Help Desk Question of the Week

I want to put in a vegetable garden and am confused about warm season vs cold season. Help!

Lets take a look...

Warm Season vs. Cool Season

Planting at the proper time will help yield a larger harvest

Knowing the difference between cool-season and warm-season vegetables is vital for successful vegetable gardening .

Cool season vegetables can tolerate moderate or light frost and produce their harvest before the summer months.



Warm season vegetables can handle our summer heat and produce their harvest through late summer and into fall.



Examples of Warm Season

- Okra
- Peppers
- Sweet Corn
- Tomatillo
- Eggplant
- Cucumber
- Cantaloupe
- Watermelon
- Zucchini
- Tomato
- Green Beans
- Honeydew
- Lima Bean
- Peas
- Muskmelon
- Sweet Potato



Examples of Cool Season

- Broccoli
- Lettuce
- Collards
- Swiss Chard
- Cabbage
- Kale
- Cauliflower
- Carrots
- Kale
- Celery
- Chard
- Shallot
- Bok Choy
- Spinach
- Turnip
- Brussel Sprouts

Timing is Important

Check out the Vegetable Planting Date Chart

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service / Fort Bend County Master Gardeners
 1402 Band Road, Suite 100; Rosenberg, TX 77471
 281-342-3034 - <http://fortbend.agrilife.org>
 Master Gardeners: 281-341-7068; fortbendmg@ag.tamu.edu/ FBMG.org

Fort Bend County Vegetable Garden Planting Dates



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Asparagus (crowns)												
Beans (Lima/SnapBush)												
Beans (Snap Pole)												
Beets												
Broccoli (plants)												
Cabbage (plants)												
Cantaloupe												
Cauliflower (plants)												
Carrots												
Chard, Swiss												
Chinese Cabbage												
Collards												
Corn												
Cucumber												
Eggplant (plants)												
Kohlrabi (plants)												
Lettuce												
Muskmelon												
Mustard												
Okra												
Onion (bulb type sets)												
Onion (transplant)												
Onion (multipliers)												
Parsley												
Peas (English/Snap)												
Peas, Southern												
Pepper (plants)												
Potato, Irish												
Potato, Sweet												
Pumpkin												
Radish												
Spinach												
Squash, Summer												
Squash, Winter												
Tomato (plants)												
Turnip												
Watermelon												

Ideal planting time
 marginal planting time

Please see: <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/vegetable/> and choose "Recommendations"

mac/revised 5/2019 pubs

For more information contact our helpdesk and or visit our website.

Coming Soon So Make a List!

***Fort Bend Master Gardener Fall
Vegetable & Herb Plant Sale***

- Saturday October 11, 2025 from 9-12
- At the Bud O'shieles Community Center
 - 1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg, TX
- Wonderful Selection of Vegetable and Herb Plants to choose from

***Visit our website for updated
information.***



Attend a Class

Our previous classes on both warm and cool season vegetables are available on video.

<https://fbmg.org/videos/>



*Do you have questions
about your home
landscape and plants?*

*Contact the Fort Bend
Master Gardener Help Desk*

*Email:
FortBendmg@ag.tamu.edu*

*Phone:
281-341-7068*

*The Help Desk is manned
Monday thru Friday,
9am-Noon*

*How to choose the best seeds and transplants
for vegetable gardens (tamu.edu)*

*Consider a container vegetable garden this fall -
AgriLife Today (tamu.edu)*

<https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/marion/2021/04/Cool-season-Vegetables-and-Warm-season-Vegetables-When-to-Plant.html>EXTENSION HOME

*California Master Gardener Handbook: (UC
ANR publication 3382)*

*<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/vegetable/Cool-season-vs.-Warm-season-Vegetables>
(psu.edu)*

