HIGH COUNTRY CONSERVATION CENTER

Seed-Starting Dates

Summit County Spring Frost-Free Date: **June 15th** (around Father's Day)

First Fall Frost Date: **September 1-8 or mid-late August,** depending on location

		When to start inside			Setting-out date		
CROP	**NUMBER OF WEEKS TO START SEEDS *BEFORE* TRANSPLANTING DATE**	**FROM**	**TO**	**SAFE TIME TO TRANSPLANT STARTS (RELATIVE TO FROST-FREE DATE)**	**FROM**	**TO**	**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY (for Summit region)**
Basil (W)	6	11-May		1 week after	22-Jun		medium
Beets*	4 to 6	20-Apr	4-May	2 weeks before	1-Jun		easy
Broccoli	4 to 6	20-Apr	4-May	2 weeks before	1-Jun		medium
Cabbage	4 to 6	6-Apr	18-May	4 weeks before	18-May	15-Jun	medium
Cauliflower	4 to 6	20-Apr	18-May	2 weeks before	1-Jun	15-Jun	medium/finicky
Celery	10 to 12	30-Mar	13-Apr	1 week after	22-Jun		medium
Collards	4 to 6	6-Apr	20-Apr	4 weeks before	18-May		easy
Corn*	2 to 4	18-May	15-Jun	0 to 2 weeks after	15-Jun	29-Jun	medium
Cucumber (W)	4 to 5	20-May	27-May	1 to 2 weeks after	22-Jun	29-Jun	challenging
Eggplant (W)	8 to 10	20-Apr	11-May	2 to 3 weeks after	29-Jun	6-Jul	challenging
Kale*	4 to 6	6-Apr	20-Apr	4 weeks before	18-May		easy
Kohlrabi*	4 to 6	6-Apr	20-Apr	4 weeks before	18-May		easy
Leeks	8 to 10	23-Mar	6-Apr	2 weeks before	1-Jun		medium
Lettuce*	4 to 5	13-Apr	27-Apr	3 to 4 weeks before	18-May	25-May	easy
Melons (W)	3 to 4	1-Jun	8-Jun	2 weeks after	29-Jun		challenging
Mustard*	4 to 6	6-Apr	20-Apr	4 weeks before	18-May		easy
Onions	8 to 10	9-Mar	23-Mar	4 weeks before	18-May		medium
Parsley	9 to 10	16-Mar	30-Mar	2 to 3 weeks before	25-May	1-Jun	easy
Peas*	3 to 4	23-Mar	13-Apr	6 to 8 weeks before	20-Apr	4-May	easy
Peppers (W)	8-10	13-Apr	27-Apr	2 weeks after	29-Jun		challenging
Pumpkins (W)	3 to 4	1-Jun	8-Jun	2 weeks after	29-Jun		medium
Spinach*	4 to 6	23-Mar	27-Apr	3 to 6 weeks before	4-May	25-May	easy
Squash (W)	3 to 4	1-Jun	8-Jun	2 weeks after	29-Jun		medium
Swiss chard	4 to 6	20-Apr	4-May	2 weeks before	1-Jun		easy
Tomatoes (W)	6 to 8	27-Apr	11-May	1 to 2 weeks after	22-Jun	29-Jun	challenging

* Usually direct-sown, but may be started indoors

(W) Refers to warm season crops that are frost tender, need to be started indoors, and need temps. above 50F to thrive.

If growing in a hoophouse or greenhouse and/or can cover plants with frost cloth, use June 1st as last date of frost.

Highly recommended to cover plants with minimum Ag-30 or 0.9 oz or heavier grade row cover if so.

Row cover guide

Seed Starting Date Calculator

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