

Approx. Spring Frost-Free Date Athens, OH 45701		4/28/2015				
Crop	Number of weeks to start seeds before setting-out date	When To start inside		Safe time to set out plants (relative to frost-free date)	Setting-out date	
		From	To		From	To
Artichoke	8	3-Mar		on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Basil	6	24-Mar		1 week after	5-May	
Beets*	4 to 6	3-Mar	17-Mar	2 weeks before	14-Apr	
Broccoli	4 to 6	3-Mar	17-Mar	2 weeks before	14-Apr	
Cabbage	4 to 6	17-Feb	31-Mar	4 weeks before	31-Mar	28-Apr
Cauliflower	4 to 6	3-Mar	31-Mar	2 weeks before	14-Apr	28-Apr
Celery & celeriac	10 to 12	10-Feb	24-Feb	1 week after	5-May	
Collards	4 to 6	17-Feb	3-Mar	4 weeks before	31-Mar	
Corn salad/mache	4 to 6	3-Feb	10-Mar	3 to 6 weeks before	17-Mar	7-Apr
Corn*	2 to 4	31-Mar	28-Apr	0 to 2 weeks after	28-Apr	12-May
Cucumber	3 to 4	7-Apr	21-Apr	1 to 2 weeks after	5-May	12-May
Eggplant	8 to 10	3-Mar	24-Mar	2 to 3 weeks after	12-May	19-May
Kale	4 to 6	17-Feb	3-Mar	4 weeks before	31-Mar	
Kohlrabi*	4 to 6	17-Feb	3-Mar	4 weeks before	31-Mar	
Leeks	8 to 10	3-Feb	17-Feb	2 weeks before	14-Apr	
Lettuce	4 to 5	24-Feb	10-Mar	3 to 4 weeks before	31-Mar	7-Apr
Melons	3 to 4	14-Apr	21-Apr	2 weeks after	12-May	
Mustard*	4 to 6	17-Feb	3-Mar	4 weeks before	31-Mar	
Okra*	4 to 6	31-Mar	28-Apr	2 to 4 weeks after	12-May	26-May
Onions	8 to 10	20-Jan	3-Feb	4 weeks before	31-Mar	
Parsley	9 to 10	27-Jan	10-Feb	2 to 3 weeks before	7-Apr	14-Apr
Peas*	3 to 4	3-Feb	24-Feb	6 to 8 weeks before	3-Mar	17-Mar
Peppers	8	17-Mar		2 weeks after	12-May	
Pumpkins	3 to 4	14-Apr	21-Apr	2 weeks after	12-May	
Spinach	4 to 6	3-Feb	10-Mar	3 to 6 weeks before	17-Mar	7-Apr
Squash	3 to 4	14-Apr	21-Apr	2 weeks after	12-May	
Swiss chard	4 to 6	3-Mar	17-Mar	2 weeks before	14-Apr	
Tomatoes	6 to 8	10-Mar	31-Mar	1 to 2 weeks after	5-May	12-May
Watermelon	3 to 4	14-Apr	21-Apr	2 weeks after	12-May	
Ageratum	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Agrostemma (Corn Cockle)*	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Amaranthus	4 to 6	24-Mar	7-Apr	1 week after	5-May	
Ammi (False Queen Anne's Lace)*	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Artemisia (Sweet Annie) ***	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Asclepias (Butterfly Weed)	10 to 12	3-Feb	17-Feb	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Aster, China	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Bells of Ireland**	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	

Calendula*	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Cardoon	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Carthamus (Safflower)*	4 to 6	17-Mar	31-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Castor Bean	6 to 8	10-Mar	24-Mar	1 week after	5-May	
Celosia	6 to 8	10-Mar	24-Mar	1 week after	5-May	
Centaurea (Bachelor's Button)*	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Chinese Lanterns	8 to 12	3-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Coleus	8	10-Mar		1 week after	5-May	
Cosmos*	5 to 7	10-Mar	24-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Craspedia (Drumstick Flower)	8 to 10	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Datura (Angel's Trumpet)	8 to 12	17-Feb	24-Mar	2 to 3 weeks after	12-May	19-May
Delphinium	10 to 16	6-Jan	17-Feb	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Dianthus (Sweet William)	10 to 12	20-Jan	10-Feb	1 to 2 weeks before	14-Apr	21-Apr
Digitalis (Foxglove)	10 to 12	3-Feb	17-Feb	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Eucalyptus	10 to 12	3-Feb	17-Feb	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Euphorbia (Snow-on-the-Mountain)*	4 to 6	17-Mar	31-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Flower Collections & Mixes*	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Forget-Me-Not	8 to 9	24-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)	8 to 10	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Gomphrena (Globe Amaranth)	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Helianthus maximillianii	8 to 10	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Hibiscus	8 to 10	24-Feb	10-Mar	1 week after	5-May	
Hollyhock	8 to 10	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Hyacinth Bean	4 to 6	24-Mar	7-Apr	1 week after	5-May	
Impatiens	8 to 10	24-Feb	10-Mar	1 week after	5-May	
Kale, Ornamental	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Larkspur*	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Lisianthus	12 to 13	27-Jan	3-Feb	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Lupine	6 to 8	17-Feb	3-Mar	2 weeks before	14-Apr	
Marigold	6 to 8	10-Mar	24-Mar	1 week after	5-May	
Monarda (Bee Balm)	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Morning Glory	3 to 4	21-Apr	5-May	3 to 4 weeks after	19-May	26-May
Nigella*	4 to 6	17-Mar	31-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Phlox**	4	3-Mar		1 to 2 weeks before	14-Apr	21-Apr
Pepper, Ornamental	8	10-Mar		1 week after	5-May	
Petunia	8 to 10	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Polygonum (Prince's Feather)	8 to 10	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
California Poppy*	2 to 3	7-Apr	14-Apr	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Corn Poppy*	2 to 3	7-Apr	14-Apr	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Iceland Poppy	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Ptilotus	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan)	8 to 10	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Salpiglossis (Painted Tongue)	4 to 6	17-Mar	31-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Salvia	6 to 8	17-Feb	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	

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Scabiosa (Pincushion Flower)	4 to 6	17-Mar	31-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Scarlet Runner Bean	2 to 3			soil 60 degrees		
Snapdragon	8 to 10	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Statice	8	3-Mar		on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Stock	8 to 10	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Sunflowers*	3-4	31-Mar	7-Apr	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Strawflower	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Sweet Pea*	4 to 6	3-Mar	24-Mar	1 to 2 weeks before	14-Apr	21-Apr
Thunbergia (Black Eyed Susan Vine)	6 to 8	3-Mar	17-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Tithonia (Mexican Sunflower)*	6	24-Mar		1 week after	5-May	
Verbena	8 to 12	3-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Viola (Pansy)	8 to 12	20-Jan	24-Feb	1 to 2 weeks before	14-Apr	21-Apr
Yarrow	8 to 12	17-Feb	3-Mar	on frost-free date	28-Apr	
Zinnia	4	7-Apr		1 week after	5-May	

* Usually direct-sown, but may be started indoors

** Specifically recommended for direct seeding outdoors

Note: Dates are the same from year to year, but this table requires a year for computation simplicity