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Beginner lessons for Seasonal Crops

Grow with the seasons: Mastering seasonal crops for beginners!

DEFINITION

> Seasonal crops are plants that thrive during specific times of the year. Understanding when to plant and harvest these crops is essential for successful gardening.

KEY CONCEPTS

Cool-season crops

These crops grow best in cooler temperatures, typically planted in early spring or fall.

Warm-season crops

These crops thrive in warmer temperatures and are usually planted after the last frost.

Frost dates

Knowing the last and first frost dates in your area helps determine planting times.

Succession planting

This technique involves planting crops in intervals to ensure a continuous harvest throughout the season.

Crop rotation

Changing the types of crops grown in a specific area each season helps maintain soil health.

EXAMPLES

→ Plant lettuce and peas in early spring.

→ Grow tomatoes and peppers in late spring.

→ Harvest pumpkins in the fall.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'Cool crops in spring, warm crops in summer' for planting times.

★ Use the acronym 'FROST' to recall 'First and Last frost dates' for planning.

★ Think of 'Sow, Grow, Harvest' to remember the gardening cycle.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Planting warm-season crops too early before the last frost.

✗ Neglecting to check local frost dates.

✗ Failing to rotate crops, leading to soil depletion.

QUICK RECAP

Understanding seasonal crops is vital for successful gardening. Focus on the right planting times and techniques like succession planting and crop rotation to maximize your harvest.