

WHAT A VARIETY!



You may think all tomatoes are red. But you may be surprised to find that they also can be orange, yellow, pink, green—even multi-color. There are so many different varieties, with names like Better Boy, Golden Girl, Beefsteak and others. They're round, pear-shaped, and even small, like cherry tomatoes.



FUN FACTS:

You might think a tomato is a vegetable, but it is really considered a fruit. Why? Because it has seeds. Cut open a tomato and take a look at the seeds. They can be collected, stored and used to grow tomatoes in the future. Also, a fresh garden tomato tastes sweet – like a berry. You *can* taste the difference.

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Each farmer in the United States grows enough food to feed 143 people.

PEPPERS

can be green, red, yellow, orange or even other colors. Corn can be yellow or white. Squash comes in a variety of colors. All of these depend on the variety of seeds you plant. If you want to grow something with a unique size and color, look at the different varieties available and then make your choice.

Keep Growing

The good news is that you can actually have a spring, summer, AND fall garden. Different plants have different growing seasons. It's best to look at the seed packet or visit a garden center to see what you can grow during spring, summer, and fall.

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Kentucky ranks in the top 5 nationally in the number of farms within a state.

Farmland covers more than half of the all the land in Kentucky.

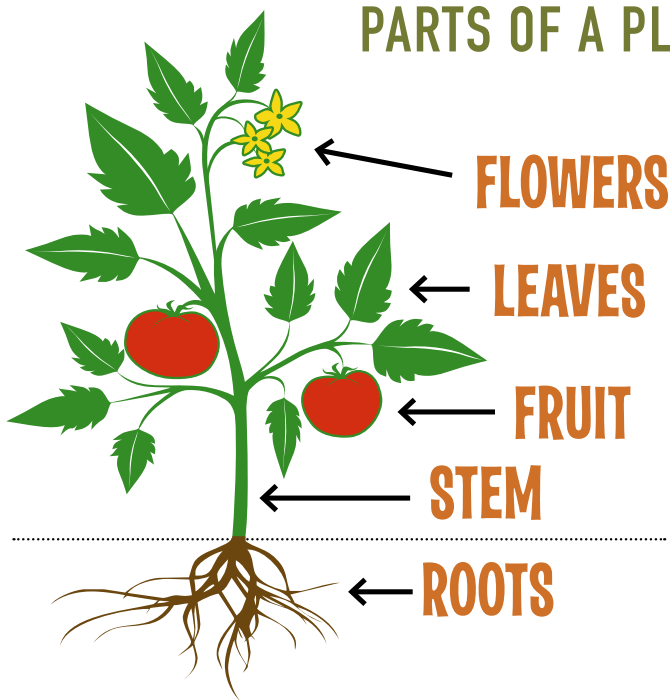
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98%

Percent of Kentucky's farms that are owned by families.

Information courtesy of the Kentucky Farm Bureau.

PARTS OF A PLANT

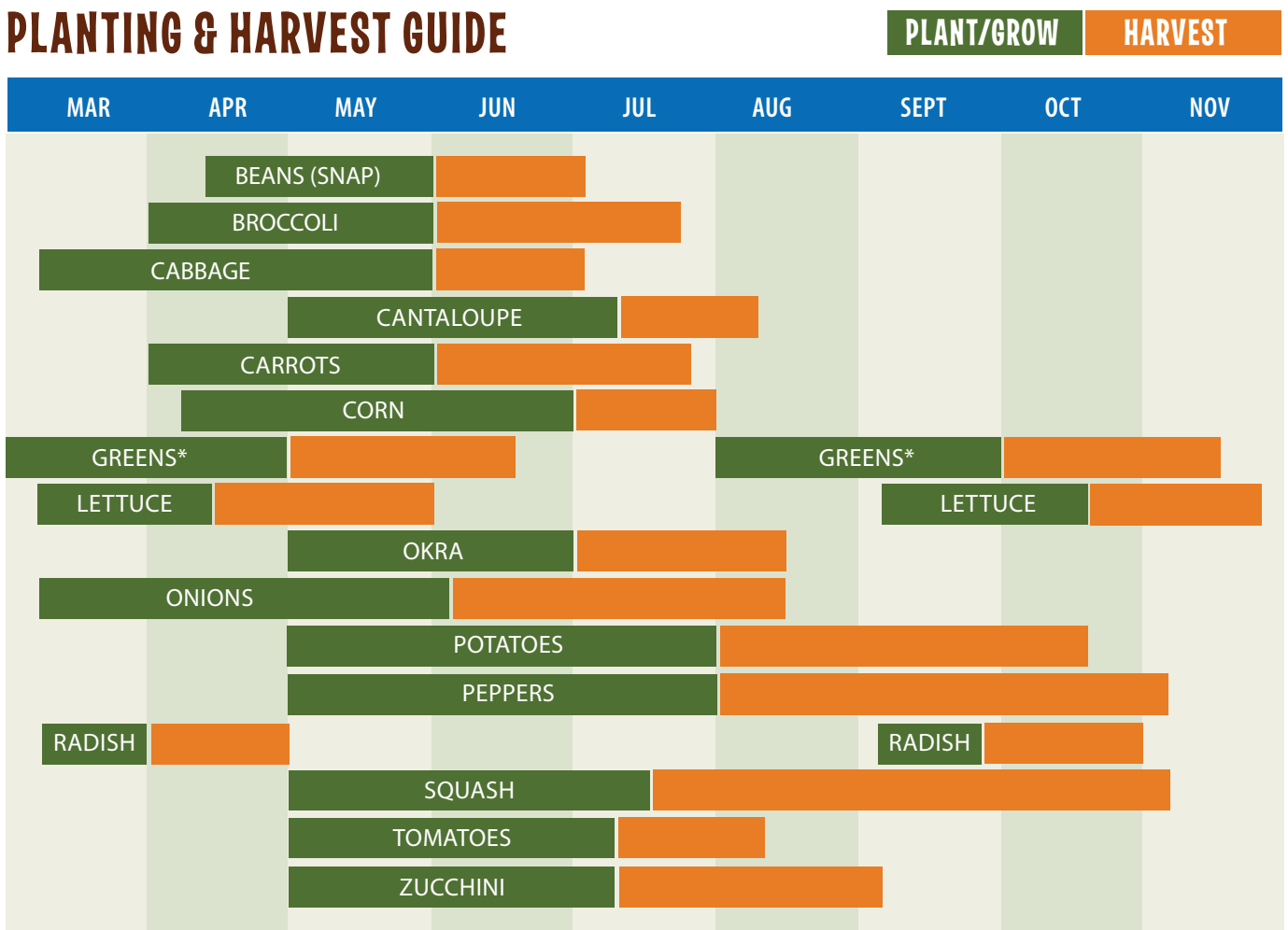


The Rest of the Garden:

All vegetables in the garden grow in much the same way, starting out as seeds or bulbs, and ending as healthy vegetables.

From planting to the dinner table, a tomato takes 60 - 90 days. The growing season for other popular garden foods are shown in the chart below:

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* Greens refer to any number of different plants including the traditional spinach, mustard, collard, turnip, etc., as well as newer Asian varieties and Swiss chard.

FROM SEED TO MATURE PLANT

SEEDLING

YOUNG

MATURE

GREEN BEANS



BELL PEPPERS



CANTALOUPE



RADISHES



LETTUCE



SEEDLING

YOUNG

MATURE

TOMATOES



CORN



POTATOES



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