

TABLE 1.—Best months for planting seeds of various vegetable crops at different elevations in Hawaii¹

(+) plus sign indicates months best for planting

(−) minus sign indicates months when crop can be planted with possibility of moderate success

() blank space indicates months least desirable for planting

CROP	LOW ELEVATIONS 0–1,000 feet						MEDIUM ELEVATIONS 1,000–2,000 feet						HIGH ELEVATIONS 2,000–3,500 feet					
	Jan., Feb.	Mar., Apr.	May, June	July, Aug.	Sept., Oct.	Nov., Dec.	Jan., Feb.	Mar., Apr.	May, June	July, Aug.	Sept., Oct.	Nov., Dec.	Jan., Feb.	Mar., Apr.	May, June	July, Aug.	Sept., Oct.	Nov., Dec.
<i>Greens</i>																		
Beet tops	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Broccoli	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cabbage, Chinese ²	−	−	−	−	+	+	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cabbage, head	+	−	−	−	+	+	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cabbage, spoon	+	+	+	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Celery	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chard	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lettuce, Mignonette	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lettuce, Iceberg type	−	−	−	−	−	−	−	−	−	−	−	−	+	+	−	−	+	+
Mustard, Chinese	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Onion, green	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Parsley	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Spinach, New Zealand	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	−	+	+	+	+	−
<i>Root crops</i>																		
Beet roots	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Carrot	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Daikon	−	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Radish	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Turnip	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Fresh and green-shell legumes</i>																		
Bean, bush green	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bean, pole green	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bean, bush lima	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bean, pole lima	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cowpea, bush	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	−	+	+	+	+	+
Cowpea, pole	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	−	+	+	+	+	+
Pea, Chinese ³	−	−	−	−	−	−	+	+	−	−	+	+	−	+	+	−	−	−
Soybean ⁴	+	+	+	−	−	−	+	+	−	−	−	−	+	−	−	−	−	−
<i>Starchy crops</i>																		
Corn	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	−	+	+	+	−	−
Potato, Irish ⁵	+	−	−	−	−	−	+	+	+	−	+	+	−	+	+	+	−	−
Sweetpotato	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	−	−	−
<i>Miscellaneous</i>																		
Eggplant	+	+	+	+	+	+	−	+	+	+	−	−	−	+	+	−	−	−
Okra	−	+	+	+	+	−	−	−	+	+	−	−	−	+	+	+	−	−
Tomato ⁵	+	+	−	−	+	+	+	+	−	+	+	+	−	+	+	+	−	−

¹ The climate of Hawaii is such that, except for highest areas where frost occurs, all vegetable crops will make an effort to grow. The important question is one of *desirability* of growth and the care required to make the plant perform satisfactorily.

² Will head well when planted from about September to December at low elevations.

³ Chinese (edible-pod) peas are often difficult to grow because of diseases and insects, and they should have cool weather.

⁴ Our present varieties of soybeans do best when planted in spring and early summer. See page 38 for varieties to plant during different seasons.

⁵ At high elevations leaf diseases are serious on these crops, especially during cool, rainy, winter months.