

Mississippi Fresh Produce Availability Calendar

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Product	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Apples					15th	-----	15th					
Blueberries					25th	-----	25th					
Muscadines									5th	15th		
Peaches					15th	-----	-----	1st				
Plums					15th	-----	-----	1st				
Strawberries			15th	-----	1st							
Beans, Green				20th	-----	15th			15th	31st		
Beans, Pole				20th	-----	15th			15th	31st		
Beans, Butter						1st	-----	-----	30th			
Broccoli				15th	-----	1st				1st	-----	31st
Cabbage	31st			1st	-----	15th				1st	-----	-----
Cauliflower				15th	-----	1st				1st	-----	31st
Cantaloupes						10th	-----	1st				
Corn, Sweet					15th	30th						
Cucumbers, Pickles					20th	-----	31st					
Cucumbers, Slicers					20th	-----	31st					
Eggplants						15th	31st					
Greens, Collards			10th	-----	-----	10th				1st	-----	31st
Greens, Mustard			10th	-----	-----	10th				1st	-----	31st
Greens, Turnip			10th	-----	-----	10th				1st	-----	31st
Kale			10th	-----	-----	10th						
Kholrabi				1st	-----	15th						
Okra						25th	-----	-----	-----	31st		
Peas, English				15th	15th							
Peas, Southern						20th	-----	-----	30th			
Peppers, Bell						15th	-----	31st				
Peppers, Hot						15th	-----	31st				
Potatoes, Irish					20th	30th						
Potatoes, Sweet (Avail all year)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Potatoes, Sweet (Harvest)								1st	-----	31st		
Pumpkins										10th	1st	
Squash, White						1st	-----	-----	-----	15th		
Squash, Winter										15th	30th	
Squash, Yellow						1st	-----	-----	-----	15th		
Squash, Zucchini						1st	-----	-----	-----	15th		
Tomatoes, Field						1st	-----	15th				
Tomatoes, Green House	15th	15th	-----	-----	15th					15th	-----	-----
Watermelons						10th	-----	31st				
Chestnuts									15th	15th		
Christmas Trees											20th	25th
Honey (Available All year)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pecans (Available all year)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pecans (Harvest)										24TH	-----	31ST

Planting Guide

Vegetable	Seeds or plants per 100 ft.	Depth of planting (inches)	Distance between plants (inches)	Average crop expected per 100 ft.	Average no. of Days To Harvest
Asparagus	1 oz. 65 plants	1 6-8	18	30 lbs.	2 yr.
Beans, snap bush	1/2 lb.	1	3-6	60 lbs.	50-55
Beans, snap pole	1/2 lb.	1	4-12	80 lbs.	65
Beans, lima bush	1/2 lb.	1	3-6	47 lb. in shell 18 lb. shelled	65
Beans, lima pole	1/2 lb.	1	4-12	66 lb. in shell 25 lb. shelled	80
Beets	1 oz.	1/2	2	75 lbs.	65
Broccoli	1/8 oz. 50-65 plants	1/4-1/2	18-24 18-24	50 lb. 50 lb.	80-115 75
Cabbage	1/8 oz. 65-100 plants	1/4-1/2	12-18 12-18	150 lbs. 150 lbs.	100 80
Cabbage, Chinese	1/8 oz.	1/4-1/2	12	100 lbs.	80
Carrot	1/8 oz.	1/4-1/2	2	100 lbs.	75
Cauliflower	1/8 oz. 50-65 plants	1/4-1/2	18-24 18-24	80 lbs. 80 lbs.	80-115 65
Chard, Swiss	1 oz.	1/4-1/2	6	75 lbs.	50
Collard and Kale	1/4 oz.	1/4-1/2	8-16	150 lbs.	55
Corn, Sweet	3-4 oz.	1-2	12	10 doz.	80
Cucumber	1/2 oz.	1	12-18	100 lbs.	55
Eggplant	50 plants		24	150 lbs.	85
Lettuce, Head	1/4 oz. 75-100 plants	1/4	12 12-14	75 head 75 head	80-115 80
Lettuce, Leaf	1/4 oz.	1/4	8-12	50 lbs.	50
Muskmelon	1/4 oz.	1	36-48	100 fruit	90
Mustard	1/4 oz.	1/4-1/2	2	100 lbs.	45
Okra	1 oz.	1	12-18	90 lbs.	65
Onion, green	600 sets or plants		2	100 bunches	35
Onion, bulb	220 sets or plants		6	100 lbs.	110
Parsley	1/8 oz.	1/4	4-6	30 lbs.	90
Peanut	1/2 lb.	1-2	3-4	45 lbs. green 15 lbs. dry	110
Pea, English	1 lb.	1-2	2	30 lbs. in shell	65
Pea, Southern	1/2 lb.	1	4-6	40 lbs. in hull	65
Pepper, Bell	50 plants		24	150 lbs.	75
Potato, Irish	10 lbs.	4	12	150 lbs.	100
Potato, Sweet	75-100		12	100 lbs.	120
Pumpkin	1/2 oz.	1-2	48	300 lbs.	90-110
Radish	1 oz.	1/2	1	40 lbs.	28
Rutabaga	1/2 oz.	1/4-1/2	12	90 lbs.	90
Spinach	1/2 oz.	1/2	4	70 lbs.	45
Squash, summer	1/2 oz.	1	36	150 lbs.	55
Squash, winter	1/2 oz.	1	48	100 lbs.	90
Tomato	35-65 plants		18-36	125 lbs.	70
Turnip, greens	1/4 oz.	1/4-1/2	2-3	50-100 lbs.	50
Turnip, roots	1/4 oz.	1/4-1/2	2-3	50-100 lbs.	60
Watermelon	1/2 oz.	1-1 1/2	48-72	60 fruit	85

Median Date of Last Freeze in Spring

Use the map and chart in this section to determine dates for planting vegetables in your area. Use the map to identify the zone (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) in which you farm. Some Mississippi counties are in only one zone, while others are in more than one.

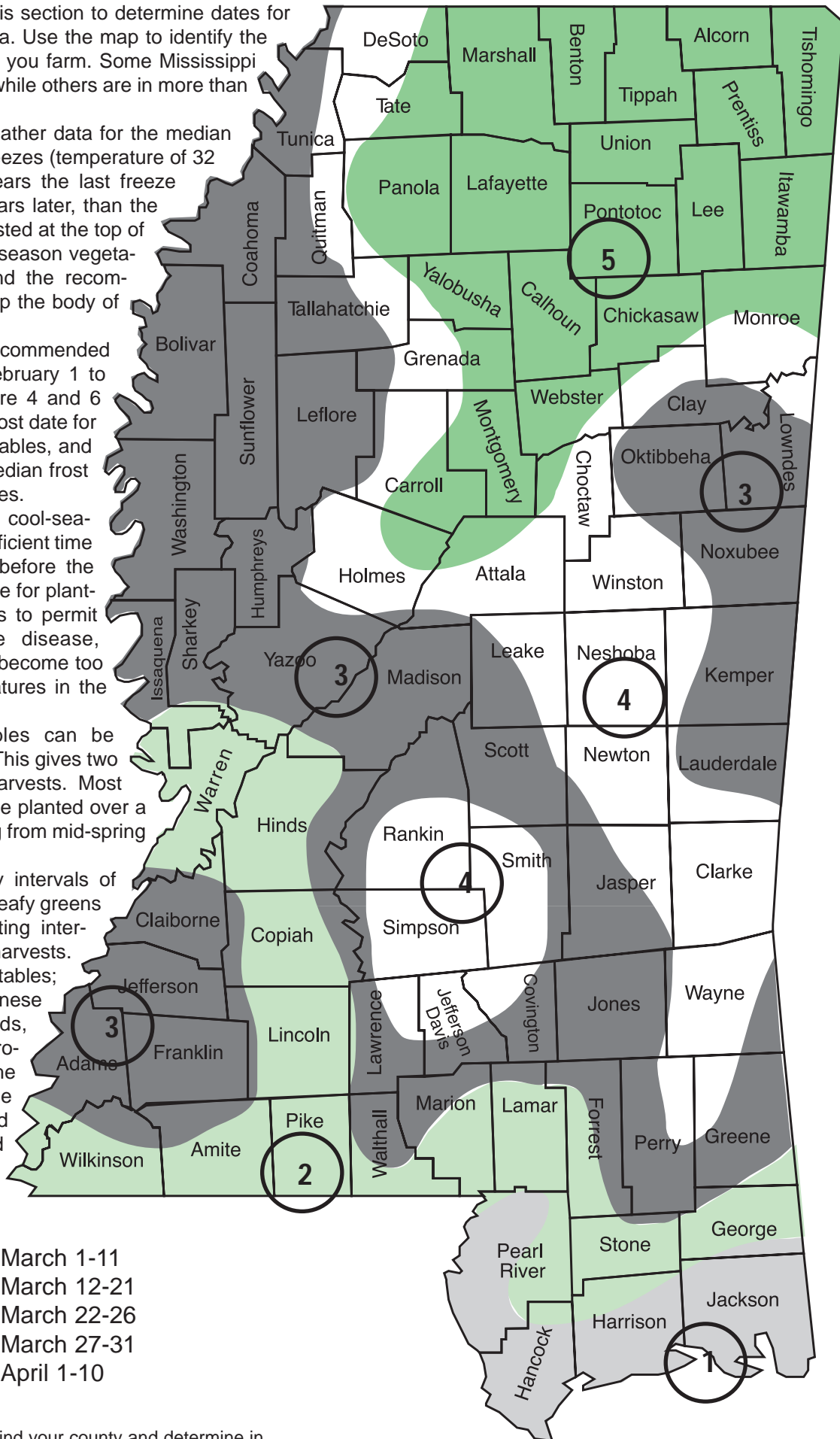
The zones are based on weather data for the median (most frequent) dates of last freezes (temperature of 32 or less) in spring. In some years the last freeze occurs earlier, and in some years later, than the median dates. The zones are listed at the top of the chart. The cool- and warm-season vegetables are listed on the left, and the recommended planting dates make up the body of information in the chart.

Beets, for example, are recommended for planting in zone 1 from February 1 to March 1. The starting dates are 4 and 6 weeks before the last median frost date for the zone for cool-season vegetables, and 2 and 4 weeks after the last median frost date for warm-season vegetables.

The cut-off date for planting cool-season vegetables is to provide sufficient time for the vegetables to mature before the heat of summer. The cut-off date for planting warm-season vegetables is to permit maturity and harvest before disease, insect, and weather pressures become too great and before cold temperatures in the fall.

Most cool-season vegetables can be planted in both spring and fall. This gives two opportunities for successful harvests. Most warm-season vegetables can be planted over a period of several weeks ranging from mid-spring to mid-summer.

Multiple plantings at 10-day intervals of beans, corn, peas, radish, and leafy greens within the recommended planting intervals provide for successive harvests. Some of the cool-season vegetables; such as broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, spinach, and rutabaga produce better when grown in the fall. These plants mature as the weather is getting cooler, and they are of better quality and produce over a longer period of time.



Zone 1	March 1-11
Zone 2	March 12-21
Zone 3	March 22-26
Zone 4	March 27-31
Zone 5	April 1-10

Planting zones -- to use the map, find your county and determine in which zone it is located. Then find the vegetable planting dates for your zone in the charts on the next two pages.

Cool Season Vegetables

Planting Dates

Vegetable	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Beets	Feb. 1	Feb. 12	Feb. 22	Feb. 27	Mar. 3
	Mar. 1	Mar. 15	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Apr. 5
Broccoli (plants)	Feb. 1	Feb. 12	Feb. 22	Feb. 27	Mar. 3
	Feb. 15	Mar. 1	Mar. 10	Mar. 15	Mar. 20
Cabbage, Collards (plants)	Feb. 1	Feb. 12	Feb. 22	Feb. 27	Mar. 3
	Feb. 15	Mar. 1	Mar. 15	Mar. 20	Apr. 1
Carrots	Jan. 20	Jan. 29	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 18
	Apr. 15	Apr. 15	Apr. 15	Apr. 15	Apr. 15
Cauliflower (plants)	Feb. 1	Feb. 12	Feb. 22	Feb. 27	Mar. 3
	Feb. 15	Mar. 1	Mar. 10	Mar. 15	Mar. 20
Chard, Swiss	Feb. 1	Feb. 12	Feb. 22	Feb. 27	Mar. 3
	Mar. 1	Mar. 15	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Apr. 5
Kohlrabi	Jan. 20	Jan. 29	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 18
	Mar. 1	Mar. 15	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Apr. 5
Lettuce, head	Jan. 20	Jan. 29	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 18
	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 5	Mar. 10
Lettuce, leaf	Jan. 20	Jan. 29	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 18
	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Apr. 10	Apr. 15
Mustard	Feb. 1	Feb. 12	Feb. 22	Feb. 27	Mar. 3
	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Apr. 15	Apr. 15	Apr. 20
Onions (sets or plants)	Jan. 20	Jan. 29	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 18
	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 15
Peas, English	Jan. 20	Jan. 29	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 18
	Mar. 10	Mar. 10	Mar. 15	Mar. 20	Apr. 1
Potato, Irish	Jan. 20	Jan. 29	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 18
	Feb. 15	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 10	Mar. 15
Radish	Feb. 1	Feb. 12	Feb. 22	Feb. 27	Mar. 3
	Mar. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 1	Apr. 15	Apr. 25
Spinach	Jan. 20	Jan. 29	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 18
	Feb. 15	Mar. 1	Mar. 15	Mar. 15	Mar. 15
Turnips	Feb. 1	Feb. 12	Feb. 22	Feb. 27	Mar. 3
	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Apr. 15	Apr. 15	Apr. 20

Warm Season Vegetables

Planting Dates

Vegetable	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Beans, Snap	Mar. 15	Mar. 25	Apr. 4	Apr. 8	Apr. 14
Bush	Apr. 15	Apr. 20	May 1	May 1	May 10
Pole	Mar. 15 Sept. 1	Mar. 25 Aug. 15	Apr. 4 Aug. 15	Apr. 9 Aug. 15	Apr. 14 Aug. 1
Beans, Lima	Mar. 29	Apr. 8	Apr. 18	Apr. 23	Apr. 28
Bush	Aug. 15	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	Jul. 25	Jul. 15
Pole	Mar. 29 Aug. 5	Apr. 8 Jul. 20	Apr. 18 Jul. 20	Apr. 23 Jul. 15	Apr. 28 Jul. 5
Corn	Mar. 1 Jul. 15	Mar. 11 Jul. 15	Mar. 21 Jul. 15	Mar. 26 Jul. 15	Mar. 31 Jul. 15
Cucumbers	Mar. 29 Sept. 14	Apr. 8 Aug. 28	Apr. 18 Aug. 21	Apr. 23 Aug. 14	Apr. 28 Aug. 10
Eggplant	Mar. 29	Apr. 8	Apr. 18	Apr. 23	Apr. 28
(plants)	Aug. 15	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	Aug. 1	Jul. 15
Muskmelon	Mar. 29 May 1	Apr. 8 May 1	Apr. 18 May 15	Apr. 23 May 15	Apr. 28 Jun. 1
Okra	Mar. 29 Jul. 15	Apr. 8 Jul. 15	Apr. 18 Jul. 15	Apr. 23 Jul. 15	Apr. 28 Jul. 15
Peanut	Mar. 15 May 1	Mar. 25 May 1	Apr. 4 May 1	Apr. 9 May 15	Apr. 14 May 15
Peas, Southern	Mar. 29 Aug. 10	Apr. 8 Aug. 1	Apr. 18 Aug. 1	Apr. 23 Aug. 1	Apr. 28 Jul. 20
Pepper (plants)	Mar. 29 Aug. 15	Apr. 8 Aug. 10	Apr. 18 Aug. 10	Apr. 23 Aug. 1	Apr. 28 Jul. 15
Potato, Sweet	Mar. 29	Apr. 8	Apr. 18	Apr. 23	Apr. 28
(plants)	Jul. 1	Jul. 1	Jul. 1	Jul. 1	Jul. 1
Pumpkins, Winter Squash	Mar. 29 Jul. 1	Apr. 8 Jul. 1	Apr. 18 Jul. 1	Apr. 23 Jul. 1	Apr. 28 Jul. 1
Spinach, New Zealand	Mar. 15 Apr. 15	Mar. 25 Apr. 15	Apr. 4 Apr. 20	Apr. 9 May 15	Apr. 14 May 15
Squash, Summer	Mar. 29 Sept. 14	Apr. 8 Aug. 28	Apr. 18 Aug. 21	Apr. 23 Aug. 14	Apr. 28 Aug. 10
Tomato (plants)	Mar. 29 Aug. 15	Apr. 8 Aug. 10	Apr. 18 Aug. 10	Apr. 23 Aug. 1	Apr. 28 Jul. 20
Watermelon	Mar. 29 May 1	Apr. 8 May 1	Apr. 18 May 15	Apr. 23 May 15	Apr. 28 Jun. 1