

DMR Growing Guides · Wall Poster Edition

Dragoon Mountains Master Calendar

12 months · 14 crop families · 4,700 ft, USDA 8a · scaled from *cheat_master_calendar.pdf*

● sow / start indoors ▲ transplant / pot up ★ harvest ○ cure / dry / preserve ★ becomes dormant / cold-protect ♦ critical timing ~ monsoon window												
Crop family	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Peppers <i>G2</i>	● Rocoto + habs indoor LED	● all <i>C. annuum</i> indoors	▲ pot up; build outdoor	▲ harden off; transplant late	▲ final transplants; mulch	Peak pre-monsoon heat; first buds	~ reduce drip; stake heavy	★ Peak production <i>C. annuum</i>	★ BEST MONTH all varieties	★ continue; pot up overwinterers	○ dry remaining; compost beds	overwintered LED 16 hr; plan
Tomatoes <i>G7</i>	plan varieties	● start indoor under LED	▲ pot up; harden late	▲ transplant out; cage	▲ final transplants	First flowers; ♦ shade above 95 °F	★ first fruit; ~ prune lower	★ peak (early month)	★ fall flush returns; ● fall sowing	★ last harvest before frost	Beds cleared; cover crop	seed catalog season
Cucurbits <i>G7 · cuke, squash, melon</i>	plan	seed order	soil prep	Soil to 60 °F	● direct-sow May 15 (zukes, cukes, melons)	Vine establishment; trellis cukes	★ first zukes & cukes; ♦ cuke beetle watch	★ steady harvest	★ melons ripen; cure winter squash	★ last harvest; ○ cure squash	Beds cleared	rest
Beans <i>G7 · snap, dry, tepary</i>	seed inventory	plan rotation	bed prep	Soil warming	● direct-sow snap + pole beans	● tepary direct-sow (monsoon-fed)	First snap pods; ~ teparies thrive	★ snap peak; tepary forming	★ continued; ○ dry pods	★ tepary harvest; ○ cure	Beds cleared	N-fixing cover crop alt.
Corn <i>G7 · sweet & flour</i>	plan blocks	seed order	Block bed prep	● direct-sow Apr 15 (sweet, early)	● sow Hopi blue, Painted Mtn	Knee-high; side-dress N	Tasseling; deep water; ~ earworm scout	★ sweet corn peak	★ flour corn; cobs drying	○ cure flour corn	Shell, store	seed save
Sweet potato <i>G7</i>	order slips	● start slips from stored roots	slips rooting	Slips ready; harden	▲ plant slips after May 15	Vine run-out begins	Vines covering bed; ~ drip down	Vines peak; bulking	Bulking; flavor developing	★ harvest before first frost	○ cure 80 °F / 85% RH 10 d	Store; eat through winter
Grapes <i>G5</i>	full dormancy ; plan pruning	Late-dormancy prune (delay if frost)	♦ BUD BREAK - frost watch; 1st N	Active shoot growth; positioning	♦ FLOWERING - critical; boron foliar	Fruit set; canopy work	~ mid-month monsoon; preventive sulfur	Veraison; deficit irrigation; weekly Brix	★ PRIMARY HARVEST by Brix	Continue to leaf fall; cover crop	Leaf fall; soil test	full dormancy
Brassicas <i>G6 · cabbage family</i>	★ mature heads on warm days	● sow spring brassicas indoors	▲ transplant Mar 1-15	Heads racing May heat	Spring brassicas wrap	Beds rest or summer cover	● sow fall indoors Jul 5	● sow more fall; ▲ 1st transplants late	▲ transplant all month; direct-sow broccoli	★ first fall heads	★ heavy fall harvest	★ brussels peak after frost
Alliums <i>G6 · garlic, onion, shallot</i>	garlic dormant under mulch	● spring onions/leeks indoors	▲ transplant onions/leeks; side-dress garlic	Side-dress garlic N (last); scapes forming	★ garlic scapes; pull spring onions	★ garlic harvest Jun 20-Jul 10 hardneck	★ softneck + shallot Jul 1-20; ○ cure 3 wk	▲ overwintering onions Aug 25-Sep 15	▲ onions early Sep; sow scallions	♦ plant garlic Oct 15-Nov 15	Shallots; last fall planting	garlic dormant ; eat stored
Greens <i>G6 · lettuce, spinach, mâche</i>	★ spinach, mâche, arugula under cover	★ succession arugula, spinach	● sow lettuce, radish outside	Last spring sowings	Bolt watch; pull & replace	Few greens; basil takes the bed	rest	Late: prep beds for Sep	● direct-sow window opens - spinach, lettuce	● sowings under row cover	★ continuous; mâche thriving	★ mâche + kale + cilantro
Roots <i>G6 · carrot, beet, parsnip</i>	★ pull as needed	● sow radish successions	● sow carrots, beets Feb 15-Mar 15	Spring roots continue	★ pull spring carrots, beets	Beds rest; fall soil prep	Soil prep finalized for Aug-Sep	Soil cooling to 65 °F; prep beds	● direct-sow carrots, beets, turnips, parsnips	● sowings through Oct 15; sow mâche	★ first fall carrot harvest	★ parsnips sweeten each freeze
Perennial herbs <i>G8 · rosemary, thyme, sage</i>	wrap protect ; harvest as needed	Late winter trim sage & thyme	Spring growth resumes	Active growth; light fertilizer	★ steady harvest begins	★ hard prune rosemary if needed	★ ~ monsoon - watch rot in mulch	★ oregano cut for drying	★ cut back & dry for winter; ▲ plant new perennials	▲ fall planting window	Mulch around base	wrap borderline-hardy ; harvest indoors
Annual herbs <i>G8 · basil, cilantro, dill</i>	★ cilantro under cover; indoor basil	● basil indoors under LED	▲ cilantro out; dill direct-sow	Harden basil; cilantro bolt watch	▲ basil transplant May 1	Basil takes over the bed	★ basil peak ~	★ basil peak; pinch flowers	● cilantro Sep-Mar succession opens	★ basil last; sow cilantro, dill	★ cilantro & parsley under cover	★ cilantro thriving; indoor basil
Orchard <i>G9 · stone, pome, fig, jujube</i>	▲ bareroot planting; dormant prune	♦ stone-fruit frost watch; dormant copper	Bud break; copper cutoff	Thin stone fruit; mulch tree bases	1st codling moth flight; thin	♦ pre-monsoon deep soak	★ 1st fig, peach, plum	★ Mission fig peak; jujube sizing	★ pom + late apple + jujube	★ final pom + persimmon; cold frames up	dormant copper for leaf curl	order bareroot for January

How to use this poster. Print at 18 × 24 inches and tape inside the garden shed. Circle the current month with a marker. Each row answers *what should I do this week* for one family; each column answers *what’s running simultaneously* this month. Source-guide codes (G2, G5, G6, G7, G8, G9) point to the full prose treatment in the corresponding library guide. **Elevation adjustment:** shift dates 1–2 weeks earlier at 4,200–4,500 ft; 1–2 weeks later at 5,000–5,500 ft. **Companion sheets** on the wall: [cheat_variety_picks.pdf](#), [cheat_nutrients.pdf](#), [cheat_water_ph.pdf](#), [cheat_pests.pdf](#), [cheat_harvest_preservation.pdf](#).