

## Keep a Garden Journal

Keeping a garden journal will help keep track of what vegetable varieties did the best, when you planted, when you can harvest, your fertilizer plan, your Integrated Pest Management plan.

Suggested entries for your journal:

### 1. Seasonal entry

- a. Draw a diagram of your garden—include the dimensions and the layout of the garden.
- b. Vegetable name, variety, date planted, and date to harvest
- c. Fertilizer schedule
- d. Watering schedule

### 2. Daily and weekly entries

- a. Progress/health of plants
- b. Date a pest or disease was spotted how it was treated
- c. Major events that affected your garden

### 3. Harvest entry

- a. What did you harvest?
- b. How much did you harvest (by weight)?
- c. How did the vegetable taste?
- d. If you liked it should you grow again?
- e. If you get multiple harvest what was the total seasonal harvest (by weight)?



Information in this document was adapted from SP 103 "Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide" Written by Sydney Park Brown, Danielle Treadwell, J.M. Stephens and Susan Web. A full PDF of this document can be found at [edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/VH/VH02100.pdf](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/VH/VH02100.pdf) or via your local UF/IFAS Extension Office.

## Vegetable Gardening Considerations

- Know your Tastes: Make sure you plant vegetables you will eat not what you think you will eat.
- Know your yard: The ideal location for a vegetable would have 6-8 hrs of direct sunlight.
- Know your soil: The area should be well drained, level, and clear of trees, shrubs and weeds.
- Know your water: Vegetables require regular watering, so make sure you have a water source nearby.

## Soil pH and Fertilizer

It is always a good idea to have your soil tested at least every three years by the UF/IFAS Soil Testing lab. A \$10 will give you a better understanding of your soil's pH and nutrient levels. Always test your soil before adding lime. Ideally your garden pH should be between 5.5 and 6.5. Forms and sample bags are available at your local UF/IFAS Extension Office.

Since sand is the typical soil type in Florida, it is recommended that you utilize slow release fertilizers over liquid/quick release. Liquid fertilizers tend to leach out of the soil faster than the plant can use it and this can cause problems for our ground water and waterways.

## Questions can be sent to:

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**VEGETABLE  
GARDEN  
PLANTING  
CALENDAR  
for North Florida**

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