

FreckledCalifornian.com Succession Planting Interval Chart

This chart is just a general guideline for how frequently I sow certain seeds to have consistent harvests throughout a season. It's optional to sow this intensively. Here in Southern California we have two basic seasons: warm and cool. The crops are organized according to their ideal season.

Type of Crop	How Often to Sow	Notes
Sweet Corn	every 2 weeks	Remember to look at maturity dates to avoid cross pollination. Reference my guide on growing corn and hand pollination for best results.
Pole Beans	Every other month	You could even sow every month if you plan on freezing fresh green beans or canning.
Bush BEANS	Every 2 weeks	They grow wonderfully directly sown at the base of corn. Sow at least a dozen plants at a time for two people.
Summer Squash	Every 30 days	Sow once the weather is warm and do a "second wave" in June.
Winter Squash	Every 30 days	Sow once the weather is warm and do a "second wave" in June.
Cucumber	Every 30 days	Sow once the weather is warm as cucumbers like heat.
Melons	Every 30 days	Sow once the weather is warm and do a "second wave" in June.
Basil	Every 30 days	I usually let the first round eventually "go to flower" and have a second wave for continuing to harvest for the kitchen.
Tomatoes & Tomatillos	*optional	Depending on demand and health of current plants, I sometimes start a second wave of these crops in July or August.

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Radishes	Every 7 days	Quick growers and quickly eaten, radishes can be sowed a little every week to ensure a plentiful supply.
Peas, edible-snow peas, sugar snap, shelling	Every 3-4 weeks	Best started in Fall and succession sown throughout Spring. Plant at least a 6 plants per person for full meals.
Head lettuce	Every 2-3 weeks	This depends how often you eat salads. Head lettuce also stores well in the fridge, so sometimes I prefer larger sowings more spaced out.
Loose, "cut & come again" lettuce	Every 1-2 weeks	Depending on how often you eat baby lettuce mixes, sow accordingly.
Carrots	Every 3 weeks	Follow my easy DIY method for sowing carrot seeds. While it's possible to grow them in the shade in the warmer season in zone 10b, carrots grow best when started in late Fall and sown throughout the winter and spring months.
Kohlrabi	Every 2 weeks	Possible to grow in the warmer months, but kohlrabi does best during our cool season.
Cauliflower/broccoli/romanesco	Every 1-2 months	Start in August for good heads in early Spring. You can sow a "second wave" in early Spring, but I have the most success with Fall sown.
Cilantro	Every 2 weeks	Cilantro grows best in the cool season here in zone 10b. You can try growing in shade in the warmer months.
Dill	Twice a season	Does best in the cool season here, but I attempt to grow in shade in the warmer months.
Turnips	every 2 weeks	
Beets	Every 2-3 weeks	Use the multi-cell sowing method (3-5 per cell).

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