

Harvest in Fall Easiest, Longest Of Garden Year

Victory gardeners who fail to sow in midsummer for the fall harvest, miss some of the most satisfying experiences of the year. Many vegetables difficult to grow well in the spring are easy in the fall; and they remain at top quality a longer time. They are in a rush to "go to seed" in the spring, and this destroys their table quality. But in the fall there is no such tendency. Either the high temperatures or the fact that the days are growing longer is believed to give some plants the signal to mature seed in midsummer; but in the autumn, with nights cooler and days shorter, this signal is not received.

Chinese cabbage will make fine tight heads; cauliflower and spinach will develop with no tendency toward bolting; and lettuce will remain sweet and tender until killing frosts come.

Frost Sometimes Aids

Some vegetables are given a

superior flavor by light frost; collards, kale, and endive among them. Brussels sprouts, the favorite British vegetable, is exclusively a fall crop in this country, and will thaw out after a hard freeze and remain edible. Fall cabbage usually does better than early; kohlrabi and turnips have a much longer harvest season.

Both in midsummer, when the fall crops are getting a start, and in the cool weather of the autumn, growth will be slower. So do not wait too long to get them started. Maturity dates given in seed catalogues are intended for fast spring growth; and in calculating fall growth should be lengthened appreciably.

Early Varieties Preferred

Remember, also, that as the season grows later, it is the early, quick maturing varieties that should be sown again. So-called late varieties are those that take a long time to mature, and if sown in midsummer they may be frozen before they are ready. But "early" varieties, which mature quickly, will give a harvest. Beets, beans, carrots, cucumbers, radishes and sweet corn can be sown late for a fall crop and in some sections peas will do well from a midsummer sowing.

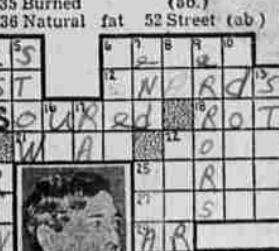
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Watermelons of Early Type Good In Small Gardens

Watermelons require a long, warm season in which to mature; but new early varieties of high quality can be grown in northern states successfully, even in small gardens. It is one of the most nutritious fruits, high in calories, and rich in minerals and vitamins.

Though it seems to be chiefly delicious juice, it is actually lower in water content than asparagus, celery, cucumbers and lettuce; and of all the vine crops, it stands drought the best. Smaller watermelons are growing in favor, for convenience of handling and cooling.

Advice on Planting

Watermelons are usually grown in hills, which may be as close together as three feet each way, in small gardens. Such close spacing is likely to reduce the size of the fruits, and more room should be given where possible. Seeds should be sown in warm soil, and if the nights continue cold it may be desirable to protect the young plants at first with waxed paper tents.

Heavy fertilizing pays well with

this crop. As much as a pint of balanced plant food may be mixed well with the soil beneath each hill several days before the seed is planted. Or use a shovel of well rotted manure, and half a pint of plant food. Sow ten seeds to the hill and thin out to the two strongest plants that develop.

Harvest When Ripe

Do not harvest watermelons until they are ripe, as they ripen very little after they are picked. It takes some study to determine

when a melon is ripe, without "plugging" it. Thumping is one test; ripe melons giving a dead flat sound, green ones a ringing sound. The color of the spot where the melon lay on the ground usually changes from greenish white to yellow as it ripens.

The same insects and diseases that attack muskmelons and cucumbers may attack the watermelon. If your garden has grown watermelons at any time during the last five years, a wilt resistant variety should be used.

District Presidency Won

Velma Herman, owner of Velma's Beauty Salon, Roseburg, was elected district president of the Oregon Association of Beauty Shop Owners and Operators at the convention and trade show held recently in Portland. It was voted at the convention to affiliate the State Association with the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association, Inc., of New York.

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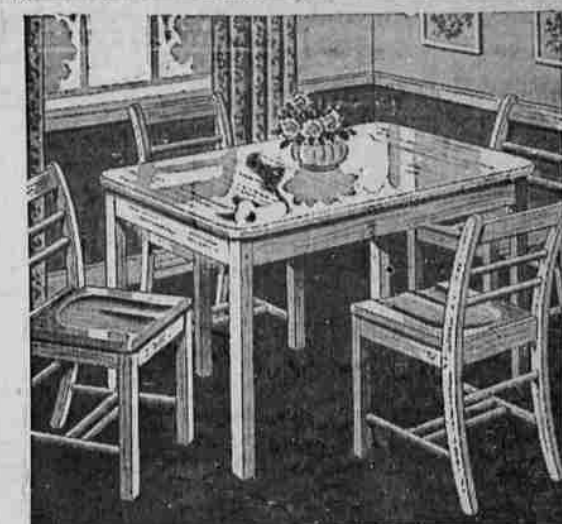
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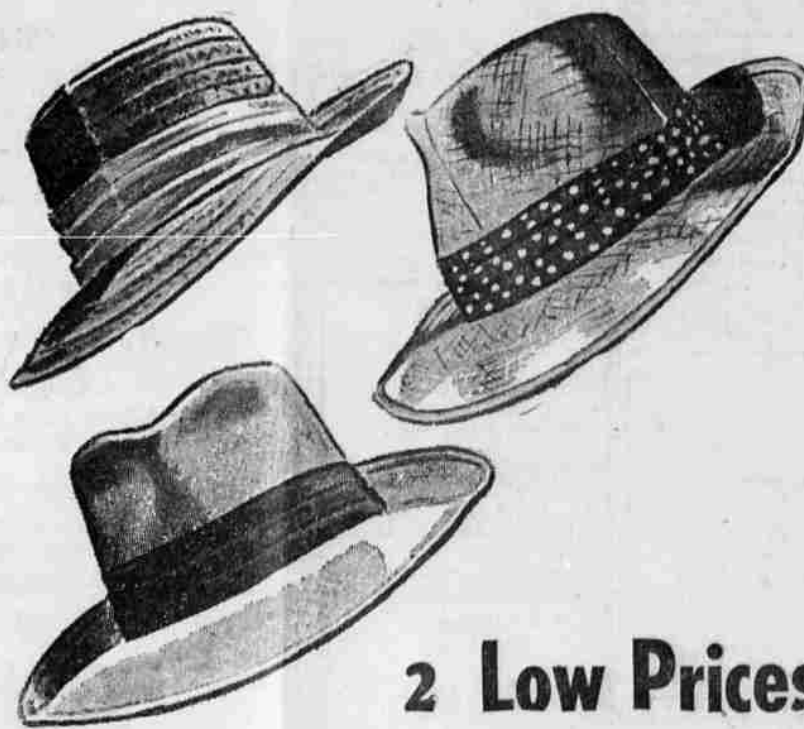
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