

Dallas, TX Vegetable Planting Calendar

When to plant 26 vegetables in Dallas, for the 2027 season, based on 1991–2020 normals. The dates build on the 32°F frost odds at Dallas Love Field (6.6 mi NW), shifted by CSU Extension timing rules. You'll find each rule and its source below.

About the sources: the spring rules are from Colorado State University Extension and the fall count-back from University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension. We apply them to NOAA frost dates for Dallas; Texas extension advice may differ.

Frost anchors: typical last frost Mar 2 (50%), balanced Mar 9 (30%), safe Mar 19 (10%); typical first frost Nov 29. Station Dallas Love Field (USW00013960), confidence High. USDA zone 8b (2023). Dallas frost dates & growing zone.

Spring planting dates

“Plant out” means transplanting for crops started indoors and sowing or planting directly in the garden for the others. Each column applies CSU Extension's timing rule to a different last-frost anchor: **aggressive** = typical date (Mar 2, 50% risk), **balanced** = Mar 9 (30%), **safe** = Mar 19 (10%). For hardy crops the cell shows the CSU “as early as” window.

Dallas spring planting (2027 season)

Crop	How	Start indoors	Plant out: aggressive (50%)	Balanced (30%)	Safe (10%)	Min. soil temp
Tomatoes Very tender (warm season)	transplant	Feb 6–20	Mar 27	Mar 27	Apr 2	50°F
Peppers Very tender (warm season)	transplant	Jan 26 – Feb 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Apr 2	60°F
Potatoes Semi-hardy (cool season)	plant (seed pieces)	–	Feb 16 – Mar 2	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Mar 5–19	45°F
Onions (dry, from sets) Hardy (cool season)	plant sets	–	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	35°F
Peas Hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	40°F
Lettuce (leaf) Hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	35°F
Carrots Semi-hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 16 – Mar 2	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Mar 5–19	40°F
Beans (snap) Tender (warm season)	direct sow	–	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 19	55°F
Summer squash Tender (warm season)	direct sow	–	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 19	60°F

Crop	How	Start indoors	Plant out: aggressive (50%)	Balanced (30%)	Safe (10%)	Min. soil temp
Broccoli Hardy (cool season)	transplant	Dec 22 – Jan 5	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	40°F
Cabbage Hardy (cool season)	transplant	Dec 22 – Jan 5	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	40°F
Cauliflower Semi-hardy (cool season)	transplant	Jan 5–19	Feb 16 – Mar 2	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Mar 5–19	40°F
Kohlrabi Hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	40°F
Green onions Hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	35°F
Radishes Hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	40°F
Spinach Hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	40°F
Turnips Hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 2–16	Feb 9–23	Feb 19 – Mar 5	40°F
Beets Semi-hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 16 – Mar 2	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Mar 5–19	40°F
Swiss chard Semi-hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 16 – Mar 2	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Mar 5–19	40°F

Crop	How	Start indoors	Plant out: aggressive (50%)	Balanced (30%)	Safe (10%)	Min. soil temp
Parsnips Semi-hardy (cool season)	direct sow	–	Feb 16 – Mar 2	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Mar 5–19	35°F
Sweet corn Tender (warm season)	direct sow	–	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 19	50°F
Cucumbers Tender (warm season)	direct sow	–	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 19	60°F
Eggplant Very tender (warm season)	transplant	Jan 19 – Feb 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Apr 2	60°F
Cantaloupe Very tender (warm season)	direct sow	–	Mar 16	Mar 23	Apr 2	60°F
Watermelon Very tender (warm season)	direct sow	–	Mar 16	Mar 23	Apr 2	60°F
Winter squash Very tender (warm season)	direct sow	–	Mar 16	Mar 23	Apr 2	60°F

Before sowing, check the soil too. CSU recommends taking its temperature at 4 inches (6 inches for beans). Since NOAA publishes no soil-temperature normals, we give CSU's minimum soil temperature for each crop rather than a date.

Fall planting dates

Latest dates for a fall harvest, using the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension count-back formula: days to harvest (CSU) + 14-day fall factor + 14-day frost-tender factor for frost-sensitive crops, counted back from the first-frost date. For transplanted crops (CSU days are from transplant) the result is the latest transplant date; seeds go in CSU's transplant-age weeks earlier. We add no harvest period, so these dates give you a first harvest by the first frost, not a long harvest.

Dallas fall planting

Crop	How	Days counted back	By (typical first frost Nov 29)	By (early first frost Nov 10)
Peas	sow	79	Sep 11	Aug 23
Lettuce (leaf)	sow	74	Sep 16	Aug 28
Carrots	sow	84	Sep 6	Aug 18
Beans (snap)	sow	88 (frost-tender)	Sep 2	Aug 14
Summer squash	sow	78 (frost-tender)	Sep 12	Aug 24
Broccoli	transplant (start seeds Jul 24 – Aug 7)	79	Sep 11	Aug 23
Cabbage	transplant (start seeds Jul 4–18)	99	Aug 22	Aug 3
Kohlrabi	sow	64	Sep 26	Sep 7
Green onions	sow	74	Sep 16	Aug 28
Radishes	sow	44	Oct 16	Sep 27
Spinach	sow	54	Oct 6	Sep 17
Turnips	sow	64	Sep 26	Sep 7
Beets	sow	74	Sep 16	Aug 28
Swiss chard	sow	74	Sep 16	Aug 28
Cucumbers	sow	83 (frost-tender)	Sep 7	Aug 19

Month-by-month: what to plant in Dallas

What to plant in Dallas in January

- Start cauliflower seeds indoors (Jan 5–19)
- Start eggplant seeds indoors (Jan 19 – Feb 9)
- Start pepper seeds indoors (Jan 26 – Feb 9)

- Start broccoli seeds indoors (Dec 22 – Jan 5)
- Start cabbage seeds indoors (Dec 22 – Jan 5)

What to plant in Dallas in February

- Onions (dry, from sets): plant sets outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Peas: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Lettuce (leaf): direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Broccoli: transplant outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Cabbage: transplant outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Kohlrabi: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Green onions: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Radishes: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Spinach: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Turnips: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Start tomato seeds indoors (Feb 6–20)
- Potatoes: plant (seed pieces) outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Carrots: direct sow outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Cauliflower: transplant outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Beets: direct sow outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Swiss chard: direct sow outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Parsnips: direct sow outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Start eggplant seeds indoors (Jan 19 – Feb 9)
- Start pepper seeds indoors (Jan 26 – Feb 9)

What to plant in Dallas in March

- Beans (snap): direct sow outdoors (Mar 2–19)
- Summer squash: direct sow outdoors (Mar 2–19)
- Sweet corn: direct sow outdoors (Mar 2–19)
- Cucumbers: direct sow outdoors (Mar 2–19)
- Peppers: transplant outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Eggplant: transplant outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Cantaloupe: direct sow outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Watermelon: direct sow outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Winter squash: direct sow outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Tomatoes: transplant outdoors (Mar 27 – Apr 2)
- Onions (dry, from sets): plant sets outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Peas: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Lettuce (leaf): direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Broccoli: transplant outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Cabbage: transplant outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)

- Kohlrabi: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Green onions: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Radishes: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Spinach: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Turnips: direct sow outdoors (Feb 2 – Mar 5)
- Potatoes: plant (seed pieces) outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Carrots: direct sow outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Cauliflower: transplant outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Beets: direct sow outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Swiss chard: direct sow outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)
- Parsnips: direct sow outdoors (Feb 16 – Mar 19)

What to plant in Dallas in April

- Peppers: transplant outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Eggplant: transplant outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Cantaloupe: direct sow outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Watermelon: direct sow outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Winter squash: direct sow outdoors (Mar 16 – Apr 2)
- Tomatoes: transplant outdoors (Mar 27 – Apr 2)

What to plant in Dallas in July

- Start cabbage seeds indoors for a fall crop (Jul 4–18)
- Start broccoli seeds indoors for a fall crop (Jul 24 – Aug 7)

What to plant in Dallas in August

- Last day to set out cabbage transplants for a fall harvest (by Aug 22)
- Start broccoli seeds indoors for a fall crop (Jul 24 – Aug 7)

What to plant in Dallas in September

- Last day to sow beans (snap) for a fall harvest (by Sep 2)
- Last day to sow carrots for a fall harvest (by Sep 6)
- Last day to sow cucumbers for a fall harvest (by Sep 7)
- Last day to sow peas for a fall harvest (by Sep 11)
- Last day to set out broccoli transplants for a fall harvest (by Sep 11)
- Last day to sow summer squash for a fall harvest (by Sep 12)
- Last day to sow lettuce (leaf) for a fall harvest (by Sep 16)
- Last day to sow green onions for a fall harvest (by Sep 16)
- Last day to sow beets for a fall harvest (by Sep 16)

- Last day to sow swiss chard for a fall harvest (by Sep 16)
- Last day to sow kohlrabi for a fall harvest (by Sep 26)
- Last day to sow turnips for a fall harvest (by Sep 26)

What to plant in Dallas in October

- Last day to sow spinach for a fall harvest (by Oct 6)
- Last day to sow radishes for a fall harvest (by Oct 16)

What to plant in Dallas in December

- Start broccoli seeds indoors (Dec 22 – Jan 5)
- Start cabbage seeds indoors (Dec 22 – Jan 5)

Crop-by-crop notes

When to plant tomatoes in Dallas

Very tender crop. Two CSU Extension rules set the timing for tomatoes: at least 2 weeks after the average last frost, and nights above 52°F. In Dallas, the frost rule alone would allow about Mar 16, but the average nightly low at Dallas Love Field first rises above 52°F on Mar 27. With both rules, the dates are about Mar 27 (typical date), Mar 27 (balanced) or Apr 2 (safer 10% date). Sow seeds indoors Feb 6–20, 5–7 weeks before transplanting on Mar 27. Below 55°F at night, fruit set suffers (CSU). At Dallas Love Field, the normal low reaches 55°F on Apr 9. Set out on Mar 27, tomato plants would start producing around May 31, based on CSU's typical 65 days from transplant to harvest. That leaves 182 days before the typical first frost (Nov 29).

When to plant peppers in Dallas

Very tender crop. Following CSU Extension's rule (2+ weeks after the average last frost), set peppers out around Mar 16 with the typical date, Mar 23 for a balanced choice, or Apr 2 with the safer 10% date. Sow seeds indoors Jan 26 – Feb 9, 6–8 weeks before transplanting on Mar 23. Fruit set suffers when nights drop below 55°F (CSU). The normal low at Dallas Love Field reaches 55°F on Apr 9. CSU's typical time from transplant to harvest for pepper plants is 70 days. Set out on Mar 23, they would start producing around Jun 1, 181 days before the typical first frost (Nov 29).

When to plant potatoes in Dallas

Semi-hardy crop. CSU allows planting potatoes as early as 0–2 weeks before the average last frost, in soil at 45°F or warmer. For Dallas, that's roughly Feb 16 – Mar 2 by the typical date or Mar 5–19 by the safer date.

When to plant onions (dry, from sets) in Dallas

Hardy crop. CSU says onions (dry, from sets) can go in as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost: roughly Feb 2–16 in Dallas using the typical date, or Feb 19 – Mar 5 using the safer one. Wait until the soil can be worked and is at least 35°F.

When to plant peas in Dallas

Hardy crop. CSU says peas can go in as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost: roughly Feb 2–16 in Dallas using the typical date, or Feb 19 – Mar 5 using the safer one. Wait until the soil can be worked and is at least 40°F. For a fall crop, sow by Sep 11, or by Aug 23 to be safe. That's 79 days back from the first-frost date.

When to plant lettuce (leaf) in Dallas

Hardy crop. CSU says lettuce (leaf) can go in as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost: roughly Feb 2–16 in Dallas using the typical date, or Feb 19 – Mar 5 using the safer one. Wait until the soil can be worked and is at least 35°F. For fall, count back 74 days from the first-frost date. That means sowing by Sep 16, or by Aug 28 to be safe.

When to plant carrots in Dallas

Semi-hardy crop. CSU says carrots can be planted as early as 0–2 weeks before the average last frost, in soil of at least 40°F. In Dallas, that's roughly Feb 16 – Mar 2 going by the typical date, or Mar 5–19 going by the safer date. For fall, sow by Sep 6 (Aug 18 to be safe), which is 84 days before the first-frost date.

When to plant beans (snap) in Dallas

Tender crop. CSU says to sow beans (snap) around the average last frost, about Mar 2 in Dallas. If you want only a 1-in-10 chance of a later 32°F night, wait until Mar 19. Seeds need soil of at least 55°F. For fall, sow by Sep 2 (Aug 14 to be safe), which is 88 days before the first-frost date.

When to plant summer squash in Dallas

Tender crop. CSU's timing for summer squash is around the average last frost, which is about Mar 2 in Dallas. For only a 1-in-10 chance of a later 32°F night, hold off until Mar 19. Seeds want soil at 60°F or warmer. For fall, sow by Sep 12 (Aug 24 to be safe), which is 78 days before the first-frost date.

When to plant broccoli in Dallas

Hardy crop. CSU says broccoli can go in as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost, once the soil can be worked and is at least 40°F. In Dallas, that's roughly Feb 2–16 going by the typical date, or

Feb 19 – Mar 5 going by the safer date. CSU's typical time from transplant to harvest for broccoli plants is 65 days. Set out on Feb 9, they would start producing around Apr 15, 228 days before the typical first frost (Nov 29). Fall broccoli: set transplants out by Sep 11. The date counts back from the typical first frost (Nov 29) by UNL Extension's method, using CSU's 65 days from transplant to harvest. Home-grown transplants need seeds started Jul 24 – Aug 7 (CSU: 5–7 weeks).

When to plant cabbage in Dallas

Hardy crop. CSU says cabbage can go in as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost: roughly Feb 2–16 in Dallas using the typical date, or Feb 19 – Mar 5 using the safer one. Wait until the soil can be worked and is at least 40°F. Set out on Feb 9, cabbage plants would start producing around May 5, based on CSU's typical 85 days from transplant to harvest. That leaves 208 days before the typical first frost (Nov 29). Fall cabbage: set transplants out by Aug 22. The date counts back from the typical first frost (Nov 29) by UNL Extension's method, using CSU's 85 days from transplant to harvest. Home-grown transplants need seeds started Jul 4–18 (CSU: 5–7 weeks).

When to plant cauliflower in Dallas

Semi-hardy crop. CSU allows planting cauliflower as early as 0–2 weeks before the average last frost, in soil at 40°F or warmer. For Dallas, that's roughly Feb 16 – Mar 2 by the typical date or Mar 5–19 by the safer date.

When to plant kohlrabi in Dallas

Hardy crop. Per CSU, kohlrabi can be planted as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost, as long as the soil is workable and at least 40°F. For Dallas, that works out to roughly Feb 2–16 (typical date) or Feb 19 – Mar 5 (safer date). For fall, count back 64 days from the first-frost date. That means sowing by Sep 26, or by Sep 7 to be safe.

When to plant green onions in Dallas

Hardy crop. Per CSU, green onions can be planted as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost, as long as the soil is workable and at least 35°F. For Dallas, that works out to roughly Feb 2–16 (typical date) or Feb 19 – Mar 5 (safer date). For fall, sow by Sep 16 (Aug 28 to be safe), which is 74 days before the first-frost date.

When to plant radishes in Dallas

Hardy crop. Per CSU, radishes can be planted as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost, as long as the soil is workable and at least 40°F. For Dallas, that works out to roughly Feb 2–16 (typical date) or Feb 19 – Mar 5 (safer date). For fall, sow by Oct 16 (Sep 27 to be safe), which is 44 days before the first-frost date.

When to plant spinach in Dallas

Hardy crop. CSU says spinach can go in as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost: roughly Feb 2–16 in Dallas using the typical date, or Feb 19 – Mar 5 using the safer one. Wait until the soil can be worked and is at least 40°F. For fall, count back 54 days from the first-frost date. That means sowing by Oct 6, or by Sep 17 to be safe.

When to plant turnips in Dallas

Hardy crop. CSU says turnips can go in as early as 2–4 weeks before the average last frost: roughly Feb 2–16 in Dallas using the typical date, or Feb 19 – Mar 5 using the safer one. Wait until the soil can be worked and is at least 40°F. For a fall crop, sow by Sep 26, or by Sep 7 to be safe. That's 64 days back from the first-frost date.

When to plant beets in Dallas

Semi-hardy crop. CSU says beets can be planted as early as 0–2 weeks before the average last frost, in soil of at least 40°F. In Dallas, that's roughly Feb 16 – Mar 2 going by the typical date, or Mar 5–19 going by the safer date. For fall, sow by Sep 16 (Aug 28 to be safe), which is 74 days before the first-frost date.

When to plant swiss chard in Dallas

Semi-hardy crop. CSU says swiss chard can be planted as early as 0–2 weeks before the average last frost, in soil of at least 40°F. In Dallas, that's roughly Feb 16 – Mar 2 going by the typical date, or Mar 5–19 going by the safer date. For fall, count back 74 days from the first-frost date. That means sowing by Sep 16, or by Aug 28 to be safe.

When to plant parsnips in Dallas

Semi-hardy crop. Per CSU, parsnips can go in as early as 0–2 weeks before the average last frost: roughly Feb 16 – Mar 2 in Dallas (typical date) or Mar 5–19 (safer date). The soil should be at least 35°F.

When to plant sweet corn in Dallas

Tender crop. CSU says to sow sweet corn around the average last frost, about Mar 2 in Dallas. If you want only a 1-in-10 chance of a later 32°F night, wait until Mar 19. Seeds need soil of at least 50°F.

When to plant cucumbers in Dallas

Tender crop. Sow cucumbers around the average last frost, per CSU: about Mar 2 in Dallas. Waiting until Mar 19 cuts the chance of a later 32°F night to 1 in 10. Seeds need soil of at least 60°F. For a fall

crop, sow by Sep 7, or by Aug 19 to be safe. That's 83 days back from the first-frost date.

When to plant eggplant in Dallas

Very tender crop. CSU Extension's rule is 2+ weeks after the average last frost, which puts eggplant outside around Mar 16 (typical date), Mar 23 (balanced) or Apr 2 (safer 10% date). Start seeds indoors Jan 19 – Feb 9, 6–9 weeks ahead of transplanting on Mar 23. Set out on Mar 23, eggplant plants would start producing around May 22, based on CSU's typical 60 days from transplant to harvest. That leaves 191 days before the typical first frost (Nov 29).

When to plant cantaloupe in Dallas

Very tender crop. CSU Extension's rule is to plant cantaloupe at least 2 weeks after the average last frost. That's about Mar 16 using the typical date, Mar 23 as a balanced choice, or Apr 2 if you go by the safer 10% date. Seeds need soil of at least 60°F.

When to plant watermelon in Dallas

Very tender crop. CSU Extension's rule is to plant watermelon at least 2 weeks after the average last frost. That's about Mar 16 using the typical date, Mar 23 as a balanced choice, or Apr 2 if you go by the safer 10% date. Seeds need soil of at least 60°F.

When to plant winter squash in Dallas

Very tender crop. CSU Extension's rule is to plant winter squash at least 2 weeks after the average last frost. That's about Mar 16 using the typical date, Mar 23 as a balanced choice, or Apr 2 if you go by the safer 10% date. Seeds need soil of at least 60°F.

How these dates are calculated

Timing rules, their sources and where each source applies

Rule	Applies to	Source (scope)
Hardy (cool season): "As early as 2-4 weeks before the date of the average last spring frost."	Onions (dry, from sets), Peas, Lettuce (leaf), Broccoli, Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Green onions, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips	Colorado State University Extension, Vegetable Planting Guide (CMG GardenNotes #720) (written for Colorado; its frost-relative rules are applied to other states' NOAA frost dates and labelled as CSU (Colorado) rules)
Semi-hardy (cool season): "As early as 0-2 weeks before the date of the average last spring frost."	Potatoes, Carrots, Cauliflower, Beets, Swiss chard, Parsnips	Colorado State University Extension, Vegetable Planting Guide (CMG GardenNotes #720) (written for Colorado; its frost-relative rules are applied to other states' NOAA frost dates and labelled as CSU (Colorado) rules)
Tender (warm season): "From seed: around the date of the average last spring frost"	Beans (snap), Summer squash, Sweet corn, Cucumbers	Colorado State University Extension, Vegetable Planting Guide (CMG GardenNotes #720) (written for Colorado; its frost-relative rules are applied to other states' NOAA frost dates and labelled as CSU (Colorado) rules)
Very tender (warm season): "Typically 2+ weeks after the average last spring frost date."	Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant, Cantaloupe, Watermelon, Winter squash	Colorado State University Extension, Vegetable Planting Guide (CMG GardenNotes #720) (written for Colorado; its frost-relative rules are applied to other states' NOAA frost dates and labelled as CSU (Colorado) rules)
Start indoors = transplant age (weeks) before the balanced transplant date; days to harvest; minimum soil temperature	Crops with those values in CSU's table	CSU Extension, Vegetable Planting Guide (CMG GardenNotes #720) (written for Colorado; its frost-relative rules are applied to other states' NOAA frost dates and labelled as CSU (Colorado) rules)

Rule	Applies to	Source (scope)
Night-temperature dates: first day the NOAA 1991–2020 daily normal low (DLY-TMIN-NORMAL) is above the CSU transplant threshold or reaches the fruit-set threshold	Tomatoes (above 52°F at transplant, 55°F fruit set), peppers (55°F fruit set)	CSU Growing Tomatoes, CSU Peppers and Eggplants (written for Colorado; generic temperature thresholds applied nationwide with attribution)
Fall count-back: days to harvest + fall factor (14) + frost-tender factor (14)	Peas, Lettuce (leaf), Carrots, Beans (snap), Summer squash, Broccoli, Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Green onions, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips, Beets, Swiss chard, Cucumbers	UNL Extension, Fall Vegetable Gardening (G1343) (written for Nebraska; the count-back formula is applied nationwide with attribution)

CSU states its spring rules relative to “the average last spring frost.” We use the 50% date as that average and also show the 30% and 10% anchors. See the methodology for details and limitations.

FAQ

When should I start seeds indoors in Dallas?

Start tomatoes Feb 6–20 and peppers Jan 26 – Feb 9. Both dates count back from a balanced (30%-risk) transplant date using CSU's transplant ages.

When should I plant tomatoes outside in Dallas?

About Mar 27 at the earliest, Mar 27 as a balanced choice, or Apr 2 to be safe. CSU wants tomatoes out 2+ weeks after the average last frost (that rule alone gives about Mar 16 here) and nights above 52°F. At Dallas Love Field, the average nightly low first rises above 52°F on Mar 27, so the earliest date starts there.

What can I plant in Dallas in the fall?

Based on UNL Extension's count-back from the typical first frost (Nov 29), the deadlines are: peas by Sep 11; lettuce (leaf) by Sep 16; carrots by Sep 6; beans (snap) by Sep 2; summer squash by Sep 12; broccoli by Sep 11 (transplants); cabbage by Aug 22 (transplants); kohlrabi by Sep 26; green onions

by Sep 16; radishes by Oct 16; spinach by Oct 6; turnips by Sep 26; beets by Sep 16; swiss chard by Sep 16; cucumbers by Sep 7.

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Frost odds: NOAA NCEI U.S. Climate Normals 1991–2020. Hardiness zones: PRISM Group, Oregon State University, <https://prism.oregonstate.edu>, accessed 2026-10-08. Not the official USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map. How we calculate.

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