| Letter Codes | | | |
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| Α | Approximate germination rate as sold by seed compa- | qt | Quarts. |
| | nies. No known minimum legal germination rate. Can be higher or lower. | R | Replant at points where germination fails. We call this "spotting." |
| AA | Each "seed" contains about 3 seeds, of which half germinate. | S | Short-germinating seed (1 to 7 days). |
| AC | Harvest alfalfa and clover 2 to 4 inches above the growing crown (sheep shears work well for this), loosen the soil with a border fork, water the bed, and cover the growing area with shade netting cloth for 1 to 2 weeks. | SN | During hot weather, cover with shade netting cloth between approximately 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for better results. |
| | | SP | Spring. |
| В | In beds. | SU | Summer. |
| BB | Soak seeds overnight for best germination. | Т | Tablespoon. |
| ВС | Broadcast. | t | Teaspoon. |
| С | Centers. | TO | 18 inches for cherry tomatoes; 21 inches for regular tomatoes; 24 inches for large tomatoes. Sequential information in columns D, H, and I should be used according to spacing chosen. |
| С | Cups. | | |
| CA | Cantaloupe. | | |
| D | Do not know yet. | U | One 1-pound loaf of bread requires 2/3 pound flour |
| Е | Spacing increases with warmth of climate. | | [2 ¹ / ₂ cups]. |
| EL | Extra-long-germinating seed (22 to 28 days). | ٧ | Approximate minimum. |
| F | In flats. | W | 12 or 15 inches for midget varieties; 18 inches for 5- to 7-pound varieties; 21 inches for 10- to 15-pound varieties; 24 inches for largest varieties. |
| FA | Fall. | | |
| G | "Seed" is a seed packet of 2 to 6 seeds, of which | WI | Winter. |
| | approximately 1.62 germinate. | Υ | Estimate. |
| Н . | Honeydew. | Z | Based on Ecology Action experience, half of the garlic |
| I | Transplant into a 1- to 5-gallon container as appropriate. Raise sapling until 1 year old. Then transplant into soil. | | cloves are large enough to use, on the average. |
| J | Germination average in a laboratory. | * | Digestible protein for animals. |
| K | Straw weight is generally 1 to 3+ times harvested and cleaned seed weight for GROW BIOINTENSIVEly grown grains, 1 to 2 times for grains grown with commercial agriculture (Roger Revelle, "The Resources Available for Agriculture," <i>Scientific American</i> , September 1976). | ** | Depending on variety selected. |
| | | _ | Not applicable. |
| | | # | First set of figures: summer sowing in a shade netting house for fall set out, or winter sowing in areas with a less cold winter and in a greenhouse for spring set out. (A shade netting house is an area generally covered with 30% shade netting to provide a cooler, more humid area for the protected raising of fall seedlings during hot weather.) Second set of figures: winter sowing in a good greenhouse or a miniature greenhouse in areas with very cold winters for spring set out. Harden off for 2 days outside in flat before transplanting into bed. |
| L | Long-germinating seed (8 to 21 days). | | |
| LG | Transplant seedling when larger—about 6 to 9 inches tall. | | |
| М | Cook to minimize oxalic acid, which ties up calcium. | | |
| N | Narrow bed (2 feet wide) will produce better yields due to improved pollination. | | |
| Р | Perennial. | ## | If direct sowing on centers, rather than broadcasting, plant 2 seeds per center to compensate for low germination rate. |
| Q | Celery is pricked out into a third flat, 6 inches deep, on 2-inch centers, where it grows for a further 4 to 6 weeks until it is ready to be transplanted. The seedlings may be 4 inches tall. Overall, it takes 3 to 4 months from sowing until transplanting. | | |
| | | + | Yield may be significantly higher. |
| | | ++ | Given harvest time in column 0. |
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