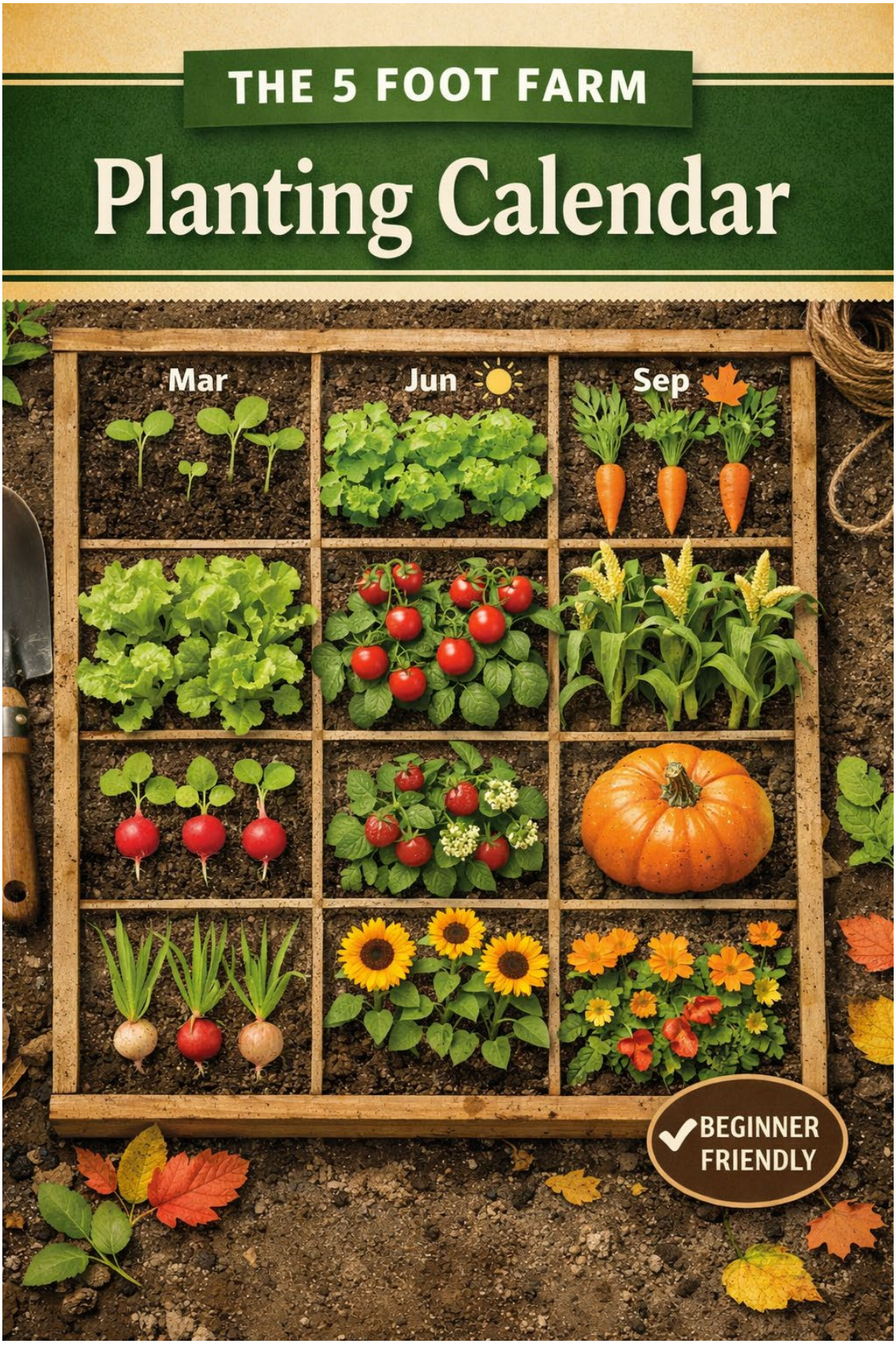
THE 5 FOOT FARM
Planting Calendar
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🌱 THE 5 FOOT FARM PLANTING CALENDAR

For a 5 Foot Farm Vegetable & Fruit Garden

Assumes a typical temperate U.S. climate (last frost: April–May).

HOW TO USE THIS CALENDAR

Each month shows:

- ✅ What to Start Indoors
- 🌱 What to Direct Sow Outside
- 🌿 What to Transplant
- 🧺 What You Can Harvest

Designed as **one page per month** for easy printing & fridge pinning.

JANUARY – PLANNING & EARLY STARTS

Start Indoors

- Onions (from seed)
- Leeks
- Celery

Direct Sow Outside

- None (too cold in most zones)

Transplant

- None

Harvest

- Stored crops (potatoes, squash, onions from last season)

Focus Tip:
Plan your layout, order seeds, prep trays & soil.

FEBRUARY – STRONG ROOT FOUNDATION

Start Indoors

- Tomatoes (late Feb in warmer zones)
- Peppers
- Eggplant
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower

Direct Sow Outside

- None (unless very warm climate)

Transplant

- None

Harvest

- None

Focus Tip:
Strong seedlings now = heavy harvest later.

MARCH – COOL SEASON LAUNCH

Start Indoors

- Cucumbers
- Zucchini
- Basil
- Lettuce

Direct Sow Outside

- Peas
- Spinach
- Radishes
- Carrots
- Beets

Transplant

- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower

Harvest

- Early spinach
- Radishes (late March)

Focus Tip:
Fill fast-growing crops around edges of your 5×5 grid.

APRIL – PRIME PLANTING MONTH

Start Indoors

- More basil
- Melons (late April)

Direct Sow Outside

- Lettuce
- Swiss chard
- Bush beans
- More carrots

Transplant

- Tomatoes (after frost risk passes)
- Peppers
- Eggplant

Harvest

- Lettuce
- Spinach
- Radishes

Focus Tip:
Stagger lettuce & radish plantings every 2 weeks.

MAY – WARM SEASON EXPLOSION

Start Indoors

- None (main season now outside)

Direct Sow Outside

- Corn (if space allows)
- Cucumbers
- Zucchini
- Squash
- Beans

Transplant

- Melons
- Basil
- Cucumbers (if started inside)

Harvest

- Lettuce
- Spinach
- Early peas

Focus Tip:
Your 5×5 should now be nearly full.

JUNE – GROW & MAINTAIN

Start Indoors

- Fall broccoli
- Fall cabbage

Direct Sow Outside

- More beans
- More carrots
- Beets

Transplant

- Fall brassicas (late June)

Harvest

- Lettuce
- Peas
- Early carrots
- Herbs

Focus Tip:
Replace harvested crops immediately (succession planting).

JULY – PEAK HARVEST BEGINS

Start Indoors

- Fall lettuce
- Kale
- Spinach

Direct Sow Outside

- Bush beans
- Turnips

Transplant

- Fall greens

Harvest

- Tomatoes
- Cucumbers
- Zucchini
- Beans
- Peppers

Focus Tip:
Harvest often = plants produce more.

AUGUST – FALL CROPS GO IN

Start Indoors

- None

Direct Sow Outside

- Spinach
- Lettuce
- Radishes
- Carrots

Transplant

- Kale
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower

Harvest

- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Cucumbers
- Squash
- Herbs

Focus Tip:
Shade new seedlings from hot sun for 5–7 days.

SEPTEMBER – COOL SEASON RETURNS

Start Indoors

- None

Direct Sow Outside

- Spinach
- Lettuce
- Arugula

Transplant

- Late fall greens

Harvest

- Tomatoes (final wave)
- Peppers
- Beans
- Fall carrots

Focus Tip:
Remove dying summer plants to free space.

OCTOBER – FINAL HARVEST WINDOW

Start Indoors

- None

Direct Sow Outside

- Garlic
- Cover crops (optional)

Transplant

- None

Harvest

- Spinach
- Lettuce
- Kale
- Carrots
- Beets

Focus Tip:
Mulch beds to protect roots and extend harvest.

NOVEMBER – SHUTDOWN & STORAGE

Start Indoors

- None

Direct Sow Outside

- None

Transplant

- None

Harvest

- Kale
- Carrots
- Beets
- Last greens

Focus Tip:
Clean beds, add compost, prep for spring.

DECEMBER – REST & PLAN

All planting paused

Harvest

- Cold-hardy kale (warm climates)

Focus Tip:
Review notes, plan next year’s layout.