

# LOW TUNNEL PLANTING

## Toledo GROWS Best Practices— Tending a Garden

### Cool-weather Crops and Variety Selection

Crop	Varieties	Comments
Beets	Baby Beet, Golden Beet, Kestrel, Bull's Blood, Red Ace, Chiogia	Perfect for planting in spring and late summer Thrive with warm days and cool nights
Broccoli	Arcadia, Gypsy, Emerald Crown, Lieutenant, Green Magic	Sweetest when matured in cool weather Frost-tolerant
Cabbage	Red Dynasty, Deadon, Caraflex, Savory Ace, Bronco	Sweeter when matured in cool weather Will burn in intense sunlight, need row cover
Carrots	Hercules, Nectar, Bolero, Mokum, Napoli	Succession plantings of early, main crop and storage varieties can expand your harvest window
Collards	Champion, Vates, GA Green	Excellent cold tolerant leafy green
Kale	Red Russian, Winterbor, Redbor <i>All varieties are suitable, curl-leaf varieties are hardier for winter.</i>	Sweeter when matured in cool weather Easy to grow and can be harvested throughout the winter
Leeks	Tadorna (winter), King Richard, Lancelot, Bandit	Can be grown year-round Early varieties can be planted in January/February
Lettuce	Buttercrunch, Sierra, Red Sails, Monte Carlo, Winter Density, Cherokee	Difficult to overwinter Ideal to harvest before the coldest temperatures of winter and plant a new crop for early spring harvest
Onions	Candy, Candy Apple, Guardsman, Red Wing, Nabechan	Sensitive to temperature Frost-hardy Cool temperatures needed to produce tops and warm weather to produce bulbs
Spinach	Emperor, Space, Auroch, Carmel, Corvair, Regiment, Melody	Sweeter when matured in cool weather Hardy for overwintering Easy to grow and can be harvested throughout the winter
Swiss Chard	Fordhook, Bright Lights, Rainbow, Argentata	Plants die when temperatures drop below 15°F Tolerates frost; thrives in warm temperatures Harvest outside leaves; plant will continue to produce until snowfall

\*Adapted from Vegetable Varieties Recommended for West Virginia-2019<sup>zx</sup>, Lewis