

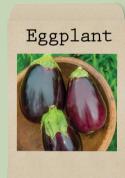


Give these veggies an indoor jump-start on the growing season



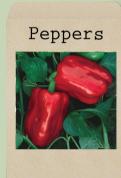
#### **Tomatoes**

- Taste sweeter when started indoors
- Most popular tomato hybrid varieties: Supersteak, Big Mama and Super Sweet 100
- Plant 6 to 8 weeks before last frost



#### **Eggplants**

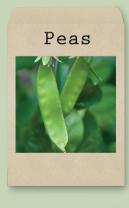
- Start up to 12 weeks ahead
- Use early ripening eggplant in northern gardens
- Harvest when skins get glossy



### Peppers

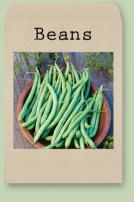
- Start 6 to 8 weeks ahead
- Plant 1 inch deeper than seedling soil line
- Harvest in 65 to 90 days





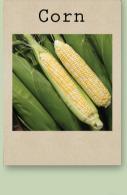
## Peas

- Prefer cool weather not hot
- Most varieties prefer to climb ■ Little attention needed – just water



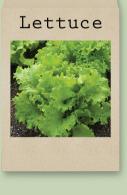
## Beans

- Among most popular veggies ever
- Sow after frost every 2 weeks for a constant supply Harvest when pods turn firm and crisp



## Corn

- Needs space, water and mulch ■ Plant 5 inches apart in rows 2 feet apart
- Grows fast



# Lettuce

- Ideal for succession planting with beans ■ Plant around broccoli, peppers or eggplants
- Sow in raised garden beds for max production



## Squash

- Does everything but plant itself
- A cinch to grow
- Avoid pests and diseases by planting in midsummer



## Cucumbers

- Steady stream of water needed
- Crave heat so plant when soil temps reach 60 degrees

Grow vertically to increase yields



## **Carrots**

- Plant two weeks before the last frost
- Taste yummy when young so pull up after 6 weeks

■ Bushy top greens shade roots from direct sun