

*Ida's  
Notebook*  
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Summer months in the garden bring many different jobs. The first and most important is plant-

ing the seeds and plants. Without this job accomplished, nothing is accomplished.

The first harvest is lettuce and sugar peas. I've planted three kinds of peas and so the harvest is stretched out for three weeks. In fact, I let them bloom a second time, so I can harvest some in July.

This year I put 180 tiny onions in the ground, and have been pulling tender ones to eat most everyday. Garden cress is one of my favorites as the taste is similar to watercress. It grows quickly and must be cut regularly or it will go to seed.

The red fox that we see in the meadow below our garden must

not be eating regularly. At least, he is not catching all of the baby bunnies that live here. We have caught several in a box trap in my garden and transported them to another part of the farm, but they keep coming back to feast on my row of beans. They did not find the earliest ones, so we have been eating some.

Somedays I must forget the garden and pick berries. As soon as the strawberries are over, we must climb the hill behind our house and pick black raspberries. That is one crop that we have no trouble getting rid of as most people welcome a box or two.

The broccoli has been frozen and the cabbage is ready to harvest. Now I want to lay bags under my dozen tomato plants to keep the weeds down. Despite weather conditions, the weeds continue to grow in our gardens.



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