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Proper Spacing And Depth Help In Vegetable Gardens

Thinning Is Important For Beets And Carrots

Vegetables have a definite preference as to spacing and depth of planting. Many gardners sow too much seed and place it too deep. For handy reference, the tables below indictes for a number of vegetables, the number of seeds required for one foot of row and the best depth for planting.

Crop	Depth to Cover	Seeds per Foot
Pole Beans	1½"	4
String Beans	1½"	5
Beets	¾"	6
Carrots	½"	20
Chard	¾"	4
Corn	1½"	2
Lettuce	½"	10
Radishes	½"	15
Squash	1 "	10

The planting depths recommended are for good, loamy, garden soils. If your soil is heavier; that is, if it contains more clay, the seed should be sown somewhat shallower than indicated. On the very light sandy soils, they should be sown deeper. In general, seeds should be sown only deep enough to insure that they lie in soil that is moist and are covered deep enough that they will not be splashed out by an ordinary rain.

Before preparing the seed bed, broadcast complete plant food at the rate of three pounds per 100 square feet, then work in by spading, hoeing and raking until the soil presents a fine, smooth, clod free surface. In making rows about ¼ to ½ inch deep for planting small seeds, the end of a handle of a rake or hoe may be drawn through the soil along the string that marks the row. For larger seeds that are to be planted an inch or more deep, the row is best opened up with the corner of a common hoe. With a little practice, you can make a trench of uniform and proper depth. Irregular depth or covering often causes an irregular stand of plants. Carefully cover the seeds, firming but not packing the soil, with a rake or hoe.

If your soil tends to pack down or form a crust that may interfere with the seedlings coming through, you should mulch the covered row lightly with peat moss, leaf mold or similar fine moisture holding material. A band of three to four inches wide and ¼ inch deep is sufficient.

Remember that thinning is very important in obtaining high quality vegetables. Beets should be thinned to 3 inches apart, carrots to 2 inches, onions 3 inches, and radishes 1 inch. These distances will allow plenty of room in the soil for root crops to develop into good sized, tasty vegetables that you can be proud of.

STORAGE SPACE

Now is an excellent time to arrange a good storage place for the food you will can this season. Here are tips from canning specialists for storing food canned in glass jars:

Arrange for a cool, dark, dry storage place. Dampness causes metal lids to rust. Heat and light cause food to lose flavor and vitamins. Some foods may lose color as well. Keep canned food away from hot pipes, raditors, or the furnace. The cooler the storage place, the better, as long as foods do not freeze.

Freezing may crack a jar or break a seal and let in bacteria that will cause spoilage. If freezing does not damage jar or seal, the food will be safe to eat but it will not taste so good.

Provide shelves for canned foods not kept in cases. If jars of food are put away in cases, stand the cases on racks to keep them off the floor.

Coal Mined In Pennsylvania Equal To Digging 71 Big Panama Canals

Harrisburg—The State Planning Board, Pennsylavnia Department of Commerce, said this week that "no greater evidence of human energy exists anywhere in the world" than that expended in the past 125 years in digging 12,438,522,000 net tons of coal from under the hills and valleys of Pennsylvania.

For many years Pennsylvania mines were producing more than half of the fuel energy of the nation.

Today, the planning board estimates that with the addition of the relatively small, but highly valuable, petroleum output of the commonwealth and its developed water power, this state produces one-seventh of all energy consumed in America.

In the total of Pennsylvania coal production, anthracite, the earliest form of coal in use in the state, represents about 40 percent of all the coal ever mined in the commonwealth, though that type of coal comes from a relatively restricted area. Today, Pennsylvania produces about half of all the anthracite mined in the world.

To form some notion of how much actual work is represented by the mining of Pennsylvania coal almost staggers the imagination.

The Panama Canal has, in recent years, represented the greatest engineering achievement of the modern world. The construction of that canal required the removal of 240 million cubic yards of earth.

Pennsylvania coal miner out to the end of 1950 represents a total of more than 17 billion cubic yards, or a total equal to the bulk of material involved in the digging of 71 channels as long and deep as the Panama Canal—and all of this underground.

Big Chestquehanna School District to Be Dissolved July 1

Break Reported Due To Building Location

Chestquehanna Joint School District, comprised of nine Cambria and Clearfield County school districts, is to be dissolved.

The dissolution, which arose over a disagreement as to the site of a joint high school, becomes effective July 1.

Members of the nine-district jointure, in operation since last July, were Cherry Tree, Westover, Burnside, New Washington, Newburg and Mahaffey Boroughs and Burnside, Chest and Bell Townships.

Some time ago, four of the districts, involved in the jointure broke away and formed the Harmony Joint School District without the consent of the other five districts.

Comprising the Harmony District are Cherry Tree and Westover Boroughs and Burnside and Chest Townships. Representatives of the jointure met with the State School Building Authority Monday to contract for construction of a school in Burnside Twp. near Cherry Tree.

The remaining five districts also discussed plans to form a jointure during the meeting. Another meeting was held last evening to further plans. It was announced that several other school districts of the area may join in the proposed new unit.

During the operation of the Chestquehanna Joint School District high schools were maintained at Cherry Tree, Mahaffey and Westover. Distribution of students under the present splits has not been decided upon.

Representatives of the new Harmony Joint District announced the proposed new Burnside Township school will house Grades 1 to 12 rather than 7 to 12 as originally planned under the nine-district setup.

69 Non-Military Planes On Hand In This County

Number of civil aircraft in this county has remained at a fairly static level over the last 12-month period.

Counting both active and inactive aircraft, Cambria County has 69 non-military planes. A year ago the county had 70.

The announcement was made by the Civil Aeronautics Administration yesterday.

Air Force Stenographers To Be Sought In Area

Mrs. Mary Cosler, recruiting representative of the U. S. Air Force, will be at the U. S. Employmment Service office at 306 Bedford St., Johnstown, May 7 to 11 to interview typists and stenographers for employment in the headquarters of the Air Force at the Pentagon Bldg., Washington.

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