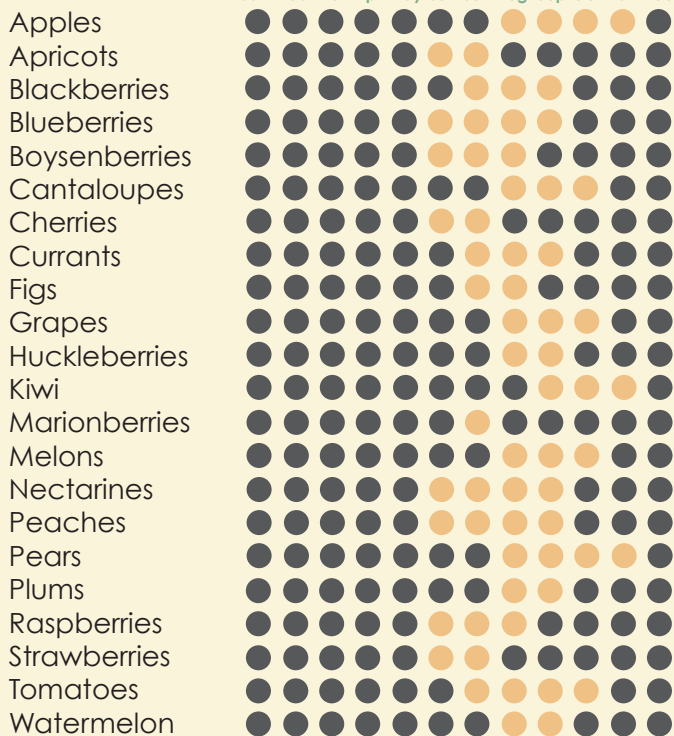


# Harvesting in Western Washington

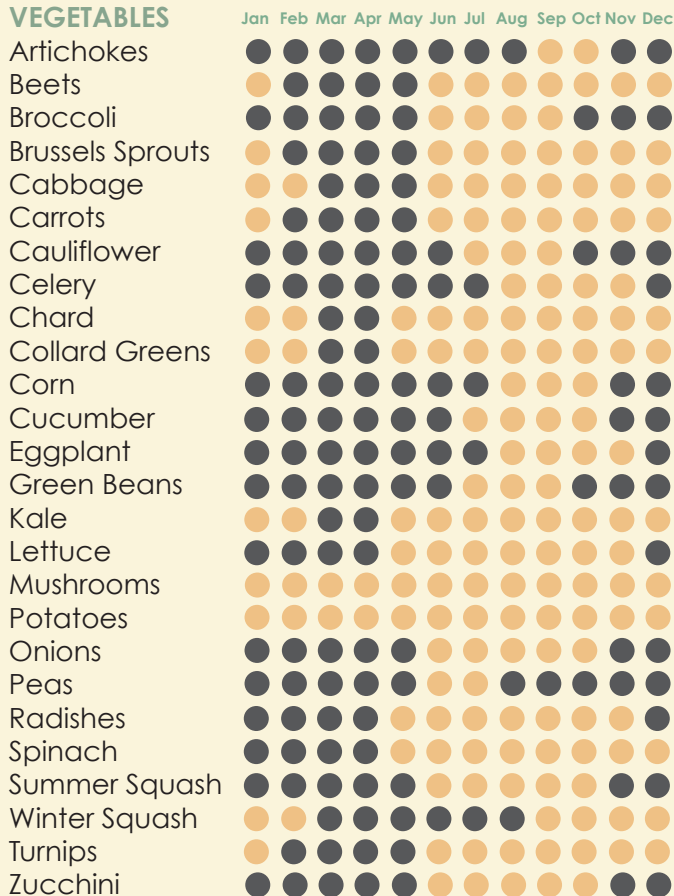
## Fruits, Vegetables, & Nuts

### When to Grow:

#### FRUITS



#### VEGETABLES



#### NUTS



Washington state is one of the most productive agricultural growing regions in the nation. Ranking number one nationally in the growth of eleven different crops, Washington's harvests are products of nutrient-rich soil, a temperate climate, and irrigation water from Columbia and Snake Rivers.

While Western Washington receives far more precipitation than the rest of the state, its cool, wet climate allows gardeners to produce crops of many fruits, vegetables, and nuts for fall and winter harvest.



#### EXTRA CREDIT

Apples are Washington's largest crop, and Washington is the largest producer of apples in the nation.

### HOW TO PLANT: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

- Plant seeds
- Apply fertilizer
- Prune while dormant, and protect from frost and bugs
- Check soil moisture and irrigate if necessary
- Reduce irrigation if growing vigorously
- Prepare ground for next season planting
- Begin dormant pruning

### NUTS

- Deposit seeds in holes, fill with water and soil, and pat to remove air pockets
- Water if no rainfall
- Add fertilizer in spring and eliminate weeds by adding mulch

### TOP TIPS FOR HARVESTING

- 1 Learn by trial and error, and note what grows best for you.
- 2 Be careful not to grow too much of one thing.
- 3 Try growing something new every year.
- 4 Take advantage of free fertilizers, such as grass clippings and other homemade options.
- 5 Learn how to can and properly store.

#### DID YOU KNOW?



Washington is the nation's largest producer of red raspberries, which thrive in the cool, marine climate of Western Washington.