

Growing List of Vegetables and Herbs Successfully Grown in Summit County:

Vegetables/Greens	Degree of Difficulty	Planting Method	Notes
Arugula	easy	direct seed	
Beans (pole & bush)	medium	direct seed	pole beans generally take longer & need much more vertical space than bush beans
Beets	easy	direct seed	beets must be thinned in order to reach full size
Bok Choy/Pak Choy	easy	direct seed	try dwarf types and harvest the whole head
Broccoli Raab	easy	direct seed	
Broccoli	easy/medium	direct seed or transplant	broccoli takes up a lot of space for small gardens
Cabbage	easy	direct seed	needs a lot of room; try Early Jersey Wakefield for a winner in taste and appearance
Carrots	easy	direct seed	carrots must be thinned in order to reach full size
Cauliflower	medium/hard	transplant	finicky if too hot or too cold-- can take a lot of time depending on conditions
Celery (Chinese)	medium	direct seed or transplant	supposed to be easy to grow in mountain climates but so far we do not agree; don't let dry out
Claytonia	easy	direct seed	extremely cold hardy green that withstands frost; will not germinate in warm soils
Collards	easy	direct seed	
Cucumber	medium/difficult	transplant	difficulty germinating in cold soil; mulch, fertilize & trellis to increase yields & space
Endive	easy	direct seed	
Eggplant	difficult	transplant	no frost tolerance; grow w/wall-o-water & solar mulch or in a container that can be taken inside
Egyptian Walking Onion	easy	bulbs	
Hakurei Turnips	easy	direct seed	about as quick as radishes with a more delicate flavor
Horseradish	easy	direct seed	
Jerusalem artichoke	easy?	tubers	can be invasive if not controlled; needs a lot of space
Kale	easy	direct seed	
Kohlrabi	easy	direct seed or transplant	can be a good attract crop for voles
Leeks	medium	direct seed	need a lot of time
Lettuce	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Mache (corn salad)	easy	direct seed	extremely cold tolerant green; considerable frost tolerance
Melon	difficult	direct seed	no frost tolerance

Mizuna	easy	direct seed	use baby leaf in lettuce mixes; larger leaf is better sauteed
Mustard Greens	easy	direct seed	
Onion	medium	transplant bulbs/onion sets/ direct seed	takes considerable time and usually doesn't get very big; sensitive to photoperiod
Onion bunching	easy	direct seed	
Parsnip	easy/medium	direct seed	usually about 120 day grow period; only easy depending on your space and patience
Peas, Snow	easy	direct seed	
Peas, Sugar Snap	easy	direct seed	
Peppers	difficult	transplant	no frost tolerance; grow w/wall-o-water & solar mulch or in a container that can be taken inside
Potatoes	easy	seed potatoes	very productive, good in containers
Radish	easy	direct seed	can get several plantings in a season
Radicchio	easy	direct seed	
Rhubarb	easy	transplants/perennial	
Shallots	easy	transplant bulbs	
Sorrel	easy	direct seed	extremely cold tolerant green; considerable frost tolerance
Soybean	medium/difficult	direct seed	sensitive to cold; grow in cold frame or hoop house with solar mulch
Spinach	easy	direct seed	spotty germination and growth in soil temperatures that are too warm
Strawberries	medium	direct seed or transplant/ perennial	need at least 1 year to get established; plant in containers to maximize space
Swiss Chard	easy	direct seed	
Tatsoi	easy	direct seed	very cold tolerant; cut and come again until it bolts
Tomatillo	difficult	transplant	grown with season extenders/wall-o-water
Tomatoes (all types)	difficult	transplant	grow w/wall-o-water and solar mulch; sensitive to frost & cold nights, ripen off vine
Tomatoes (Siberian)	difficult	transplants	grow w/wall-o-water and solar mulch; more cold tolerant than other varieties
Turnips	easy	direct seed	
Winter Radish (daikon, black etc.)	easy	direct seed	plant in early April for early June harvest or mid-late July for October harvest
Zucchini/Squash	medium/difficult	direct seed	Sensitive to frost; does well in cold frame or hoop house; needs a lot of space; heavy producer

Herbs / Edible Flowers	Degree of Difficulty	Planting Method	Notes
Basil	medium	transplant	no frost tolerance; genovese types are heavier producers
Bee Balm	easy	transplant	often a perennial, good for teas
Borage	easy	direct seed or transplant	freeze the flowers in ice cubes or toss into a salad
Calendula	easy-medium	direct seed or transplant	
Chervil	easy	direct seed or transplant	great to plant next to radishes
Chives	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Cilantro	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Dill	easy	direct seed or transplant	does excellent interplanted with broccoli
Garlic	easy	direct seed or transplant	plant in fall for early summer harvest
Lavender	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Lemon Balm	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Lemon Thyme	easy	transplant	
Lovage	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Mint	easy	direct seed or transplant	very invasive
Marjoram	easy-medium	transplant	
Marigold	medium	direct seed or transplant	germinate poorly in cool soils
Nasturtium	easy-medium	direct seed or transplant	like it warm/flower more with plant food
Oregano	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Pansies	easy	transplant	edible
Parsley	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Rosemary	easy-medium	direct seed or transplant	
Sage	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Squash blossoms	medium	direct seed or transplant	sweet, nectar flavor
Sunflower	easy	direct seed	Many varieties do great here - plant early
Sweet Marjoram	easy-medium	direct seed or transplant	
Tarragon	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Thyme	easy	direct seed or transplant	
Violets	easy	transplant	edible
Yarrow	easy	direct seed or transplant	can be a perennial