

## 2016 PESTICIDE APPLICATION RECORD

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Farm Name & Address; City or Township; and County of Application	Field Name  Sitio Aplicado	Acres Treated/ Tratado	Crop Treated  Cosech Tratado	Brand Name of Pesticide  Nombre del Pesticida	EPA Registration Number  Numero de Registracion EPA	Active Ingredient(s)  Ingrediente Acitvo	Amount of Pesticide Concentrate used before mixing*		Total Diluent  Candidad Usada	Date/Time Application Completed  Fecha y Hora de la Aplicacion	

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New Jersey regulations require growers [private applicators] to maintain records of **all applications** of pesticides (both general and restricted use) for 3 years. All records should be recorded in writing as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours. These records must be made available to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and medical personnel (for emergencies) upon request.

Below is an example using a one-page format for keeping your records. The most current version can be found on the Rutgers Pest Management Office website at [www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/PAT/record\\_forms.htm](http://www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/PAT/record_forms.htm). You can use your own recordkeeping format as long as you include all of the information required by State regulations (NJAC 7:30-8.8 Records). If you don't include it as part of your application record, keep a separate list of handlers working under the private applicator's supervision.

The crop/field designation must be specific. *For example-* assign a number to each field, or the parts of a field planted to different crops, or the parts of a field planted to the same crop in a different growth stage. Then use this number on the application record for each application to that specific location. For all pesticides having a reentry time, enter the date and the hour that the application was completed.

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XYZ Farm 1234 Farm Road; Agriville; Cumberland County	G-11	8	Tomatoes	Vydate L	352-372	Oxamyl	12 qts.	400 gal	400 gal	6/15/12- 9:30 a.m.	6/17/12- 9:30 a.m.	John Smith C080569

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### PESTICIDE REGISTRATION NUMBERS

Use the space below to list the pesticides that you use and their EPA registration numbers. These numbers are printed on the label.

Pesticide*	EPA Registration No.*	Active Ingredient*	Formulation
<i>Example:</i> Rally	62719-410	myclobutanil 40%	40 WSP

\* In New Jersey, a form listing all pesticides stored on site must be sent each year to your local Fire Department with an explanatory cover letter. It must include a description or diagram of the exact location of the storage area. See [www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/PAT/record\\_forms.htm](http://www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/PAT/record_forms.htm) for template

# VEGETABLE SEED SIZES

**Table R-1. Vegetable Seed Sizes<sup>1</sup>**

Crop	Seeds/Unit Weight	Crop	Seeds/Unit Weight
Asparagus	13,000-20,000/lb	Mustard	15,000-17,000/oz
Beans: baby lima	1,150-1,450/lb	Okra	450-550/oz
fordhook	440-550/lb	Onions: bulb	105,000-144,000/lb
snap	1,600-2,200/lb	bunching	180,000-200,000/lb
Beets	24,000-26,000/lb	Parsnips	7,500-12,000/oz
Broccoli	8,500-9,000/oz	Parsley	240,000-288,000/lb
Brussels sprouts	8,500-9,000/oz	Peas	1,440-2,580/lb
Cabbage	8,500-9,000/oz	Peppers	4,000-4,700/oz
Carrots	300,000-400,000/lb	Pumpkins	1,900-3,200/lb
Cauliflower	8,900-10,000/oz	Radishes	40,000-50,000/lb
Celery	60,000-72,000/oz	Rutabaga	150,000-192,000/lb
Collards	7,500-8,500/oz	Spinach	25,000-50,000/lb
Cucumbers	15,000-16,000/lb	Squash: summer	3,500-4,800/lb
Eggplants	6,000-6,500/oz	winter	1,600-4,000/lb
Endive, escarole	22,000-26,000/oz	Sweet corn: normal, sugary enhanced	1,800-2,500/lb
Kale	7,500-8,900/oz	Super sweet (Sh)	3,000-5,000/lb
Leeks	170,000-180,000/lb	Tomatoes: fresh	10,000-11,400/oz
Lettuce: head	20,000-25,000/oz	processing	160,000-190,000/lb
leaf	25,000-31,000/oz	Watermelons: small seed	8,000-10,400/lb
Muskmelons	16,000-19,000/lb	large seed	3,200-4,800/lb

<sup>1</sup>Use this table to estimate your seed requirements. Varieties and seed lots can differ in seed size. Check with your seed supplier and the label on the container for more precise information.

# PLANT SPACINGS AND POPULATIONS

**Table R-2. Population of Plants per Acre at Several Between-Row and In-Row Spacings**

Inches between Rows	Inches Apart in Row												
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	24	30	36	48
7	448,046	224,023	149,349	112,011	89,609	74,674	64,006						
12	261,360	130,680	87,120	65,340	52,272	43,560	37,337	32,670	29,040	21,780	17,424	14,520	10,890
18	174,240	87,120	58,080	43,560	34,848	29,040	24,891	21,780	19,360	14,520	11,616	9,680	7,260
21	149,349	74,674	49,783	37,337	29,870	24,891	21,336	18,669	16,594	12,446	9,957	8,297	6,223
24	130,680	65,340	43,560	32,670	26,136	21,780	18,669	16,335	14,520	10,890	8,712	7,260	5,445
30	104,544	52,272	34,848	26,136	20,909	17,424	14,935	13,068	11,616	8,712	6,970	5,808	4,356
36 (3 ft)	87,120	43,560	29,040	21,780	17,424	14,520	12,446	10,890	9,680	7,260	5,808	4,840	3,630
42 (3½ ft)	74,674	37,337	24,891	18,669	14,934	12,446	10,668	9,334	8,297	6,223	4,978	4,149	3,111
48 (4 ft)	65,340	32,670	21,780	16,335	13,068	10,890	9,334	8,167	7,260	5,445	4,356	3,630	2,722
60 (5 ft)			17,424	13,068	10,454	8,712	7,467	6,534	5,808	4,356	3,485	2,904	2,178
72 (6 ft)			14,520	10,890	8,712	7,260	6,223	5,445	4,840	3,630	2,904	2,420	1,815
84 (7 ft)			12,446	9,334	7,467	6,223	5,334	4,667	4,149	3,111	2,489	2,074	1,556
96 (8 ft)			10,890	8,167	6,534	5,445	4,667	4,084	3,630	2,722	2,178	1,815	1,361

## USEFUL WEBSITES

The following is a list of websites that may be of interest and value to vegetable growers. Growers should carefully evaluate the source and accuracy of the information. Cooperative Extension DOES NOT confirm the accuracy of information at these websites. No endorsement of the information found at these websites is implied and no lack of endorsement is implied for sites not listed.

<b>AGRICULTURAL SEARCH ENGINES</b>	
<a href="http://cris.csrees.usda.gov">cris.csrees.usda.gov</a>	USDA Current Research Information System
<a href="http://produceoasis.com">produceoasis.com</a>	About produce--recipes, nutrition, etc.
<a href="http://agricultureinformation.com/forums">agricultureinformation.com/forums</a>	Agricultural Search Engine
<b>VEGETABLE PRODUCTION</b>	
<a href="http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=E001">njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=E001</a>	2015 Commercial Vegetable Production Recommendations for New Jersey
<a href="http://aesop.rutgers.edu/~horteng">aesop.rutgers.edu/~horteng</a>	Rutgers Horticultural Engineering
<a href="http://extension.udel.edu/ag/vegetable-fruit-resources/vegetable-small-fruits-program">extension.udel.edu/ag/vegetable-fruit-resources/vegetable-small-fruits-program</a>	Delaware Cooperative Extension Vegetable and Small Fruit Program
<a href="http://vric.ucdavis.edu">vric.ucdavis.edu</a>	Univ of California Vegetable Crops Information
<a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_commercial_vegetable_production">edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_commercial_vegetable_production</a>	Univ of Florida Commercial Vegetable Information
<a href="http://weedid.aces.uiuc.edu">weedid.aces.uiuc.edu</a>	Univ. of Illinois Weed Identification
<a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/HS131">edis.ifas.ufl.edu/HS131</a>	Reducing Postharvest Tomato Losses
<a href="http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/hil/veg-index.html">www.ces.ncsu.edu/hil/veg-index.html</a>	North Carolina Cooperative Extension Commercial Vegetable Information
<a href="http://hightunnels.org">hightunnels.org</a>	High Tunnel Information
<a href="http://msucare.com/crops/comhort/index.html">msucare.com/crops/comhort/index.html</a>	Mississippi Extension Service Vegetable Information
<a href="http://extension.psu.edu/vegetable-fruit">extension.psu.edu/vegetable-fruit</a>	Penn State Extension Vegetable, Small Fruit and Mushroom Production Information
<a href="http://plasticulture.cas.psu.edu">plasticulture.cas.psu.edu</a>	Penn State Extension Center for Plasticulture
<a href="http://extension.psu.edu/pests/plant-diseases">extension.psu.edu/pests/plant-diseases</a>	Penn State Extension Plant Disease Information
<a href="http://agsci.psu.edu/aasl">agsci.psu.edu/aasl</a>	Penn State Agricultural Analytical Services Lab.
<a href="http://msue.anr.msu.edu">msue.anr.msu.edu</a>	Michigan State University Extension
<a href="http://vegetables.cornell.edu">vegetables.cornell.edu</a>	Cornell Univ. Vegetable Information
<a href="http://extension.oregonstate.edu">extension.oregonstate.edu</a>	Oregon State Univ. Extension
<a href="http://ag.arizona.edu/hydroponictomatoes">ag.arizona.edu/hydroponictomatoes</a>	Growing Hydroponic Tomatoes
<a href="http://extension.umass.edu/vegetable">extension.umass.edu/vegetable</a>	Univ. of Mass. Vegetable Information
<a href="http://cals.arizona.edu/grafting/home">cals.arizona.edu/grafting/home</a>	Grafting Information
<a href="http://vegetablegrafting.org/resources">vegetablegrafting.org/resources</a>	Grafting rootstock
<a href="http://ext.vt.edu">ext.vt.edu</a>	Virginia Cooperative Extension Information
<a href="http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/facts.html">ohioline.osu.edu/lines/facts.html</a>	The Ohio State Univ. Fact Sheets
<a href="http://oak.ppws.vt.edu/weedindex.htm">oak.ppws.vt.edu/weedindex.htm</a>	Virginia Tech Weed ID Guide
<a href="http://ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/id/id36/id36.htm">ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/id/id36/id36.htm</a>	Univ. of Kentucky 2014-15 Vegetable Growers Guide
<a href="http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/438/438-012/438-012.html">pubs.ext.vt.edu/438/438-012/438-012.html</a>	Virginia Tech White Potato Nitrogen Management
<a href="http://cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/extension/commodities/sweetpotatoes_postharvest.pdf">cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/extension/commodities/sweetpotatoes_postharvest.pdf</a>	NCSU Postharvest Handling of Sweet Potatoes publication
<a href="http://ncsu.edu/~clrivard/TubeGraftingTechnique.pdf">ncsu.edu/~clrivard/TubeGraftingTechnique.pdf</a>	NCSU Grafting for Disease Resistance in Heirloom Tomatoes publication
<a href="http://farmassist.com">farmassist.com</a>	Syngenta (Special labels) FarmAssist®
<a href="http://eurofinsus.com/stalabs">eurofinsus.com/stalabs</a>	STA Laboratories (seed testing)

## USEFUL WEBSITES (continued)

### VEGETABLE PRODUCTION IN GREENHOUSES

<a href="http://agrisk.umn.edu/cache/arl01481.htm">agrisk.umn.edu/cache/arl01481.htm</a>	Greenhouse and Hydroponic Vegetable Production Resources on the Internet
<a href="http://msucare.com/pubs/publications/p1828.pdf">msucare.com/pubs/publications/p1828.pdf</a>	Mississippi State Greenhouse Tomato Handbook
<a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_book_florida_greenhouse_vegetable_production_handbook">edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_book_florida_greenhouse_vegetable_production_handbook</a>	Univ. of Florida Greenhouse Vegetable Production Handbook

### POLLINATION

<a href="http://pollinator.com">pollinator.com</a>	The Pollination Home Page
<a href="http://www.xerces.org/pollinator-conservation">www.xerces.org/pollinator-conservation</a>	The Xerces Society Pollinator Conservation
<a href="http://dda.delaware.gov/plantind/forms/publications/FarmManagementforNativeBees-AGuideforDelaware.pdf">http://dda.delaware.gov/plantind/forms/publications/FarmManagementforNativeBees-AGuideforDelaware.pdf</a>	Farm Management for Native Bees (Delaware)
<a href="http://epa.gov/pollinator-protection/new-labeling-neonicotinoid-pesticides">epa.gov/pollinator-protection/new-labeling-neonicotinoid-pesticides</a>	EPA's new pollinator protection labeling guidelines and new bee advisory box
<a href="http://ohioline.osu.edu/cv-fact/pdf/1003.pdf">ohioline.osu.edu/cv-fact/pdf/1003.pdf</a>	Biology of Squash Bees
<a href="http://icpbees.org/tools-for-growers">icpbees.org/tools-for-growers</a>	Tools for Growers – supported by Project ICP (Integrated Crop Pollination)
<a href="http://ento.psu.edu/pollinators/information-for-growers">ento.psu.edu/pollinators/information-for-growers</a>	Center for Pollinator Research

### SUSTAINABLE/ALTERNATIVE CROP PRODUCTION

<a href="http://ibiblio.org/farming-connection">ibiblio.org/farming-connection</a>	Sustainable Farming Connection
<a href="http://sarep.ucdavis.edu">sarep.ucdavis.edu</a>	Univ. of California Sustainable Ag Program
<a href="http://sfc.ucdavis.edu">sfc.ucdavis.edu</a>	Univ. of California Small Farm Center
<a href="http://hort.purdue.edu/newcrop">hort.purdue.edu/newcrop</a>	Purdue's NewCrop™ Information
<a href="http://afsic.nal.usda.gov">afsic.nal.usda.gov</a>	USDA Alternative Farming Systems Info. Ctr.
<a href="http://attra.ncat.org/horticultural.html">attra.ncat.org/horticultural.html</a>	ATTRA Horticultural Crops
<a href="http://sare.org">sare.org</a>	Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education
<a href="http://kerrcenter.com">kerrcenter.com</a>	The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture

### INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

<a href="http://omri.org">omri.org</a>	Approved Organic Nutrients and Sources
<a href="http://njaes.rutgers.edu/weeds">njaes.rutgers.edu/weeds</a>	New Jersey Weed Gallery
<a href="http://veg-guidelines.cce.cornell.edu">veg-guidelines.cce.cornell.edu</a>	Cornell Commercial Vegetable Production IPM
<a href="http://pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/IPM/Vegetable/index.htm">pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/IPM/Vegetable/index.htm</a>	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Vegetable IPM Program
<a href="http://ipm.ucdavis.edu">ipm.ucdavis.edu</a>	Univ. of California IPM
<a href="http://ipm.uconn.edu/pa_vegetable">ipm.uconn.edu/pa_vegetable</a>	Univ. of Connecticut Vegetable IPM
<a href="http://vegedge.umn.edu/MNFruit&amp;VegNews/mnindex.htm">vegedge.umn.edu/MNFruit&amp;VegNews/mnindex.htm</a>	Univ. of Minnesota IPM Newsletter
<a href="http://nysipm.cornell.edu/vegetables/default.asp">nysipm.cornell.edu/vegetables/default.asp</a>	New York State Vegetable IPM
<a href="http://biocontrol.entomology.cornell.edu/index.php">biocontrol.entomology.cornell.edu/index.php</a>	Cornell Univ. Biological Control Site
<a href="http://extension.umd.edu/ipm">extension.umd.edu/ipm</a>	University of Maryland Extension IPM
<a href="http://cdm.ipmpipe.org">cdm.ipmpipe.org</a>	Cucurbit Downy Mildew Forecasting
<a href="http://pestwatch.psu.edu">pestwatch.psu.edu</a>	Penn State Pest Watch
<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sample-submission/id669269520?mt=8">itunes.apple.com/us/app/sample-submission/id669269520?mt=8</a>	Plant Diagnostic Lab App (Ala, U. of Conn., U of Ill., U. of KY, MSU, U. of NH, Ohio State U.)

### PESTICIDE NEWS AND INFORMATION

<a href="http://npic.orst.edu">npic.orst.edu</a>	National Pesticide Information Center
<a href="http://cdms.net/LabelsMsds/LMDefault.aspx?t=">cdms.net/LabelsMsds/LMDefault.aspx?t=</a>	Pesticide Labels & MSDS
<a href="http://greenbook.net">greenbook.net</a>	C&P Press Greenbook.net
<a href="http://ipmcenters.org">ipmcenters.org</a>	Office of Pest Management Program USDA
<a href="http://irac-online.org">irac-online.org</a>	Insecticide Resistance Action Committee
<a href="http://epa.gov/pesticides">epa.gov/pesticides</a>	U.S. EPA Office of Pesticide Programs

## USEFUL WEBSITES (continued)

### PESTICIDE NEWS AND INFORMATION (continued)

pcpnj.org	NJ DEP Pesticide Control Program
extension.org/mediawiki/files/1/15/NativeBees2009.pdf	Bryn Mawr College & Rutgers Native Bee Benefits For Pa and NJ publication
usablight.org	USA Blight: National Project on Late Blight

### NEWSLETTERS

njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/plantandpestadvisory	New Jersey Plant & Pest Advisory Newsletter
agdev.anr.udel.edu/weeklycropupdate	Univ. of Delaware Weekly Crop Update
vegnet.osu.edu/newsletter	The Ohio State Univ. Weekly Newsletter
ipm.uiuc.edu/ifvn/index.html	Illinois Fruit and Vegetable News
ag.arizona.edu/crops/vegetables/vegetables.html	Univ. of Arizona Vegetable Pest Reports

### MARKETING

ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/marketnews	USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Reports
farmersmarketonline.com/marketwa.htm	Terminal Market Prices for U.S. Crops
fas.usda.gov/commodities	Terminal Market Prices Around the World
sfproduce.org/home.html	San Francisco Wholesale Market Listings
nass.usda.gov	USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service
ams.usda.gov/directmarketing	USDA's Direct Marketing Information
pafarm.com	PA Farm Market Association
worldcrops.org	Ethnic Vegetable Production & Marketing
pma.com	Produce Marketing Association

### FARM MANAGEMENT

aesop.rutgers.edu/~farmmgmt	Farm Management
ers.usda.gov	USDA Economic Research Service
farminfo.org	The Small Farm Resource
dda.delaware.gov/plantind/forms/publications/FarmManagementforNativeBees-AGuideforDelaware.pdf	Farm Management for Native Bees Guide

### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

berrymaninstitute.org	The Jack H. Berryman Institute
wildlifecontrol.info/newdm/Pages/default.aspx	The Northeast Wildlife Damage Management Research and Outreach Cooperative
icwdm.org/handbook/index.asp	Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management

### EDUCATION

njaes.rutgers.edu	Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station
cpe.rutgers.edu	NJAES Office of Continuing Profess. Ed.

### GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

usda.gov	US Department of Agriculture
dda.delaware.gov	Delaware Department of Agriculture
state.nj.us/agriculture	NJ Department of Agriculture
mda.state.md.us	Maryland Department of Agriculture
nj.gov/dep/enforcement/pcp	NJ Pesticide Control Program
agriculture.state.pa.us	Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
vdacs.virginia.gov	Virginia Department of Agriculture
rma.usda.gov	Risk Management Agency USDA
wvagriculture.org	West Virginia Department of Agriculture

## USEFUL WEBSITES (continued)

### TRADE PUBLICATIONS

<a href="http://americanfarm.com">americanfarm.com</a>	American Farm Publications
<a href="http://meistermedia.com/publications/american-vegetable-grower">meistermedia.com/publications/american-vegetable-grower</a>	American Vegetable Grower
<a href="http://vegetablegrowersnews.com">vegetablegrowersnews.com</a>	The Vegetable Grower News
<a href="http://agriculture.com">agriculture.com</a>	Agriculture Online
<a href="http://www.thepacker.com/thegrower">www.thepacker.com/thegrower</a>	The Grower Magazine

### WEATHER

<a href="http://weather.gov">weather.gov</a>	National Weather Service
<a href="http://climate.rutgers.edu/stateclim">climate.rutgers.edu/stateclim</a>	Office of the NJ State Climatologist
<a href="http://deos.udel.edu/index.html">deos.udel.edu/index.html</a>	Delaware Environmental Observing System
<a href="http://usna.usda.gov/Hardzone">usna.usda.gov/Hardzone</a>	U.S. Natl.Arboratum--Plant Hardiness Zone Map

### FOOD SAFETY

<a href="http://fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/default.htm">fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/default.htm</a>	FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)
<a href="http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/2209">ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/2209</a>	Growers Guide to Food Safety
<a href="http://caleafygreens.ca.gov/food-safety-practices">caleafygreens.ca.gov/food-safety-practices</a>	Food Safety Practices
<a href="http://foodsafety.gov">foodsafety.gov</a>	National Food Safety Programs
<a href="http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu">producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu</a>	Produce Safety Alliance
<a href="http://gaps.cornell.edu">gaps.cornell.edu</a>	National Good Agricultural Practices Program
<a href="http://ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp">ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp</a>	Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) & Good Handling Practices (GHP)
<a href="http://extension.psu.edu/food/safety/farm">extension.psu.edu/food/safety/farm</a>	Penn State Farm Food Safety Site
<a href="http://plant-pest-advisory.rutgers.edu/food-safety-publications">plant-pest-advisory.rutgers.edu/food-safety-publications</a>	Rutgers On Farm Food Safety Materials

## PUBLICATION RESOURCES

The following publications are suggested for agents, growers, agriculture-industry representatives, and others who desire more detailed information on specific crops or production practices.

### General Texts and Handbooks

Holcomb, E.J., editor. 1994. *Bedding Plants IV*. 516 pages. Fourth edition. Pennsylvania Flower Growers, Ball Publishing Co., P.O. Box 9, Batavia, IL 60510-0009. A manual on the culture of bedding plants as a greenhouse crop.

Uva, Richard H., Joseph C. Neal and Joseph M. DiTomaso, 1997; *Weeds of the Northeast*; 416 pages, Cornell University Press, 750 Cascadilla St., Ithaca, NY 14851. Comprehensive handbook for identifying 299 common and economically important weeds. 46 color photos and 118 drawings.

Maynard, D.N., and George Hochmuth. 2006. *Knott's Handbook for Vegetable Growers*. 582 pages. Fourth edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 605 Third Ave., New York, NY 10158. A practical handbook on commercial vegetable production.

Meister, R.T., editor. July issue. *Annual Buyer's Guide: American Vegetable Grower*. Meister Publishing Co., 37841 Euclid Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094.

Phillips, Roger, and Martyn Rix. 1993. *The Random House Book of Vegetables*. Random House Publishers, New York, NY. Illustrations and photographs of 650 vegetables with some production information included.

Pierce, Lincoln C. 1987. *Vegetables: Characteristics, Production, and Marketing*. 433 pages. First edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 605 Third Ave., New York, NY 10158. A good technical textbook for temperate vegetables.

Plucknett, D.L. and H.B. Sprague. 1989. *Detecting Mineral Nutrient Deficiencies in Tropical and Temperate Crops*. Westview Tropical Agriculture Series No. 7, Westview Press, Boulder, CO 80302.

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## FREQUENTLY USED WEIGHTS & MEASURES

**Table R-3. Frequently Used Weights and Measures and Approximate Metric Equivalents**

Pint	Liquid			Dry			
	Liters	Gallons	Liters	Ounces	Grams	Pounds	Kilograms
0.5	0.24	1	3.8	0.25	7.1	1	0.5
1.0	0.47	2	7.6	0.50	14.2	2	0.9
1.5	0.71	3	11.4	0.75	21.3	3	1.4
2.0	0.95	4	15.1	1.0	28.4	4	1.8
2.5	1.18	5	18.9	2.0	56.7	5	2.3
3.0	1.42	6	22.7	3.0	85.0	6	2.7
3.5	1.65	7	26.5	4.0	113.4	7	3.2
4.0	1.90	8	30.3	5.0	141.7	8	3.6
4.5	2.13	9	34.1	10.0	283.5	9	4.1
5.0	2.37	10	37.9	16.0	453.6	10	4.5

### Length and Area

1 acre = 0.405 hectares	1 inch = 2.54 centimeters
1 square mile = 2.39 square kilometers	1 foot = 30.3 centimeters
1 square yard = 0.836 square meters	1 yard = 0.914 meters
1 square foot = 0.0929 square meters	1 mile = 1.61 kilometers
1 square inch = 6.45 square centimeters	

# PLANT GROWING MIX

**Making a Plant-Growing Mix.** Many pre-mixed growing media products suitable for conventional and organic production are available commercially. A good, lightweight, disease-free, plant-growing material can also be made from a mixture of peat and vermiculite. A formula for a very simple mix for conventional production is given in Table R-4, but a preferred formulation is shown in Table R-5. If plants are to be grown in a mix longer than 8 weeks, use the formula in Table R-5. Organic growing media differ from conventional media because all components used must be allowable under organic production standards. When mixing your own formulation it is important to verify with your certifier that the materials you are using will not compromise your certification. For more information on organic growing media including several formulations can be found in:

- *Potting Media and Plant Propagation* - <http://extension.psu.edu/start-farming/vegetables/potting-media-and-plant-propagation>
- *Potting Mixes for Certified Organic Production* - <https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/viewhtml.php?id=47>
- *Organic Potting Mix Basics* - <http://www.extension.org/pages/20982/organic-potting-mix-basics>

**Table R-4. Simple Plant-Growing Mix**

Materials	Cubic Yard	
	(22 Bushels)	2 Bushels
Shredded sphagnum peat moss	11 bu	1 bu (10 gal)
No. 2, 3, or 4 domestic or African vermiculite <sup>1</sup> or horticultural grade (dust-screened)	11 bu	1 bu (10 gal)
Pulverized limestone use <i>dolomitic</i> lime for mixes made with <i>domestic</i> vermiculite	10 lb	1 lb (1/4 cups)
or use <i>calcitic</i> lime mixes made with <i>African</i> vermiculite	6 lb	9 oz (3/4 cup)
Superphosphate (20% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) or Triple superphosphate (46% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	2½ lb	4 oz (½ cup)
Fertilizer (5-10-10)	5 lb	8 oz (1 cup)

<sup>1</sup> Vermiculite should be pea-sized and relatively free of fines and dust. Final mix should have a pH of 6.0-6.5.

**Notes.** Good results for growing lettuce and cabbage transplants have been obtained by diluting this mix with an equal part of sand.

This mix will only get the seedlings up. Supplemental fertilizing will be needed to grow plants to transplant size. About 3 weeks after seeding, begin liquid fertilizing the plants with a soluble fertilizer, such as a 20-20-20, at the rate of 2-3 teaspoons per gallon of water. This rate should be applied at least weekly. More frequent applications may be desirable.

**Table R-5. Preferred Plant-Growing Mix**

Materials	Cubic Yard	
	(22 Bushels)	2 Bushels
Shredded sphagnum peat moss	11 bu	1 bu (10 gal)
No. 2, 3, or 4 domestic vermiculite <sup>1</sup> or horticultural grade (dust-screened)	11 bu	1 bu (10 gal)
or African vermiculite <sup>1</sup>	11 bu	1 bu (10 gal)
Pulverized limestone use <i>dolomitic</i> lime for mixes made with <i>domestic</i> vermiculite	10 lb	1 lb (1/4 cups)
or use <i>calcitic</i> lime mixes made with <i>African</i> vermiculite	6 lb	9 oz (3/4 cup)
Superphosphate (20% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) or Triple superphosphate (46% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	2½ lb	4 oz (½ cup)
Sulfate or muriate of potash (50%-60% K <sub>2</sub> O)	½ lb	1 oz (2 tbs)
Osmocote <sup>2</sup> (18-6-12)		
Tomatoes	4 lb	6 oz (3/4 cup)
Eggplants	8 lb	12 oz (1½ cups)
Peppers	8 lb	12 oz (1½ cups)
Micronutrient mix	Use according to mfr.'s recommendations	
Wetting agent (such as Aqua-Gro granular)	1½ pt	1 oz (4 tbs)

<sup>1</sup> Vermiculite should be approximately pea-sized and relatively free of fines and dust. Final mix should have a pH of 6.0-6.5.

<sup>2</sup> Osmocote is a slow-release fertilizer. Use a formula that will release nutrients over a period of 8 to 9 months. Therefore, mixes should be made just prior to seeding. Plants grown in mixes containing Osmocote must be carefully watered and the temperature carefully controlled prior to field planting. Reduced rates are suggested to control plant height when using small cells.

Regardless of which formula is chosen, unless good mixing procedures are used, the results will be less than optimal. For best mixing, use a horizontal-type paddle mixer that folds or blends the components, such as lime and fertilizer, evenly throughout the mix. With tilted or other types of mixers, the components tend to segregate or separate out, resulting in erratic performance of the mix.

Good procedures to follow when preparing a mix are:

1. Use a respirator to prevent inhalation of dust when mixing peat, vermiculite and additives.
2. For small quantities of mix preparation--1 cubic yard or less--place 4 to 5 inches of vermiculite in the bottom of a 5-gallon pail. Add all the additives (lime, fertilizer, micronutrient, etc.) to the vermiculite in the pail and mix thoroughly.
3. Fluff the recommended amount of peat. Start mixer and begin blending the peat.
4. While blending, add water according to the dampness of the peat. You will need approximately 1 gallon of water per bushel of peat in the mix.
5. While blending, slowly pour the additives, which you have already mixed thoroughly with a small amount of vermiculite, into the mixer and blend for 3 to 5 minutes.

## PLANT GROWING MIX *(CONTINUED)*

6. Add the recommended amount of vermiculite after the other ingredients and blend for 1 minute or less, depending on the consistency of the vermiculite. It should be mixed thoroughly without breaking down. Soon after mixing, use the mix for growing your plants. It is not a good practice to stockpile the mix in large piles for long periods of time.
7. Read all labels of the ingredients used, and heed all warnings that may be marked on the labels or bags.

### Appendix A

#### Methods to measure honeybee colony size and strength

Colony strength can be assessed in several ways.

1. **Inspect hives.** This method is the most time-consuming, but also the most accurate. Colonies used for springtime pollination should have at least:
  - a laying queen
  - one and one-half or two stories (hive bodies or boxes)
  - four to six frames of brood
  - enough adult bees to cover six to eight frames

These are minimum requirements; stronger colonies with larger populations make superior pollination units and may command a higher price. As these stronger colonies are opened, bees will “boil out” or cover the tops of the frames. When smoked, however, the bees move down onto the frames and may not cover the frame tops. In this case, the frames themselves should be covered with bees. Note that there will be some variability in the quality of the colonies you rent. As a general rule, a group of colonies where 10 percent fall below the minimum standard is acceptable if 10 percent are also above the minimum standard. Also, for a variety of reasons, some colonies may become queenless for a time; however, if these colonies meet all the other minimum requirements they still will be effective pollination units.

You can request hives to be inspected. In Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Apiary Inspection Service runs a hive evaluation program for colonies used for pollination. Requests may be made by either the grower or the beekeeper and should be arranged through the state apiarist at the PDA Bureau of Plant Industry, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110; telephone 717-772-5225. Requests should be made as early as possible to facilitate scheduling. If an evaluation is requested by the grower, the beekeeper will be informed that a request has been made. Colonies are inspected to determine the colony size (number of supers), the presence of a laying queen, the number of frames of brood and adult bees, and the presence of disease and parasites. At least 10 percent of the colonies in an apiary, or a minimum of five colonies, are selected at random for inspection. Inspected colonies are identified by sticker. If selected colonies are banded or stapled, these are not refastened by the inspector. A copy of the evaluation report is given to both the grower and the beekeeper.

2. **Assess traffic at hive entrance.** This method is less time-consuming but also less accurate. On a warm (70 to 80°F), calm day between 11 AM and 3 PM, bee traffic at hive entrances should be heavy. During a one-minute observation period, strong colonies should have 50 to 100 or more bees arriving and leaving the hive. Bees also should be seen arriving with pollen pellets on their back legs. In weak colonies, less than 40 bees will be seen arriving and leaving per minute. Colonies that are being used for summer pollination should have heavier traffic at the hive entrance.

Another crude way to assess colony strength is to observe entrances when temperatures are cool (between 55 and 60°F). In strong colonies, flights will be observed when temperatures are between 55 and 60°F, but in weaker colonies bees rarely fly when temperatures are below 60°F. Honeybees very rarely fly when the temperature is below 55°F.

3. **Assess bee density on the crop.** This method allows you to assess the contribution of feral or other honeybee colonies in the area in addition to rented bees. If you are using rented colonies, however, this method tells you little about the quality of the bees. We suggest that if you use this technique and find that the number of bees on the crop is low, you then use options (1) or (2) to assess colony strength before renting additional bees.

#### *Additional information*

The publications listed below are available on the MAAREC Web site at [MAAREC.cas.psu.edu](http://MAAREC.cas.psu.edu).

- *Beekeeping Basics*
- *Beekeeping Topics: Sources of Bees for Pollination in Pennsylvania, Bees and Insecticides, Pollination Contracts, Basic Biology and Management of the Japanese Hornfaced Bee*

## Appendix A *(continued)*

U.S. distributors of “Fruit Boost” that was recommended in the Pollination for attracting bees section are located in the Pacific Northwest. For more information, contact Phero Tech, Inc., 7572 Progress Way, RR 5, Delta, British Columbia, Canada V4G 1E9; phone: 604-940-9944; fax: 604-940-9433.

Other sources of information for bee guides in your area see the websites listed below:

[www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/pi](http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/pi)

[anr.ext.wvu.edu/bees](http://anr.ext.wvu.edu/bees)

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