

Home Gardening From A-Z

5. Getting Your Garden in the Ground

Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.

Ecclesiastes 11:4

The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

Proverbs 20:4





Duffield girls with the original Ford girls and Sean, plus baby.

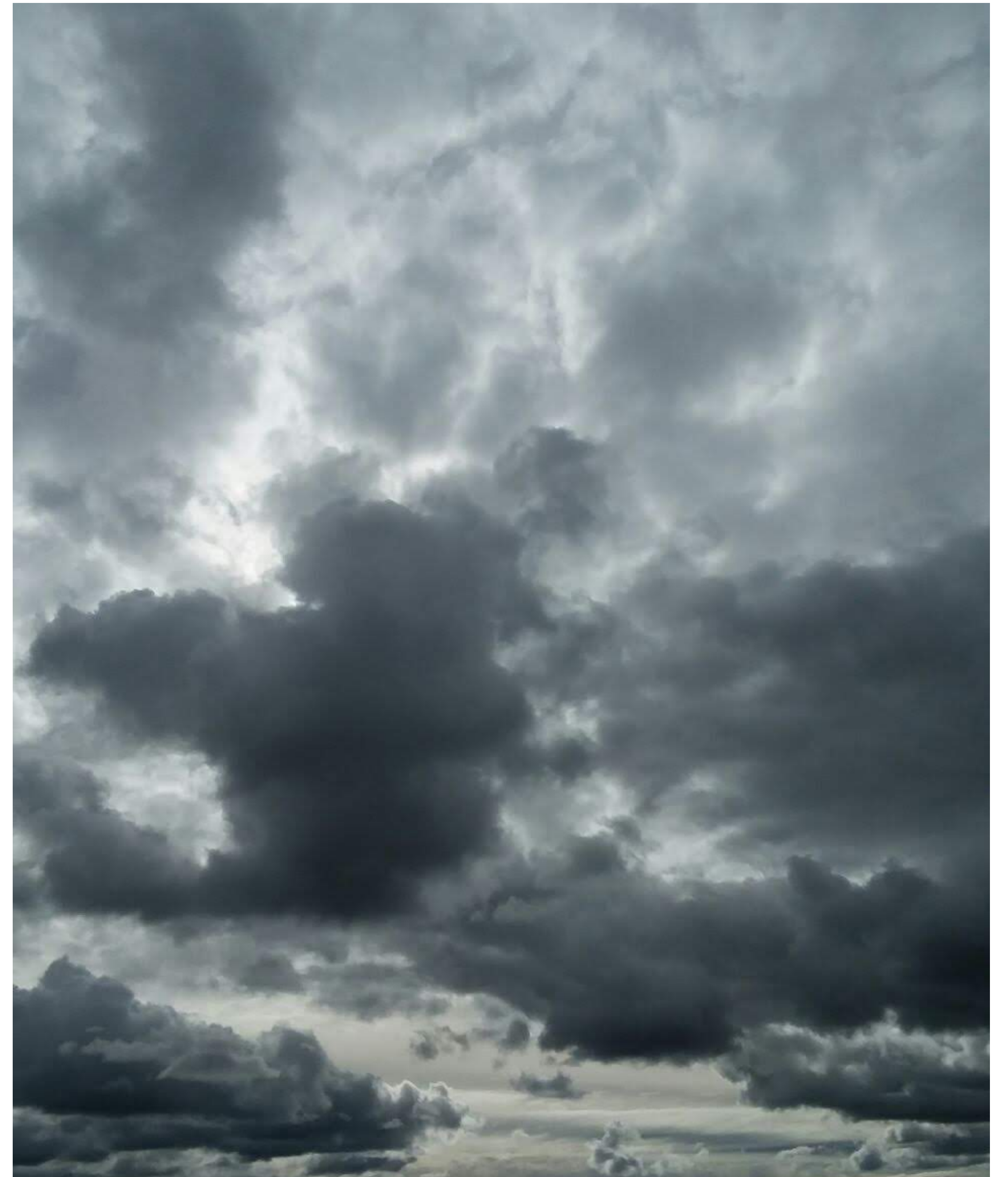
Gardening Rule of THUMB:
Pray * Observe * Commit * Cooperate * Act





Planting Schedules

Crop Timing





**Observe
the weather**

Seedtime App



Succession Planting

Intensive Planting
Or Interplanting





Crop Rotation

- Reduces pests and pathogens in their dormant phase
- Reduces nutrient stress
- Sanitation
- Diversifies the microbiome
- Allelopathic benefits

Cool season / hot season gardens





Hardening Off

Planting the transplants
out in the ground.



As Elliot Coleman
says,

*“A seed sown in the
garden is a gamble,
but a healthy
three to four week-
old transplant
set out in the
garden provides an
almost certain
harvest.”*



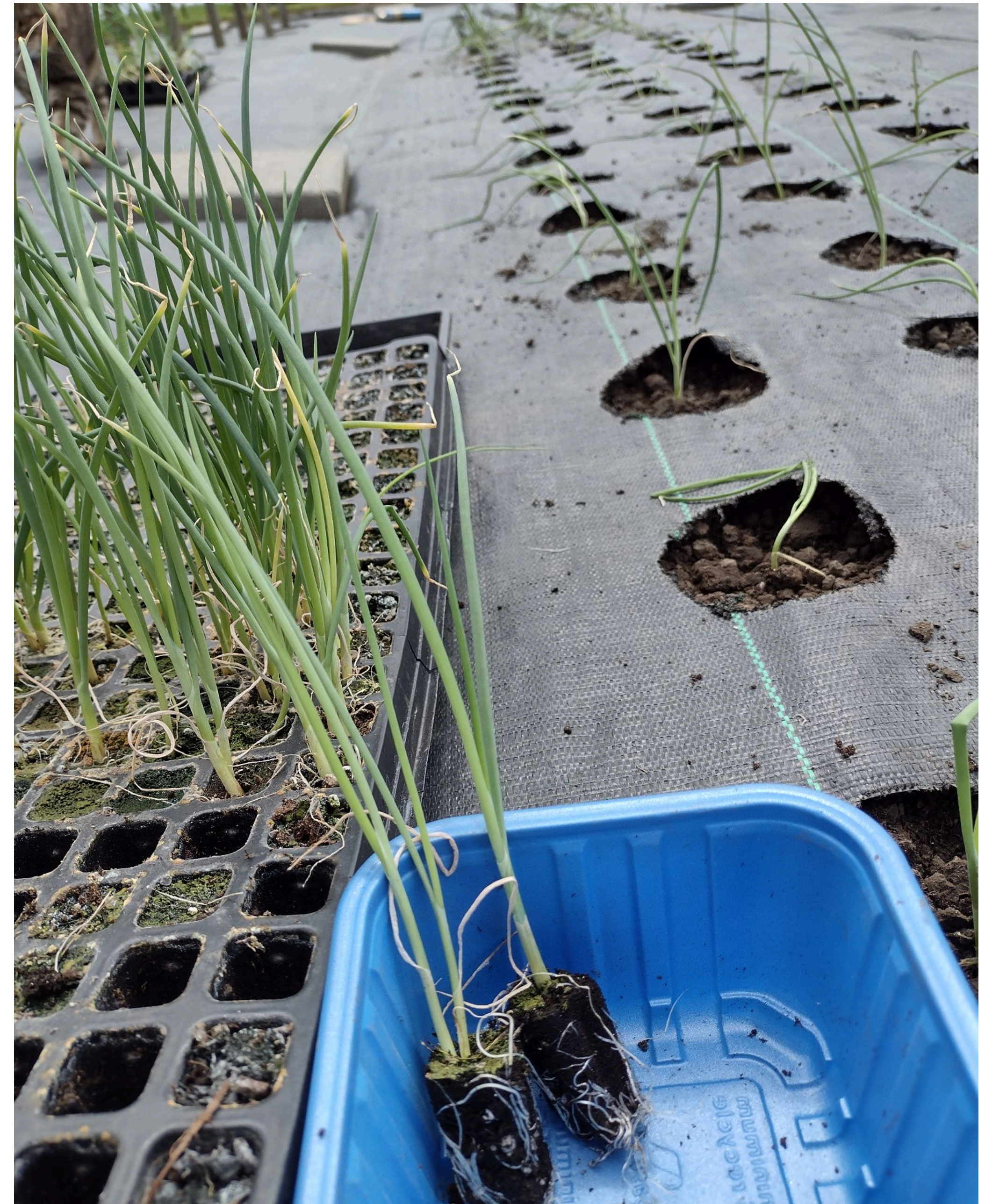
Choosing your vegetable starts







Direct Seeding





Seed planting calendar

groworganic.com

<https://www.almanac.com/gardening/frostdates>

******To find your average frost dates for your region, use the [Old Farmer's Almanac calculator](#) and search by ZIP code.



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