

HERB GROWING GUIDE COMPARISON CHART

CROP	DAYS TO GERMINATION	SOWING TIME	SEEDING METHOD	LIGHT PREFERENCE	PLANT HEIGHT	PLANT SPACING	HARDINESS ZONES	DAYS TO MATURITY
Angelica	Up to 30 days	Early Spring or Fall	Direct sow or Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	72–96"	12–24"	Biennial Zones 4–9	365 days
Anise	6–14 days	Spring	Direct sow	Sun	24"	6"	Annual	130 days
Anise Hyssop	7–16 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	24–36"	6–12"	Tender Perennial Zones 5–9	75–80 days
Basil	5–10 days	Spring though Summer	Direct sow or Transplant	Sun	Varies depending on variety	4–8"	Annual	Varies depending on variety
Bee Balm (Bergamot)	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	36–48"	8–12"	Perennial Zones 4–10	365 days
Borage	7–14 days	Spring	Direct sow	Sun	18–30"	12"	Annual	50–60 days
Caraway	10–14 days	Spring or Fall	Direct sow	Sun	24–36"	4–8"	Biennial	400 days
Catmint	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	12–18"	12–18"	Perennial Zones 4–8	75–85 days
Catnip	7–10 days	Spring or Fall	Transplant	Sun	24–48"	12–18"	Perennial Zones 3–9	75–85 days
Chamomile, Common	10–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	15–24"	8"	Annual	60–65 days
Chamomile, Roman	10–14 days	Spring or Fall	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	10–16"	8–12"	Perennial Zones 5–8	60–65 days
Chervil	10–14 days	Spring or Fall	Direct sow	Sun/Part Shade	10–16"	6"	Annual	60 days
Chinese Leeks/Garlic Chives	7–14 days	Spring	Direct sow	Sun/Part Shade	12–18"	2–8"	Perennial Zones 4–9	90 days
Chives	7–14 days	Spring or Fall	Direct sow	Sun/Part Shade	12–18"	2–8"	Perennial Zones 3–9	75–85 days
Cilantro (Coriander)	7–10 days	Spring through Summer	Direct sow	Sun	12–18"	2–4"	Annual	50–55 days to leaf harvest 90–105 days to seed harvest
Cumin	7–14 days	Spring	Direct sow	Sun	6–12"	4–6"	Annual	100–115 days
Cutting Celery	7–14 days	Spring	Direct sow	Sun/Part Shade	18"	6"	Annual	80–85 days
Dandelion	7–21 days	Spring through Fall	Direct sow	Sun	8–18"	4–6"	Perennial Zones 3–10	95 days to leaf harvest 365 to root harvest
Dill	7–21 days	Spring through Summer	Direct sow	Sun	Varies depending on variety	2–4"	Annual	40–55 days to leaf harvest 95–115 to seed harvest
Epazote	7–14 days	Spring	Direct sow	Sun	24–36"	4–6"	Annual	55 days
Ginseng	180+ days	Fall	Direct sow or Transplant	Shade	8–16"	3–6"	Perennial Zones 4–8	5–6 years to root harvest
Goldenseal	–	Fall	Transplant	Part Shade/Shade	12"	6–8"	Perennial Zones 5–8	3–5 years to root harvest
Hyssop	5–21 days	Spring	Direct sow	Sun/Part Shade	16–24"	6–12"	Perennial Zones 3–9	85–90 days

Lavender	14–21 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	12–18"	12–18"	Varies depending on variety	100–110 days
Leaf Fennel	7–14 days	Spring through summer	Direct sow	Sun	24–36"	4–6"	Tender Perennial Zones 7–10	50–60 days
Lemon Balm	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	18–26"	12"	Perennial Zones 4–9	70 days
Lemon Grass (Seeds)	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	18–48"	8–12"	Tender Perennial Zones 9–11	75–85 days
Lovage	10–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	48–78"	18–24"	Perennial Zones 4–8	90 days
Marjoram, Sweet	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	8–24"	6–8"	Tender Perennial Zones 9–11	80–95 days
Marjoram, Wild	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	18–40"	12"	Perennial Zones 4–8	85–90 days
Mexican Mint Marigold	5–15 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	16–20"	8–12"	Tender Perennial Zones 8–11	80–90 days
Milk Thistle	7–14 days	Spring or Fall	Direct Sow	Sun	40–54"	24–36"	Biennial	100–125 days
Mint	10–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	18–36"	12–18"	Perennial Zones 4–9	70–80 days
Mountain Mint	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	24–36"	12"	Perennial Zones 5–8	70–90 days
Oregano	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	8–24"	12"	Perennial Zones 4–9	80–90 days
Papalo and Pipicha	7–21 days	Spring through summer	Direct Sow or Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	36–60"	12"	Annual	70–85 days
Parsley	14–30 days	Spring	Direct Sow or Transplant	Sun	8–20"	8–12"	Biennial	75 days
Pyrethrum	14–28 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	24–30"	12–18"	Perennial Zones 4–9	365 days
Rosemary	14–21 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	18–60"	8–24"	Tender Perennial Zones 6–10	80–100 days to stem tips 120–180 to bunches
Rue	10–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	24–36"	12–24"	Perennial Zones 4–9	100–125 days
Sage, Common	7–21 days	Spring	Direct Sow or Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	16–30"	12"	Perennial Zones 4–8	80–90 days
Sage, White	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	16–36"	12–18"	Tender Perennial Zones 6–9	80–90 days
Salad Burnet	5–10 days	Spring	Direct Sow or Transplant	Sun	16–24"	8–12"	Perennial Zones 4–8	70 days
Saltwort	7–14 days	Spring through Fall	Direct sow	Sun/Part Shade	8–18"	4–6"	Annual	40–55 days
Savory, Summer	7–14 days	Spring	Direct Sow or Transplant	Sun	Varies depending on variety	8"	Annual	50–70 days
Savory, Winter	7–14 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun	6–12"	8"	Perennial Zones 4–8	100 days
Shiso	7–21 days	Spring	Direct Sow	Sun	18–30"	6–12"	Annual	80–85 days
Stevia	7–21 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	18–30"	12"	Tender Perennial Zones 9–11	100–120 days
Thyme, German Winter and Creeping	14–21 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	2–12"	6–8"	Perennial Zones 5–8	90–95 days
Thyme, Summer and Orange	14–21 days	Spring	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	2–12"	6–8"	Tender Perennial Zones 6–8	90–95 days
Valerian	7–21 days	Spring or Fall	Transplant	Sun/Part Shade	48–78"	12–18"	Perennial Zones 3–9	500–550 days to root harvest

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