

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR COMMERCIAL VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Plant only high-quality commercial seed
2. Purchase vigorous and healthy transplants
3. Transplant as soon as plants arrive or weather permits
4. Choose a crop suited to your climate
5. Select a variety adapted to your area
6. Select a fairly level site to avoid run-off and erosion or contour strip
7. Provide irrigation to site
8. Obtain a current soil test
9. Fertilize and lime for each crop according to soil test
10. Select a well-drained soil with at least moderate organic matter content
11. Prepare a proper seedbed
12. If you are irrigating, use the highest plant population recommend
13. Calibrate planter for proper plant population
14. Plant seed at proper depth
15. Use very shallow, timely cultivations to control weeds
16. Calibrate sprayer for proper application of materials
17. Use selected herbicides recommended by crop for controlling problem weeds
18. Use insecticides necessary for proper control
19. Apply fungicides when needed as soon as a problem is anticipated
20. Observe and check for problems regularly
21. Harvest when crop is in highest quality grade of maturity
22. Harvest carefully to eliminate bruising and damage
23. Adjust harvester for proper harvesting
24. Market crop as quickly as possible
25. Track market trends and habits
26. Market crop at optimum time
27. Develop direct markets
28. Contract with a market prior to planting
29. Store crop in well-ventilated and humidity-controlled area
30. Keep accurate enterprise records
31. Summarize and analyze records