

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR HOME GARDEN 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 crops suited to your climate
5. Select varieties adapted to your area
6. Select a site free of shade or black walnut trees
7. Provide irrigation to site
8. Obtain a current soil test
9. Fertilize and lime according to soil test and crops
10. Select a well-drained soil with good organic matter content
11. Prepare a proper seedbed
12. If you are irrigating, use the highest plant population recommended
13. Plant seed at proper depth
14. Cover seeds properly
15. Use very shallow, frequent cultivations to control most weeds
16. Calibrate sprayer for proper application of materials
17. Use selected herbicides only for controlling problem weeds
18. Use insecticides necessary for proper control
19. Apply fungicides when needed
20. Hill plants when necessary
21. Consider staking tall or viney plants to save space and improve crop quality
22. Observe and check for problems regularly
23. Harvest when crop is in highest quality grade of maturity
24. Harvest carefully to eliminate bruising and damage
25. Harvest early crops and double crop
26. Market crop as quickly as possible
27. Track market trends and habits
28. Market crop at optimum time
29. Develop direct markets for extra vegetables not used at home
30. Contract with a market prior to planting
31. Store crop in well ventilated and humidity-controlled area
32. Keep accurate enterprise records
33. Summarize and analyze records