

**FOR RELEASE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2016**

**TITLE: PLANTING ON GOOD FRIDAY**

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I come from a place where my family planted their spring garden on Good Friday. We planted our garden on Good Friday because my mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother had always planted on that date. I was allowed to skip school if the school system had not scheduled Good Friday as a holiday. My mother would say the school system should know that Good Friday is for planting. We would plant our entire spring garden on Good Friday. Now that I am an Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, I do realize we were off on some of our planting dates. We wonder why we had trouble with the bugs eating our cool season vegetables.

I would like to give you the spring plant and dates recommended from the University of Georgia Extension Horticulturists. You will be informed that we should not be planting all vegetables on Good Friday, March 25, 2016.

Here are some common vegetable planting dates:

Bean, bush	Apr 1 - May 1
Bean, pole	Apr 1 - May 1
Cabbage	Jan 15 - Mar 15
Carrot	Jan 15 - Mar 20
Corn	Mar 15 - June 1
Cucumber	Apr 1 - May 15
Lettuce	Jan 15 - Mar 1
Okra	Apr 1 - June 1
Irish potato	Jan 15 - Mar 1
Sweet potato	Apr 15 - June 15

Squash, bush	Apr 1 - May 15
Tomato	Mar 25 - May 1

We have a home gardening brochure that is very helpful with planting dates, dates to maturity, depth to plant, etc. For a copy go to the website [ugacaes.edu](http://ugacaes.edu) and go under publications or contact us at 770-749-2142 or [uge2233@uga.edu](mailto:uge2233@uga.edu) for a copy.

Good Gardening!