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Protected Cropping – Crop timings

Some useful crops and their approximate periods of glasshouse production: ('season' assumes planting out as start point. In colder areas tender crops may be started a little later, plant early May to reduce frost damage risk.)

Crop	Family	Season	Strategies
Lettuce	Compositae	Sep - June	Over-winter and spring crops do best. Varieties suitable for 'cut and come again' useful in salad mixes or as heads.
Basil	Lamiaceae	Apr - Oct	Sow 3-4 successive batches as will run to seed.
Mustard Leaves	Brassica	Sep - May	Better bolt resistance than Mizuna and Pak Choi
Pak Choi	Brassica	Sep - June	Sow August - September for autumn heads or March-April for spring, doesn't head well in winter.
Celery	Umbelliferae	Mar - June	Good hungry gap crop. Will grow well in autumn too.
Mizuna	Brassica	Sep - May	Follow summer crops to overwinter or spring sow (early sowings run to seed quickly)
Tomato	Solanaceae	Apr - Nov	August and early Sept. crop highest, needs good fertility and maintenance.
French Bean	Legume	Apr - Oct	First sowings become less productive by August unless allowed to climb too high to harvest! Sow again in May or June
Cucumber	Cucurbit	Apr - Oct	Likely to need later sowings to maintain production.
Spinach (perpetual)	Cheno-podaceae	Year round	Sow Sep to follow outdoor summer crops; spring sowings will soon run to seed but from July onwards can be picked through to following May
Spring onion	Allium	Aug - July	Pick autumn crops before December. Sow mid September for March/April pick or February for an early summer crop.
Pepper	Solanaceae	Apr - Nov	Needs good maintenance and support to stay productive. Crops late well in a mild autumn.
Claytonia	Montiaceae	Oct - Mar	Excellent salad for midwinter, doesn't like too much sun or heat so follow latest summer crops.

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