

## **Summer Vegetable Gardens**

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Well, the hot weather is here. To get a great summer vegetable garden, you have to think about which plants work well in the heat.

To start, it is important to remember to give your plants a well-prepared garden bed. I recommend raised beds that receive afternoon shade.

If you would like to try your hand at a summer vegetable garden, start with a few of my favorites (listed below). Keep in mind, though, you'll need to encourage pollinators like birds and bees, so you'll want to plant some accompanying foliage to take care of this job.

Beans -- plant with corn and potatoes, not onions

Black-eyed peas -- plant with beans, carrots, chives, corn, cucumber, potatoes, radish or turnips

Carrots -- plant with artemisia, chives, leeks, lettuce, onions, peas, rosemary or tomatoes

Cucumbers -- plant with beans, corn, lettuce, peas, radish or sunflowers

Cantaloupe -- plant with morning glory vines, peanuts or radish

Eggplant -- plant with artemisia, beans, lavender, marigolds or tansy

Okra -- plant with marigolds or nasturtium

Green onion -- plant with beets, cabbage, lettuce, roses, strawberries, summer savory or tomatoes

Radish -- plant with chervil, cucumber, melons, squash, nasturtium or tomatoes

Sunflowers -- plant with beans, corn, cucumber, melons, squash or sweet peas