

Garden Season Extenders

Or:

How to maximize your garden output
without spending a boatload of money.

Tools of the Trade

- Seed starting (all season long)
- Multi-cropping and timed plantings
- Low tunnels (row covers)
- Cold Frames
- Hoophouses (high tunnels or poly tunnels)
- Combinations thereof
- ~~Plastic Mulches~~

Summer Glory

July 23



Another View, Aug 16



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Cold Frame

May 15

Lettuces, Spinach, Asian Greens



Salad!

May 22

From cold frame and low tunnel.
Spinach, lettuces, mizuna, radishes,
pea shoots.



Stir Fry

July 18

All crops grown or started in low tunnel or hoophouse.



Roma Tomatoes

Oct. 7, in hoophouse.

Seeds started: Mar 11

Set Out: May 15

First Ripe: July 13

First frost: Sept 23.

Completed harvest: Oct 11



Habaneros

Oct 22.

Harvested from hoophouse.

One plant produced over 100 peppers.



Dinner - Fall veggies

Nov. 13

Carrots, parsnips, beets, celeriac, and kohlrabi just harvested.



"Winterbor" Kale

Jan 17

Dug out of snow during a mid-winter thaw.



Belgian Endive

Feb 7

Forcing in sand-filled bucket.



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Windowsill seed starts

Feb 15

Onions, scallions, leeks, shallots,
planted en masse.



Starts (Frost Hardy)

Mar 14

Moved to hoophouse.



Low Tunnels, Hoophouses, Cold Frames



Low Tunnel

Mar 29



Low tunnels

May 22



Low Tunnels

June 15

Mar 30:

- Set Transplants: broccoli and onions.
- Direct sowed: Kale and beets



Low Tunnel

June 15

Direct Sowed Mar 29:

Garnish Peas, mizuna, beets, radishes,
chard, kale, spinach



Cold Frame

Apr 15



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Cold Frame

Mar 5.

Note that cover is partially open, even on a cool, overcast day.



Cold Frame/Hoophouse

May 21

Spinach, lettuces, and bok choy ready for harvest. To be replaced with peppers.



Cold Frame converted to Hoophouse

April 18 (prior to adding door)



Small (5' x 8') Hoophouse



Large (11.5' x 12') Hoophouse

Aug 27



Tomatoes in Large Hoophouse

July 23

