



MASTER GARDENER
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EXTENSION

CMG GardenNotes #743

Climate Summary: Colorado Springs, Colorado

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Monthly Temperature ¹ (degrees F)													
average high	42	46	52	59	69	79	84	82	74	63	49	42	62
average low	17	20	26	33	43	51	57	55	47	36	24	18	36
Monthly Precipitation ¹ (inches)	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.6	2.6	2.3	2.9	3.2	1.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	17.5
Monthly Snowfall ² (inches)	5.1	5.3	9.8	6.8	1.3	0	0	0	0.5	3.9	6.1	6.5	46.2

Colorado Springs	32° threshold 28° threshold 24° threshold	Spring Frost Probability			Fall Frost Probability			Length of “Frost Free” Season (days)		
		90%	50%	10%	10%	50%	90%	10%	50%	90%
				Apr 23	May 6	May 18	Sept 18	Oct 6	Oct 18	126
		Apr 9	Apr 27	May 12	Sept 27	Oct 13	Oct 29	152	171	189
		Apr 1	Apr 15	May 1	Oct 8	Oct 23	Nov 8	170	190	210

Typical planting and harvest period based on average frost dates and normal temperatures

	Mid April	Late April	Early May	Mid May	Late May	Early June	Mid June	Late June	Early July	Mid July	Late July	Early Aug.	Mid Aug.	Late Aug.	Early Sept.	Mid Sept.	Late Sept.	Early Oct.	
Colorado Springs	40 day, cool season crops (spinach)									65-75 day, cool season crops (peas)									
	45-55 day, cool season crops (lettuce, kohlrabi)									55-65 day, cool season crops (beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard)									
	60-65 day, cool season crops, (beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, peas)									40-50 day, cool season crops (spinach, lettuce, kohlrabi)									
	70-75 day, cool season crops																		
			50 day, semi-tender, warm season crops (summer squash)																
			55-65 day, semi-tender, warm season crops (cucumbers)																
			70-75 day, semi-tender, warm season crops (beans, corn)																
			80-85 day, semi-tender, warm season crops (corn)																
				70 day, tender, warm season crops (tomatoes, peppers, eggplant)															
			FROST	75-80 day, tender warm season crops (tomatoes, cantaloupe, watermelon)															
			FROST	85-90 day, tender, warm season crops (cantaloupe, watermelon, winter squash)															
				95-100 day, tender, warm season crops (winter squash)															

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