

5-YEAR CROP ROTATION PLAN

Bed 6 is devoted to perennials, herbs, and flowers, and is **not** rotated. Beds 1-5 may be rotated as follows. A key to the table below appears on the next page. Gardeners may experiment with other plants within the family. Gardeners are encouraged to consult Randall's *Year Round Vegetables* for detailed planting times (pp. 136-141) and more information on crop rotation (pp. 119-121).

Crop Rotation Table

Bed	Year 1 (2006)	Year 2 (2007)	Year 3 (2008)	Year 4 (2009)	Year 5 (2010)
1	Leg/Okra	Lett/Tom/Brass	Cuke/Beet/Lett	Onion/Cant	Rad/Sweet/Carr
2	Rad/Sweet/Carr	Leg/Okra	Lett/Tom/Brass	Cuke/Beet/Lett	Onion/Cant
3	Onion/Cant	Rad/Sweet/Carr	Leg/Okra	Lett/Tom/Brass	Cuke/Beet/Lett
4	Cuke/Beet/Lett	Onion/Cant	Rad/Sweet/Carr	Leg/Okra	Lett/Tom/Brass
5	Lett/Tom/Brass	Cuke/Beet/Lett	Onion/Cant	Rad/Sweet/Carr	Leg/Okra

Family descriptions, suggested plants, and climate preferences

Family name and most common plants (Bold: alias in Rotation Table)	Suggested plants (gardeners can try others, of course. See pp. 117-118)	Climate preference (see pp. 116-117 for details)
<i>Fabaceae</i> (legumes) The Bean & Pea Family Leg	Peas Beans (bush and pole) Lentils	All / depends on variety
<i>Chenopodiaceae</i> The Beet Family Beet	Beets	Moderate Not summer
<i>Brassicaceae</i> The Cabbage-Mustard-Radish Family Brass / Rad	Cabbage Broccoli Cauliflower Chinese broccoli Collards	Cool Not summer
<i>Apiaceae</i> The Carrot Dill Family Carr	Carrots Celery	Roots: plant in early fall Non-roots: plant in late fall
<i>Asteraceae</i> The Lettuce Sunflower Daisy Family Lett	Lettuce Sunflower	Flowers: warm and hot Edibles: cool
<i>Malvaceae</i> The Okra Family Okra	Okra	Hot
<i>Liliaceae</i> The Onion Lily Family Onion	Onions Multiplying onions Garlic Leeks Chives	Plant in winter
<i>Cucurbitaceae</i> The Squash Melon Cuke Family Cuke (1, 2) Cant (3, 4)	1. Cucumbers 2. Squashes 3. Melons 4. Pumpkins	Warm Hot
<i>Convolvulaceae</i> The Sweet Potato Family Swee	Sweet potatoes	Hot
<i>Solanaceae</i> The Tomato Nightshade Family Tom	Tomatoes Sweet peppers Chiles Eggplant	Moderate Hot