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Colorado Master Gardenersm Program

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 average low	42 17	46 20	52 26	59 33	69 43	79 51	84 57	82 55	74 47	63 36	49 24	42 18	62 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

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

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

	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late	Early
	April	April	May	May	May	June	June	June	July	July	July	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Oct.
	4	10 day, co	ool seasor	n crops ((spinach	1)					65-7:							
	45-	-55 day, c	cool seaso	on crops	(lettuce	e, kohlral	oi)				55-65 day, cool season crops (beets,							
	60-65 day, cool season crops, (beets, broccoli, cabba									broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower,								
		C	carrots, ca	uliflow	er, char	d, peas)					chard)							
	70-75 day, cool season crops										40-50 day, cool season crops							
Colorado			50 da	y, semi-	tender,	warm se	ason cro	ps (sun	nmer			(spinac	h, lettu	ce, kohlrabi)				
				squash)														
			55-65 day, semi-tender, warm season crops (cucumbers)															
Springs			70)-75 day	, semi-t	ender, w	arm sea	son cro	ps (bean	s, corn))							FROST
Springs			80-85 day, semi-tender, warm season crops (corn)														111001	
	70 day, tender, warm season crops (tomatoes, peppers,																	
		eggplant) 75-80 day, tender warm season crops (tomatoes, cantaloupe,																
			FROST	watermelon)														
				85-	85-90 day, tender, warm season crops (cantaloupe, watermelon, winter													
					squash)													
	95-100 day, tender, warm season crops (winter squash)																	

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