

gardener should draw a plan of his garden outlining the season's planting. Consideration should be given to the kinds of vegetables, the season of planting, the length of time required for their maturity and the amounts of each. Vegetables which will be planted about the same time may be placed in the same or adjacent rows. Those which require the same sort of culture and have about the same length of growing

season should also be placed together. For the grower who wishes to produce the greatest amount on a given area, companion and succession cropping may be practiced. By knowing the nature of the various vegetables the grower can get two or three crops from the same space, either at the same time or following each other. In the first case, two are selected, one of which will mature and be removed before the

other needs the space; in the second an early crop is harvested in time to sow a late one. Garden planning, if done intelligently, will mean economy of time, labor and money in the carrying out of the actual work in the spring and summer.

CARE OF EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Begin turning eggs in an incubator after 24 hours and turn morning and night until the 19th day, writes J. E. Dougherty in a recent California experiment station bulletin. Make the turning periods as near 12 hours apart as possible. Turn for the last time the morning of the 19th day if the eggs are not pipped, otherwise do not turn on the 19th day, but leave the machine closed, and do not disturb until the hatch is finished. In turning roll the eggs slowly with the palms of the hands. All that is required is that the eggs be shifted around a little, so the embryo will not stick to the shell. The purpose of the rolling is to air the eggs thoroughly and strengthen the embryos. The incubator door should not be left open while cooling.

In setting the eggs out to cool, do not allow part of the tray to project beyond the table or the incubator, or the eggs will cool unevenly and those in the projecting part of the tray will become chilled by the time the others are ready to go back into the machine. Begin the cooling the seventh day and cool every evening when the eggs are turned. Cool a little at first and gradually lengthen the cooling period as the hatch advances. A satisfactory way to tell when the eggs are cooled sufficiently is to hold the small ends of a few against the eyelid. When they feel barely warm the eggs are cooled enough.

Test on the seventh and the fourteenth days, at night, because that is when the cooling is done. The first test will remove all infertile and dead germs up to that period. Every egg in which a dark, movable black spot little larger than a pin head, with numerous radiating blood vessels, is not distinctly visible, should be discarded as worthless. Strong eggs only will hatch vigorous chicks. On the fourteenth day the strong eggs will be opaque and nearly black, and if held still before the tester, the embryo can be seen to move. Dead germs at this time contain either blood rings, blood streaks or are perfectly translucent and cloudy.

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