



## GARDEN JOURNAL

This is your place to keep notes about what you're doing and observing in your garden. You can fill out the pages right here in this workbook, or you can copy them to make a new journal every year.

Record-keeping matters! Your future self will be grateful to be have this log of what happened in previous growing seasons -- what you planted where, what unwanted visitors showed up and when, which of your responding actions worked and which didn't.

Some pages in the workbook that you might want to refer to while filling out these pages include:

- Map of your entire property, p. 15
- Parts of a plant and the function of each, p.27
- Cool and warm crops, p. 29
- Plant families, p. 44
- Common weeds, p.58
- Garden pests, p.68
- Beneficial insects, p. 71
- Diseases, p. 77
- When to harvest vegetables, p. 83
- Common fall crops, p. 86
- Easy crops for seed-saving, p. 90

Two other helpful planning resources:

- Fairfax County Master Gardeners online garden calendar, outlining each month's gardening chores. <https://fairfaxgardening.org/november-garden-calendar/>
- "Vegetables Recommended for Virginia" from VCE. <https://jccwmng.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Vegetables-Recommended-for-Virginia.pdf>

## Garden plan

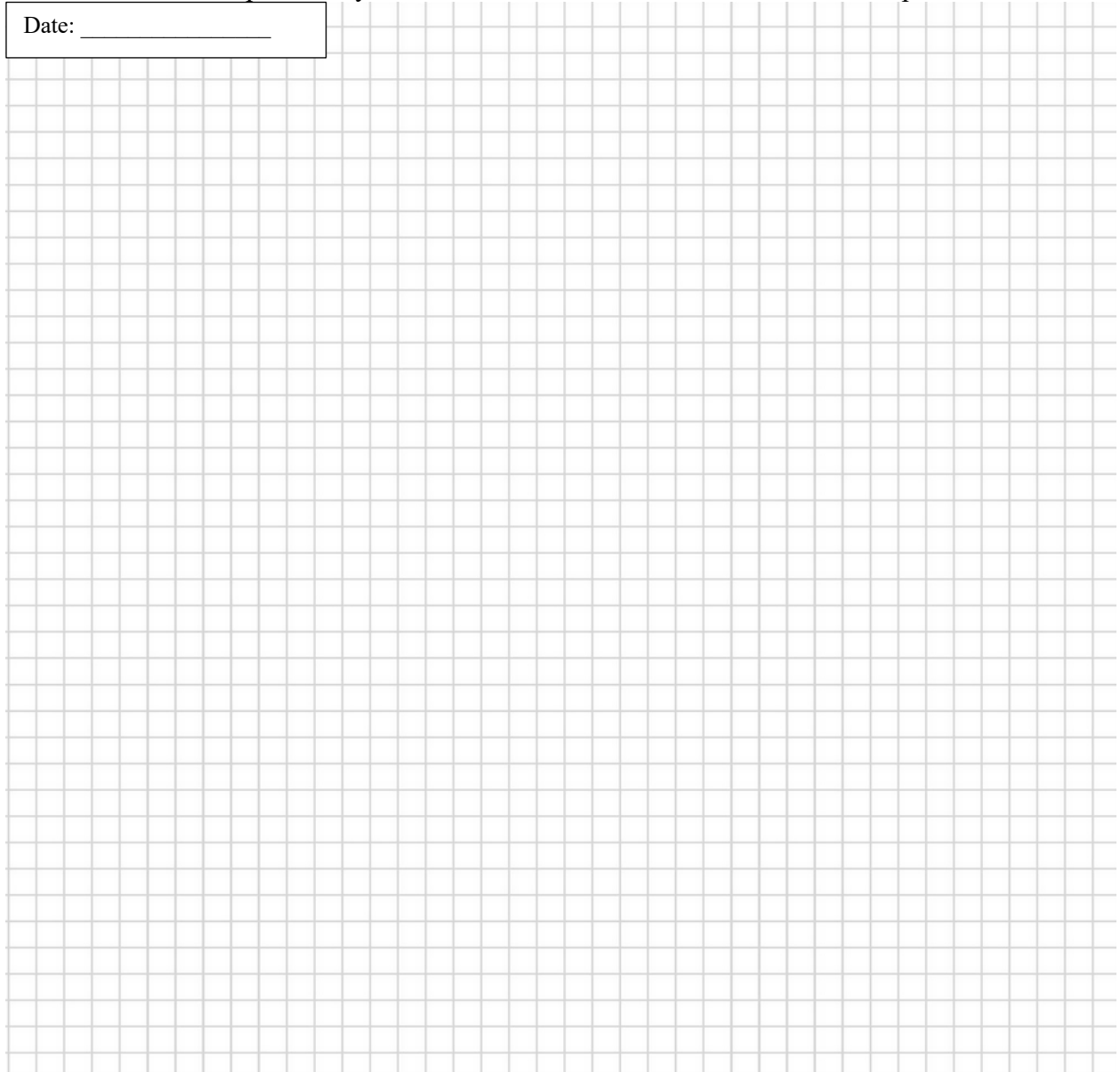
Use this table to list everything you want to grow in the upcoming season. Virginia has three growing seasons: Spring, summer and fall. Make notes here all season so you can use what you learned in the future.

SEASON:		YEAR:	
What I want to grow. ( <i>One variety per line</i> )	Date planted & bed #	Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> harvest	Notes (diseases, insects, odd weather, good surprises, etc)

This page is for thinking through what you'll plant in your raised beds or in-ground rows. (See the next page for an example.) Refer to your drawing in Section 1 of your overall garden area. If you want, add your planting areas to that drawing. An example plan is on p. 43. On this page:

- Pick a measurement for the squares to stand for. If the squares are equal to 1 square foot, a bed 4 feet by 8 feet would be 4 squares by 8 squares. Draw your beds or rows to scale. (If you need more paper, another page like this is at the end of the section.)
- Mark North, South, East and West. The tallest plants should be on the north or east, unless you want them to shade their neighbors. In that case, plant them in the south and west.
- Using the previous page's list of what you want to grow, sketch here what you'll plant where. Use a pencil so you can erase. Number the beds to track what's planted in each.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Soil amendments

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Weed management				
Date	Plant/location	Weed type	Action taken	Results and notes

Disease and pest management					
Date	Plant + location <i>Ex: tomato, bed 2</i>	Observations Plant damage or appearance, insect sighting	Treatment Action taken	Results and notes	

