



June
 Last Quarter 8
 New Moon 14
 First Quarter 21
 Full Moon 29
 Day's Length
 14h 9m-14h 17m

Defending Against Pests

Thin insect-barrier fabrics keep cabbage worms, Colorado potato beetles, squash bugs, cucumber beetles, and other pests from eating crops. Combining fabrics with crop rotation is a smart way for organic gardeners to thwart these common intruders, but the fabrics need to be applied and removed at the right times. Apply them in early spring as soon as the seeds or seedlings have been planted. If you wait, you risk having the newly emerged adult insects find their target plants before you cover them, which just creates a predator-free environment for them to nibble on your veggies. floating fabric on hoops above, rather than directly on top of the plants, looks tidier and prevents bunching, which can block light. Once the fabrics are on the beds, they can be left in place until the plants begin to flower (in the case of squash and cucumbers) or until harvest (in the case of broccoli, kale, or potatoes).



Lightweight fabrics also make a reliable defense against larger pests like deer, rabbits, and birds. I often drape insect barriers or bird netting over newly seeded beans, peas, corn, and lettuce, which seem particularly tempting to the local bird population.

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