



October
Last Quarter 3
New Moon 10
First Quarter 18
Full Moon 26
Day's Length
11h 52m-10h 55m

Rotating Crops

Rotating crops to different locations on a 3- or 4-year cycle can reduce insect, disease, and weed problems, as well as improve soil fertility and help prevent nutrient depletion. Crop rotation requires some planning, but once you've got the hang of it, your whole garden will benefit. The soil will be healthier, boosting the quality and quantity of your harvest. Plus, insects that have overwintered beneath the remains of their favorite crops will emerge the following spring only to find their food source gone. Not all vegetables suffer from lack of rotation. Lettuce, endive, onions, spinach, Swiss chard, radishes, and arugula are pretty forgiving. Members of the cabbage, gourd, and nightshade families aren't so lenient and require regular rotation.



Members of the Cucurbitaceae (gourd family), which includes cucumbers, squash, and melons, strongly benefit from a system of crop rotation.

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4	Child Health Day 5	6	7	8	9	10
11	Columbus Day 12 Indigenous Peoples Day	U.S. Navy Birthday 13	14	15	National Boss Day 16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	United Nations Day 24
25	Hunter's Moon 26	27	28	29	30	Halloween 31