

Planting tip for the first of May

The 1st of May! Spring is officially here!

My tip for this week is to start your cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower in the house. These plants are all cousins from the family Brassicaceae. They germinate very easily in cool soil and are relatively easy to grow. Once they come up, which is usually in about five days, be sure not to let the plants get too warm at night or they will get tall and wimpy.

One thing to note if you choose to plant cauliflower plan to have a warm partly shaded spot in the garden for them so they don't get sunburned. Maybe where your sweet corn will shade them from some of the afternoon sun. Cauliflower also only produces only one head so be advised. Broccoli will produce until November if you keep cutting it.

Remember from last week? As you plan you will want to plan to grow some herbs with these "Brassy" cousins to keep those white butterflies and green worms at bay!