

## Vegetable Gardening in September

WEATHER-Talk about the great weather, but also weird as fall is in the air

TOMATOES-Talk about tomatoes not red yet and why they are so late this year. Will we get to harvest them before the first frost?

FALL HARVEST-full blast (except tomatoes)

Harvesting chard, beets, carrots, beans, eggplants, shishito peppers and tons of cucumbers. Make pickles.

HERBS-are ready for harvest

basil makes great pesto/dry for later

WEEDS

-lots of weeds with all the rain. Pull before they flower and go to seed

PLANT PROBLEMS

-Beet leafhopper is most likely gone by now. Doesn't appear to like rain.

-Tomato hornworms out and about!

-Aphids are big on cabbages, broccoli, some kales right now

-Leaf miners are in chard

-Powdery Mildew- spray with Green Cure-potassium bicarbonate NOT sodium bicarbonate (baking soda). WORKS GREAT. Also Copper fungicide can help with Powdery Mildew.

-Early Blight-leaves start to turn yellow from bottom of tomato plant and goes up through plant-slow it down with Serenade (a biological fungicide) or Copper fungicide.

NOT TOO LATE TO START FALL GARDENING!

There is still time to start a fall garden. All these cool season crops can be started now-like EARLY Sept.

Lettuce, mesclun, endive

Arugula-new variety-Wasabi arugula

Carrots-plant early Sept.-new variety-Napoli

Beets-plant early Sept.

Bok Choy-new variety-Violetta

Garlic-hard neck varieties do better in our colder climate. ORDER NOW or buy or Farmers Market. Do not plant now but wait till Oct. before first frost

Shallots- Order now and plant in Oct. before first frost

Bunching onions

Spinach-new variety-Carmel

Peas

Radishes

Chard-variety Argentata best variety going into the cold months

Kale