

## PLANTING GUIDE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026

- Temperature varies in SEQ Region for February between 17° and 40° Celsius
- Temperature varies in SEQ Region for March between 11° and 35° Celsius

| Plant Name        | Soil Temp Celsius | Soil pH | Harvest Period        | Comments                                                                         |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Asian Greens      | 10-25             | 6.0-7.0 | varies                | Pak choi, Tatsoi in March                                                        |
| Beans             | 15-30             | 6.0-7.5 | 8-10 wks<br>16-20 wks | French in March<br>Climbing in March                                             |
| Beetroot          | 10-30             | 6.5-7.5 | 10-20 wks             |                                                                                  |
| Capsicum          | 20-35             | 5.5-7.0 | 8-10 wks              |                                                                                  |
| Carrot            | 10-30             | 6.5-7.5 | 10-12 wks             |                                                                                  |
| Cassava cutting   | 25-30             | 5.5-6.5 | 8-12 mths             | Tuberous roots                                                                   |
| Chilli            | 20-35             | 5.5-7.0 | varies                |                                                                                  |
| Choko             | 15-35             | 6.0-7.0 | 17-25wks              | February only                                                                    |
| Cucumber          | 15-35             | 5.5-7.5 | 8-10 wks              | Too much nitrogen can cause just male flowers.<br>Seedling in March              |
| Eggplant          | 20-35             | 5.5-7.0 | 12-15 wks             | Seedling in March                                                                |
| Garlic            | 10-35             | 6.5-7.5 | 7-8 mths              | End of March After Autumn equinox (21 <sup>st</sup> March)                       |
| Kale              | 10-25             | 6.0-7.5 | 7-9 wks               | In March                                                                         |
| Leek              | 10-30             | 6.0-7.5 | 16-18 wks             | In March                                                                         |
| Lettuce open leaf | 10-25             | 6.0-7.0 | 6 wks                 | Plant in semi shade to prevent bolting                                           |
| Okra              | 20-35             | 6.0-7.5 | 12-14 wks             | Seedling in March                                                                |
| Pumpkin           | 20-35             | 6.0-6.5 | 15-20 wks             | Too much nitrogen can cause just male flowers A short day plant<br>February only |
| Radish            | 10-30             | 6.0-7.0 | 5-7 wks               |                                                                                  |
| Rocket            | 10-25             | 6.0-7.5 | 3-5 wks               |                                                                                  |
| Rockmelon         | 15-35             | 6.0-7.0 | 10-16 wks             | February only                                                                    |
| Silverbeet        | 10-30             | 6.0-7.5 | 7-12 wks              | In March                                                                         |
| Spinach-Summer    | 15-30             |         | Varies                | Amarath, Brazillian, Ceylon, Hibiscus, Surinam and Warrigal Greens               |
| Swede             | 15-30             | 6.0-7.0 | 12-14 wks             | In March                                                                         |
| Sweet Corn        | 15-35             | 5.5-7.0 | 12-14 wks             | February only                                                                    |
| Sweet Potato      | 15-25             | 5.3-5.6 | 16-20 wks             |                                                                                  |
| Squash            | 20-35             | 5.5-7.0 | 7-8 wks               | Seedling in March                                                                |
| Tomato            | 15-35             | 6.0-6.8 | 8-16 wks              | Day neutral plant                                                                |
| Turnip            | 12-30             | 6.0-7.0 | 7-12 wks              |                                                                                  |
| Watermelon        | 15-35             | 5.5-6.5 | 10-16 wks             |                                                                                  |
| Zucchini          | 20-35             | 5.5-7.0 | 6-9 wks               | Seedling                                                                         |

The autumn equinox along the east coast of Australia falls on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2026 at 01.46am (March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.46pm on the west coast) it is the midpoint between summer and winter EQUINOX is Latin for equal night

This signifies the official start of autumn with Mother nature shifting towards dormancy and the southern hemisphere tilting further away from the sun

☺ the soil temperature starts dropping ,daylight hours decreasing ,foliage changing, leaves falling and the air gradually becomes more crisp