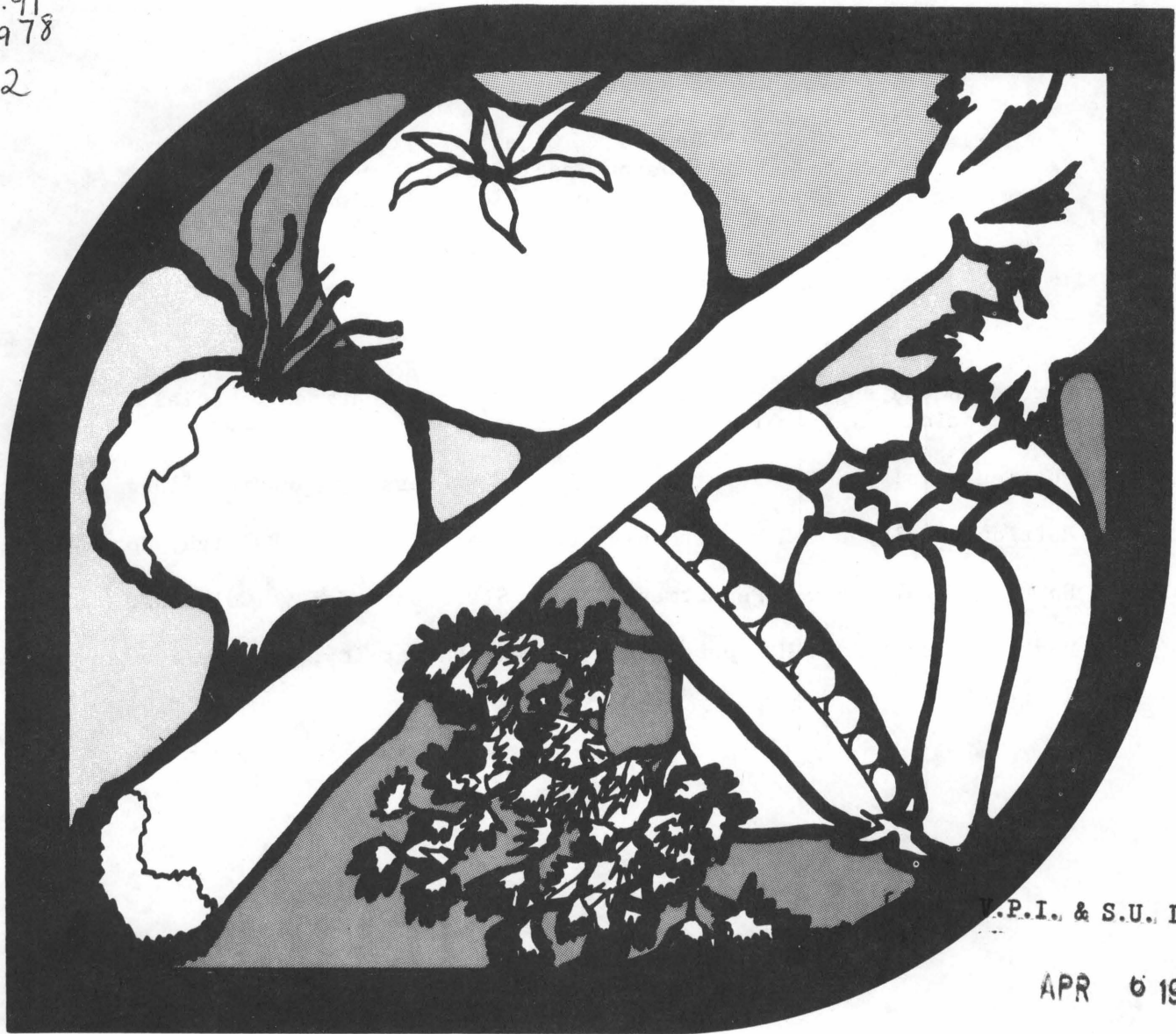


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# 4-H Vegetable Gardening

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Vegetable Gardening for Beginners

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## FIRST-YEAR GARDENING PROJECT

This beginning gardening project is for club members that have a small section of ground that is theirs alone to tend, separate from the rest of the family garden. This small section may be along the edge of the yard, may be quite small, but should not be larger than about 30 by 30 feet or larger than 1,000 square feet in size, for the first-year project.

### Suggested Requirements:

1. Give size of your garden.
2. Grow from two to six different vegetables.
3. Learn to identify four harmful weeds.
4. Learn to identify four insects, beneficial or harmful.
5. Learn about gardening costs by keeping a record of expenses.
6. Return this completed project book to your 4-H leader when completed.

### References: (For more information)

1. Extension Division Publication 44, Vegetable Gardening in Virginia (includes planting dates and spacings).
2. Extension Division Publication 392 Virginia Insect Control Recommendations for Home Vegetable Gardeners.
3. Extension Division Publication 657, More Vegetables From Your Garden.

LEARN YOUR VEGETABLES

As a beginning gardener, you need to learn about the many vegetables you could grow. Your garden this year may not contain all of the kinds you could be growing. To help you learn about the many vegetables available, please complete the following.

Name three root crops.

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Name five vegetables which are leafy greens.

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Name four vegetables where the seed or the fruit is used for food.

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Name two perennial vegetables.

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PLANT FOOD AND TIME SPENT

What kind of fertilizer did you use? \_\_\_\_\_

How much? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of sprays or dusts did you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Total hours worked in your garden (add up from "When I Worked" table, page 3)

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WHAT I DID

1. Size of my garden

\_\_\_\_\_ feet long

\_\_\_\_\_ feet wide

2. Did others in your family have a garden this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Who? \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I grew the following vegetables:

KIND	VARIETY	DATE PLANTED
(sample)		
Sweet Corn	Butter sweet	May 10

WHEN I WORKED

On this page, keep records of when you worked in your garden project and what you did on each date. When the project is finished, add up the hours and put the total on page 2.

DATE	MINUTES OR HOURS WORKED	WHAT WORK WAS DONE
(example)		
April 1, 1972	2 hours	Helped Dad spade my new garden plot

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cost of seeds and plants                   \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost of fertilizer                            \_\_\_\_\_   
Cost of sprays or dusts                    \_\_\_\_\_   
Other costs (tools)                         \_\_\_\_\_   
  TOTAL COST                            \_\_\_\_\_

Did you exhibit your vegetables? \_\_\_\_\_, If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List talks or demonstrations given at 4-H meetings:  
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COMPLETION DATE

List three things you learned in your vegetable project:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Tell in your own words what you did in your vegetable project, on the rest of this page:

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PICTURES OF YOU AND YOUR GARDEN





