

How to Grow Garlic

Types of Garlic

Soft Neck Variety

- Does not have a stem
- Produces more cloves per bulb
- Does NOT produce a scape
- Better for braiding



Braided Garlic



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Hard Neck Variety

- Hardier of the two
- Greener and better looking plants
- Stem in bulb that cloves form around
- Does produce a scape



Preparation before planting

Planting begins 6 weeks before ground freezes

- Soil requirements:
 - Well drained soil in full sun
 - Soft soil
 - Needs to be rotated

Planting

Preparing your cloves

- Keep cloves dry
- Soak in rubbing alcohol for 15 min. just prior to planting
- Cloves are planted 6" apart and covered 2" deep
- Minimum row width is 4" but wider the better for tilling

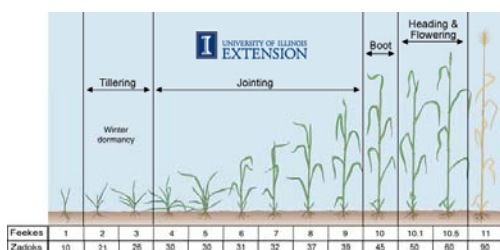
[Weed and Pest Control]

- Keeping grass down is the biggest weed problem
 - We've not found any chemicals that will kill grass and weeds and still safe for garlic
- Keeping weeds down in the final three weeks is very important
- Stem and Bulb Nematodes are the most feared pests

[Harvesting Garlic]

- Scapes will be ready to be harvested around Memorial Day
- If left in the ground too long the bulb will start rotting
- Around the first of July is when the garlic will be harvested
 - The leaves will start drying from the bottom
- Harvesting:
 - Grab the stalk around the base and pull it out
 - A spade or potato fork may be needed

[Garlic]



[Stages of Growth]



[Scapes]



[Bulbs Flowering]



[Storage and Drying]

- Keep garlic out of sun
- Keep in dry place to keep moisture off
- Tie garlic in a bundle and hang inside of a well ventilated place
- Roots may be removed at anytime
- Allow 3 weeks or so for drying

[Marketing Ideas]

- Public likes larger bulbs
- Having a variety of garlic is helpful
 - Some that have a lot of heat and others that are mild
- Consider your buyers
 - Local grocery store or farmers market
 - Online buyers