

Choosing plants

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Choosing the right plants to grow at the right time is the key to success.

- Step 1.** Educate yourself about growing – via books, internet, joining local groups. Build up your local knowledge.
- Step 2:** Know you live in the subtropics (much of the information you will read is about temperate climates). We have a hot and cool time – we can grow European plants in winter and Asian plants in summer. We also have a wet and dry season. So know your climate.

There are three key points in choosing plants for a successful harvest.

- 1. Soil** – get it healthy.
- 2. Origin** – learn where you plant is from.
- 3. Timing** – the plants origins will determine the right time to plant.

Then your plants will grow healthy and strong and they will not be stressed (stressed plants attract pests). And they will deliver a good crop.