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Abilene Muni Airport	4/5
Albany	4/7
Alice	2/19
Alpine	4/21
Alvin	3/5
Amarillo Intl Airport	4/26
Amistad Dam	3/6
Anahuac	3/4
Andrews	4/8
Angleton 2 W	3/9
Anson	4/3
Aransas Wildlife REF	2/26
Archer City	4/6
Aspermont	4/11
Athens	4/2
Austin City (Camp Mabry{	3/6
Bakersfield	4/2
Ballinger 2 W	4/7
Balmorhea	4/10
Bardwell Dam	3/27
Bay City	2/27
Baytown	2/27
Beaumont RES CTR	3/11
Beeville 5 NE	3/8
Benavides	3/9
Benbrook Dam	3/27
Big Lake	4/9
Bid Spring	4/4
Blanco	4/4
Boerne	4/4
Bonham 3 NNE	4/6
Boquillas Ranger STN	3/29
Borger	4/23
Bowie	4/3
Boys Ranch	4/29
Brackettville	3/19
Brady	4/2
Bravo	5/4
Breckenridge	4/9
Brenham	3/7
Bridgeport	4/8
Brownfield	4/15
Brownsville Airport	1/23
Brownwood	4/6
Burnet	4/2
Cameron	3/22
Camp Wood	4/5

Canadian	4/23
Candelaria	4/11
Canyon Dam	3/17
Canyon Dam	4/25
Carrizo Springs	3/4
Carta Valley 4 W	4/1
Carthage	4/4
Castolon	3/14
Catarina	3/1
Center	4/3
Centerville	3/31
Channing	4/28
Chapman Ranch	2/21
Charlotte 5 NNW	5/17
Childress Muni Airport	4/8
Chisos Basin	3/30
Clarendon	4/25
Clarksville 2 NE	4/5
Claude	4/29
Cleburne	4/3
Cleveland	3/19
Coldspring 5 SSW	3/24
Coleman	4/1
College Station ETRWD Airport	3/16
Colorado City	4/11
Columbus	3/22
Conrow	3/16
Cope Ranch	4/18
Cornudas Service STN	4/29
Corpus Christi Intl Airport	2/21
Corsicana	3/24
Crane 2 E	4/2
Crockett	3/23
Crosbyton	4/15
Crystal City	3/1
Cuero	3/20
Daingerfield 9 S	3/25
Dalhart Muni Airport	5/3
Dallas Love Airport	3/22
Danevang 1 W	3/5
Del Rio Intl Airport	3/5
Denton 2 SE	3/28



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Dilley	2/28
Dimmitt 2 N	5/4
Dublin	4/2
dumas	4/28
Eagle Pass	3/1
Eastland	4/7
El Paso Intl Airport	4/9
Elgin	3/17
Emory	4/4
Encinal	3/6
Evant 1 SSW	3/31
Fairfield 3 W	4/1
Galcon Dam	2/15
Falfurrias	2/25
Ferris	3/26
Flatonia	3/10
Floresville	3/21
Floydada	4/20
Follett	4/27
Fort Davis	4/20
Fort Hancock 8 SSE	4/22
Fort Stockton	4/6
Fowlerton	3/12
Franklin	3/27
Fredericksburg	4/2
Freeport 2 NW	2/18
Freer	3/7
Friona	5/2
Gail	4/7
Galveston	2/1
Garden City 1 E	4/14
Gatesville 4 SSE	4/5
Gilmer 4 WNW	4/8
Glen Rose 2 W	4/18
Goldthwaite 1 WSW	4/2
Golaid	3/16
Gonzales 1 N	3/14
Graham	4/11
Grandfalls 3 SSE	4/14
Grapevine Dam	4/1
Greenville KGV Radio	4/4
Groveton	3/28
Gruver	4/29
Guthrie	4/13
Hallettsville 2 N	3/13
Hamilton 1 NW	3/29
Harlingen	2/1

Haskell	4/5
Hebbronville	2/28
Henderson	4/2
Henrietta	4/10
Hereford	4/29
Hico	4/6
Hillsboro	4/2
Hord Creek Dam	4/11
Houston Bush Intl Airport	3/12
Houston Hobby Airport	2/22
Huntsville	3/13
Jacksboro	4/2
Jacksonville	3/29
Jayton	4/10
Jefferson	4/5
Johnson City	4/5
Junction 4 SSW	4/14
Kaufman 3 SE	4/3
Kingsville	2/27
La Grange	3/16
La Tuna 1 S	4/9
Lake kemp	4/4
Lamesa 1 SSE	4/14
Lampasas	4/8
Langry	3/18
Laredo	2/24
Lavon Dam	3/28
Levelland	4/20
Lexington	3/16
Liberty	3/8
Lipscomb	5/3
Littlefield 2 NW	4/23
Livingston 2 NNE	4/1
Llano	4/1
Longview	4/3
Lubbock Rgnl Airport	4/12
Lufkin Angelina CO Airport	3/27
Luling	3/24
Madisonville	3/25
Marathon	4/16
Marfa	4/23
Marlin 3 NE	3/27



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Marshall	4/2
Mason	4/6
Matador	4/11
Matagorda	2/23
Mathis 4 SSW	2/21
McAllen	1/30
McAllen Miller Intl Airport	2/1
McCamey	4/1
McCook	2/19
Medina 2W	4/3
McGregor	3/27
McKinney 3 S	4/3
McLean	4/18
Memphis	4/10
Menard	4/18
Mexia	3/26
Miami	4/26
Midland Intl Airport	4/8
Midland 4 ENE	4/10
Mineola 8 ENE	4/9
Mineral Wells Airport	4/2
Monahans	4/11
Morton	4/26
Mount Locke	4/28
Mount Pleasant	4/9
Mount Vernon	4/3
Muleshoe	5/1
Munday	4/6
Navarro Mills Dam	3/28
Mew Braunfels	3/21
Nixon	3/12
Olney	4/7
Olton	4/27
Ozona 1 SSW	4/11
Paducah	4/8
Paint Rock	4/8
Palacios Muni Airport	3/3
Palestine 2 NE	3/26
Pampa	4/25
Pandale 1 N	3/29
Panhandle	4/29
Panther Junction	3/24
Paris	3/31
Pearsall	3/15
Pecos	4/7
Penwell	4/10
Perryton	5/2

Persimmon Gap	3/22
Pierce 1 E	3/10
Pilot Point	4/2
Plains	4/20
Plainview	4/15
Point Comfort	2/25
Port Arthur Airport Beaumont	3/4
Port Isabel	1/19
Port Mansfield	2/8
Port O'Conner	2/9
Post	4/8
Poteet	3/15
Prade Ranch	4/11
Presidio	3/20
Proctor Reservoir	3/31
Putnam	4/5
Quanah 5 SE	4/13
Raymondville	2/16
Red Bluff Dam	4/13
Red Rock	4/3
Rio Grande City 1 SE	2/27
Rising Star 1 S	4/6
Robert Lee	4/6
Robstown	2/19
Rockport	2/18
Rocksprings	3/29
Roscoe	4/11
Rotan	4/7
Ruck	3/27
Sam Rayburn Dam	4/1
San Angelo Mathis Airport	4/6
San Antonio Intl Airport	3/16
San Marcos	3/18
San Saba	4/3
Sanderson	3/30
Sealy	3/8
Seminole	4/14
Seymour	4/11
Shamrock	4/17
Sheffield	4/5
Sherman	4/1
Sierra Blanca 2 E	4/27



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Silverton	4/27
Sinton	2/25
Smithville	3/23
Snyder	4/11
Somerville Dam	3/20
Sonora	4/10
Spearman	4/27
Spur	4/12
Stamford	4/6
Stephenville 1 N	4/6
Sterling City	4/12
Stillhouse Hollow Dam	3/23
Stratford	3/3
Sugar Land	3/4
Sulphur Springs	4/4
Tahoka	4/12
Taylor	3/23
Temple	3/21
Texarkana	3/31
Thompsons 3 WSW	3/4
Tilden 4 SSE	3/8
Town Bluff Dam	3/24
Truscott 3 W	4/6
Tulia	4/28
Turkey	4/12
Van Horn	4/15
Vernon	4/8
Victoria Rgnl Airport	3/2
Waco Dam	3/27
Waco Rgnl Airport	3/28
Washington State Park	3/18
Water Valley	4/13
Waxahachie	3/26
Weatherford	4/9
Wellington	4/9
Weslaco 2 E	2/1
Whitney Dam	3/30
Wichita Falls Sheppard Airport	4/7
Wills Point	3/31
Wink Winkler CO Airport	4/13
Winters 1 NNE	4/8
Yoakum	3/10
Ysleta	4/4
Zapata 3 SW	2/8



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Freeze/Frost Occurance Data

Q. If frost cannot occur at temperatures above 32 degrees F, then why does Tippolly Farm use the National Climatic Data Center's 36 degree F portion of the NOAA Freeze/Frost Table?

A. You may have seen a few websites that reference the 32 Degree F portion of the table to give recommended average frost dates. While that seems logical, one needs to understand that frost will occur at ground level before it will at a slightly higher elevation. The official weather measurements are actually taken in an instrument shelter that is between 1.25 and 2 meters (4.1 to 6.6 ft) above ground level in special instrument shelters that are called Stevenson Screens. That recorded temperature is what is reported on radio, TV, newspapers, the internet, etc. They refer to this as the "Surface Temperature", although it is not actually the surface of the ground where plants are generally located.

The NOAA tables also include a 36 degree F table, which is a close approximation of the temperature at the Stevenson Screen when the ground surface is at 32 degrees F. You can view this complete table (including fall frost dates), at:

http://cdo.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/climatenormals/climatenormals.pl?directive=prod_select2&prodtype=CLIM2001&ubnum%20to%20Freeze/Frost%20Data%20from%20the%20U.S.%20Climate%20Normals

Even though you may still need to use a good row cover when frost is predicted (we use the 50% probability data), we feel that it is safer, will be less work, and you will have healthier crops if you wait until the 36 Degree F average rolls around. Of course there are also areas called "Micro Climates" like we have here at Tippolly Farm. Our pond is always cooler than it is where we have our raised vegetable beds (which are uphill). Raised beds will also tend to be warmer than the ground temperature.

If you live in a very cold climate, you may not be able to plant a fall crop and in that case, you may need to dismiss the fall dates on the Vegetable Planting Guide.

So pick a convenient spot to plant your garden, follow our timetable for planting based on whatever average frost date that you gave us, and most of all, enjoy the fruits of your efforts.

If there is a number and designation like "16 NNE", that means the governments location of the test enclosure is 16 miles North Northeast of the center of the Town in question.



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