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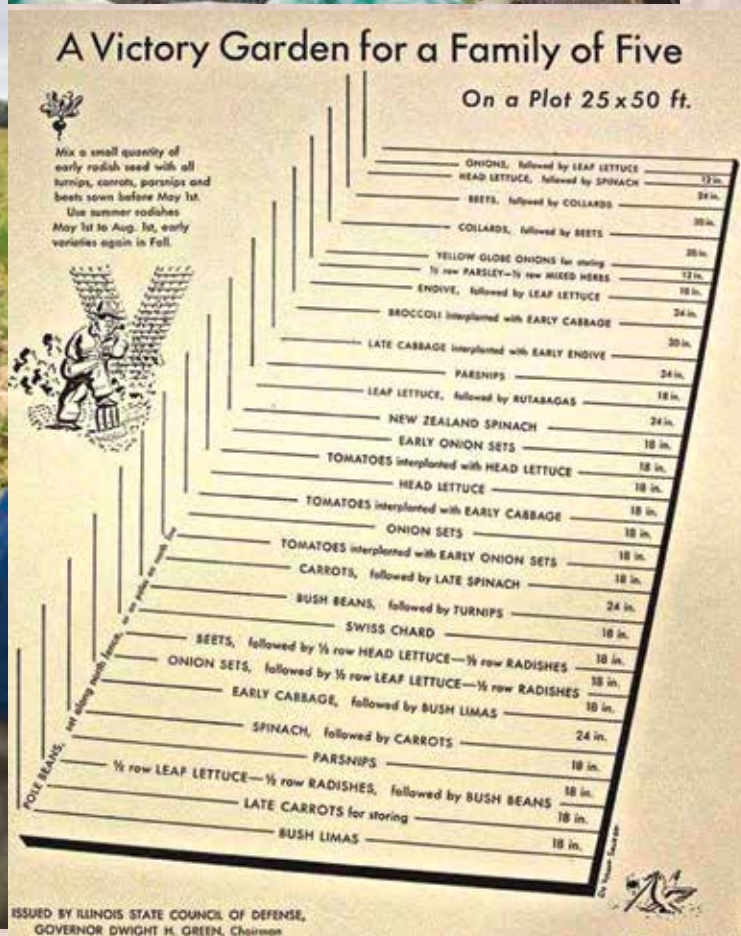
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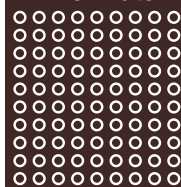
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Light	Full Sun	+	+	+			+	+		+		+					+		+	+	+		
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Soil Type	Sandy	+	+	+		+	+			+	+	+	+				+	+	+	+	+	+	
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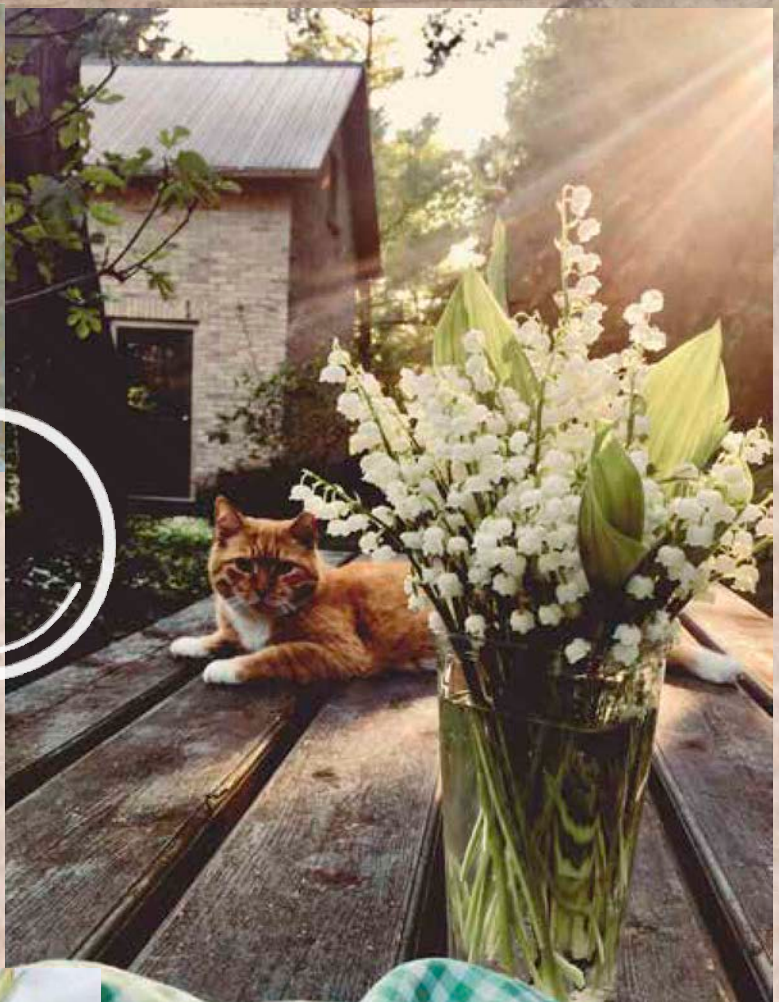
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A Victory Garden for a Family of Five

On a Plot 25 x 50 ft.

Mix a small quantity of early radish seed with all turnips, carrots, parsnips and beets sown before May 1st. Use summer radishes May 1st to Aug. 1st, early varieties again in Fall.

ONIONS, followed by LEAF LETTUCE	12 in.
HEAD LETTUCE, followed by SPINACH	24 in.
BEETS, followed by COLLARDS	30 in.
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YELLOW GLOBE ONIONS for storing	20 in.
1/2 row PARSLEY—1/2 row MIXED HERBS	12 in.
ENDIVE, followed by LEAF LETTUCE	18 in.
BROCCOLI interplanted with EARLY CABBAGE	24 in.
LATE CABBAGE interplanted with EARLY ENDIVE	30 in.
PARSNIPS	24 in.
LEAF LETTUCE, followed by RUTABAGAS	18 in.
NEW ZEALAND SPINACH	24 in.
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CARROTS, followed by LATE SPINACH	18 in.
BUSH BEANS, followed by TURNIPS	24 in.
SWISS CHARD	18 in.
BEETS, followed by 1/2 row HEAD LETTUCE—1/2 row RADISHES	18 in.
ONION SETS, followed by 1/2 row LEAF LETTUCE—1/2 row RADISHES	18 in.
EARLY CABBAGE, followed by BUSH LIMAS	18 in.
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POLE BEANS: Not along north fence as no place for them.

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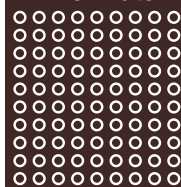
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