



## 2024 VVTG Project Guide - Cultural Roots of Eastern Europe

- **My team will provide data** for all crops contained within the bed design we selected to grow. Survey link will be emailed if the VVTG platform is not available - TBD.  
**The required data includes** information similar to what would be collected in grower field trials and uses a 1-5 star rating for the following 4 categories: Overall, Taste, Yield, Ease. We also appreciate any details you include about the varieties, but this is not required.
- **My team will share photos** of the crops we select to grow in Cornell Box (link provided). **The required photos are** of the beds mid-season (can be more than one bed in the image), mature plants before harvest, and images of your top 3 or 4 vegetable variety picks! **Important:** Any photos that include people must be photo released for use on the VVT website and in sponsors catalogs.
- **My team will complete a mid-season progress report** (Qualtrics survey link will be emailed).
- **My team will complete a post VVT survey** to provide feedback about the 2024 VVTG project (Qualtrics survey link will be emailed).

### January:

- Review Q &A document and planting instructions for the 2024 trial (received via your email) prior to February 7th zoom.

**Save the Date:** Wednesday, February 7th from 12pm to 1pm. Join us via Zoom for an overview of the project guide and reporting process. This will also be a time to ask any questions you have. Zoom registration link will be emailed.

**Save the Date:** Thursday, March 28th - 12pm to 1pm. Join us via Zoom to learn more about each variety from Hudson Valley Seed Company staff. Zoom meeting registration link will be e-mailed.

**Save the Date:** Tuesday, May 14th– Plant pick-up day at Cornell AgriTech in Geneva. Time TBD. (If you are not picking up plants, but still would like to attend, contact Laurie). We are planning additional activities for that day.

### February:

- Zoom meeting:** Wednesday, February 7th – 12pm to 1pm. A time to touch base and get answers to your questions. Zoom link will be emailed.
- Counties starting their own transplants will receive their seeds by mail in Late January or early February.

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## March:

- Prepare planting site. If you are creating new raised beds see 'Recommended Site Prep' at <https://gardening.cals.cornell.edu/adult-programs/vvtg/> (raised beds are not required to participate).
- Complete a soil test if needed: <http://ccetompkins.org/gardening/home-gardening/soils-climate/healthy-soils>.
- Zoom Meeting: Thursday, March 28th - 12pm to 1pm.** Join us via Zoom to learn more about each variety from Hudson Valley Seed Company staff. (Zoom link will be emailed).

## March/April:

- Review planting diagram/information that came with seeds. Is also on VVTG website: <https://gardening.cals.cornell.edu/adult-programs/vvtg/>
- When soil can be worked, prepare beds for planting.
- Amend soils for vegetable gardens if needed. More information can be found here: <http://hort.cornell.edu/gardening/soil/vegetables.pdf>
- Plant beds following the planting diagram that came with your seeds - so it matches the diagram on the bed signage.
- Establish a watering and maintenance schedule.

## April/May:

- Plant pick-up day: Tuesday, May 14th. Time TBD (For counties that selected this option)
- Print and post signage (Laminate or use weather resistant covering). Each bed should have signage.
- After danger of frost, transplant or direct sow tender crops outside per planting design.
- Perform general maintenance each week: water, weed, thin (see planting instructions), prune, tie to supports, and harvest. Demonstrate cultural practices from planting instructions when possible.
- Upload photos into Cornell Box - you will receive an invite to Cornell Box via email. Please provide photos of the beds mid-season, the beds with mature plants before harvest, and images of your top 3 or 4 vegetable variety picks (Mature plant with vegetable). **Important:** Any photos that include people must be photo released for use on the VVT website.

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### **April/May continued:**

- Perform general maintenance each week: water, weed, thin, prune, pinch, tie to supports, and harvest.
- Collect data for harvested crops: A 1-to-5-star rating for the following 4 categories: Overall, Taste, Yield, Ease. We would also appreciate any details you include about the variety, but this is not required. (Will be entered via survey or on the VVfG website – TBD)

### **June/July:**

- Upload photos into Cornell Box - including beds mid-season, beds with mature crops before harvest, and images of your top 3 or 4 vegetable variety picks (Mature plant with vegetable).
- Perform general maintenance each week: water, weed, thin, prune, pinch, tie to supports, and harvest.
- Complete mid-season progress report (link will be e-mailed)
- Collect data for harvested crops: A 1-to-5-star rating for the following 4 categories: Overall, Taste, Yield, Ease. We would also appreciate any details you include about the variety, but this is not required. (Will be entered via survey or on the VVfG website – TBD)

### **August/ September:**

- Upload photos into Cornell Box - including mature crops before harvest, and images of your top 3 or 4 vegetable variety picks (Mature plant with vegetable).
- Perform general maintenance each week: water, weed, thin, pinch and harvest.
- Collect data for harvested crops: A 1-to-5-star rating for the following 4 categories: Overall, Taste, Yield, Ease. We would also appreciate any details you include about the variety, but this is not required. (Will be entered via survey or on the VVfG website – TBD)

### **October:**

- Prepare garden beds for winter.
- Harvest fall crops and collect data. (Will be entered via survey or on the VVfG website – TBD)
- Complete the post VVTG Project survey (link will be emailed)