**Carrot**

**Royal Chantenay**

Sow outside – April, May, June, July

Harvest – June, July, August, September, October, November

Dig the carrot bed deeply when the soil is on the dry side, working it to a fine texture 15-25cm deep.

Sow seed thinly in rows, 1cm deep, 30-40cm between the rows as soon as the danger of hard frost has passed.

When carrots are 5cm high thin to 16-20 carrots per 30cm and keep weeded and watered.

As they grow, push soil up over any exposed roots to prevent a green shoulder.

Never plant carrots in recently manured soil.

**Onion - SEE NEW ADVICE BELOW**

**Alisa Craig**

Sow inside – January, February, March

Plant out – April, May

Sow outside – April

Harvest – August, September

Start sowing indoors 8-10 weeks before transplanting outdoors. Sow thinly and cover with 2mm of compost.

When transplanting, clip plants to 75mm and plant 50mm deep.

Alternatively, onion seeds can be sown directly outside mid-late spring, at 2-3 seeds per 25mm.

Thin to 12cm apart when plants are 15cm tall.

Can also be sown late summer to over-winter or under glass January to April and September to December.

**Tomato**

**Moneymaker**

Sow indoors – January, February, March, April, May

Plant out – April, May, June

Harvest – July, August, September, October

Location – Greenhouse or outside in a warm sunny spot.

Sow indoors in seed trays 2mm deep and keep moist.

Transplant the seedlings when they have several leaves and are large enough to handle into 75mm pots.

Grow on under cooler conditions and when about 20cm tall either plant in their growing position in the greenhouse or gradually acclimatise them to outdoor conditions and plant out 45cm apart in a warm and sunny spot in moist, fertile, well drained soil, keep well watered.

**Basil**

Sow inside – April, May

Plant out – June

Sow outside – June

Harvest – July, August

Sow seeds inside in trays of seed compost, 6mm deep and cover with finely sieved compost. Cover with a plastic bag or propagator and keep moist. Once germinated uncover and water sparingly.

When the seedlings have several leaves and are large enough to handle transplant into small pots and grow on for four weeks, then transplant directly into the garden, spacing plants 25cm apart. Seeds can be sown outside in June directly into shallow rows. When seedlings are large enough to handle thin to 25cm apart.

Alternatively, sow inside all year round in a suitable container of compost. Cover with a plastic bag, place on a warm window sill and keep moist. Once seeds start to germinate uncover and place on a sunny window sill and water regularly, do not over water.

**Thyme**

Sow outside - April, May, Early June

Harvest - June, July, August, September

Location – Full sun or partial shade in well drained soil.

Sow sparingly, barely cover the seeds and keep soil moist.

When large enough to handle plant your seedlings 5cm apart.

Alternatively, sow inside all year round in a suitable container of compost. Cover with a plastic bag, place on a warm window sill and keep moist. Once seeds start to germinate uncover and place on a sunny window sill and water sparingly, do not over water.

Harvest sparingly the first year.