

Runaway MOCN

local agricultural **DRAFT!**

Calendario

We are looking for signs in nature that correspond with the timing of planting, harvesting, gathering, and food storage activities. Please watch for these and see if they are true where you are.

Add your own and share them with us!

Signs in Nature

Tasks

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When the **chicka-dee's** song changes from "chicka-dee-dee-dee" to "cheeseburger"

Prune raspberry canes and fruit trees.

After a mild winter there will be low water and lots of **grasshoppers**

raise more turkeys!

When the **sandhill cranes** arrive

oil the tractor!

When the **swans** are back on the river

start up the greenhouse.

When **violet green swallows** appear

snow will go soon.

Eat young **nettles** and **lamb's quarters**

it's time to plant lettuce.

When **daffodils** begin to bloom

it's time to sow peas.

When **arnica** blooms, the ground is warm enough to transplant brassicas.

When **lilac leaves** are the size of a mouse's ear, sow peas, lettuce, and other cool weather crops.

When **dandelions** bloom

plant spinach.

In the two weeks **after** the **new moon**, plant crops that produce food above ground (leaves, fruit, etc.)

When **forsythias** in bloom

prune roses.

When the **balsam root** is flowering

asparagus and rhubarb
are ready to harvest.

Hummingbirds return when the

bloom!

When **birch trees** leaf out on Tappan mountain

plant transplants

If there's a **clear sky** near the **Full moon** in May,

don't plant seedlings yet!

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When the **saskatoons** are in bloom ...

plant potatoes!
graft apples!
plant wheat!

In the first week **after the full moon**, plant
(when it is getting thinner)

crops that produce food
below ground (roots, tubers)

When the **wild roses** bloom

it's safe to plant carrots.

When the **maple leaves** begin to unfurl

divide & transplant perennials.

When the **maple leaves** reach full size,

sow morning glories!

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When the first **apple blossoms** appear,

plant early corn

When **dogwood** reaches peak bloom,

plant tomatoes & early corn.

When **daylilies** begin to bloom

plant out your peppers
and tomatoes

When **apple blossoms** shed their petals,

it's time to plant corn.

When **oak leaves** are the size of a squirrel's ear,

sow corn.

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When and where the **wild strawberries** bloom, morels are ready to pick.

When you can **walk barefoot** in your garden, it's time to plant squash & beans.

When **corn** is the size of a squirrel's ear,

plant beans.

When all of the **fruit blossoms** are done,

it's time to plant beans.

Six weeks after the first **dandelion** flowers, plant beans.

When **lilacs** are in full bloom

plant basil seeds, and
tomato plants outside.

When **bearded irises** are in full bloom

plant out eggplant
and pepper plants.

Once **lilac flowers** have faded,

plant squash & cucumber.

As soon as there's **sun** in June,

cut hay.

If there are lots of **mosquitoes** in June

there will be enough
moisture to see us through!

When **mock orange** is in bloom

sow cabbage and broccoli
for fall harvest.

When potato flowers fall off,

early potatoes are ready!

When **garlic scapes** point straight up,

garlic is reddy!

When the **Dog Star "Sirius"** becomes visible
in early summer the **dog days** have begun.

Plant late broccoli,
Kale, and spinach.

Stellar jays show up in late August
in Kingfisher,

because filberts are
ready by the river.

When you hear **crickets**

salmon are coming back.

If we've passed the **full moon** in late
August/September and there has been

tomatoes are probably safe
from frost until the
next full moon.

"When **Dad's allergies** go away,

corn is ready!!"

When the **swallows** are on the line,

cut the peonies down.

If there's a **lightning storm** in September,

we will have good crops
next year.

When it snows on Mount Ida

you have six weeks to
get your garden in!

October's **full moon**

is time to plant garlic
there will be lots of
berries next year.

If there are many **salmon**

rose hips are ready to pick.

After the first few **frosts**

