

Preserving the Harvest: A Year-at-a-Glance Chart

Use this chart as a flexible guide for preserving the harvest throughout the year. Adjust based on your climate, garden, and household needs.

| Season / Month | In Season | Preservation Focus | Recipes, Tutorials, and Notes |
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| Jan | Household products | Soap, candles, cleaning supplies | Homemade Cleaning Recipes Homesteading Hack: Use pantry odds and ends |
| Feb | Eggs | Waterglassing, pickling, noodles, freezing | Water Glassing Eggs Best Pickled Egg Recipe Homemade Egg Noodles Recipe Homesteading Hack: Sew and mend indoors |
| Mar | Eggs, milk | Butter, cheese, milk, broth, beans | Homemade Butter Recipe Homemade Chicken Bone Broth How to Can Black Beans What to Do With Raw Milk Garden Planning Guide Homesteading Hack: Prepare garden plans |
| Apr | Preparation month | Equipment checks, jar inventory | How to Get Ready for Preparation Season Homesteading Hack: Calibrate dial gauge canners |
| May–Jun | Rhubarb, strawberries, peas, greens, herbs | Freezing, jams, pickling, drying | Strawberry Rhubarb Jam Recipe How to Make Pickles Pickled Asparagus Recipe Pickled Snap Peas Recipe Easy Refrigerator Pickles Homesteading Hack: Use stored winter produce |



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| Jul–Aug | Berries, cucumbers, beans, herbs, squash | Canning, fermenting, drying | How to Can Food (Canning 101) Dehydrating Food Guide What is Fermentation? Homesteading Hack: Start small with ferments |
| Sept | Apples, tomatoes, peppers, squash | Sauces, soups, cider, storage | Root Cellaring for Beginners A Guide to Storing Apples Homemade Pumpkin Purée Freeze Dried Tomatoes Dehydrated Tomatoes Homesteading Hack: Prep root storage areas |
| Oct | Apples, meat, and vegetables | Pressure canning, curing | Canning Meat Canning Chicken How to Cure Bacon Canned Apple Pie Filling Homesteading Hack: Harvest final garden crops |
| Nov | Meat, gifts | Broth, convenience meals | Instant Pot Bone Broth White Bean Chicken Chili How to Can Beef Stew Homemade Christmas Gifts Homesteading Hack: Use up stores before spoilage |
| Dec | Rest and review | Inventory and planning | Enjoying Stress-Free Holidays Homesteading Hack: Enjoy a preserving break |

