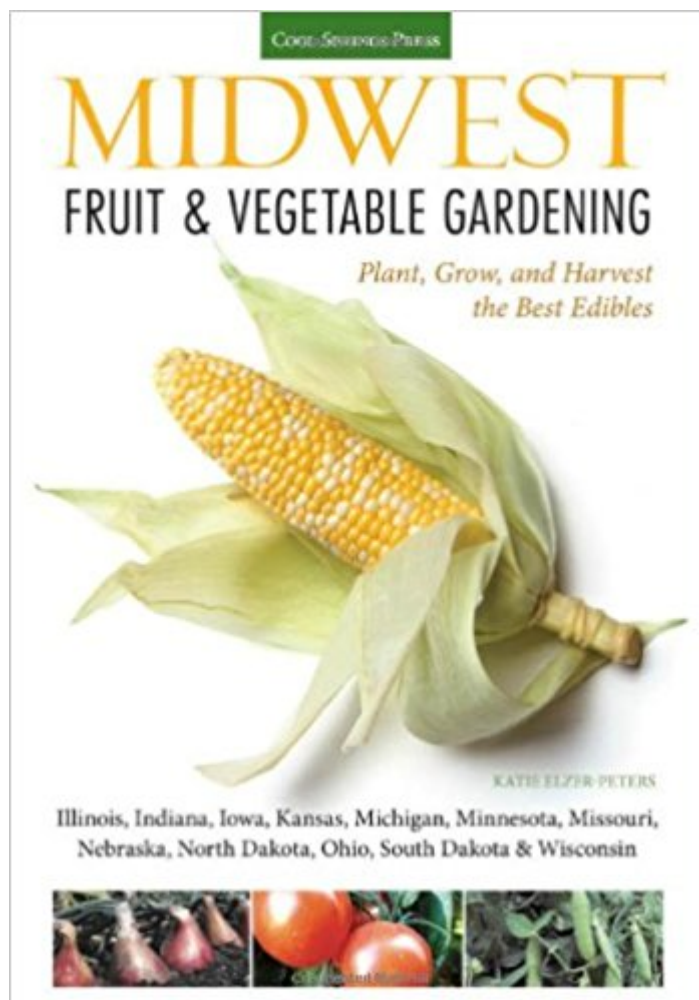


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# Midwest Fruit & Vegetable Gardening: Plant, Grow, And Harvest The Best Edibles - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, ... (Fruit & Vegetable Gardening Guides)





## Synopsis

If you're interested in growing your own fruits and vegetables, you've joined the ranks of a blossoming group of DIY gardeners who place a premium on the idea of self-reliance. But like any other kind of gardening, growing edibles is not a one-size-fits-all pursuit: in order to be successful, you'll need to know not only which plants grow well in your state or region, but also how to grow them with careful methods and a schedule that caters specifically to your local microclimate.

Fortunately for you, *Midwest Fruit & Vegetable Gardening* is written exclusively for gardeners who want to grow edibles in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, or Wisconsin. Author Katie Elzer-Peters, the master gardener responsible for our bestselling *Beginner's Illustrated Guide to Gardening* (2012), equips you with all the information you need to design your edible garden, tend the soil, maintain your plants throughout their life cycles, and—most importantly—harvest the delicious foods they produce. So whether you live in the Badlands, the Dells, the Quad Cities, or anywhere else in the Midwestern United States, you'll discover the best fruit and vegetable plants for your garden in this beautiful step-by-step how-to guide . . . and they'll be on your table before you know it.

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## Customer Reviews

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and garden writing. She has an MS degree in public garden management and has published several renowned books with Cool Springs Press. [www.thegardenofwords.com](http://www.thegardenofwords.com)

This book was brought to my attention when my local PBS station was giving it away as a membership gift if you called that night to make a donation. They said it was a great gardening resource for both beginners and expert gardeners. Intrigued, I bought this item with expectations that it would be a nice resource to have in my library. I wasn't disappointed. This book has a lot of info of the common vegetables, fruits, nuts, and herbs grown in the Midwest region. The pictures were nice and the descriptions were made for a beginning gardener. Experienced gardeners may be disappointed with the content, as they would already know the dos and don'ts of edible gardening. If you are looking to plant unusual crops or find lessor known plant descriptions, this is not the book for you. Like I said before, it covers the common items most gardeners want to learn to grow. But I found it a great go to resource to quick look up and verify information just the same.

An enjoyable read and full of good information for Missouri and the rest of the Midwest.

Arrived Safely! Thank you so much! I am learning so much!

The pictures are wonderful and the organization of the book is user-friendly. It would be nice to know if out-of-zone plants such as fig or redwood trees can flourish in a cove or at a riverbank in northeast Kansas.

Not as organized as I'd hoped. I was looking for something a little more consistently laid out. Some sections for each veggie so I could plan accordingly. But some sections would include planting timing and soil temperature and others would skip that and cover only spacing. On the plants where all subjects were covered, it was organized differently. Just hard easily to get all the info about a vegetable or fruit that I needed. Good info, just messy.

Interesting book, but not quite all the information I was looking for.

I read this book while I was at work for my 8 hour shift. I will say that I knew most of the things in this book, but it will improve your knowledge of planting in the Midwest zones. It showed things like how to start the seeds where to plant them and even companion planting. I highly recommend this book

for both experienced and non-experienced gardeners.

Had a chuckle over the state maps on page 13. Their editor missed a fairly significant error. :-)

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