

2009
Program of Excellence
Hancock County Purdue Extension
Victory Garden Educational Series

February 17-Extension Office

- Introduction to Victory Gardens
- Estimating Garden Needs and Resources
- Sprouts
- Benefits of Gardening

February 26-Extension Office

- Choosing the Site
- Garden layout/ design-How big of a garden do you need?
- Start with catalogs and selecting/ordering seeds
- Starting seeds
- Salad greens

March 19-Extension Office

- Soils and fertilizers...assessing soil fertility
- Preparing the garden site
- Gardening safety

April 9-Greenhouse

- Planting technique and
- Sequence of planting- One garden –three seasons
- Selecting/buying transplants

Thursday, April 30-Extension Office

Special DAY AND EVENING class

- **“Totally Terrific Tomatoes” noon-1 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.**

May 7-Greenhouse

- Pest management
- Tomato-Garden Royalty
- Composting

- Fertilizing

June 4-Tuttle Orchards
Tuttle Orchards, 5717 North 300 West, Greenfield
Map at: <http://www.tuttleorchards.com/index.htm>
(317) 326-2278, info@tuttleorchards.com

- Stakes and supports
- Progress reports/Troubleshooting
- Weed control/ Mulching
- Side dressing,

July 2-Garden

- Harvest party 1
- Focus on early crops,
- Progress reports/Troubleshooting
- Recipes
- Food safety
- Farmers markets
- The Fall Garden

August 6-Garden

- Harvest party 2
- Progress reports/Troubleshooting
- recipes
- post harvest care,
- food safety focus on corn/tomatoes etc freezing

September 3-Garden

- Harvest party 3
- Progress reports/Troubleshooting
- recipes for fall
- storage canning/drying
- Cucurbits

October 1-Piney Acres

- Preparing Your Garden for Winter
- Cover crops
- Fall Garden Clean up
- Soup!
- Evaluation and plans for 2010

Garden “contest”/Tour

Suggested References

Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky <http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/id/id128/id128.pdf>