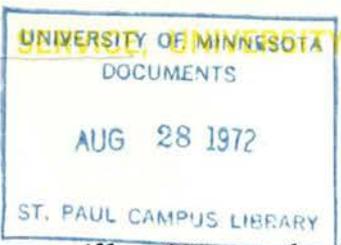


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Importance of Plants

A New Jersey nurseryman will point out the importance of plants in the environment at a meeting in St. Paul Wednesday (Aug. 30).

Everett Conklin will address the 69th annual meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science at the St. Paul Hilton Hotel. Conklin in 1969 was cited by former Mayor Robert Wagner for contributions made toward beautifying New York.

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UM Horticulturists Say:

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Harvest cauliflower before the heads become ricey, discolored or blemished. Tie the outer leaves above the heads when the curds are two to three inches in diameter. The heads will be ready four to 12 days after tying the leaves.

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Harvesting Vegetables

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Take up eggplant from your garden when the fruits are half grown and before the color dulls.

Muskmelons should be harvested when the stem slips easily from the fruit, leaving a clean scar. For fresh table use, harvest onions from sets when they are one-quarter to one inch in diameter. Select onions for boiling when the bulbs are about one-and-a-half inch in diameter. Take onions for storage when the tops fall over, shrivel at the neck of the bulb and turn brown. Allow them to mature fully, but harvest before a heavy frost.

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Watermelons

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Pick watermelons from the garden when the underside of the fruit turns yellow.

University of Minnesota horticulturists suggest you snap the melon with your finger. A dull, muffled sound means the watermelon is ready to harvest.

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Peppers

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Peppers are ready when they are solid and almost have reached full size. Allow red peppers to reach a uniform shade of red.

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Potatoes and Summer Squash

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Early potatoes are ready for the table when the tubers are large enough. Harvest summer squash when the skin is soft and before the seeds ripen.

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Red River Valley

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University plant pathologists say rust has been found on pinto beans in the Red River Valley. But in most cases the beans are far enough advanced that disease control practices would be of no value.

Potatoes in the valley looked as if they were dying early. But plant pathologists say verticillium (vert-i-sill-eum) wilt was making them look this way.

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