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Cultivation

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Don't cultivate too deeply. Deep cultivation cuts off roots and abnormal plant growth results. Blossom end rot of tomatoes can be caused by root pruning in cultivation.

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Applying Mulch

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Now is a good time to apply a mulch of grass clippings, clean straw or ground up corn cobs between rows of tomatoes, egg plant, pepper, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins and melons. If this is done after a watering or rain, it will conserve moisture and also reduce the need for cultivation.

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Cutting Suckers

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Don't cut suckers off sweet corn plants. Research shows that these suckers also make a significant amount of food for the rest of the plant and thus improve the yield and quality.

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Pruning, Staking Tomatoes

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The main reason for pruning and staking tomatoes is to conserve space. If they are to be pruned and supported to a stake, pinch out the small shoots that develop in the axils of the leaves. Allow only one or three stems to develop.

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Aphids, Lice

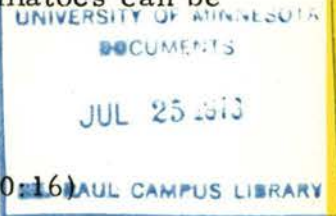
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Watch for the presence of aphids or plant lice. Malathion gives good control, but follow label directions carefully.

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