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Sweetcorn

Plan to situate your sweet corn crop in an area that is well drained—the kernels can rot if the soil holds too much moisture. The pH level for your soil should be about 6.0 to 6.5. You can add limestone to your soil to raise its pH if it's too low.

Plant your corn in the late spring or early summer. The optimal soil temperature for growing corn is about 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Plant your corn crop in an area where it will get at least eight full hours of sunlight every day.

Fertilize your soil with compost or other natural fertilizers. Composting not only aids your sweet corn, it is also a great way to reduce landfill materials.

Sink your sweet corn kernels about an inch into the soil. Place your plants about a foot apart. Make sure there is about 32 inches of space between rows of corn.

Water your corn frequently. Make sure you water at least an inch a week when the tassels appear on your sweet corn.

Keep your garden weeded and free of debris. Weeds grow abundantly around corn, so you will have to weed often.

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