

PLANTING BY THE MOON

The best time to plant flowers and vegetables that bear crops above the ground is during the LIGHT of the moon; that is, between the day the moon is new to the day it is full. Flowering bulbs and vegetables that bear crops below ground should be planted during the DARK of the moon; that is, from the day after it is full to the day before it is new again.

The theory behind this is that during the dark phases of the moon, the interior of the earth cools down. Root crops should be planted when the earth is cool and the growth will be slow, thus favoring root growth. Crops whose growth is above ground should be planted when the earth is "internally" warm. The plants and stalks will then shoot up with more top growth and head out better with little root.

Other rules for moon planters include: Never plant when the moon is changing quarters and avoid the days of the new moon. The best time to destroy weeds is during the DARK of the moon, that's when they are at their weakest. Harvest all root crops during the DARK of the moon and they will keep longer.

This month, the Full Moon is on the 11th and the New Moon is on the 25th. You can plant your potatoes on the holiday weekend but be sure and wait a week or two before planting the rest of the garden.

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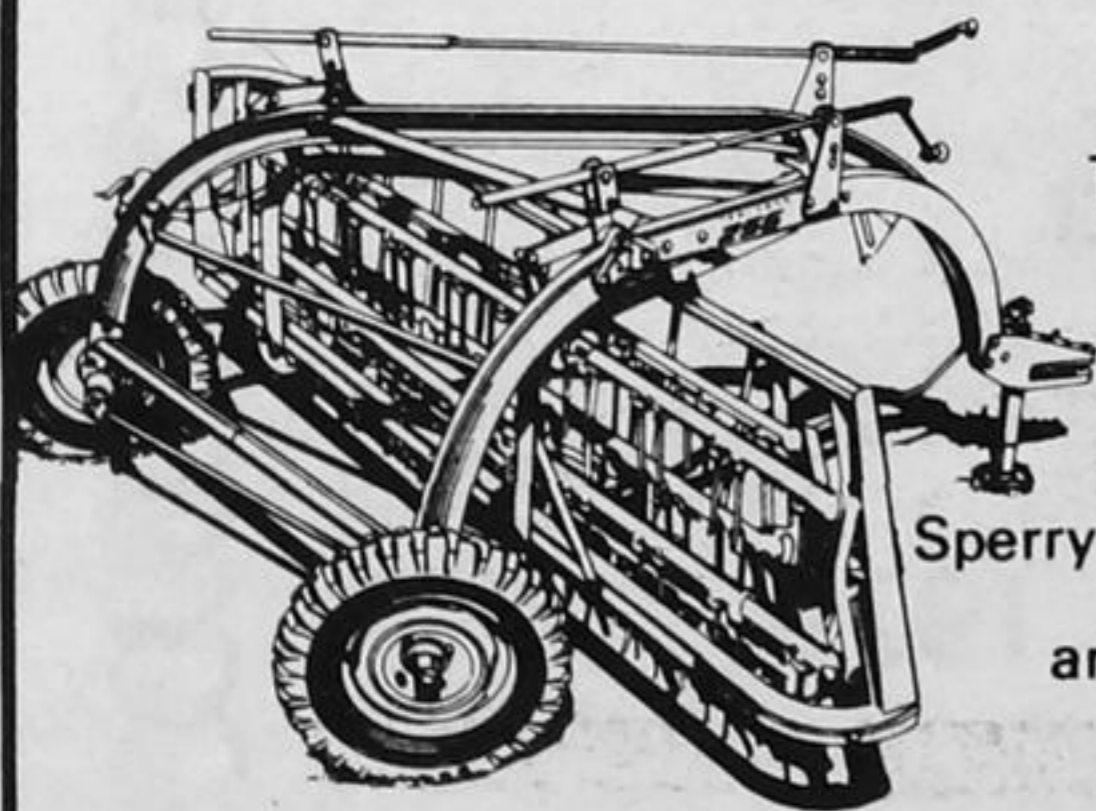
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