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## **Gardening for 2012 is Here!**

How many garden and seed catalogs did you get between Christmas and New Year? I got six and they are still coming. New catalogs are the first sign to get started planning for your home grown food supply. It's also really fun to see the new and improved varieties.

I encourage everyone to try some of the new varieties that have been developed for disease resistance and taste. You may be surprised at the results. This early signal is telling us to get going for the early spring garden. Start some cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli indoors so that they can go in the ground in March with some early frost protection. At the same time, you can plant onions, potatoes, lettuce, beets, carrots and spinach, all of which need to be planted early. Spring gardens should be in the ground in March so that there is enough cool weather for the crops to mature and produce abundantly.

Long winter nights provide a perfect opportunity for reading and browsing through those early gardening catalogs. Get your order placed to get a quick start on your wholesome, homegrown food.

We have an excellent gardening publication at the Extension Office, ID-128, "*Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky*." This 48 page publication is filled with all the information that you need to know for a successful home garden, and sells for only \$2.00. Stop by the Extension Office to purchase a copy of this great publication.

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