

CROP CLASSIFICATIONS / CATEGORIES

CROP TYPE

Fruit / Vegetable / Herb – culinary & medicinal
Root / Fruit or seed / Leaf / Flower

LIFESPAN OF CROP

Annual (half-hardy / tender) / Biennial (triennial) / Perennial (short-lived)

CROPPING SEASON

Early / Main / Late Spring / Summer / Autumn / Winter

GROWTH HABIT

Tall / giant / dominant / architectural OR short / dwarf / compact
Climbing / spreading / trailing / creeping
Deep-rooting / surface-rooting / taproot / fibrous-rooting
Determinate (bush) / Indeterminate (vine)

GROWTH REQUIREMENTS

Sun-loving / shade tolerant / moisture-loving / drought-tolerant
Outdoor / unheated / hot-house / conservatory / protected/ exotic

ORIGINS

Tropical / continental / arctic / mountain / lowland / maritime / coastal

APPROPRIATE SOIL TYPE

Loam / Humus / Sand / Silt / Clay / Peat / Chalk / Alpine / meadow

FERTILITY REQUIREMENTS

Heavy-feeders / light-feeders / nitrogen-fixers
Nitrogen (leaf) / Potassium (roots) / Phosphorous (fruit)
Acid-lovers (calcifuges) / Lime-lovers (calciphiles)

SCALE OF PRODUCTION

Intensive / Extensive (field-scale / broad-scale)
Garden / allotment / field

USE

Culinary / Dessert / Medicinal

QUALITY

Grade A / Grade B

BOTANICAL

Monocotyledons / Di-cotyledons
Families / Species / Varieties / Cultivars (Latin Nomenclature)