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How do you organize your seeds?

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I put this question to KGI's facebook page and thought I'd share the helpful answers I received:

Anette: During storage in bunches by crop family and bunches by approx sowing time. Chilies, peppers, tomatoes, onions, brassicas, salads tec... . Flowers during spring by sowing week.

Allison: General splits: Flowers, herbs, food. Further splits: Spring sow, Fall sow, Winter sow, winter-start-indoors (we don't have a summer sow season.)

Sol: I put together stuff that can be sown together at the same time. For example, carrots, radishes lettuce and peas, all in one bag. I have stuff to start indoors together: tomatos, peppers, eggplant. Deniz: Herbs (chives, basil?), edible flowers (calendula, borage?), winter crops (spinach, kale?), fruit&trees (kiwi, carob?) and a few other miscellaneous. Not alphabetical or by sowing date. Another crazy non-system of my own. I mostly do container gardening indoors and keep some extra to give to friends' gardens.

Mark: I try to do it by starting/sowing times but then it gets to be a mess with things sown multiple times.

Jess: Plant families or things that have similar characteristics: alliums, roots, Cabbage and kin, greens, tomatos, peppers, etc.

Broadfork Farm: Direct seeded crops are separated from ones grown as transplants. For transplants, we have a bin for Solanaceas, Brassicas, Head lettuce, Alliums.....Herbs are all together. They're all stored in plastic bins with lids. For direct seeded crops, beans and peas are together (in larger bins), and greens are together. Carrots, beets, and radishes are together. Nothing is alphabetical.

Love: By crop family and sowing date, which often goes together. Herbs, brassicas, nightshades, carrots, grains, flowers, etc. Sowing date is probably the most important. Worth doing so you don't miss planting that exotic radish you wanted to try because it got mixed in with the tomatoes. Just having a smaller number to go through at a given time helps a lot. I don't alphabetize.

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