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Today, my mother-in-law (known as "Mami" to our sons) and I planted leeks which should be ready for harvest as of mid October. Leeks are a very popular crop in Belgium so much so that it's hard to find a family kitchen garden without them. Belgian gardeners, in general, start their leeks from young plants as opposed to seeds. The slideshow below shows the 3 simple steps involved in planting: stringing a line to form straight rows, digging 8 inch holes (which we did with a custom made fork but which you can do with a hand trowel), and planting one leek per hole. As the leeks grow, you can hill them up (push soil up around the base) to encourage the plants to produce long white stems.

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