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OK - don't get me wrong, my husband has farmed in the past and also worked a dairy farm and took ag at school - he is educated and knowledgeable regarding large scale farming and plants, etc, but when it comes to setting up my little veggie gardens we end up squabbling. Like the time he set up 4 raised 4 x 4 squares for me to raise veggies in our backyard. I was so tired of dealing with all the weeds and put down a screen type material prior to adding our dirt. Well, where do you think the dirt came from that went on top of our screening? From the weedy dirt and fresh horse manure pile. I wanted screen top soil, but got a heaping load of weedy dirt and fresh horse **** :0)

So this past week, we went round and round as to where to put our kitchen garden and how big - although I want to end up with about a 1200 square foot garden, I want to start on a smaller scale, around 600 square foot and then expand out each year or each season. I already had the area picked out in our 1 acre back yard, but he now wants to put me in the middle of one of our weedy horse paddocks. Sighhhhhh

Mind you, we have 7 open, semi-flat acres. So, I put my foot down and won. Yeaah! But now the question is to all you experienced gardeners - I would like to either do raised plots and set them right on top of the grass that is already there or de-sod the area where the plants will go and keep strips of grass inbetween each plot to walk on. Hubby would like to just turn the grass under. Should we strip the sod away or turn under if we are not going to use raised plots?

Thanks all and have a great weekend!

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