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## Green to Grow for Fall!!

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**Already?** In my last blog I mentioned that the warm summer weather is finally here, and now we're already talking about fall planting? I'm afraid so, but it's a good thing.

In my garden, various spring crops have already finished----radishes, lettuce, spinach, kale, peas, mustard greens, and more. I have removed those plants so the soil is ready for other crops, crops that do well in late summer and autumn. In the time between crops, I added some compost to fortify the soil so it will be perfect for fall planting.



Freshly planted crop of "Greens"

*Photo: Johnny's Selected Seeds*



**Cauliflower Denali**

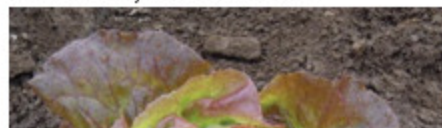
In the greenhouses at Milaeger's, the seed has all been sown for the autumn selections of our "Greens to Grow" program. These are starter plants that are timed just right for you to plant out in early September, and begin harvesting shortly thereafter. (The lettuces are surprisingly fast!)

Every year we modify the Greens to Grow program a little.

Changes are based

on last year's results, seed availability, and customer tastes and requests. (We love getting feedback from you!) This year we are offering one variety each of broccoli,

*Photo: Johnny's Selected Seeds*



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**Lettuce Green Star**

cauliflower, Swiss chard, and mizuna. But



**Lettuce Skyphos**

the most popular categories are the greens----five kinds of lettuce, and two each of spinach and kale. [Here is link](#) to a spreadsheet with more details. All of these are pretty easy to grow. Good soil is important, so if you think yours is lacking, add some compost. Keep in mind that lettuce is a shallow rooted plant. It doesn't like to dry out, so if we are having a hot spell when you plant, water the lettuce every day until it is established.

We are busy making plans for this year's Tomatomania, which will be held at Milaeger's Douglas Avenue location on Saturday, September 6th.

[Here is a link](#) for more information about the event. For those of you unfamiliar with Tomatomania, it is an opportunity for you to sample and compare over 120 kinds of tomatoes and 40 kinds of peppers, including the world's hottest pepper. The tomato part is a blind taste test, so your opinions are not colored by the name of the variety or any preconceived notions you may have. After the tasting we'll provide you with a key so you can



**Tomato tasting**



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review your results. The taste tests are free. During the tasting, our staff will be creating a tantalizing array of tomato based treats---these are available for sampling with tickets you can purchase at the event. Outside vendors will be offering many kinds of beverages, also available with tickets. Tomatomania is one of most exciting events at Milaeger's---definitely a party atmosphere, with live music and plenty of tasty foods and beverages. We hope to see you

there. It's a good thing, too.