



Kentucky Crop Timeline

Tobacco

Time of Year	Activities
March – April	Preparing soil, sowing seeds in tobacco beds, tobacco green houses, preparing floating beds for plants
May – July	Planting tobacco, pulling tobacco plants, plugging tobacco plants, setting tobacco
June – August	Chopping tobacco, hoeing tobacco, irrigating tobacco
July – August	Topping tobacco, spraying/oiling tobacco, hand pollinating tobacco
August – December	Topping, cutting tobacco, housing tobacco
November – February	Stripping tobacco, bulking tobacco, cleaning barns

Vegetables

Time of Year	Activities
May – June	Planting: cabbage, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, peppers, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes
July – August	Planting: broccoli
June - October	Harvesting/picking: all the above

Hay

Time of Year	Activities
May – September	Baling hay, hauling hay

Soybeans

Time of Year	Activities
April – May	Cultivating soil for soybeans
May – June	Planting soybeans
June – August	Applying insect control, applying weed control
September – November	Harvesting soybeans, hauling soybeans to market

Strawberries

Time of Year	Activities
March – April	Preparing soil, fertilizing, and planting
May – July	De-blooming, harvesting, weeding, spraying
August	Harvesting, weeding, fertilizing and soil preparation
December	Mulching

Blueberries/Blackberries

Time of Year	Activities
February	Pruning established vines
March – May	Planting first-time crop or replacement vines
May – June	Harvesting/picking
October - November	Planting first time crop or replacement vines

Seasonal

Growing season for plants and demand of plants

- Flowers (e.g., roses, poinsettias, ferns)
- Plants and herbs (e.g., garlic, basil, oregano, lavender)
- Sod farms (prepare, maintain, cut, stacking, rolling)
- Christmas tree farms (cultivating, cutting and stacking)
- Harvesting wheat
- Self-sustaining seasonal nurseries
- Mowing, clipping, dragging pastures
- Hemp production (hoeing hemp, planting hemp, etc. only if in a Kentucky registered/licensed farm)

Temporary

List contains most common, but not all, qualifying temporary work

- Chicken or Beef Processing (handling of raw material)
- Caring for, catching, deboning, hanging chickens
- Milking cows
- Feeding chickens, cattle, pigs, hogs
- Gathering/collecting eggs
- Fencing work (additional information may be required)
- Barn or fence repairs
- Year-round nurseries
- Mending fences, building fences, cleaning fence rows, installing fences, fixing fences
- Repairing tobacco barns
- Cutting trees at a sawmill, debarking lumber