

# This Common Ground Seasons On An Organic Farm



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## Spring

Spring is a time of new beginnings on the farm. The days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer. The ground is thawing and the plants are starting to grow. This is the time of year when farmers start to plant their crops.

The first crops to be planted in the spring are usually the cool-season crops, such as lettuce, spinach, and broccoli. These crops can tolerate the cold weather and will grow quickly in the spring. As the weather warms up, farmers will start to plant warm-season crops, such as tomatoes, peppers, and corn.

In addition to planting crops, farmers also need to prepare their fields for the growing season. This includes tilling the soil, adding compost, and

planting cover crops. Cover crops help to protect the soil from erosion and add nutrients to the soil.

## **Summer**

Summer is the busiest time of year on the farm. The crops are growing quickly and the farmers are working hard to keep up with the demand. This is also the time of year when farmers start to harvest their crops.

The first crops to be harvested in the summer are usually the cool-season crops, such as lettuce, spinach, and broccoli. These crops are ready to harvest when they are young and tender. As the weather warms up, farmers will start to harvest warm-season crops, such as tomatoes, peppers, and corn.

In addition to harvesting their crops, farmers also need to continue to care for their fields. This includes watering the crops, weeding the fields, and controlling pests.

## **Fall**

Fall is a time of transition on the farm. The days are getting shorter and the weather is getting cooler. The crops are starting to mature and the farmers are preparing for the harvest.

The first crops to be harvested in the fall are usually the cool-season crops, such as lettuce, spinach, and broccoli. These crops can tolerate the cold weather and will continue to grow in the fall. As the weather cools down, farmers will start to harvest warm-season crops, such as tomatoes, peppers, and corn.

In addition to harvesting their crops, farmers also need to prepare their fields for the winter. This includes tilling the soil, adding compost, and planting cover crops. Cover crops help to protect the soil from erosion and add nutrients to the soil.

## Winter

Winter is a time of rest on the farm. The crops have been harvested and the fields are bare. The farmers are taking some time off to relax and prepare for the next growing season.

Even though the crops are not growing, there is still work to be done on the farm. Farmers need to keep an eye on their fields to make sure that they are not damaged by the cold weather. They also need to make sure that their equipment is in good repair and ready for the next growing season.

The seasons on an organic farm are a cycle of life. Each season has its own unique challenges and rewards. Farmers need to be prepared for the challenges and embrace the rewards. By working with nature, farmers can produce healthy food for their families and communities.



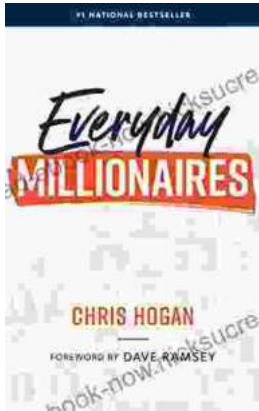
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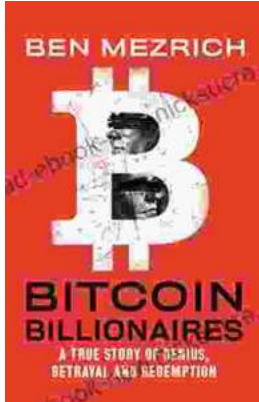
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