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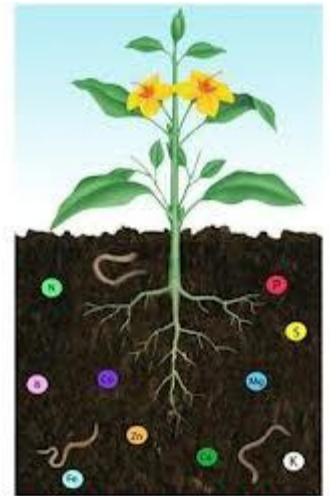
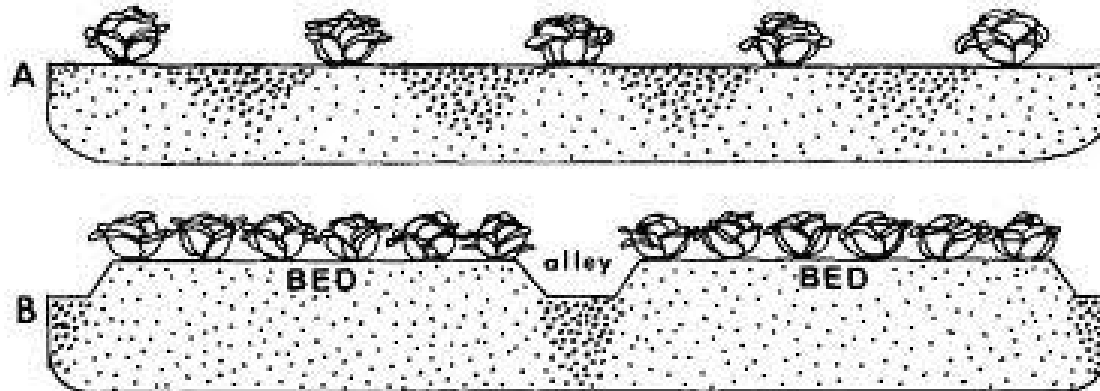
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The Right Tool for the Job!

Why is it Important to use the Right Tool for the Job?



SOILS ARE ALIVE! KEEP THEM HEALTHY



Pitch Fork

Dig Beds, Harvest Carrots and Potatoes



Metal Rake

– To make Beds, work Compost into beds



Shuffle Hoe

Best standing tool for weeding
It cuts the weeds but NOT the SOIL



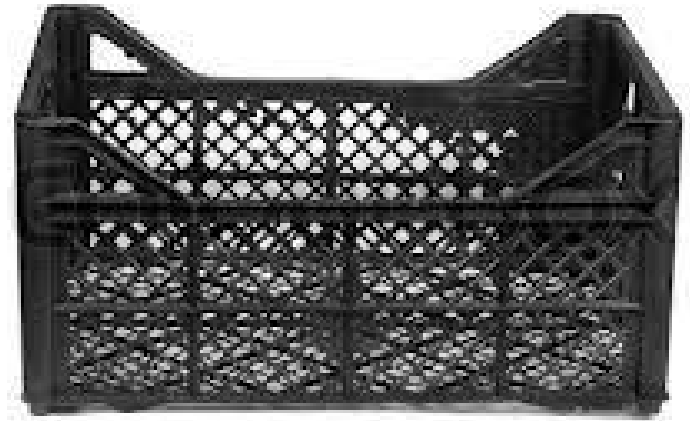
Hand Tool

Best Tool for weeding on knees
Can be used between rows and between plants



Harvest Knife

Keep Sharp and it will make harvest so much faster!



Harvest Bins

If you have bins that are the same size you can learn how many pounds of vegetables fit into each bin, makes harvesting for pounds easier!





BCS

- (+) lighter machine, less soil compaction
- (+) works best for smaller beds, 3 feet wide
- (+) Can be used when soil still kind of wet
- (-) Can not break down cover crop
- (-) takes more time



Mower

- (+) more control over what is mowed down
- (+) can get into smaller spaces
- (-) takes more time



Tractor

Best used for Primary Tillage

- (+) work in cover crops – bring nutrients back into the soil
- (+) fast
- (-) Heavy, compacts soil
- (-) 'Burns' Organic Matter – the life of the soil
- (-) CAN NOT be used when soil is WET
- (-) Makes large beds for 'group planting'



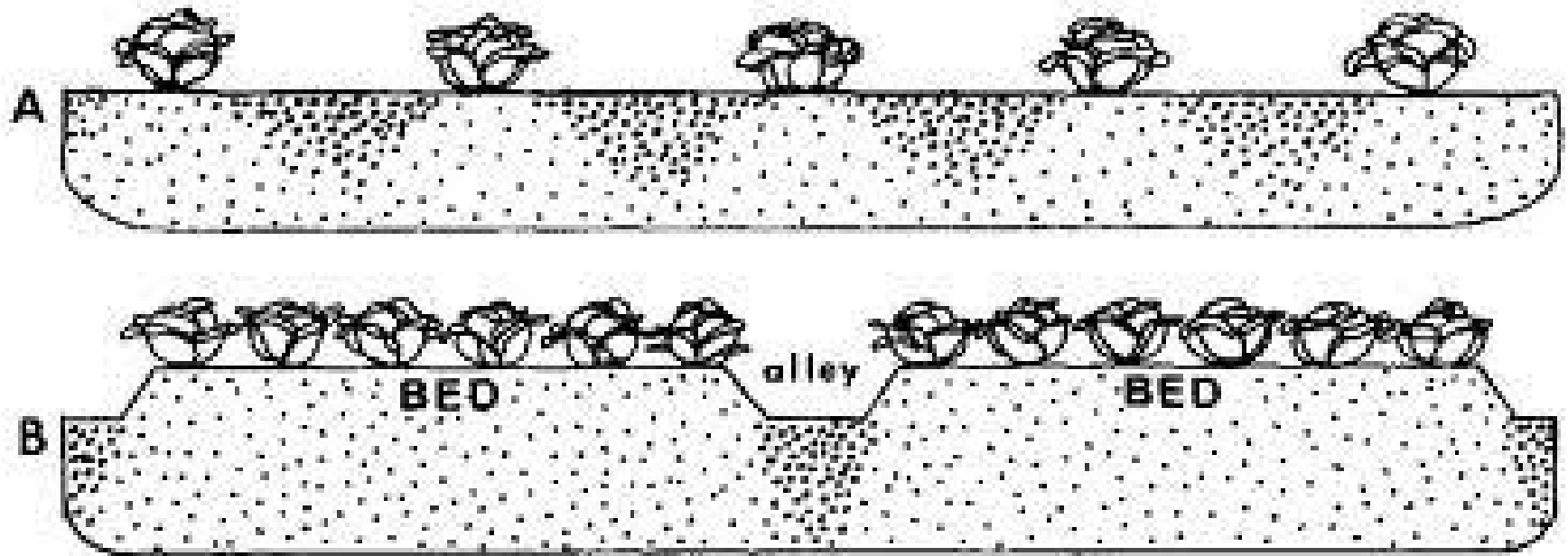
Why Are These a Good Group?
All need Row Cover, Same Timing 3 Rows = Mower + BCS



Why are Leeks and Brussels Sprouts a good Group?

Time

Could use the Tractor to make the 5 row bed, mow the bed when finished,
till for Cover Crops



No Beds = No Machines

Farm level details and
enrollment information on specific crop ins.
programs are available
from crop insurance agents

(www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.htm).