

Louisiana Gardening

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Use the GUIDE # 1980 to get cultivars and basic planting.

Example of Production Information From Guide

Squash, Cucumber, Pumpkin	3-5 lbs. 8-24-24 Per 100 ft. row	SIDEDRESS as plants begin to run and again in 3-4 weeks.
	or 4-6 lbs. 8-8-8	

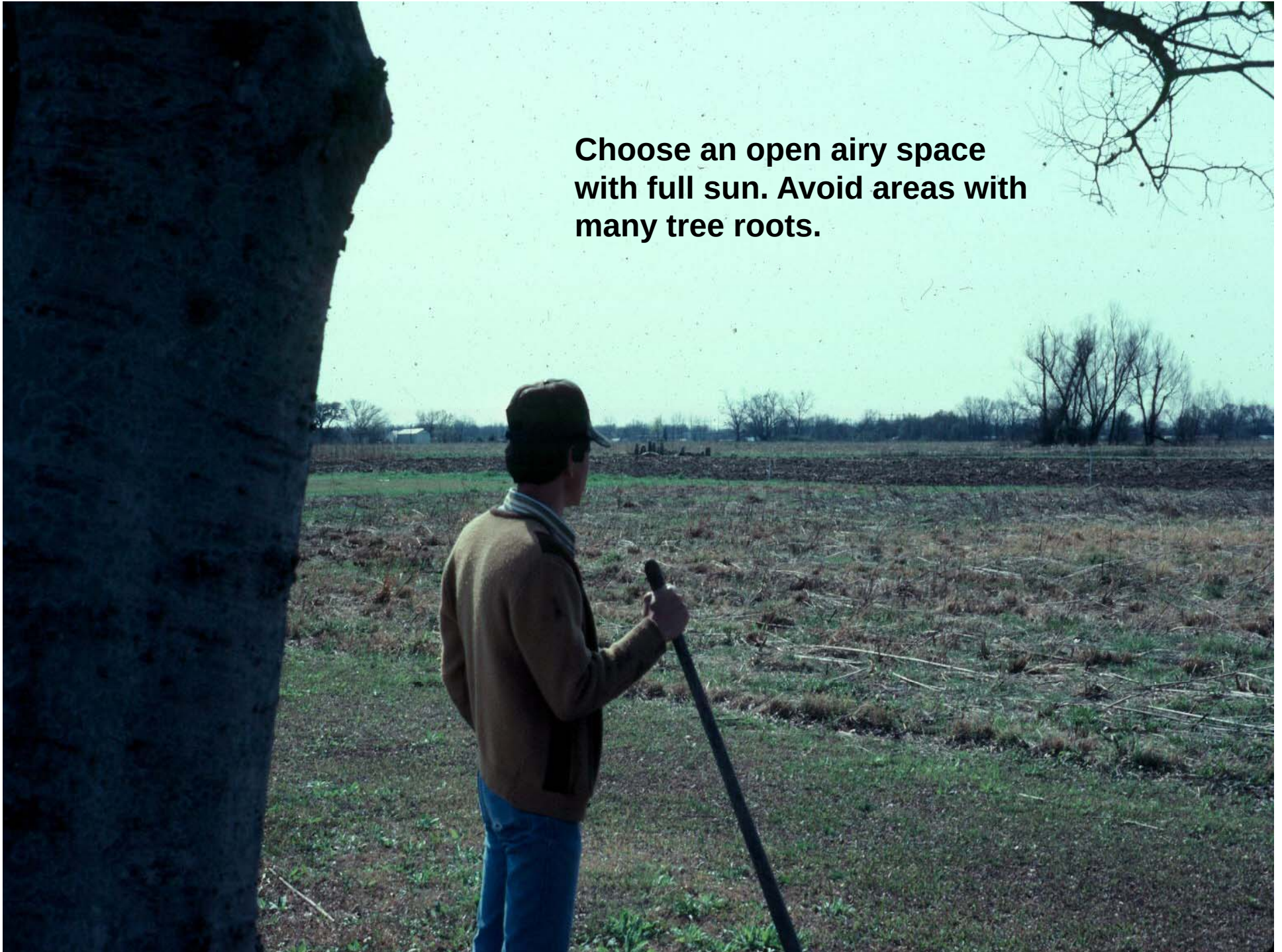
Note: One quart of fertilizer weighs about 2 lbs. First analysis listed is the preferred blend.
*For 100 ft. of row or 300 sq. ft. apply $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. ammonium nitrate or 1 lb. ammonium sulfate.

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Cucumbers	Slicers: Dasher II, General Lee, Thunder, Speedway, Poinsett 76, Slice More, Intimidator, Daytona, Rockingham, Taledega, Indy, Sweet Slice, Sweet Success (AAS), Fanfare (AAS), Diva (AAS), Salad Bush (AAS), StoneWall.		
	Pickler: Calypso, Fancipak, Jackson, Sassy, Vlasstar.	Check vegetable GUIDE #1980	

Cucumbers		3/1 - 9/1 Season to plant	1/4 oz. seed/100 ft	1/4" deep	12-18" apart	50-65 days from seed to harvest
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**Choose an open airy space
with full sun. Avoid areas with
many tree roots.**



Get a soil sample and test it at LSU.



Add organic matter to improve soils



Mulches can be tilled in after season





6-24-24 is good; 1 pint is a pound.



High Mg Lime or calcitic lime as needed from soil test results



**Broadcast fertilizer
and till in.**



Banding: put fertilizer where row will be, ^ then cover over & make a row.



Profile of a row



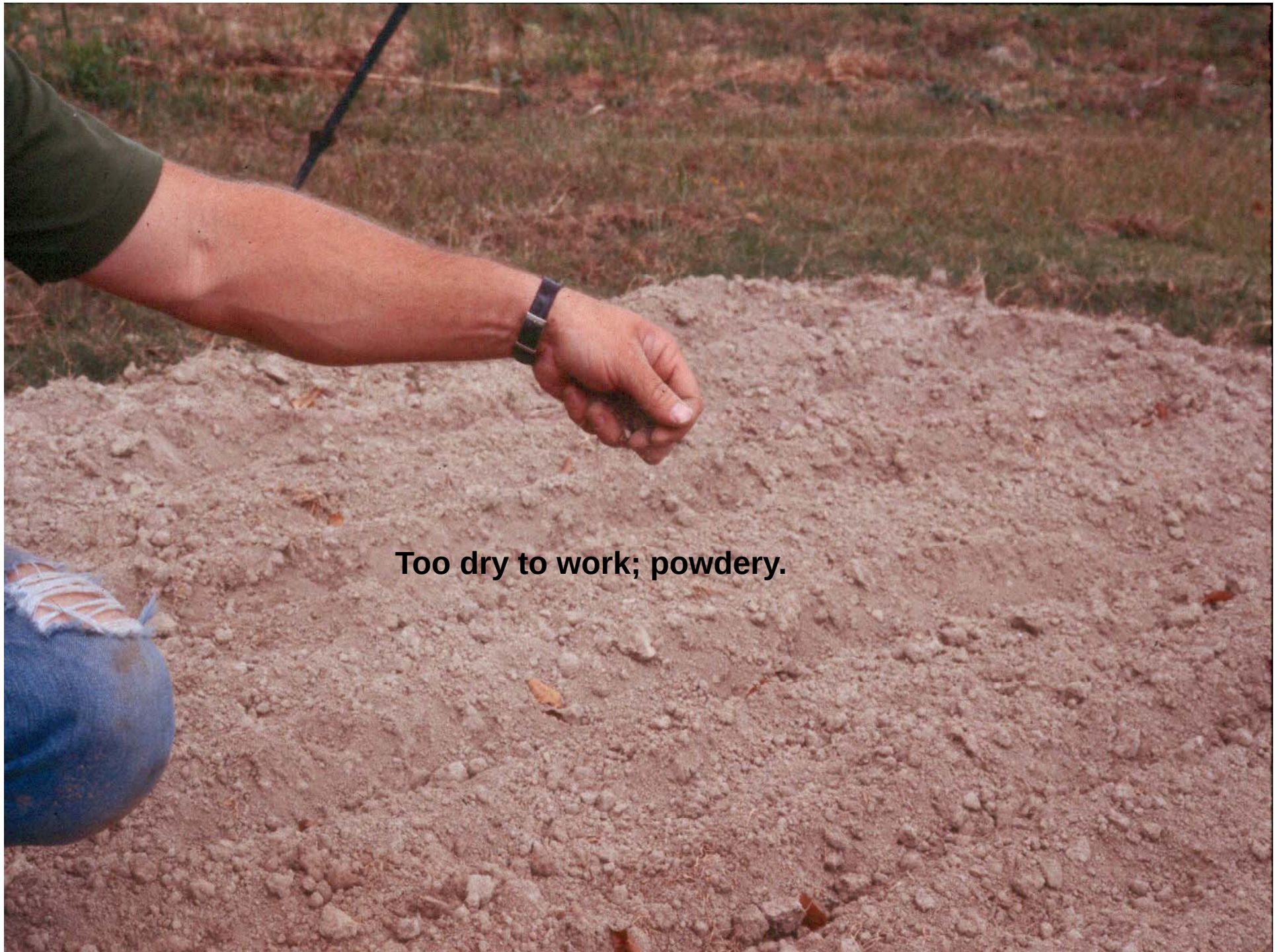
Side dress N to sustain growth.



**Loosen
soils**



Hand tillage



Too dry to work; powdery.

A photograph showing a muddy, wet surface, likely a construction site or a road after rain. A large, shallow puddle of brown, murky water occupies the lower half of the frame. Above the puddle, a narrow, winding stream of water flows across the wet, brown earth. The ground is heavily textured with ripples and small pools of water, indicating it is very wet and sticky. The overall color is a dull, brownish-grey.

Too wet to work; sticky.



Make rows 36 to 40" wide



Allow for good drainage with high rows.

**Garden with flat rows
if drainage is good.**





**Fruit touching soil
can get BELLY ROT.
Mulch or stake.**



Helps with earliness, moisture and disease.



**Good
moisture
is essential
Before using
plastic mulch.**



Cut furrows for the plastic edges.



Bury or hold-down for the plastic edge.







End the row.

DRIP IRRIGATION TAPE







Cut holes to plant in.



Water in or use starter fertilizer.



Organic mulch (pine straw); use after up and growing.



Seed drill



Seed hill



Be sure to thin out stand to proper spacing.



Transplant so that all of peat cup is below soil surface.

Cultivate out weeds





CAN YOU FIND THE WATERMELONS ? Weeds compete with crops.



LEAFFOOTED BUG ON NEGLECTED WEED HOST



GET THEM YOUNG AND THEY ARE EASY TO KILL.



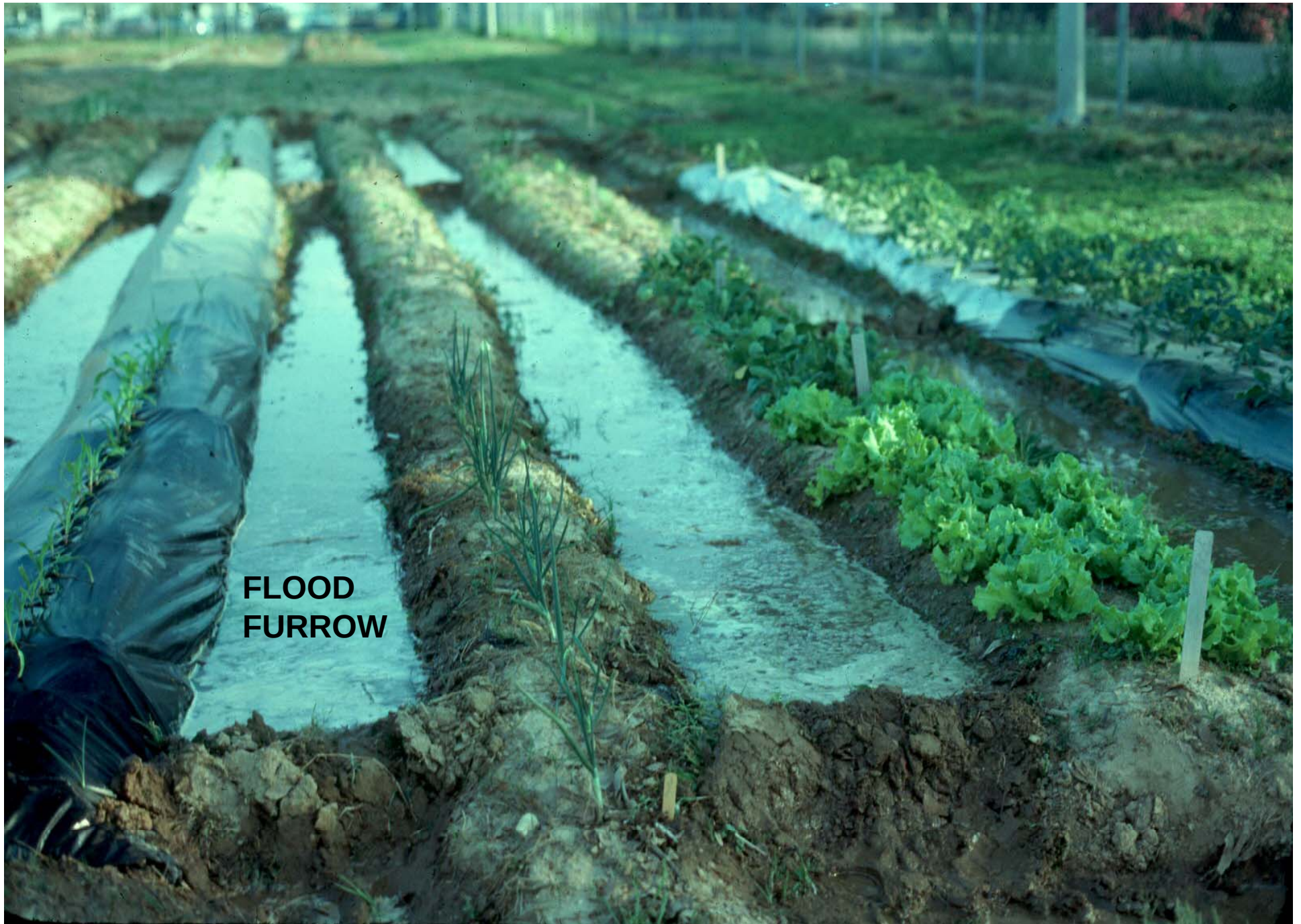
SOIL WASHED FROM SURFACE ROOTS



Hand pull in close

Watering the Garden

Water as needed to prevent stress
at pollination and fruit filling.



**FLOOD
FURROW**

EXCELLENT METHOD FOR DEEP IRRIGATION



Overhead irrigation is less effective, but adequate.



Drip must be applied long enough for deep wetting!



Drip
tape



Providing good support pays off.

The End



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