

# FARMER'S CALENDAR

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who owned a small piece of land usually had some fields for  
and barley. Besides this he had grape vines and olive trees.  
His calendar would look something like this.

JANUARY	The seeds which have been planted continue to grow.
FEBRUARY MARCH	The pink and white blossoms on the almond tree can be seen on the hills. This is the first promise that soon there will be less rain and more sunshine. A little later other fruit trees will blossom.
APRIL	There are many wild flowers on the hillsides. The ground is green with growing things.
MAY	The barley is ripe. It is time to begin to cut these fields. Soon the wheat will be ripe.
JUNE JULY	When there is a good wind we will separate the chaff from the barley and wheat. Some fruit is ready to pick and eat - figs, pomegranates, pistachio nuts Garden vegetables and fruit are ready to eat - beans, lentils, melons, cucumbers, onions, pulse, spelt
AUGUST	The grapes are ripe. We begin to pick them.
SEPTEMBER	The grapes are made into raisins. Figs are dried.
OCTOBER NOVEMBER	Olives are gathered. When the first rain comes, we plow our fields and plant our barley and wheat.