Grow Stages of Onion Bulbs Timeline A

| <u>Typical Timeline for Fall Sown</u> <u>Short-Day Onion</u> | <u>Days</u> | Date |
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| A. Seed in soil after sowing | 1 | October 15 |
| B. Loop stage | 15 | October 30 |
| C. First leaf 'flag' stage | 31 | November 10 |
| D. Cotyledon senescence | 51 | November 30 |
| E. Fourth leaf 'leek' stage | 66 | December 15 |
| F. Fall of the first leaf | 81 | December 30 |
| G. Start of bulbing | 111 | January 29 |
| H. Bulb swelling | 131 | February 18 |
| I. 'Fall-down' or 'soft neck' | 187 | April 15 |
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J. Bulb ripening

Short-day onions are typically harvested from the fields by this stage.