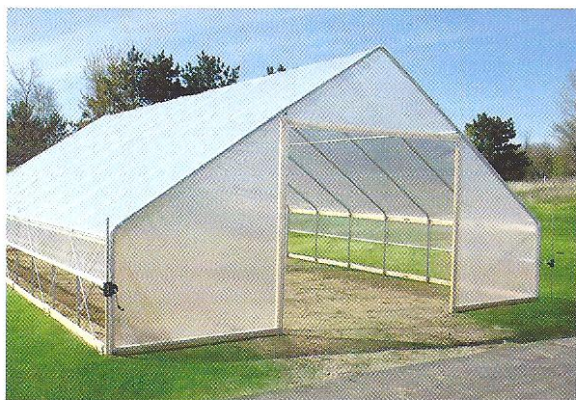


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Goods to assist in your gardening endeavors



year-round growing

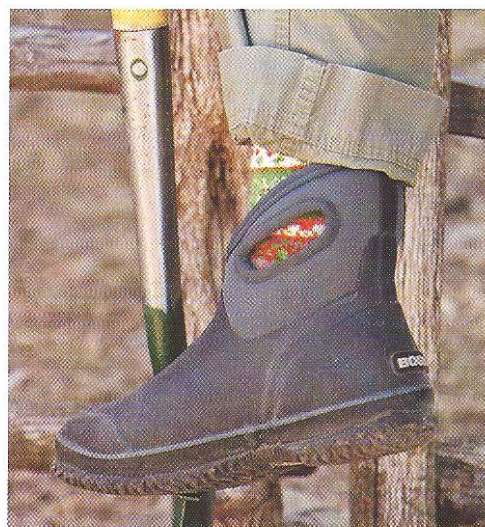
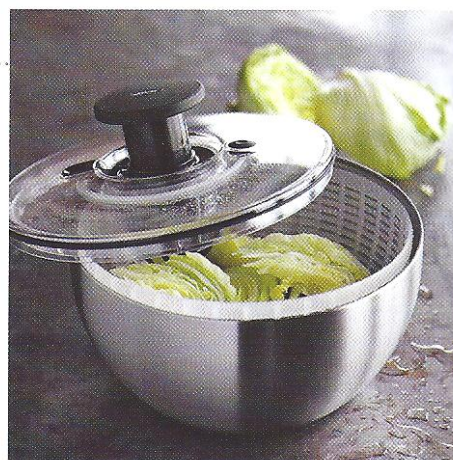
If you've decided to get serious this year about growing your family's food, or perhaps even for market, consider investing in a high tunnel. The new FieldPro High Tunnel is designed with the small fruit and specialty crop grower in mind. The frame goes up quickly and easily with many sizes and configurations available. For example, this 20' x 24' gable-style frame only with 6' spacing costs \$890 and includes five-piece frame sections, ground stakes, (2) purlin, (4) diagonal wind braces, cable bracing, ground stake driver, assembly hardware, and a set-up manual. Plastic for the walls will cost another few hundred dollars and lumber will cost less than \$100. They also offer many smaller hobby greenhouses, plus cold frames, hoop houses, and more supplies.

Greenhouse Megastore, 888-281-9337, www.greenhousemegastore.com

the spinning of salad

With spring greens coming on, you've got lots of salad spinning in your future. Durable stainless steel models are perfect for taking directly to the garden to harvest greens, and their "heirloom" quality is irresistible—buy it once in a lifetime and you'll never need to toss it into the landfill. Rosle makes a beautiful, heirloom-quality spinner (like their food mill) but the steep \$110 price tag makes us balk.

OXO offers one for around \$50 (shown) through Williams-Sonoma (www.williamssonoma.com) and other online retailers (do an Amazon search for best price).



perfect gardening shoe

We love these Bogs boots not only for their low profile, making it easy to squat in the garden, but for their pull-on handles and 100% waterproof material. They're super comfortable due to the sponge cushioning, making them a pleasure to wear all day long.

Bogs, 800-201-2070, www.bogsfootwear.com; Classic Short (shown), \$88.

take note

What is a garden if not a learning experience? And to learn, you must observe, take notes, and refer back to those notes the following year. This journal we found on Etsy.com represents true artisan quality. Each sheet of journal paper is carefully crafted and torn by hand and is 100% cotton, tree-free, and scattered with marigold petals. The cover paper is made from the bark of the Daphne bush, which regenerates naturally, and is 50% recycled and 100% vegetable dyed. The 24-page journal is stitched together with hemp twine using an old-fashioned bookbinding technique. Once you're done with your journal, give back to Mother Earth—the entire journal is seeded with a combination of wildflower seeds—follow the enclosed guide, make a wish, and watch your journal grow into a sweet bouquet of wildflowers!

VintagePoppiesShop, www.etsy.com, listing #53298140; \$18

