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Oilseed rape, Faba bean, Sunflower
Beta beets
Potato
Fruits
Citrus, Olive, Coffee, Banana
Grapevine
Soybean, Cotton, Peanuts
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Foreword

As all branches of science, the individual disciplines in agricultural plant research also work more closely together, and, in addition, have become more international. The exchange of new findings and joint work on projects presuppose, however, that all those involved have the same understanding of the terms they use. This calls the need for an extensively standardised description of plant development stages in order of their phenological characteristics and their coding.

The phenological development stages of plants are also used in agricultural practice, agrometeorology and agricultural insurance, each with its own varying individual objectives. Moreover, the applied botanical sciences also make use of phenological development stages.

This book about plant development stages – and their corresponding codes – aims at satisfying all these demands. Of particular significance is the fact that the work appears in four languages and thus contributes to a large extent to reducing linguistic communication problems. It thus fulfils in a special way the intertwinement in research, trade, production and service present today.

The book thanks its existence to the close co-operation between scientists from variously oriented agricultural authorities and companies from the chemical industry with agricultural research departments. It is hoped that this fruitful co-operation, in the course of which knowledge has been gathered by all sides over many years, will contribute to furnishing decision makers with more surety, and will promote international cooperation.

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An essential aim of this book is to facilitate scientific communication on an international level. Fortunately I was able to find specialist translators. The Spanish translations were done by Mr. Enrique Gonzales Medina, Bogotá/Kolumbien, Mr. José Antonio Guerra, Ciba, Barcelona, as well as Dr. Herrman Bleiholder, BASF AG, who earns the credit for unifying versions in the Spanish language from South America and Spain. The French text was translated by Mrs. Sybil Rometsch, Université de Lausanne. The English text was corrected by Dr. P. D. Lancashire. Bayer. Bury St. Edmunds. UK.

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The extended BBCH-scale

Hack et al., 1992

The extended BBCH-scale is a system for a uniform coding of phenologically similar growth stages of all mono- and dicotyledonous plant species. It results from teamwork between the German Federal Biological Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry (BBA), the German Federal Office of Plant Varieties (BSA), the German Agrochemical Association (IVA) and the Institute for Vegetables and Ornamentals in Grossbeeren/Erfurt, Germany (IGZ). The decimal code, which is divided into principal and secondary growth stages, is based on the well-known cereal code developed by ZADOKS et al. (1974) in order to avoid major changes from this widely used phenological key. The abbreviation BBCH derives from Biologische Bundesanstalt, Bundessortenamt and CHemical industry.

The basic principles of the scale

- The general scale forms the framework within which the individual scales are developed. It can also be used for those plant species for which no special scale is currently available.
- Similar phenological stages of each plant species are given the same code
- For each code, a description is given, and for some important stages, drawings are included.
- For the description of the phenological development stages, clear and easily recognised (external) morphological characte-ristics are used.
- Except where stated otherwise, only the development of the main stem is taken into consideration.
- The growth stages refer to representative individual plants within the crop stand. Crop stand characteristics may also be considered.
- Relative values relating to species- and/or variety-specific ultimate sizes are used for the indication of sizes.
- The secondary growth stages 0 to 8 correspond to the respective ordinal numbers or percentage values. For example stage 3 could represent:
 3rd true leaf, 3rd tiller, 3rd node or 30% of the final length or size typical of the species or 30% of the flowers open.
- Post harvest or storage treatment is coded 99.
- Seed treatment before planting is coded **00**.

Organisation of the scale

The entire developmental cycle of the plants is subdivided into ten clearly recognizable and distinguishable longer-lasting developmental phases. These **principal growth stages** are described using numbers from 0 to 9 in ascending order (see Figures 1a and b). The principal growth stages are described in Table 1. Owing to the very many different plant species there may be shifts in the course of the development or certain stages may even be omitted.

The principal growth stages need not proceed in the strict sequence defined by the ascending order of the figures, but can occasionally also proceed in parallel.

Table 1: Principal growth stages

Stage	Description
0	Germination / sprouting / bud development
1	Leaf development (main shoot)
2	Formation of side shoots / tillering
3	Stem elongation or rosette growth / shoot development (main shoot)
4	Development of harvestable vegetative plant parts or vegetatively propagated organs / booting (main shoot)
5	Inflorescence emergence (main shoot) / heading
6	Flowering (main shoot)
7	Development of fruit
8	Ripening or maturity of fruit and seed
9	Senescence, beginning of dormancy

If two or more principal growth stages proceed in parallel, both can be indicated by using a diagonal stroke (example 16/22). If only one stage is to be indicated, either the more advanced growth stage must be chosen or the principal growth stage of particular interest, depending upon the plant species.

The principal growth stages alone are not sufficient to define exactly application or evaluation dates, since they always describe time spans in the course of the development of a plant.

Secondary stages are used if points of time or steps in the plant development must be indicated precisely. In contrast to the principal growth stages they are defined as short developmental steps characteristic of the respective plant species, which are passed successively during the respective principal growth stage. They are also coded by using the figures 0 to 9. The combination of figures for the principal and the secondary stages, results in

the two-digit code.

The two-digit code is a scale which offers the possibility of precisely defining all phenological growth stages for the majority of plant species.

Only in the case of some plant species (e.g. cucumber, onion, potato, soybean, tomato) is further subdivision necessary within a principal growth stage beyond that possible using the secondary stages from 0 to 9.

For these cases a three-digit scale is presented alongside the two-digit scale. This involves the inclusion of the so-called **mesostage** between the principal and the secondary stage, which provides a further subdivision with figures 0 and 1 describing the development on the main stem and figures 2 to 9

that of the side shoots **2nd** to **9th order** (see Figures 1a and b). In this way up to 19 leaves can be counted on the main stem or the branching can be described.

The BBCH-scales allow the comparison of individual codes only within one principal growth stage: an arithmetically greater code indicates a plant at a later growth stage. Sorting codes into numerical order therefore allows a listing in order of the stage of plant development.

The time span of certain developmental phases of a plant can be exactly defined and coded by indicating two stages. For this purpose two codes are connected with a hyphen. Thus, for instance, the code 51–69 describes the developmental phase from the appearance of the first inflorescence or flower buds until the end of flowering. This allows the computer-supported monitoring of crop stands.

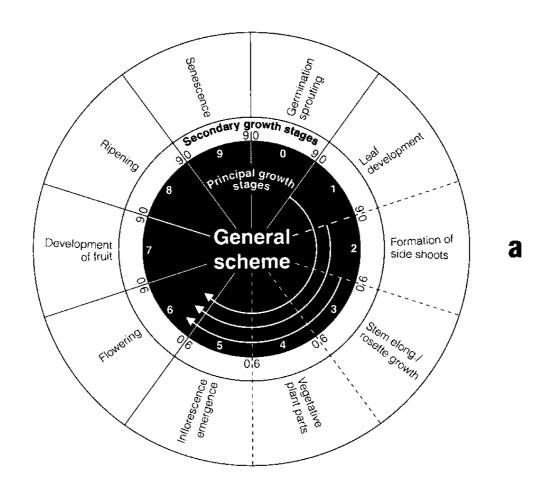
For a uniform coding which covers the maximum number of plant species, it is necessary to use primarily phenological criteria rather than homologous or analogous stages. Thus, for instance, germination of plants from true seed and sprouting from buds are classified in one principal growth stage, the principal growth stage 0, even though they are completely different biological processes.

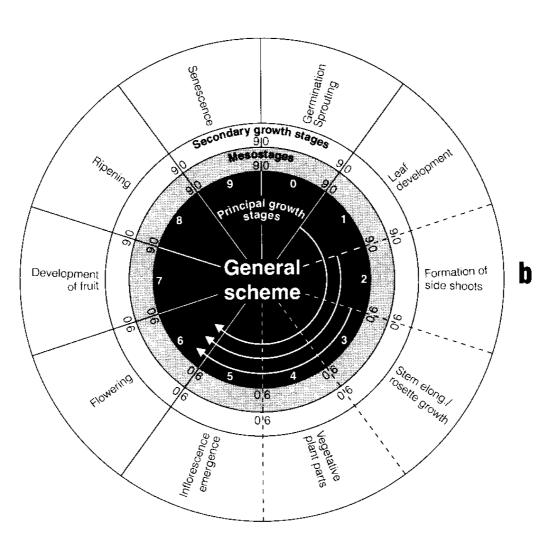
In case of the BBCH-scales the descriptions are based on the actual characteristic features of the individual plant. If the scales are used for the definition of the development stage of a plant stand, the description should apply to at least 50% of the plants.

Greater differences in the course of the development of different plant groupshave to be taken into consideration for the description of the general scale (see 1.2). This problem is dealt with by offering several definitions for one specific stage wherever the formulation of a uniform text is impossible. The following letters show to which plant group the respective definition refers.

Figures 1a and b:

Subdivision of the developmental cycle of plants into principal and secondary stages (a) and into principal, meso- and secondary stages (b). The mesostages are inserted between the principal and the secondary stages. Modified according to a draft by A. Witzenberger.





D = Dicotyledons

M = Monocotyledons

V = Development from vegetative parts or propagated organs.

G = Gramineae

P = Perennial plants

No code letter is used if the description applies to all groups of plants.

Code		Description
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 0: Germination, sprouting, bud development
00		Dry seed (seed dressing takes place at stage 00)
01	P, V	Winter dormancy or resting period Beginning of seed imbibition;
UI	P, V	Beginning of seed imbibition, Beginning of bud swelling
03	,	Seed imbibition complete;
0.5	P, V	End of bud swelling
05	P, V	Radicle (root) emerged from seed; Perennating organs forming roots
06	., .	Elongation of radicle, formation of root hairs and/or lateral roots
07	G	Coleoptile emerged from caryopsis;
	D, M	Hypocotyl with cotyledons or shoot breaking through seed coat;
08	P, V D	Beginning of sprouting or bud breaking Hypocotyl with cotyledons growing towards soil surface;
00	P, V	Shoot growing towards soil surface
09	G	Emergence: Coleoptile breaks through soil surface;
	D, M	Emergence: Cotyledons break through soil surface
	D, V	(except hypogeal germination); Emergence: Shoot/leaf breaks through soil surface;
	P	Bud shows green tips
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 1: Leaf development (main shoot)
10	G	First true leaf emerged from coleoptile;
	D, M	Cotyledons completely unfolded;
4.4	Р	First leaves separated
11	Р	First true leaf, leaf pair or whorl unfolded; First leaves unfolded
12	•	2 true leaves, leaf pairs or whorls unfolded
13		3 true leaves, leaf pairs or whorls unfolded
1.		Stages continuous till
19		9 or more true leaves, leaf pairs or whorls unfolded

Coc	le	Description	
Pri	Principal growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots/tillering		
21 22	G	First side shoot visible; First tiller visible 2 side shoots visible;	
23	G G	2 tillers visible 3 side shoots visible; 3 tillers visible	
2 . 29	G	Stages continuous till 9 or more side shoots visible; 9 or more tillers visible	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 3: Stem elongation or rosette growth, shoot development (main shoot)	
31 32	G	Stem (rosette) 10% of final length (diameter); 1 node detectable Stem (rosette) 20% of final length (diameter);	
33	G G	2 nodes detectable Stem (rosette) 30% of final length (diameter); 3 nodes detectable	
3 . 39	G	Stages continuous till Maximum stem length or rosette diameter reached; 9 or more nodes detectable	
Principal growth stage 4: Development of harvestable vegetative plant parts or vegetatively propagated organs/booting (main shoot)			
40	0	Harvestable vegetative plant parts or vegetatively propagated organs begin to develop	
41 43	G	Flag leaf sheath extending Harvestable vegetative plant parts or vegetatively propagated organs have reached 30% of final size;	
45	G	Flag leaf sheath just visibly swollen (mid-boot) Harvestable vegetative plant parts or vegetatively propagated organs have reached 50% of final size;	
47	G	Flag leaf sheath swollen (late-boot) Harvestable vegetative plant parts or vegetatively propagated	
49	G	organs have reached 70% of final size; Flag leaf sheath opening Harvestable vegetative plant parts or vegetatively propagated	
	G	organs have reached final size; First awns visible	

Cod	le	Description	
Pri	Principal growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence (main shoot) / heading		
51 55 59	G G G	Inflorescence or flower buds visible; Beginning of heading First individual flowers visible (still closed); Half of inflorescence emerged (middle of heading) First flower petals visible (in petalled forms); Inflorescence fully emerged (end of heading)	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 6: Flowering (main shoot)	
60 61 62 63 64 65 67 69		First flowers open (sporadically) Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open 20% of flowers open 30% of flowers open 40% of flowers open Full flowering: 50% of flowers open, first petals may be fallen Flowering finishing: majority of petals fallen or dry End of flowering: fruit set visible	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit	
71	G	10% of fruits have reached final size or fruit has reached 10% of final size¹ Caryopsis watery ripe	
72		20% of fruits have reached final size or fruit has reached 20% of final size ¹	
73	G	30% of fruits have reached final size or fruit has reached 30% of final size¹	
74	G	Early milk 40% of fruits have reached final size or fruit has reached 40% of final size ¹	
75		50% of fruits have reached final size or fruit has reached 50% of final size ¹	
76	G	Milky ripe, medium milk 60% of fruits have reached final size or fruit has reached 60% of final size ¹	
77	0	70% of fruits have reached final size or fruit has reached 70% of final size ¹	
78	G	Late milk 80% of fruits have reached final size or fruit has reached 80% of final size ¹	
79		Nearly all fruits have reached final size ¹	

¹ This stage is not used, if the main fruit growth happens in principal growth stage 8

Cod	le	Description	
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 8: Ripening or maturity of fruit and seed	
81 85 87 89	G	Beginning of ripening or fruit colouration Advanced ripening or fruit colouration; Dough stage Fruit begins to soften (species with fleshy fruit) Fully ripe: fruit shows fully-ripe colour, beginning of fruit abscission	
Principal growth stage 9: Senescence, beginning of dormancy			
91 93 95 97	P P	Shoot development completed, foliage still green Beginning of leaf-fall 50% of leaves fallen End of leaf fall, plants or above ground parts dead or dormant; Plant resting or dormant	
99		Harvested product (post-harvest or storage treatment is applied at stage 99)	

The extended BBCH-scale, for specific crops

Cereals Witzenberger et al., 1989; Lancashire et al., 1991

Code

Description

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of cereals

(wheat = *Triticum* sp. L., barley = *Hordeum vulgare* L., oat = *Avena sativa* L., rye = *Secale cereale* L.)

Code	Description	
Principal growth stage 0: Germination		
00 01 03 05 06 07	Dry seed (caryopsis) Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from caryopsis Radicle elongated, root hairs and/or side roots visible Coleoptile emerged from caryopsis Emergence: coleoptile penetrates soil surface (cracking stage)	
Principal	growth stage 1: Leaf development ^{1, 2}	
10 11 12 13 1.	First leaf through coleoptile First leaf unfolded 2 leaves unfolded 3 leaves unfolded Stages continuous till 9 or more leaves unfolded	
Principal growth stage 2: Tillering ³		
20 21 22 23 2.	No tillers Beginning of tillering: first tiller detectable 2 tillers detectable 3 tillers detectable Stages continuous till End of tillering. Maximum no. of tillers detectable	

¹ A leaf is unfolded when its liqule is visible or the tip of the next leaf is visible

² Tillering or stem elongation may occur earlier than stage 13; in this case continue with stages 21

³ If stem elongation begins before the end of tillering continue with stage 30

Cereals Witzenberger et al., 1989; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of cereals

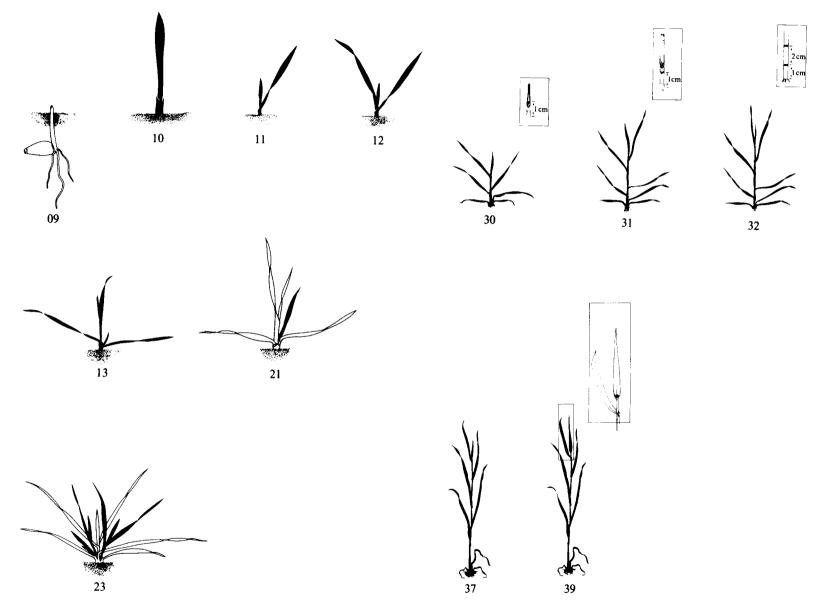
Code	Description
Principa	al growth stage 3: Stem elongation
30	Beginning of stem elongation: pseudostem and tillers erect, first internode begins to elongate, top of inflorescence at least 1 cm above tillering node
31	First node at least 1 cm above tillering node
32	Node 2 at least 2 cm above node 1
33	Node 3 at least 2 cm above node 2
3.	Stages continuous till
37	Flag leaf just visible, still rolled
39 	Flag leaf stage: flag leaf fully unrolled, ligule just visible
Principa	al growth stage 4: Booting
41	Early boot stage: flag leaf sheath extending
43	Mid boot stage: flag leaf sheath just visibly swollen
45	Late boot stage: flag leaf sheath swollen
47	Flag leaf sheath opening
49	First awns visible (in awned forms only)
Principa	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence, heading
51	Beginning of heading: tip of inflorescence emerged from sheath, first spikelet just visible
52	20% of inflorescence emerged
53	30% of inflorescence emerged
54	40% of inflorescence emerged
55	Middle of heading: half of inflorescence emerged
56	60% of inflorescence emerged
57	70% of inflorescence emerged
58	80% of inflorescence emerged
59	End of heading: inflorescence fully emerged
Principa	al growth stage 6: Flowering, anthesis
61	Beginning of flowering: first anthers visible
65	Full flowering: 50% of anthers mature
69	End of flowering: all spikelets have completed flowering but
	some dehydrated anthers may remain
Principa	al growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	Watery ripe: first grains have reached half their final size
73	Early milk
75	Medium milk: grain content milky, grains reached final size,
	still green
77	Late milk

Cereals Witzenberger et al., 1989; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of cereals

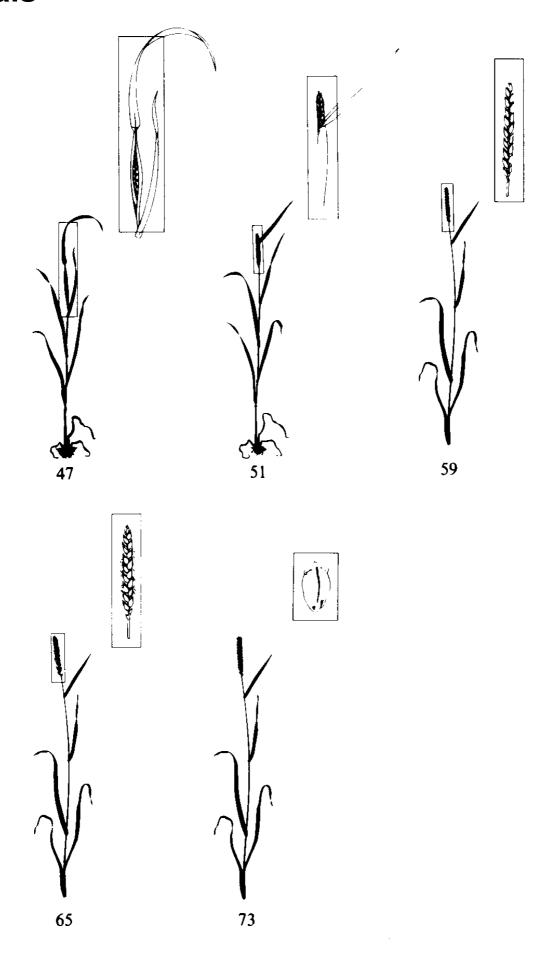
Coc	le Description			
Pri	Principal growth stage 8: Ripening			
 Early dough Soft dough: grain content soft but dry. Fingernail impression not h Hard dough: grain content solid. Fingernail impression held Fully ripe: grain hard, difficult to divide with thumbnail 				
Principal growth stage 9: Senescence				
92 93 97 99	Over-ripe: grain very hard, cannot be dented by thumbnail Grains loosening in day-time Plant dead and collapsing Harvested product			

Cereals



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Cereals



Rice Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of rice (Oryza sativa L.)

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Cod	le Description	
Pri	ncipal growth stage 0: Germination	
00 01 03 05 06 07	Dry seed (caryopsis) Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete (pigeon breast) Radicle emerged from caryopsis Radicle elongated, root hairs and/or side roots visible Coleoptile emerged from caryopsis (in water-rice this stage occurs before stage 05) Imperfect leaf emerges (still rolled) at the tip of the coleoptile	
Pri	ncipal growth stage 1: Leaf development 1,2	
10 11 12 13 1.	1 First leaf unfolded 2 leaves unfolded 3 leaves unfolded 5 Stages continuous till	
Prin	ncipal growth stage 2: Tillering³	
21 22 23 2 . 29	Beginning of tillering: first tiller detectable 2 tillers detectable 3 tillers detectable Stages continuous till Maximum number of tillers detectable	
Pri	ncipal growth stage 3: Stem elongation	
30	Panicle initiation or green ring stage: chlorophyll accumulates in the stem tissue, forming a green ring	
32 34 37	Panicle formation: panicle 1–2 mm in length Internode elongation or jointing stage: internodes begin to elongate, panicle more than 2 mm long (variety-dependent) Flag leaf just visible, still rolled, panicle moving upwards	
39	Flag leaf stage: flag leaf unfolded, collar regions (auricle and ligule) of flag leaf and penultimate leaf aligned (pre-boot stage)	

¹ A leaf is unfolded when its ligule is visible or the tip of the next leaf is visible

² Tillering or stem elongation may occur earlier than stage 13; in this case continue with stages 21 or 30

³ If stem elongation begins before the end of tillering continue with stage 30

Rice Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of rice

Code	Description		
Principa	Principal growth stage 4: Booting		
41	Early boot stage: upper part of stem slightly thickened, sheath of flag leaf about 5 cm out of penultimate leaf sheath		
43	Mid boot stage: sheath of flag leaf 5–10 cm out of the penultimate leaf sheath		
45	Late boot stage: flag leaf sheath swollen, sheath of flag leaf more than 10 cm out of penultimate leaf sheath		
47 49	Flag leaf sheath opening Flag leaf sheath open		
Principa	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence, heading ⁴		
51	Beginning of panicle emergence: tip of inflorescence emerged from sheath		
52	20% of panicle emerged		
53	30% of panicle emerged		
54	40% of panicle emerged		
55	Middle of panicle emergence: neck node still in sheath		
56	60% of panicle emerged		
57 58	70% of panicle emerged		
50 59	80% of panicle emerged End of panicle emergence: neck node level with the flag leaf		
59	auricle, anthers not yet visible		
Principa	al growth stage 6: Flowering, anthesis		
61	Beginning of flowering: anthers visible at top of panicle		
65	Full flowering: anthers visible on most spikelets		
69	End of flowering: all spikelets have completed flowering but		
	some dehydrated anthers may remain		
Principa	al growth stage 7: Development of fruit		
71	Watery ripe: first grains have reached half their final size		
73	Early milk		
75	Medium milk: grain content milky		
77 ————	Late milk		
Principa	al growth stage 8: Ripening		
83	Early dough		
85	Soft dough: grain content soft but dry, fingernail impression		
	not held, grains and glumes still green		
87	Hard dough: grain content solid, fingernail impression held		
89	Fully ripe: grain hard, difficult to divide with thumbnail		

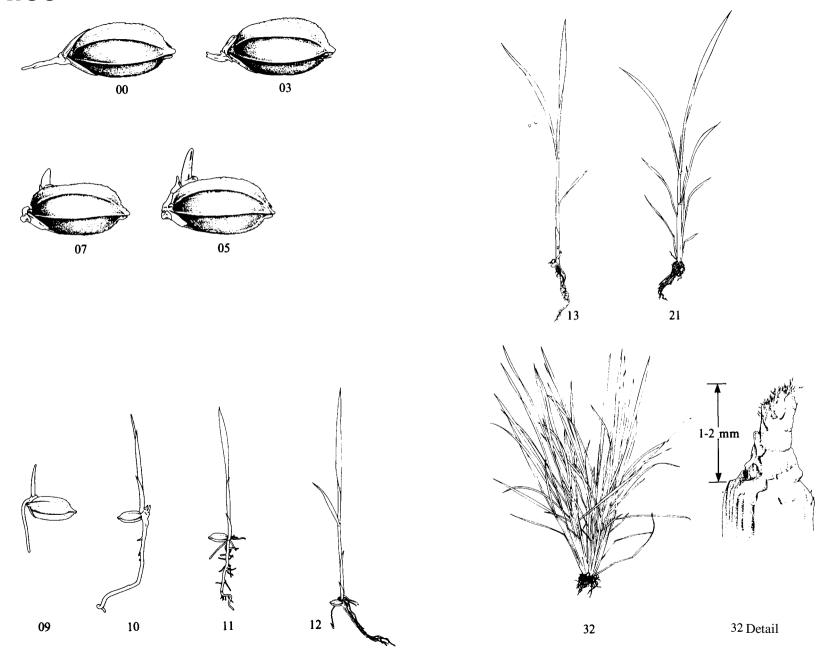
⁴ Flowering usually starts before stage 55; continue with principal stage 6

Rice Lancashire et al., 1991

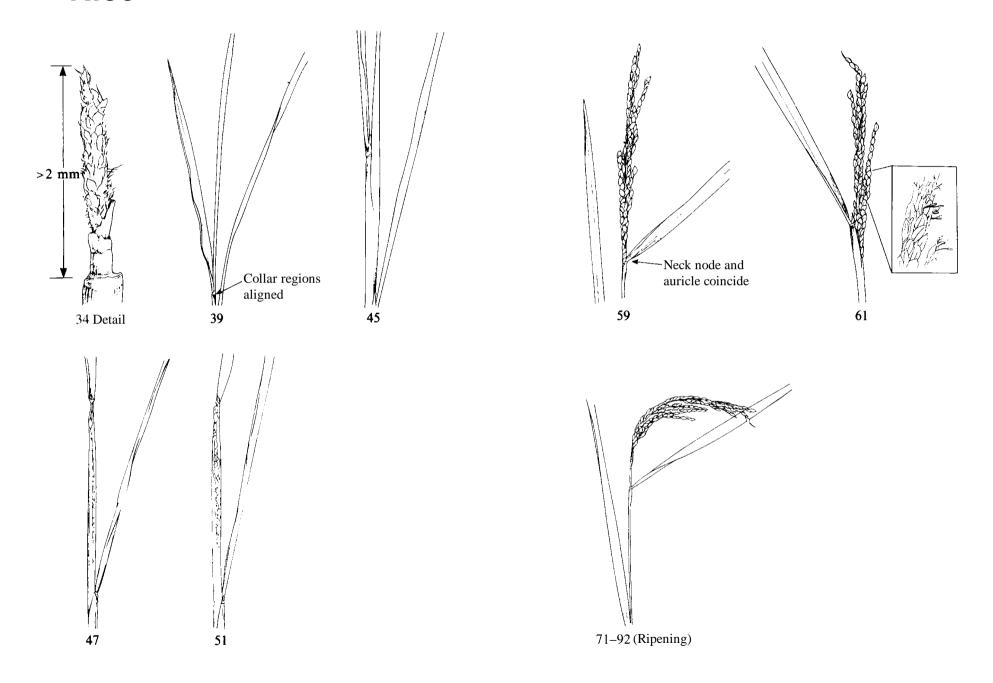
Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of rice

Code	Description
Principal growth stage 9: Senescence	
92 97 99	Over-ripe: grain very hard, cannot be dented by thumbnail Plant dead and collapsing Harvested product

Rice



Rice



Maize Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of maize (Zea mays L.)

Code	Description	
Principa	Principal growth stage 0: Germination	
00 01 03 05 06 07	Dry seed (caryopsis) Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from caryopsis Radicle elongated, root hairs and/or side roots visible Coleptile emerged from caryopsis Emergence: coleoptile penetrates soil surface (cracking stage)	
Principa	I growth stage 1: Leaf development ^{1, 2}	
10 11 12 13 1.	First leaf through coleoptile First leaf unfolded 2 leaves unfolded 3 leaves unfolded Stages continuous till 9 or more leaves unfolded	
Principa	I growth stage 3: Stem elongation	
30 31 32 33 3.	Beginning of stem elongation First node detectable 2 nodes detectable 3 nodes detectable Stages continuous till 9 or more nodes detectable ³	
Principal growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence, heading		
51 53 55 59	Beginning of tassel emergence: tassel detectable at top of stem Tip of tassel visible Middle of tassel emergence: middle of tassel begins to separate End of tassel emergence: tassel fully emerged and separated	

¹ A leaf may be described as unfolded when its ligule is visible or the tip of next leaf is visible

² Tillering or stem elongation may occur earlier than stage 19; in this case continue with principal growth stage 3

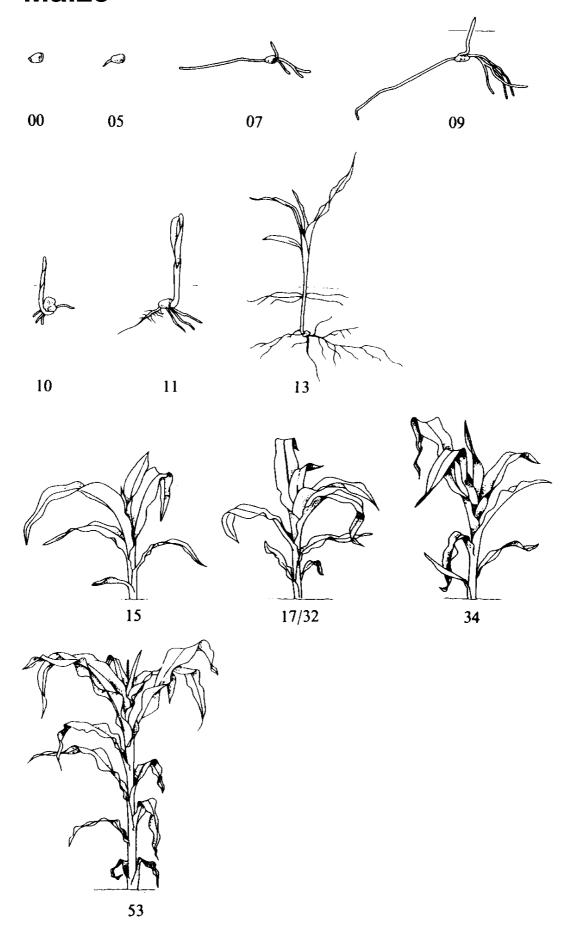
³ In maize, tassel emergence may occur earlier, in this case continue with principal growth stage 5

Maize Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

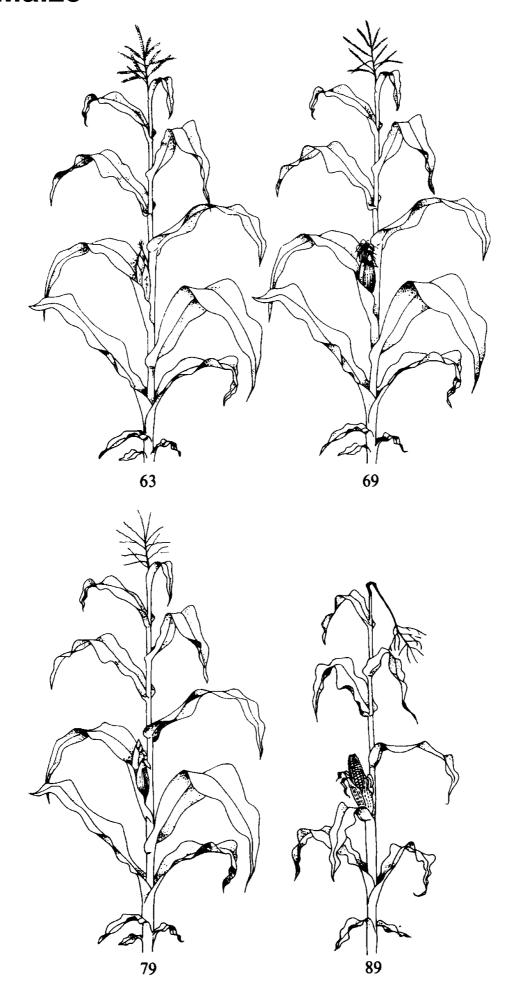
Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of maize

Code	Description
Principal growth stage 6: Flowering, anthesis	
61	Male: stamens in middle of tassel visible Female: tip of ear emerging from leaf sheath
63	Male: beginning of pollen shedding Female: tips of stigmata visible
65	Male: upper and lower parts of tassel in flower Female: stigmata fully emerged
67	Male: flowering completed Female: stigmata drying
69	End of flowering: stigmata completely dry
Principal growth stage 7: Development of fruit	
71	Beginning of grain development: kernels at blister stage, about 16% dry matter
73	Early milk
75	Kernels in middle of cob yellowish-white (variety-dependent), content milky, about 40% dry matter
79	Nearly all kernels have reached final size
Principa	I growth stage 8: Ripening
83 85	Early dough: kernel content soft, about 45% dry matter Dough stage: kernels yellowish to yellow (variety dependent),
87	about 55% dry matter Physiological maturity: black dot/layer visible at base of kernels,
89	about 60% dry matter Fully ripe: kernels hard and shiny, about 65% dry matter
Principal growth stage 9: Senescence	
97 99	Plant dead and collapsing Harvested product

Maize



Maize



Oilseed rape Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of oilseed rape

(Brassica napus L. ssp. napus)

Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 0: Germination
00 01 03 05 07 08	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Hypocotyl with cotyledons emerged from seed Hypocotyl with cotyledons growing towards soil surface Emergence: cotyledons emerge through soil surface
Principal	growth stage 1: Leaf development ¹
10 11 12 13 1.	Cotyledons completely unfolded First leaf unfolded 2 leaves unfolded 3 leaves unfolded Stages continuous till 9 or more leaves unfolded
Principal	growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots
20 21 22 23 2. 29	No side shoots Beginning of side shoot development: first side shoot detectable 2 side shoots detectable 3 side shoots detectable Stages continuous till End of side shoot development: 9 or more side shoots detectable
Principal	growth stage 3: Stem elongation ²
30 31 32 33 3.	Beginning of stem elongation: no internodes ("rosette") 1 visibly extended internode 2 visibly extended internodes 3 visibly extended internodes Stages continuous till 9 or more visibly extended internodes

Stem elongation may occur earlier than stage stage 19; in this case continue with stage 20

² Visibly extended internode n develops between leaf n and leaf n+1

Oilseed rape Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of oilseed rape

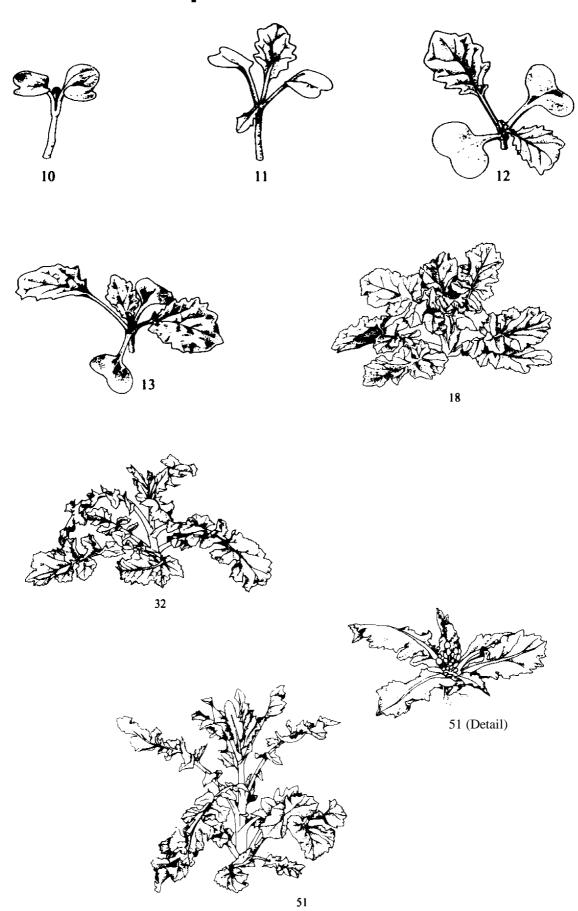
Code	Description	
Principal	Principal growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence	
50	Flower buds present, still enclosed by leaves	
51	Flower buds visible from above ("green bud")	
52 53	Flower buds free, level with the youngest leaves	
55 55	Flower buds raised above the youngest leaves Individual flower buds (main inflorescence) visible but still closed	
57	Individual flower buds (secondary inflorescences) visible but still closed closed	
59	First petals visible, flower buds still closed ("yellow bud")	
Principal	growth stage 6: Flowering	
60	First flowers open	
61	10% of flowers on main raceme open, main raceme elongating	
62	20% of flowers on main raceme open	
63 64	30% of flowers on main raceme open	
65	40% of flowers on main raceme open Full flowering: 50% flowers on main raceme open,	
05	older petals falling	
67	Flowering declining: majority of petals fallen	
69	End of flowering	
Principal growth stage 7: Development of fruit		
71	10% of pods have reached final size	
72	20% of pods have reached final size	
73	30% of pods have reached final size	
74 75	40% of pods have reached final size 50% of pods have reached final size	
75 76	60% of pods have reached final size	
77	70% of pods have reached final size	
78	80% of pods have reached final size	
79	Nearly all pods have reached final size	

Oilseed rape Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of oilseed rape

Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 8: Ripening
80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89	Beginning of ripening: seed green, filling pod cavity 10% of pods ripe, seeds dark and hard 20% of pods ripe, seeds dark and hard 30% of pods ripe, seeds dark and hard 40% of pods ripe, seeds dark and hard 50% of pods ripe, seeds dark and hard 60% of pods ripe, seeds dark and hard 70% of pods ripe, seeds dark and hard 70% of pods ripe, seeds dark and hard 80% of pods ripe, seeds dark and hard Fully ripe: nearly all pods ripe, seeds dark and hard
Principal growth stage 9: Senescence	
97 99	Plant dead and dry Harvested product

Oilseed rape



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Oilseed rape



Faba bean Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of faba bean (Vicia faba L.)

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Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 0: Germination
00 01 03 05 07 08	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Shoot emerged from seed (plumule apparent) Shoot growing towards soil surface Emergence: shoot emerges through soil surface
Principal	growth stage 1: Leaf development ¹
10 11 12 13 1.	Pair of scale leaves visible (may be eaten or lost) First leaf unfolded 2 leaves unfolded 3 leaves unfolded Stages continuous till 9 or more leaves unfolded
Principal	growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots
20 21 22 23 2.	No side shoots Beginning of side shoot development: first side shoot detectable 2 side shoots detectable 3 side shoots detectable Stages continuous till End of side shoot development: 9 or more side shoots detectable
Principal growth stage 3: Stem elongation	
30 31 32 33 3.	Beginning of stem elongation One visibly extended internode ² 2 visibly extended internodes 3 visibly extended internodes Stages continuous till 9 or more visibly extended internodes

¹ Stem elongation may occur earlier than stage 19; in this case continue with the principal stage 3

² First internode extends from the scale leaf node to the first true leaf node

Faba bean Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of faba bean

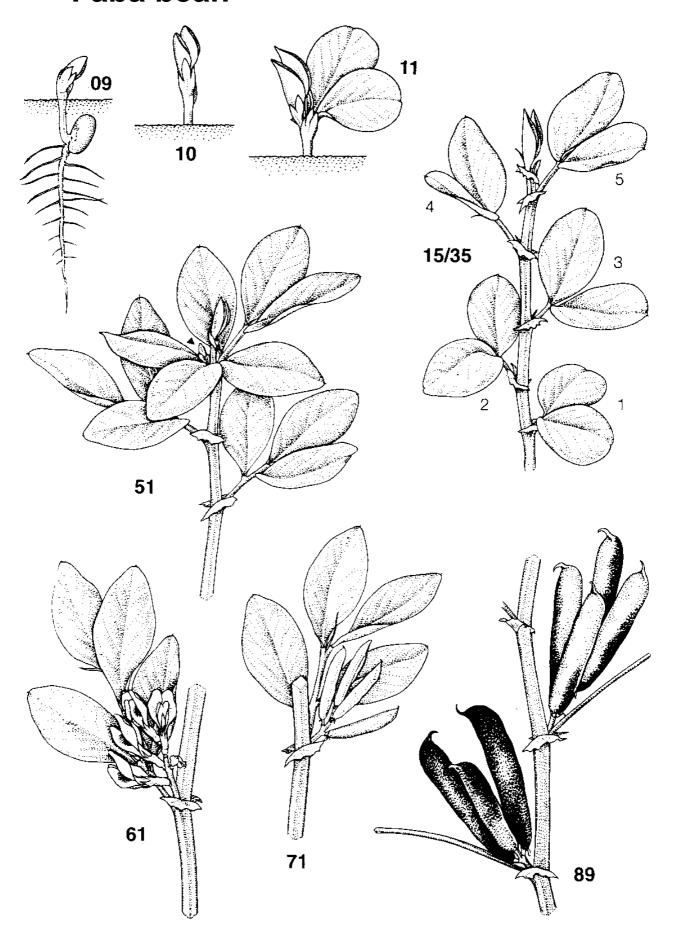
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Code	Description	
Principal	Principal growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence	
50 51 55 59	Flower buds present, still enclosed by leaves First flower buds visible outside leaves First individual flower buds visible outside leaves but still closed First petals visible, many individual flower buds, still closed	
Principal	growth stage 6: Flowering	
60 61 63 65 67 69	First flowers open Flowers open on first raceme Flowers open 3 racemes per plant Full flowering: flowers open on 5 racemes per plant Flowering declining End of flowering	
Principal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit	
70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79	First pods have reached final length ("flat pod") 10% of pods have reached final length 20% of pods have reached final length 30% of pods have reached final length 40% of pods have reached final length 50% of pods have reached final length 60% of pods have reached final length 70% of pods have reached final length 80% of pods have reached final length Nearly all pods have reached final length	
Principal 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89	growth stage 8: Ripening Beginning of ripening: seed green, filling pod cavity 10% of pods ripe, seeds dry and hard 20% of pods ripe, seeds dry and hard 30% of pods ripe and dark, seeds dry and hard 40% of pods ripe and dark, seeds dry and hard 50% of pods ripe and dark, seeds dry and hard 60% of pods ripe and dark, seeds dry and hard 70% of pods ripe and dark, seeds dry and hard 80% of pods ripe and dark, seeds dry and hard Fully ripe: nearly all pods dark, seeds dry and hard	

Faba bean Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of faba bean

Code	Description
Principal growth stage 9: Senescence	
93 95 97	Stems begin to darken 50% of stems brown or black Plant dead and dry
99	Harvested product

Faba bean



Sunflower Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of sunflower

(Helianthus annuus L.)

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Code	Description	
Principa	al growth stage 0: Germination	
00 01 03 05 06 07 08 09	Dry seed (achene) Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Radicle elongated, root hairs developing Hypocotyl with cotyledons emerged from seed Hypocotyl with cotyledons growing towards soil surface Emergence: cotyledons emerge through soil surface	
Principa	al growth stage 1: Leaf development ¹	
10 12 14 15 16 17 18	Cotyledons completely unfolded 2 leaves (first pair) unfolded 4 leaves (second pair) unfolded 5 leaves unfolded 6 leaves unfolded 7 leaves unfolded 8 leaves unfolded 9 or more leaves unfolded	
Principa	al growth stage 3: Stem elongation	
30 31 32 33 3.	Beginning of stem elongation 1 visibly extended internode 2 visibly extended internodes 3 visibly extended internodes Stages continuous till 9 or more visibly extended internodes	
Principa	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence	
51 53 55 57 59	Inflorescence just visible between youngest leaves Inflorescence separating from youngest leaves, bracts distinguishable from foliage leaves Inflorescence separated from youngest foliage leaf Inflorescence clearly separated from foliage leaves Ray florets visible between the bracts; inflorescence still closed	

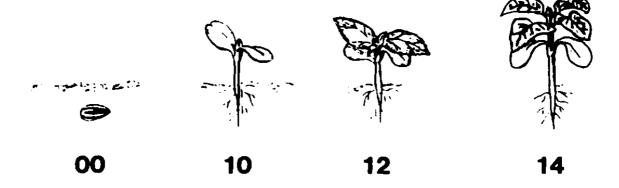
 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Stem elongation may occur earlier than stage 19; in this case continue with the principal stage 3

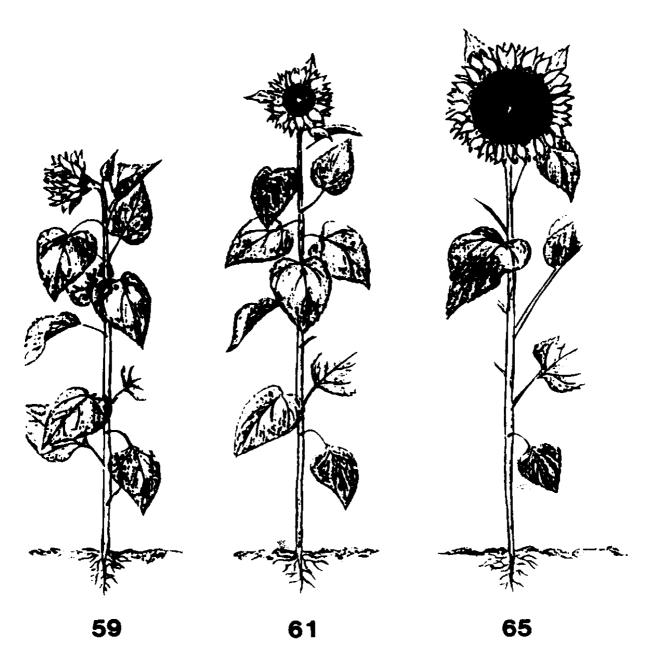
Sunflower Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Lancashire et al., 1991

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of sunflower

Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 6: Flowering
61	Beginning of flowering: ray florets extended, disc florets visible in outer third of inflorescence
63	Disc florets in outer third of inflorescence in bloom (stamens and stigmata visible)
65	Full flowering: disc florets in middle third of inflorescence in bloom (stames and stigmata visible)
67	Flowering declining: disc florets in inner third of inflorescence in bloom (stames and stigmata visible)
69	End of flowering: most disc florets have finished flowering, ray florets dry or fallen
Princip	al growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	Seeds on outer edge of the inflorescence are grey and have reached final size
73	Seeds on outer third of the inflorescence are grey and have reached final size
75	Seeds on middle third of the inflorescence are grey and have reached final size
79	Seeds on inner third of the inflorescence are grey and have reached final size
Princip	al growth stage 8: Ripening
80	Beginning of ripening: seeds on outer third of anthocarp black and hard. Back of anthocarp still green
81	Seeds on outer third of anthocarp dark and hard. Back ofanthocarp still green
83	Dark of anthocarp yellowish-green, bracts still green. Seeds about 50% dry matter
85	Seeds about 50% dry matter Seeds on middle third of anthocarp dark and hard. Back of anthocarp yellow, bracts brown edged. Seeds about 60% dry matter
87	Physiological ripeness: back of the anthocarp yellow. Bracts marbled brown. Seeds about 75–80% dry matter
89	Fully ripe: seeds on inner third of anthocarp dark and hard. Back of anthocarp brown. Bracts brown. Seeds about 85% dry matter
Princip	al growth stage 9:
92	Over ripe, seeds over 90% dry matter
97 99	Plant dead and dry Harvested product

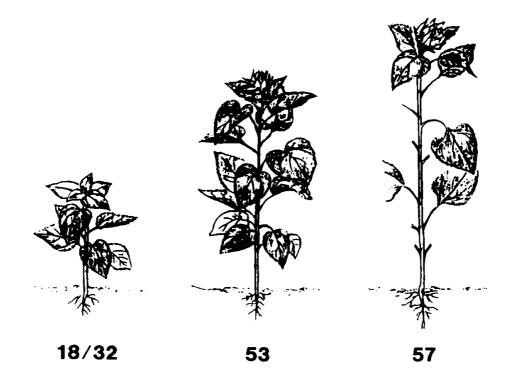
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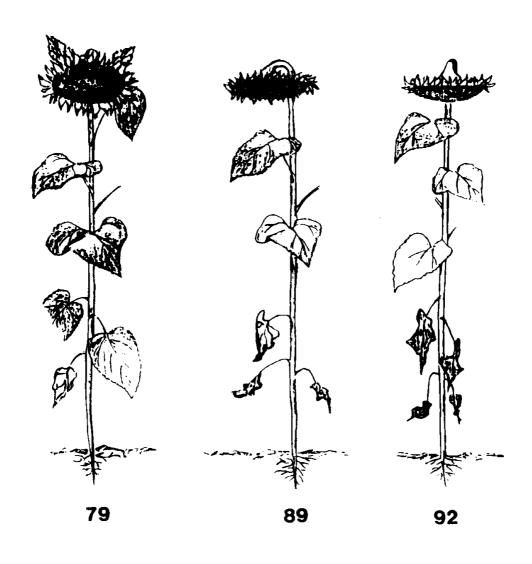




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Sunflower





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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of beet

(Beta vulgaris L. ssp. vulgaris)

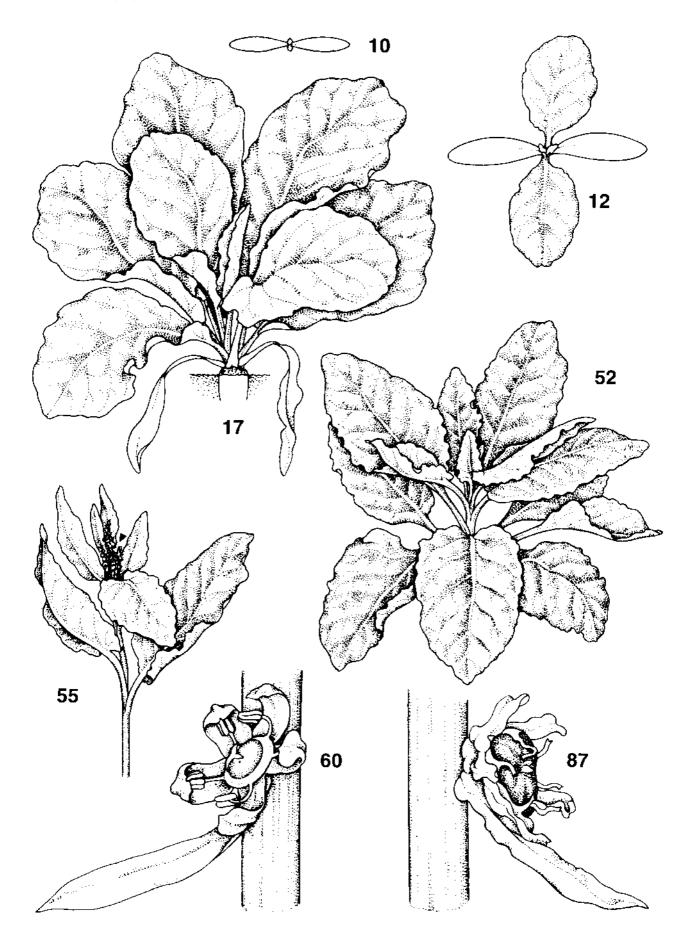
(Bota valgario E. 35p. valgario)		
Code	Description	
Principal	growth stage 0: Germination	
00 01 03 05 07 09	Dry seed Beginning of imbibition: seeds begins to take up water Seed imbibition complete (pellet cracked) Radicle emerged from seed (pellet) Shoot emerged from seed (pellet) Emergence: shoot emerges through soil surface	
Principal	growth stage 1: Leaf development (youth stage)	
10 11 12 14 15 1.	First leaf visible (pinhead-size): cotyledons horizontally unfolded First pair of leaves visible, not yet unfolded (pea-size) 2 leaves (first pair of leaves) unfolded 4 leaves (2nd pair of leaves) unfolded 5 leaves unfolded Stages continuous till 9 and more leaves unfolded	
Principal	growth stage 3: Rosette growth (crop cover)	
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39	Beginning of crop cover: leaves cover 10% of ground Leaves cover 20% of ground Leaves cover 30% of ground Leaves cover 40% of ground Leaves cover 50% of ground Leaves cover 60% of ground Leaves cover 70% of ground Leaves cover 80% of ground Crop cover complete: leaves cover 90% of ground	
Principal	growth stage 4: Development of harvestable vegetative plant parts Beet root	
49	Beet root has reached harvestable size	
Principal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence (2nd year of growth)	
51 52 53 54 55 59	Beginning of elongation of main stem Main stem 20 cm long Side shoot buds visible on main stem Side shoots clearly visible on main stem First individual flower buds on side shoots visible First bracts visible; flower buds still closed	

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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of beet

Code	Description	
Principal growth stage 6: Flowering		
60 61 62 63 64 65 67	First flowers open Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open 20% of flowers open 30% of flowers open 40% of flowers open Full flowering: 50% of flowers open Flowering declining: 70% of flowers open or dry End of flowering: all flowers dry, fruit set visible	
Principal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit	
71 75	Beginning of seed development: seeds visible in infructescence Pericarp green; fruit still mouldable; perisperm milky; colour of seed coat: beige	
Principal growth stage 8: Ripening		
81 85 87 89	Beginning of ripening: pericarp green-brown, seed coat light brown Pericarp light brown, seed coat reddish brown Pericarp hard, seed coat dark brown Fully ripe: seed coat final colour (specific to variety and species), perisperm hard	
Principal growth stage 9: Senescence		
91 93 95 97 99	Beginning of leaf discolouration Most leaves yellowish 50% of leaves brownish Leaves dead Harvested product (seeds)	

Beet



Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of potato

(Solanum tuberosum L.)

Code Description of development from tuber	Description of development from seed
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2- and 3digit

Principal growth stage 0: Sprouting/Germination

00	000	Innate or enforced dormancy, tuber not sprouted	Dry seed
01	001	Beginning of sprouting:	Beginning of seed imbibition
02	002	sprouts visible (< 1 mm) Sprouts upright (< 2 mm)	seed impibilion
03	003	End of dormancy: sprouts 2–3 mm	Seed imbibition complete
05	005	Beginning of root formation	Radicle (root) emerged from seed
07	007	Beginning of stem formation	Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking
80	800	Stems growing towards soil surface, formation of scale leaves in the axils	Hypocotyl with cotyledons growing
09	009	of which stolons will develop later Emergence: stems break through soil surface	towards soil surface Emergence: cotyledons break through soil surface
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¹ For second generation sprouts

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of potato

Code		Description of development from tuber and seed
2- a	nd 3dig	jit
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 1: Leaf development
10	100	From tuber: first leaves begin to extend
		From seed: cotyledons completely unfolded
11	101	1st leaf of main stem unfolded (> 4 cm)
12	102	2nd leaf of main stem unfolded (> 4 cm)
13	103	3rd leaf Auf main stem unfolded (> 4 cm)
1.	10.	Stages continuous till
19	109	9 or more leaves of main stem unfolded (> 4cm) (2digit); ²
		9 leaves of main stem unfolded (> 4 cm) (3digit)
	110	10th leaf of main stem unfolded (> 4 cm)
	11.	Stages continuous till
	119	19. leaf of main stem unfolded (> 4 cm)
	121	First leaf of 2nd order branch above first inflorescence unfolded (> 4 cm)
	122	2nd leaf of 2nd order branch above first inflorescence
		unfolded (> 4 cm)
	12.	Stages continuous till
	131	First leaf of 3rd order branch above 2nd inflorescence
		unfolded (> 4 cm)
	132	2nd leaf of 3rd order branch above 2nd inflorescence unfolded (> 4 cm)
	13.	Stages continuous till
	1NX	Xth leaf of nth order branch above n-1th inflorescence

unfolded (> 4 cm)

² Stem development stops after termination of main stem by an inflorescence. Branches arise from axils of upper leaves of the main stem, exhibiting a sympodial branching pattern

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of potato

of potato			
Cod	les	Description	
2- and 3digit		it	
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 2: Formation of basal side shoots below and above soil surface (main stem)	
21 22 23 2. 29	201 202 203 20 . 209	First basal side shoot visible (> 5 cm) 2nd basal side shoot visible (> 5 cm) 3rd basal side shoot visible (> 5 cm) Stages continuous till 9 or more basal side shoots visible (> 5 cm)	
2- a	nd 3dig	it	
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 3: Main stem elongation (crop cover)	
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39	301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309	Beginning of crop cover: 10% of plants meet between rows 20% off plants meet between rows 30% of plants meet between rows 40% of plants meet between rows 50% of plants meet between rows 60% of plants meet between rows 70% of plants meet between rows 70% of plants meet between rows 80% of plants meet between rows 70% of plants meet between rows 80% of plants meet between rows Crop cover complete: about 90% of plants meet between rows	
2- a	nd 3dig	it	
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 4: Tuber formation	
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48	400 401 402 403 404 405 406 407 408	Tuber initiation: swelling of first stolon tips to twice the diameter of subtending stolon 10% of total final tuber mass reached 20% of total final tuber mass reached 30% of total final tuber mass reached 40% of total final tuber mass reached 50% of total final tuber mass reached 50% of total final tuber mass reached 60% of total final tuber mass reached 70% of total final tuber mass reached Maximum of total tuber mass reached, tubers detach easily from stolons, skin set not yet complete (skin easily removable with thumb)	
49	409	Skin set complete: (skin at apical end of tuber not removable with thumb) 95% of tubers in this stage	

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of potato

Codes Description		Description	
2- a	2- and 3digit		
Principal growth stage 5: Inflorescence (cyme) emergence		growth stage 5: Inflorescence (cyme) emergence	
51	501	First individual buds (1–2 mm) of first inflorescence visible (main stem)	
55 59	505 509	Buds of first inflorescence extended to 5 mm First flower petals of first inflorescence visible	
2- a	nd 3dig	it	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence (continuation)	
	521	Individual buds of 2nd inflorescence visible (second order branch)	
	525 529	Buds of 2nd inflorescence extended to 5 mm open (main stem) First flower petals of 2nd inflorescence visible above sepals	
	531 535	Individuell buds of 3rd inflorescence visible(3rd order branch) Buds of 3rd inflorescence extended to 5 mm	
	539 5N .	First flower petals of 3rd inflorescence visible above sepals Nth inflorescence emerging	
2- and 3digit			
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 6: Flowering	
60 61	600 601	First open flowers in population Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers in the first inflorescence open (main stem)	
62	602	20% of flowers in the first inflorescence open	
63 64	603 604	30% of flowers in the first inflorescence open 40% of flowers in the first inflorescence open	
65	605	Full flowering: 50% of flowers in the first inflorescence open	
66	606	60% of flowers in the first inflorescence open	
67	607	70% of flowers in the first inflorescence open	
68	608	80% of flowers in the first inflorescence open	
69	609	End of flowering in the first inflorescence	

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of potato

Codes	Description
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Principal	growth stage 6: Flowering (continuation)
621	Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers in the 2nd inflorescence open (second order branch)
625	Full flowering: 50% of flowers in the 2nd inflorescence open
629	End of flowering in the 2nd inflorescence
631	Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers in the 3rd inflorescence open (third order branch)
635	Full flowering: 50% of flowers in the 3rd inflorescence open
639	End of flowering in the 3rd inflorescence
6N .	Nth inflorescence flowering
6N9	End of flowering

2- and 3digit

Principal growth stage 7: Development of fruit

70	700	First berries visible
71	701	10% of berries in the first fructification have reached full size
		(main stem)
72	702	20% of berries in the first fructification have reached full size
73	703	30% of berries in the first fructification have reached full size
7.	70 .	Stages continuous till
	721	10% of berries in the 2nd fructification have reached full size
		(second order branch)
	7N .	Development of berries in nth fructification
	7N9	Nearly all berries in the nth fructification have reached full size
		(or have been shed)

2- and 3digit

Principal growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed

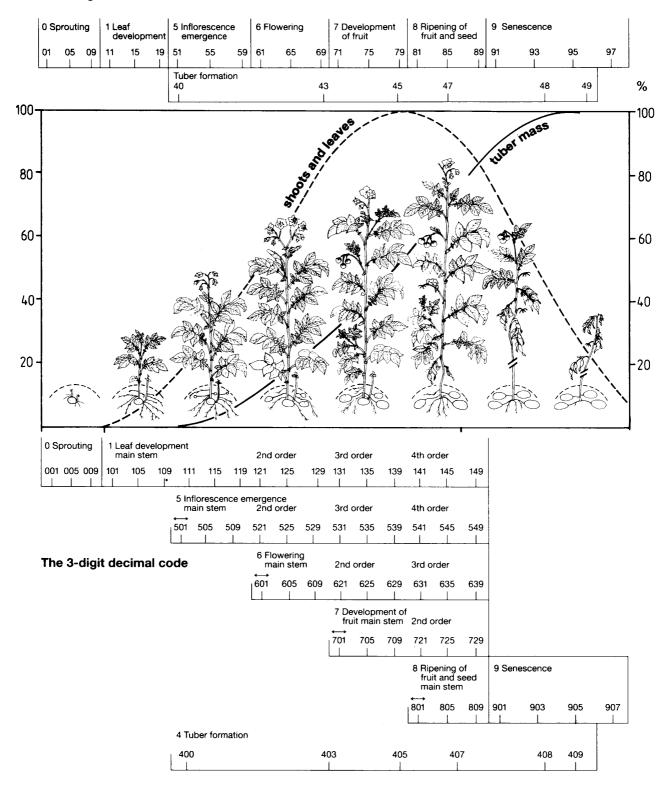
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81	801	Berries in the first fructification still green, seed light-coloured (main stem)
85	805	Berries in the first fructification ochre-coloured or brownish
89	809	Berries in the first fructification shrivelled, seed dark
	821	Berries in the 2nd fructification still green, seed light-coloured (second order branch)
	8N .	Ripening of fruit and seed in nth fructification

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of potato

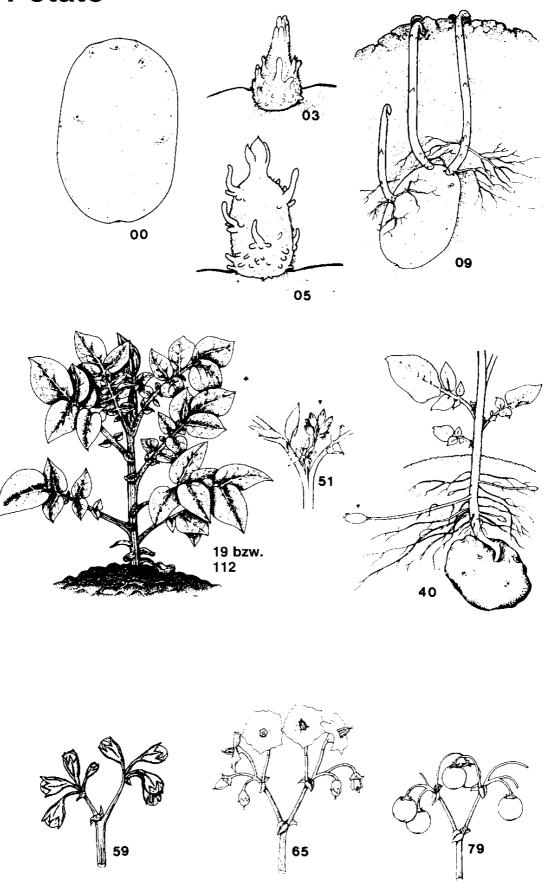
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Pri	ncipal	growth stage 9: Senescence
91	901	Beginning of leaf yellowing
93	903	Most of the leaves yellowish
95	905	50% of the leaves brownish
97	907	Leaves and stem dead, stems bleached and dry
99	909	Harvested product

Potato

The 2-digit decimal code



Potato



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Phenological growth stages and identification keys of pome fruit

(apple = *Malus domestica* Borkh., pear = *Pyrus communis* L.)

Code	Description
Principa	al growth stage 0: Sprouting/Bud development
00	Dormancy: leaf buds and the thicker inflorescence buds closed and covered by dark brown scales
01	Beginning of leaf bud swelling: buds visibly swollen, bud scales elongated, with light coloured patches
03	End of leaf bud swelling: bud scales light coloured with some parts densely covered by hairs
07	Beginning of bud break: first green leaf tips just visible
09	Green leaf tips about 5 mm above bud scales
Principa	al growth stage 1: Leaf development
10	Mouse-ear stage: Green leaf tips 10 mm above the bud scales; first leaves separating
11	First leaves unfolded (others still unfolding)
15	More leaves unfolded, not yet at full size
19	First leaves fully expanded
Principa	al growth stage 3: Shoot development ¹
31	Beginning of shoot growth: axes of developing shoots visible
32	Shoots about 20% of final length
33 3 .	Shoots about 30% of final length Stages continuous till
39	Shoots about 90% of final length
Principa	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
51	Inflorescence buds swelling: bud scales elongated, with light coloured patches
52	End of bud swelling: light coloured bud scales visible with parts densely covered by hairs
53	Bud burst: green leaf tips enclosing flowers visible
54	Mouse-ear stage: green leaf tips 10 mm above bud scales;
	first leaves separating
55	Flower buds visible (still closed)
56 57	Green bud stage: single flowers separating (still closed) Pink bud stage: flower petals elongating; sepals slightly open;
57	petals just visible
59	Most flowers with petals forming a hollow ball

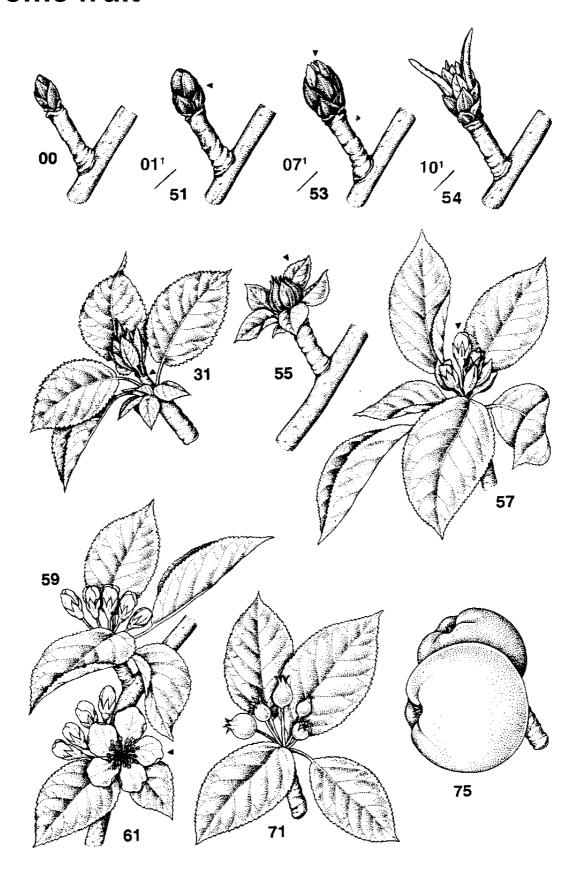
¹ From terminal bud

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Phenological growth stages and identification keys of pome fruit

Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 6: Flowering
60	First flowers open
61	Beginning of flowering: about 10% of flowers open
62	About 20% of flowers open
63	About 30% of flowers open
64	About 40% of flowers open
65	Full flowering: at least 50% of flowers open, first petals falling
67	Flowers fading: majority of petals fallen
69	End of flowering: all petals fallen
Princip	al growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	Fruit size up to 10 mm; fruit fall after flowering
72	Fruit size up to 20 mm
73	Second fruit fall
74	Fruit diameter up to 40 mm; fruit erect
	(T-stage: underside of fruit and stalk forming a T)
75	Fruit about half final size
76	Fruit about 60% final size
77	Fruit about 70% final size
78	Fruit about 80% final size
79	Fruit about 90% final size
Princip	al growth stage 8: Maturity of fruit and seed
81	Beginning of ripening: first appearance of cultivar-specific colour
85	Advanced ripening: increase in intensity of cultivar-specific colour
87	Fruit ripe for picking
89	Fruit ripe for consumption: fruit have typical taste and firmness
Princip	al growth stage 9: Senescence, beginning of dormancy
91	Shoot growth completed; terminal bud developed; foliage still
	fully green
92	Leaves begin to discolour
93	Beginning of leaf fall
95	50% of leaves discoloured
97	All leaves fallen
99	Harvested product

Pome fruit



1 Leave bud smaller and slimer, directly on the long sprout

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Stone fruit Meier et al., 1994

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of stone fruit

(cherry = Prunus cerasus L., plum = Prunus domestica L. ssp. domestica, peach = Prunus persica Batsch., apricot = Prunus ameriaca L.)

Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 0: Sprouting/Bud development
00	Dormancy: leaf buds and the thicker inflorescence buds closed and covered by dark brown scales
01	Beginning of bud swelling (leaf buds); light brown scales visible, scales with light coloured edges
03	End of leaf bud swelling: scales separated, light green bud sections visible
09	Green leaf tips visible: brown scales fallen, buds enclosed by light green scales
Princip	al growth stage 1: Leaf development
10	First leaves separating: green scales slightly open, leaves emerging
11 19	First leaves unfolded, axis of developing shoot visible First leaves fully expanded
Princip	al growth stage 3: Shoot development 1
31 32 33 3.	Beginning of shoot growth: axes of developing shoots visible Shoots about 20% of final length Shoots about 30% of final length Stages continuous till Shoots about 90% of final length
Princip	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
51	Inflorescence buds swelling: buds closed, light brown scales visible
53 54	Bud burst: scales separated, light green bud sections visible Inflorescence enclosed by light green scales, if such scales are formed (not all cultivars)
55	Single flower buds visible (still closed) borne on short stalks, green scales slightly open
56 57	Flower pedicel elongating; sepals closed; single flowers separating Sepals open: petal tips visible; single flowers with white or pink petals (still closed)
59	Most flowers with petals forming a hollow ball

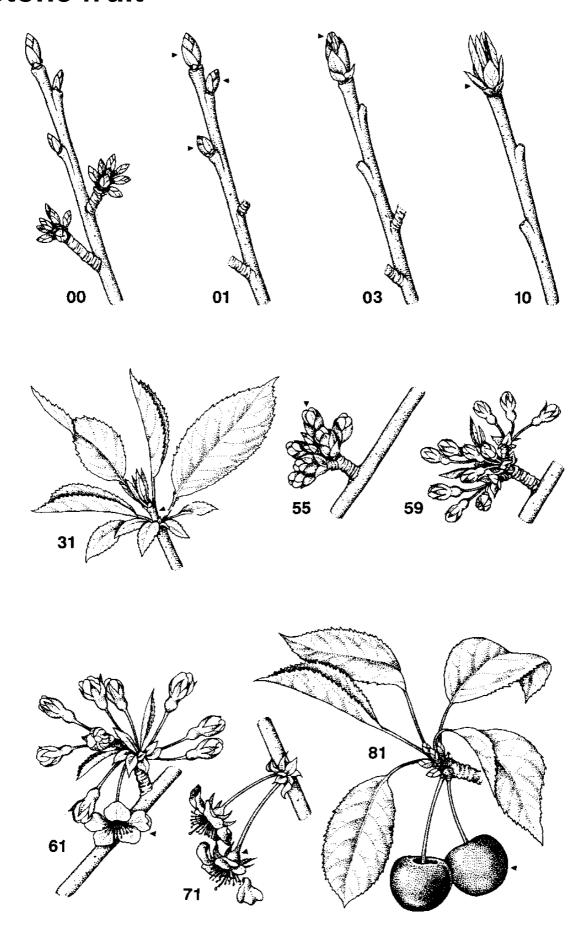
¹ From terminal bud

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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of stone fruit

Code	Description
Principa	al growth stage 6: Flowering
60	First flowers open
61	Beginning of flowering: about 10% of flowers open
62	About 20% of flowers open
63	About 30% of flowers open
64	About 40% of flowers open
65 67	Full flowering: at least 50% of flowers open, first petals falling
67 69	Flowers fading: majority of petals fallen End of flowering: all petals fallen
	End of nowering, all petals falleri
Principa	al growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	Ovary growing; fruit fall after flowering
72	Green ovary surrounded by dying sepal crown,
	sepals beginning to fall
73	Second fruit fall
75	Fruit about half final size
76 77	Fruit about 60% of final size Fruit about 70% of final size
77 78	Fruit about 70% of final size Fruit about 80% of final size
79	Fruit about 90% of final size
	Truit about 00 /0 of final 0120
Principa	al growth stage 8: Maturity of fruit and seed
81	Beginning of fruit colouring
85	Colouring advanced
87	Fruit ripe for picking
89	Fruit ripe for consumption: fruit have typical taste and firmness
Principa	al growth stage 9: Senescence, beginning of dormancy
91	Shoot growth completed; foliage still fully green
92	Leaves begin to discolour
93	Beginning of leaf fall
95	50% of leaves discoloured or fallen
97	All leaves fallen
99	Harvested product

Stone fruit



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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of currants

(black currant = *Ribes nigrum* L., red currant = *Ribes rubrum* L.)

Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 0: Sprouting/Bud development
00	Dormancy: leaf buds and the thicker inflorescence buds closed and covered by dark brown scales
01	Beginning of bud swelling: bud scales elongated
03	End of bud swelling: edges of bud scales light coloured
07	Beginning of bud burst: first green or red leaf tips just visible
09	Leaf tips extended beyond scales
Principal	growth stage 1: Leaf development
10	Leaf tips above the bud scales: first leaves separating
11	First leaves unfolded (others still unfolding)
15	More leaves unfolded, not yet full size
19	First leaves fully expanded

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Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 3: Shoot development ¹
31 32 33 3.	Beginning of shoot growth: axes of developing shoots visible Shoots about 20% of final length Shoots about 30% of final length Stages continuous till Shoots about 90% of final length
Princip	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
51	Inflorescence buds and leaf buds swelling: buds closed, light brown scales visible
53	Bud burst: scales separated light green but sections visible
54	Green or red leaf tips above bud scales
55	First flower buds (compact raceme) visible beside unfolded leaves
56	Beginning of raceme elongation
57	First flower bud separated on elongating raceme
59	Grape stage: all flower buds separated
Princip	al growth stage 6: Flowering
60	First flowers open
61	Beginning of flowering: about 10% of flowers open
65	Full flowering: at least 50% of flowers open, first petals falling
67 69	Flowers fading: majority of petals fallen End of flowering: all petals fallen
Princip	al growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	Beginning of fruit growth: first fruits visible at raceme base
72	20% of fruits formed
73	30% of fruits formed
74	40% of fruits formed
75	50% of fruits formed
76 77	60% of fruits formed
77 78	70% of fruits formed 80% of fruits formed
70 79	90% of fruits formed
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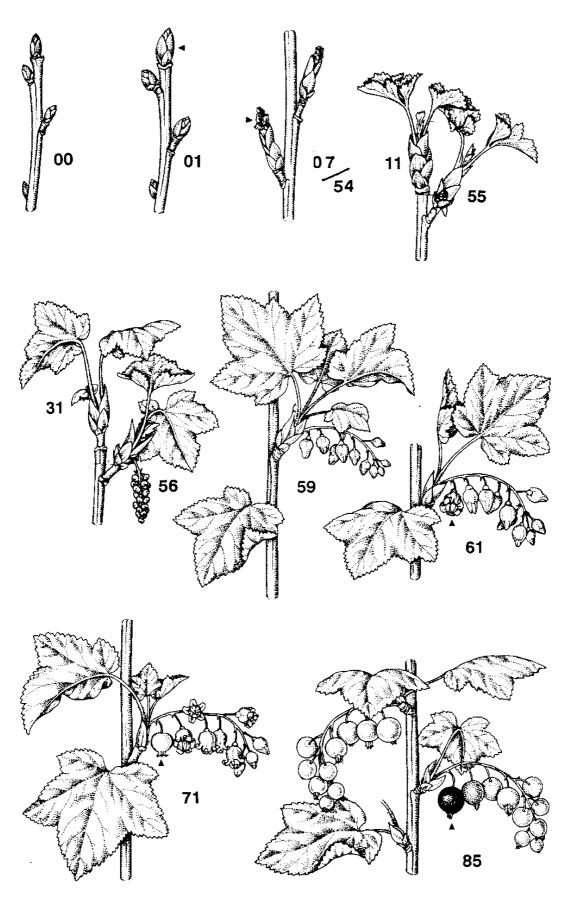
¹ From terminal bud

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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of currants

Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 8: Maturity of fruit and seed
81 85	Beginning of ripening: change to cultivar-specific fruit color Advanced ripening: first berries at base of racemes have cultivar-specific color
87	Fruit ripe for picking: most berries ripe
89	Berries at base of racemes tending to drop (beginning of fruit abscission)
Principal	growth stage 9: Senescence, beginning of dormancy
91	Shoot growth completed; terminal bud developed; foliage still fully green
92	Leaves begin to discolour
93	Beginning of leaf fall
95	50% of leaves discoloured or fallen
97	All leaves fallen
99	Harvested product

Currants



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Strawberry Meier et al., 1994

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of strawberry

(Fragaria ananassa Duch.)

Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 0: Sprouting/Bud development
00 03	Dormancy: Leaves prostrate and partly dead Main bud swelling
Princip	al growth stage 1: Leaf development
10 11 12 13 1.	First leaf emerging First leaf unfolded 2nd leaf unfolded 3rd leaf unfolded' Stages continuous till 9 or more leaves unfolded
Princip	al growth stage 4: Development of stolons and young plants
41 42 43	Beginning of stolon (runner) formation: stolons visible (about 2 cm long) First daughter plant visible Beginning of root development in first daughter plant
45 49	First daughter plant with roots (ready for planting) Several daughter plants with roots (ready for planting)
Princip	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
55 56	First set flowers at the bottom of the rosette Inflorescence elongating
57 58	First flower buds emerged (still closed) Early balloon stage: first flowers with petals forming a hollow ball
59	Most flowers with petals forming a hollow ball
Princip	al growth stage 6: Flowering
60	First flowers open (primary or A-flower)
61 65	Beginning of flowering: about 10% of flowers open Full flowering: secondary (B) and tertiary (C) flowers open, first petals falling
67	Flowers fading: majority of petals fallen

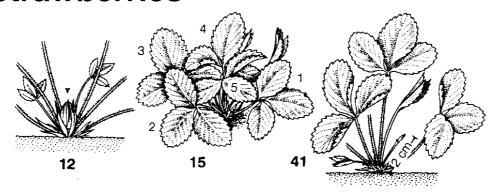
Normally after the three leaf stage the bud development occurs in principal growth stage 5

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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of strawberry

Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71 73	Receptacle protruding from sepal whorl Seeds clearly visible on receptacle tissue
Principal	growth stage 8: Maturity of fruit
81 85 87 89	Beginning of ripening: most fruits white in colour First fruits have cultivar-specific colour Main harvest: more fruits coloured Second harvest: more fruits coloured
Principal	growth stage 9: Senescence, beginning of dormancy
91	Beginning of axillary bud formation
92	New leaves with smaller lamina and shortened stalk visible
93	Old leaves dying, young leaves curling; old leaves of cultivarspecific colour
97	Old leaves dead

Strawberries





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Citrus Agusti et al., 1995

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of citrus

(Citrus spp. L.),

(Оппаз эрр. с.),	
Code	Description
Principa	al growth stage 0: Sprouting/Bud development
00	Dormancy: leaf and inflorescence buds undifferentiated, closed and covered by green scales
01	Beginning of bud swelling
03	End of bud swelling: green scales slightly separated
07 09	Beginning of bud burst Green leaf tips visible
Principa	al growth stage 1: Leaf development
10	First leaves separating: green scales slightly open, leaves emerging
11	First leaves visible ¹
15	More leaves visible, not yet at full size
19	First leaves fully expanded
Principa	al growth stage 3: Shoot development
31	Beginning of shoot growth: axes of developing shoots visible
32	Shoots about 20% of final length
39	Shoots about 90% of final length
Principa	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
51	Inflorescence buds swelling: buds closed, light green scales visible
53	Bud burst: scales separated, floral tips visible
55	Flowers visible, still closed (green bud), borne on single
50	or multiflowered leafy or leafless inflorescences
56	Flower petals elongating; sepals covering half corolla (white bud)
57	Sepals open: petal tips visible; flowers with white
0.	or purplish petals, still closed
59	Most flowers with petals forming a hollow ball

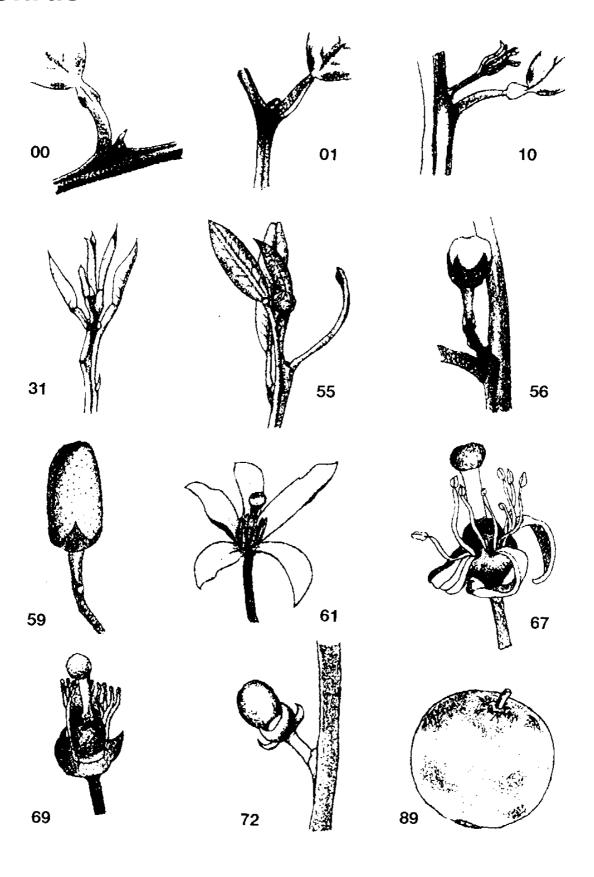
¹ In Citrus the term "visible" replaces "unfolded" used for other fruit species. Leaf unfolding takes place precociously in citrus

Citrus Agusti et al., 1995

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of citrus

Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 6: Flowering
60 61 65 67 69	First flowers open Beginning of flowering: about 10% of flowers open Full flowering: 50% of flowers open; first petals falling Flowers fading: majority of petals fallen End of flowering: all petals fallen
Princip	al growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	Fruit set; beginning of ovary growth; beginning of fruitlets abscission
72	Green fruit surrounded by sepal crown
73	Some fruits slightly yellow: beginning of physiological fruit drop
74	Fruits about 40% of final size.
79	Dark green fruit: end of physiological fruit drop Fruits about 90% of final size
Princip	al growth stage 8: Maturity of fruit
81	Beginning of fruit colouring (colour-break)
83	Fruit ripe for picking; fruit has not yet developed variety-specific colour
85	Advanced ripening; increase in intensity of variety-specific colour
89	Fruit ripe for consumption; fruit has typical taste and firmness; beginning of senescence and fruit abscission
Princip	al growth stage 9: Senescence, beginning of dormancy
91	Shoot growth complete; foliage fully green
93	Beginning of senescense and abscission of old leaves
97	Winter dormancy period

Citrus



Olive Sanz-Cortés et al., 2002

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of olive tree ($Olea\ europaea\ L.$)

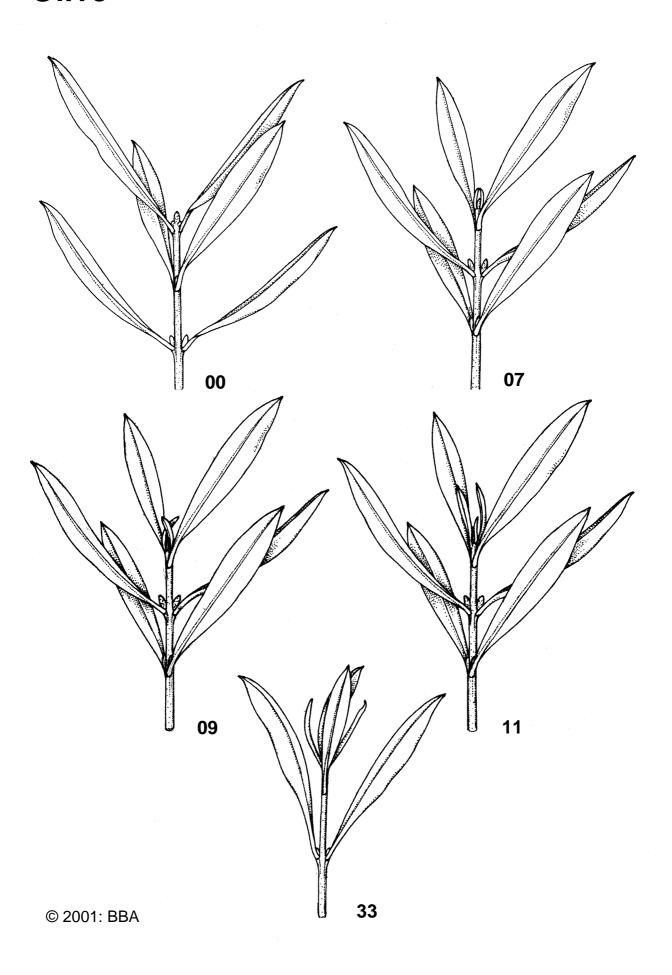
Code	Description
Principa	l growth stage 0: Bud development
00	Foliar buds at the apex of shoots grown the previous crop-year are completely closed, sharp-pointed, stemless and ochrecoloured (Fig. 1: 00).
01	Foliar buds start to swell and open, showing the new foliar primordia.
03	Foliar buds lengthen and separate from the base.
07	External small leaves open, not completely separated, remaining joined by apices (Fig. 1: 07).
09	External small leaves opening further with their tips inter crossing (Fig. 1: 09)
Principa	l growth stage 1: Leaf development
11	First leaves completely separated. Grey-greenish coloured (Fig. 1: 11)
15	The leaves are more separated without reaching their final size. First leaves turn greenish on the upperside.
19	Leaves get the typical variety size and shape.
Principa	l growth stage 3: Shoot development
31	Shoots reach 10 % of final size.
33	Shoots reach 30 % of final size (Fig. 1: 33).
37	Shoots reach 70 % of final size.
Principa	l growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence.
50	Inflorescence buds in leaf axiles are completely closed. They are sharp-pointed, stemless and ochre-coloured.
51	Inflorescence buds start to swell on its stem.
52	Inflorescence buds open. Flower cluster development starts (Fig 1: 53).
54	Flower cluster growing
55	Flower cluster totally expanded. Floral buds start to open (Fig 1: 55).
57	The corolla, green-coloured, is longer than calyx (Fig 1: 57).
59	The corolla changes from green to white colour.

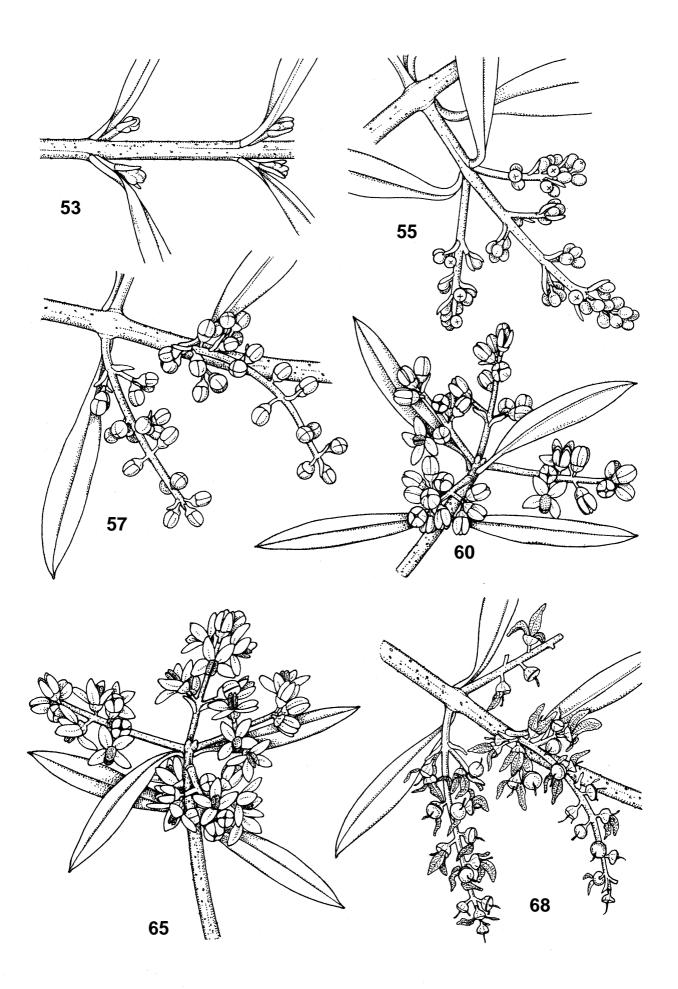
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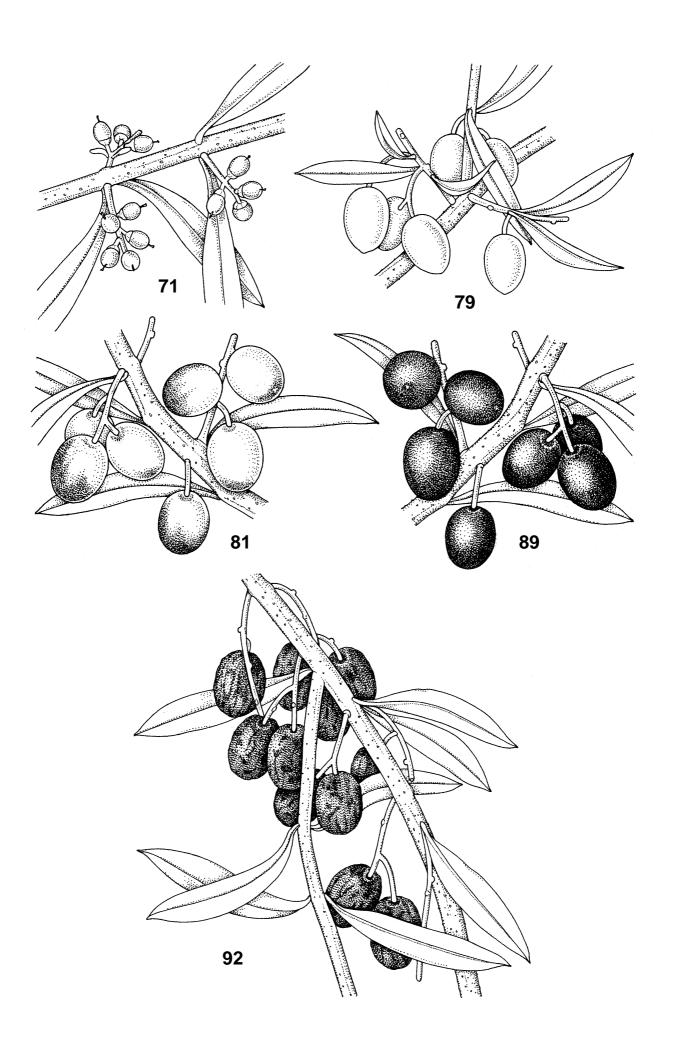
Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of olive tree (Olea europaea L.)

Code	Description
Principal g	growth stage 6: Flowering
60 61 65 67 68 69	First flowers open (Fig 1: 60). Begining of flowering: 10 % of flowers open. Full flowering: at least 50 % of flowers open (Fig 1: 65). First petals falling. Majority of petals fallen or faded (Fig 1: 68). End of flowering, fruit set, non-fertilized ovaries fallen.
Principal g	growth stage 7: Fruit development
71 75 79	Fruit size about 10 % of final size (Fig 1: 71). Fruit size about 50 % of final size. Stone starts to lignificate (it shows cutting resistance). Fruit size about 90 % of final size. Fruit suitable for picking green olives (Fig 1: 79).
Principal g	growth stage 8: Maturity of fruit
80 81 85 89	Fruit deep green colour becomes light green, yellowish. Begining of fruit colouring (Fig 1: 81). Increasing of specific fruit colouring. Harvest maturity: fruits get the typical variety colour, remaining turgid, suitable for oil extraction (Fig. 1: 89).
Principal g	growth stage 9: Senescence
92	Overripe: fruits lose turgidity and start to fall (Fig 1: 92).

Olive







Coffee Arcila-Pulgarín et al., 2002

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the coffee plant (Coffea sp.)

Code	Description
Principal (growth stage 0: Germination, vegetative propagation
00	Dry seed (11-12% moisture content), beige color if parchment present or bluish-green if parchment and silver skin removed. Cutting (orthotropic, mononodal, 60 mm long, two half trimmed leaves). Stump with bulky nodes and no buds visible
01	Beginning of seed imbibition, bean swollen, whitish, no radicle visible. Cutting planted in rooting media, no shoots visible, no callus visible
02	Seed imbibition complete, bean whitish, small swelling visible at one end of bean where the embryo is located. Callus formation begins on cuttings. Bud burst start on stumps
05	Seed radicle protrusion and hooking. Shoot and root formation on the cuttings. Green, rounded buds visible on the stumps
06	Elongation of radicle, formation of root hairs and lateral roots on seeds and cuttings.
07	Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through the seed coat. Cuttings have formed shoots and branched roots.
09	Emergence: Seeds have emerged from soil and show the hypocotile with cotyledons still enclosed in the parchment. The cuttings present roots 6-7 cm. long and shoots with 1-2 nodes. Stumps show sprouts with first leaf initials.
Principal g	prowth stage 1: Leaf development on main shoot of the young plant, and branches of the coffee tree
10	Cotyledons completely unfolded. First pair of true leaves separating on shoot or first pair of true leaves separating on branch of the coffee tree
11	first leaf pair unfolded, not yet at full size. Leaves are light green or bronze
12	2 leaf pairs unfolded, not yet at full size. Leaves are light green or bronze
13	3 leaf pairs unfolded, not yet full size. The third leaf pair from apex is dark green
14	4 leaf pairs unfolded. The fourth leaf pair from apex is dark green and has reached full size
1. 19	Stages continues till 9 or more leaf pairs unfolded

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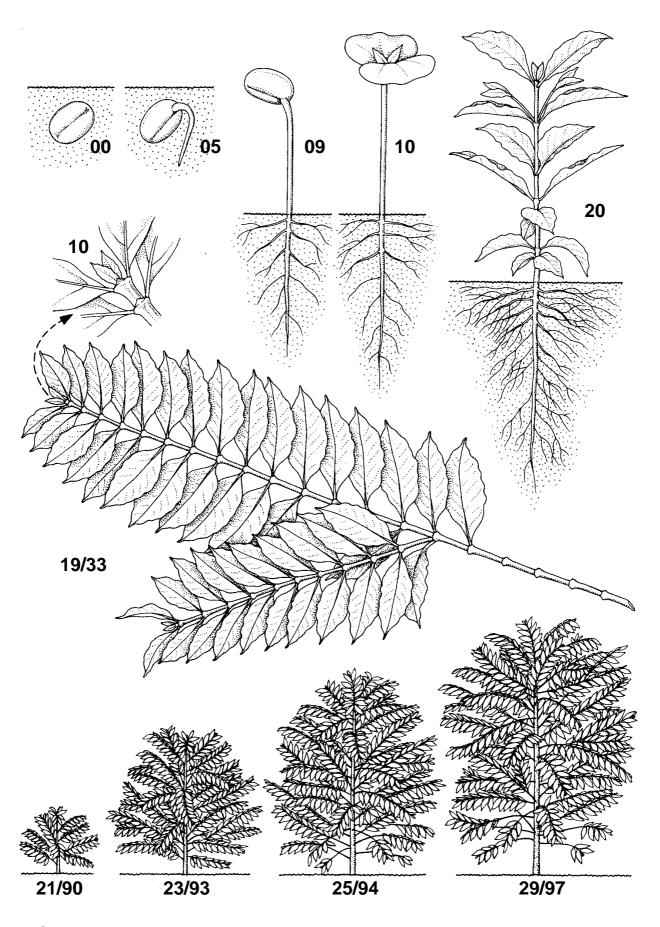
Code	Description			
Principal growth stage 2: Formation of branches (only for plants in the field)				
20	First pair of primary branches are visible			
21	10 pair of primary branches visible			
22	20 pair of primary branches visible			
23	30 pair of primary branches visible			
2.	Stages continues till			
29	90 or more pairs of primary branches visible			
Principa	l growth stage 3: Branch elongation			
31	10 nodes present in the branch(es)			
32	20 nodes present in the branch(es)			
3.	Stages continues till			
39	90 or more nodes present in the branch(es)			
Principa	I growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence			
51	Inflorescence buds swelling in leaf axils			
53	Inflorescence buds burst and covered by brown mucilage; no flowers visible			
57	Flowers visible, still closed and tightly join, borne on multiflowered inflorescence (3-4 flowers per inflorescence)			
58	Flowers visible, untight, still closed, petals 4-6 mm long and green (dormant stage)			
59	Flowers with petals elongated (6-10 mm long), still closed and white color.			
Principa	l growth stage 6: Flowering			
60	First flowers open			
61	10% of flowers open			
63	30% of flowers open			
65	50% of flowers open			
67	70% of flowers open			
69	90% of flowers open			

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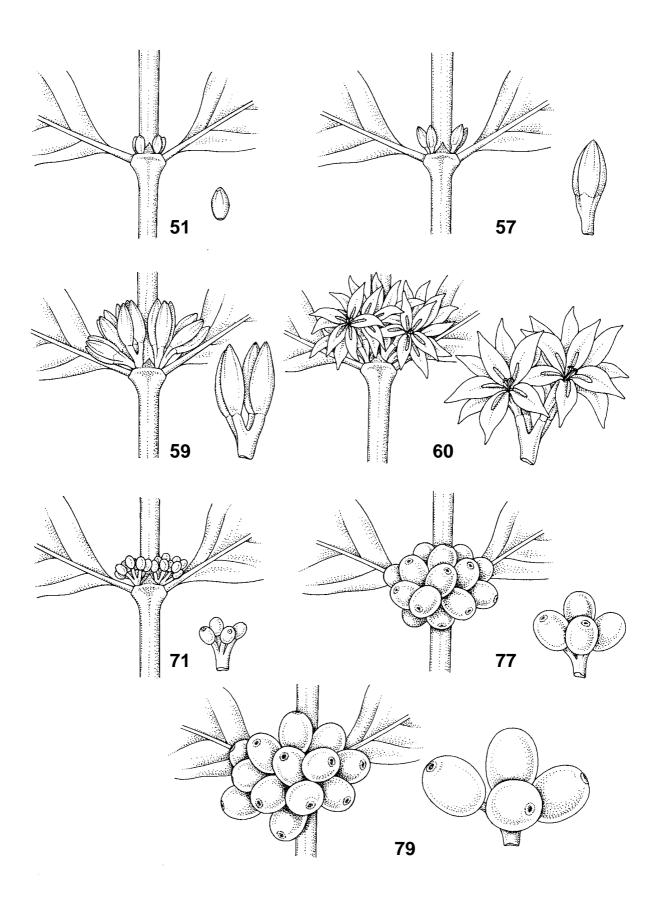
Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the coffee plant (Coffea sp.)

Code	Description
Principa	Il growth stage 7: Development of fruit
70	Fruits visible as small yellowish berries
71	Fruit set. Beginning of berry growth. Fruits have reached 10% of final size (pinheads).
73	Fruits are light green and contents are liquid and crystalline. Fruits have reached 30% of final size (fast growth).
75	Fruits are light green and its contents are liquid and crystalline. Fruits have reached 50% of final size.
77	Fruits are dark green and its contents are solid and white. Fruits have reached 70% of final size.
79	Fruits are pale green and its contents are solid and white. Physiological maturity is complete. Fruits have reached 90% of final size.
Principa	ll growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed
81	Beginning of change of fruit coloration from pale green to yellow or red
85	Increase in intensity (variety-specific), yellow or red, fruit color; fruit not yet ready for picking.
88	Fruit is fully-ripe color and ready for picking.
89	Overripe; beginning of darkening or drying, fruits stay on the tree or abscission begins.
Principa	ll growth stage 9: Senescence
90	Shoots have completed their development; the plant appears of an intense dark green color, leaves are of normal size and harvest locates at the bottom part of the plant.
93	Older leaves change its color from deep green to yellow with red spots, and fall specially at harvesting time.
94	The foliage changes to a pale green color. Defoliation is observed on the bottom part of the main stem and lower branches.
97	The production zone has moved towards the upper parts in the main shoot and outer parts of branches, leaves are of smaller size than normal, strong defoliation is observed on the bottom and inner part of the plant, some dead branches are observed at the bottom.
98	The production zone is limited to a very few branches on the top of the shoot and a very few nodes on the tip of these branches, and the plant is heavily defoliated. A high-degree of senescence has been reached. 90% or more of the harvest completed.
99	Post harvest or storage treatments

Coffee



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Coc	Code		Description				
2-	3-	4-digit					
Prir	Principal stage 0: Sprouting or emergence						
00	000	0000	Recently planted material (plants from tissue cultures				
05	005	0005	and corns) without visible growth Emergence of the 1st new leaf in plants from tissue cultures or of the foliar shoot of the corn				
Prir	ncipal	stage 1:	Leaf development				
10	100	1000	Formation of the 1st leaf of the planted corn or the candela leaf in tissue culture plants (candela stage 0)				
		1002	Leaf 1 at candela stage 2				
		1004	Leaf 1 at candela stage 4				
		1006	Leaf I at candela stage 6				
		1008	Leaf I at candela stage 8				
11	101	1010	One leaf completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 0				
		1012	One leaf completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 2				
		1014	One leaf completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 4				
		1016	One leaf completely open and the youngest leaf at				
		1018	candela stage 6 One leaf completely open and the youngest leaf at				
12	102	1020	candela stage 8 Two leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 0				
		1022	Two leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 2				
		1024	Two leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 4				
		1026	Two leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 6				
		1028	Two leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 8				

Coc	les		Description
2-	3-	4-digit	
Prir	ncipal	stage 1:	Leaf development (cont.)
13	103	1030	Three leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 0
		1032	Three leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 2
		1034	Three leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 4
		1036	Three leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 6
		1038	Three leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 8 stages continue till
19	109	1090	9 or more leaves (only 2 digit code) or nine leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 0
		1092	Nine leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 2
		1094	Nine leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 4
		1096	Nine leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 6
		1098	Nine leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 8 stages continue till
	119	1190	Nineteen or more leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 0
		1192	Nineteen or more leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 2
		1194	Nineteen or more leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 4
		1196	Nineteen or more leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 6
		1198	Nineteen or more leaves completely open and the youngest leaf at candela stage 8

Coc	le		Description
2-	3-	4-digit	
Prir	ncipal	stage 2:	Sucker formation
21	201	2010 2011 2012	1st sucker with visible leaf 1st sucker with visible sword leaf 1st sucker with visible water leaf
22	202	2020 2021 2022	2nd sucker with visible leaf 2nd sucker with visible sword leaf 2nd sucker with visible water leaf
23	203	2030 2031 2032	3rd sucker with visible leaf 3rd sucker with visible sword leaf 3rd sucker with visible water leaf stages continue till
29	209	2090 2091 2092	nine or more suckers with visible leaf nine or more suckers with visible sword leaf nine or more suckers with visible water leaf
2-	3-	4-digit	
Prir	ncipal	stage 3:	Pseudostem elongation
35	305	3050	The pseudostem reaches 50 % of its typical thickness and length according to the genome or clone
39	309	3090	The maximum length and thickness of the pseudostem are reached according to the genome or clone and the formation of new leaves of normal size has been terminated

Coc	le		Description
2-	3-	4-digit	
Prir	ncipal	stage 4:	Leaf development of the sucker (sword sucker)
40	400	4000	Sub-phase of dependent growth: the sucker becomes visible and develops the leaf shoot
41	401	4011 4012 4013 4014 4015 4016 4017 4018 4019	Development of the 1st lanceolate leaf Development of the 2nd lanceolate leaf Development of the 3rd lanceolate leaf Development of the 4th lanceolate leaf Development of the 5th lanceolate leaf Development of the 6th lanceolate leaf Development of the 7th lanceolate leaf Development of the 8th lanceolate leaf Development of the 9th or more lanceolate leaves
45	405	4050 4051 4052 4053 4054 4055 4056 4057 4058 4059	Sub-phase of independent growth: leaves of approx. 10 cm width are developed (original leaf/zero leaf/F10) Development of the 1st leaf of approx. 10 cm width Development of the 2nd leaf of approx. 10 cm width Development of the 3rd leaf of approx. 10 cm width Development of the 4th leaf of approx. 10 cm width Development of the 5th leaf of approx. 10 cm width Development of the 6th leaf of approx. 10 cm width Development of the 6th leaf of approx. 10 cm width Development of the 7th leaf of approx. 10 cm width Development of the 8th leaf of approx. 10 cm width Development of the 9th or more leaves of approx. 10 cm width
49	409	4090	End of this phase is reached with the development of the first leaf with characteristics of the genome or clone (length width ratio, leaf surface index). Beginning of synchronised development of "normal" leaves (FM)
2-	3-	4-digit	
Prir	ncipal	stage 5:	Emergence of inflorescence
50	500	5000	The development of new normal leaves has been terminated and the flower bract emergence
51 52 53 54 55	501 502 503 504 505	5010 5020 5030 5040 5050	Flower bract at candela stage 2 Flower bract at candela stage 4 Flower bract at candela stage 6 Flower bract at candela stage 8 Flower bract completely open
59	509	5090	Emergence of the last bract leaf or first sterile bract protecting the flower

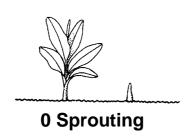
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2-	3-	4-digit				
Prin	Principal stage 6: Flowering					
60	600	6000	The stage begins with the emergence of the flower			
61	601	6010	protected by the last bract leaf (1st sterile bract) A bract which does not protect any hand of flowers rises (2nd sterile bract) and the rachis or flower stalk takes a pendulum position			
62	602	6020	The bract rises which protects the first hand of female or pistillate flowers			
63	603	6030	The bract rises which protects the second hand of female or pistillate flowers			
64	604	6040	The bract rises which protects the third hand of female or pistillate flowers			
65	605	6050	Full bloom: at least 50 % of the hands of females flowers are developed			
69	609	6090	The bracts which protect the hands wither and fall off and the fingers are bent into a direction perpendicular to the rachis			
2-	3-	4-digit				
Prin	cipal	stage 7:	Development of the fruit			
70	700	7000	At least 50 % of the fingers show an upwards curvature and the fruits (fingers) begin to fill			
71	701	7010	Total exposure of the fingers or female flowers (protective bracts fallen off or bent and withered above			
72	700		the hands)			
	702	7020	the hands) The fingers of the hands show the characteristic curvature of the fruit (upwards and almost parallel to the axis or rachis)			
73	702	7020 7030	The fingers of the hands show the characteristic curvature of the fruit (upwards and almost parallel to the axis or rachis) From the first two hands up to 30 % of the hands have			
73 74			The fingers of the hands show the characteristic curvature of the fruit (upwards and almost parallel to the axis or rachis) From the first two hands up to 30 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 40 % of the hands have reached the maximum			
	703	7030	The fingers of the hands show the characteristic curvature of the fruit (upwards and almost parallel to the axis or rachis) From the first two hands up to 30 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 40 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 50 % of the hands have reached the maximum			
74	703 704	7030 7040	The fingers of the hands show the characteristic curvature of the fruit (upwards and almost parallel to the axis or rachis) From the first two hands up to 30 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 40 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 50 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 60 % of the hands have reached the maximum			
74 75	703 704 705	7030 7040 7050	The fingers of the hands show the characteristic curvature of the fruit (upwards and almost parallel to the axis or rachis) From the first two hands up to 30 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 40 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 50 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 60 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 70 % of the hands have reached the maximum			
74 75 76	703 704 705 706	7030 7040 7050 7060	The fingers of the hands show the characteristic curvature of the fruit (upwards and almost parallel to the axis or rachis) From the first two hands up to 30 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 40 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 50 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit Up to 60 % of the hands have reached the maximum thickness of the fruit			

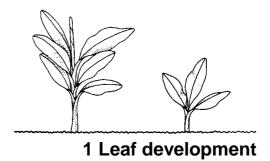
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Prin	ncipal	stage 8:	Ripening of the fruit
80	800	8000	Ripening starts when the fruit has reached the maximum thickness, begins to lose weight and shows changes of the colour by which the degrees of maturity are defined
81	801	8010	Degree of maturity 1: green. Normal colour of the fresh fruit
82	802	8020	Degree of maturity 2: tinge of yellow. First modification of colour during the ripening cycle
83 84 85 86	803 804 805 806	8030 8040 8050 8060	Degree of maturity 3: more green than yellow Degree of maturity 4: more yellow than green Degree of maturity 5: tinge of green Degree of maturity 6: all yellow
87	807		Degree of maturity 7: yellow with brown specks. Fruit is completely ripe, has the best flavour and a high nutritive value
88	808	8080	Degree of maturity 8: 20-50 % of surface discoloured brown or spoiled
89	809	8090	Degree of maturity 9: More than 50 % of the surface of the fruits is discoloured brown and spoiled
2-	3-	4-digit	
Prin	ncipal	stage 9:	Senescence and death
90	900	9000	More than 50 % of the surface of the fruits are discoloured brown
91	901	9010	The leaves the plant shows have died off acropetally and the male flowers have withered, are necrotic and/or have fallen off
93	903	9030	Total rot and necrosis of the fruits
95 97	905 907	9050 9070	Degeneration (necrosis) of the flower The sheaths enclosed in the pseudostem become brittle which indicates the beginning of necrosis of the pseudostem. The pseudostem turns to be brown
98	908	9080	Total decomposition of the tissues and fall down of the pseudostem

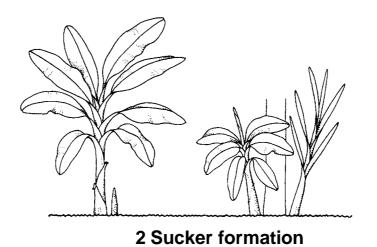
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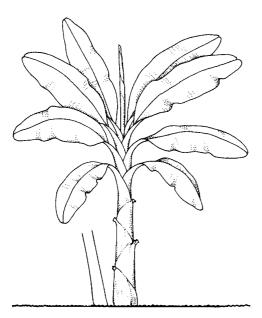
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Musacea

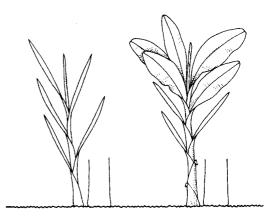






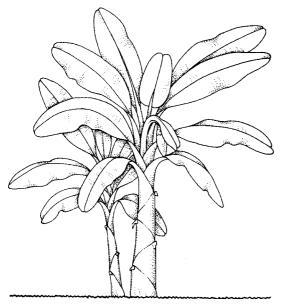






4 Leaf development of the sucker

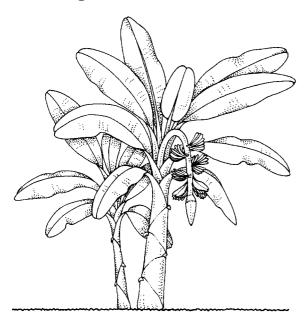
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5 Emergence of inflorescence



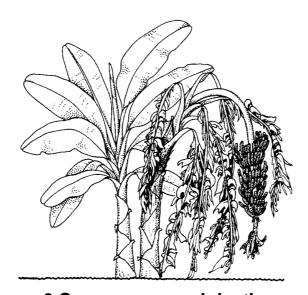
6 Flowering



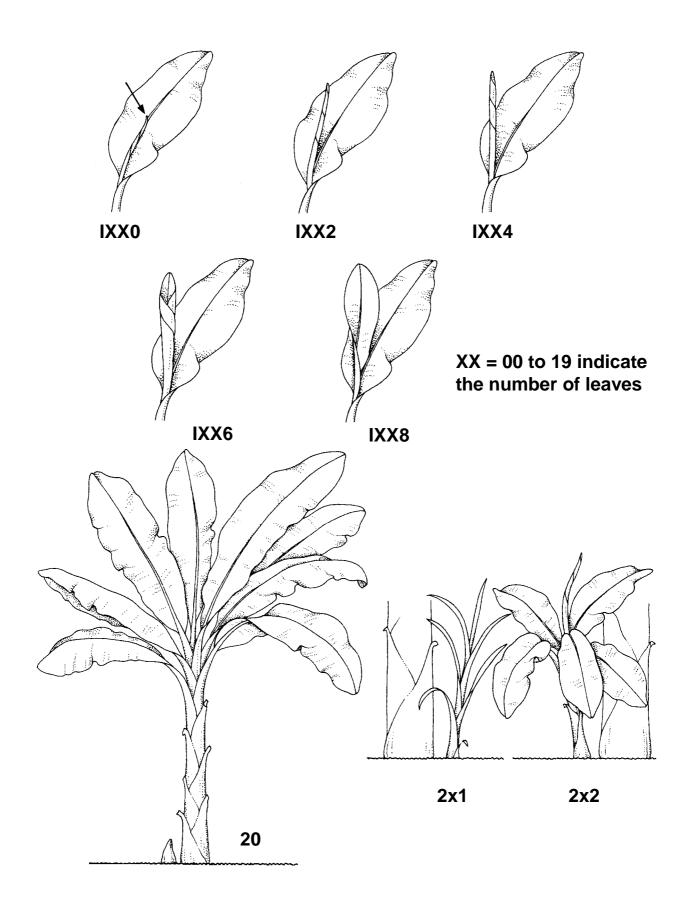
7 Development of the fruit

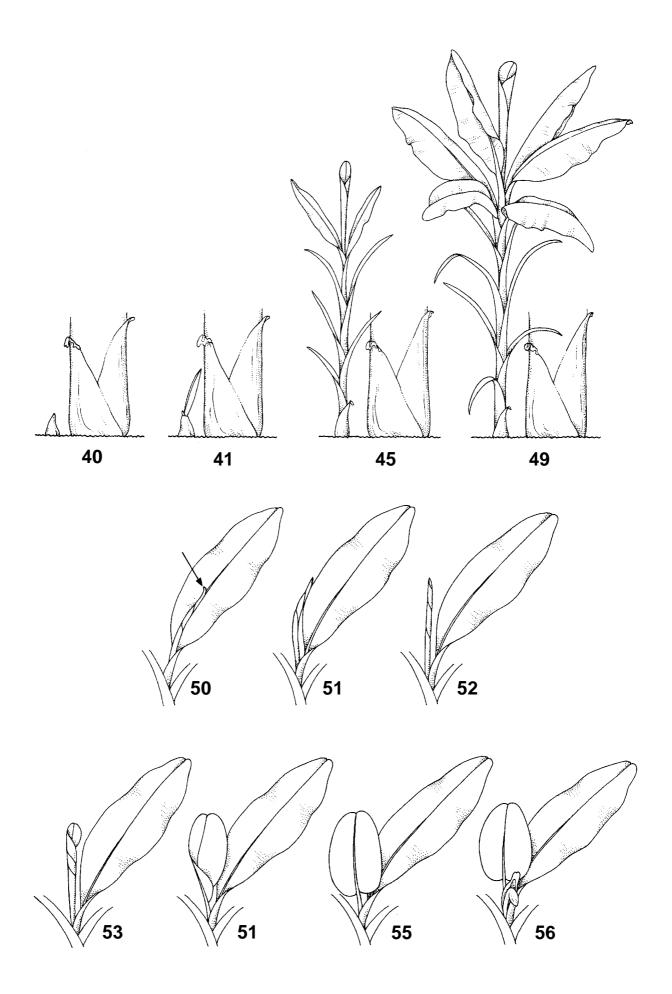


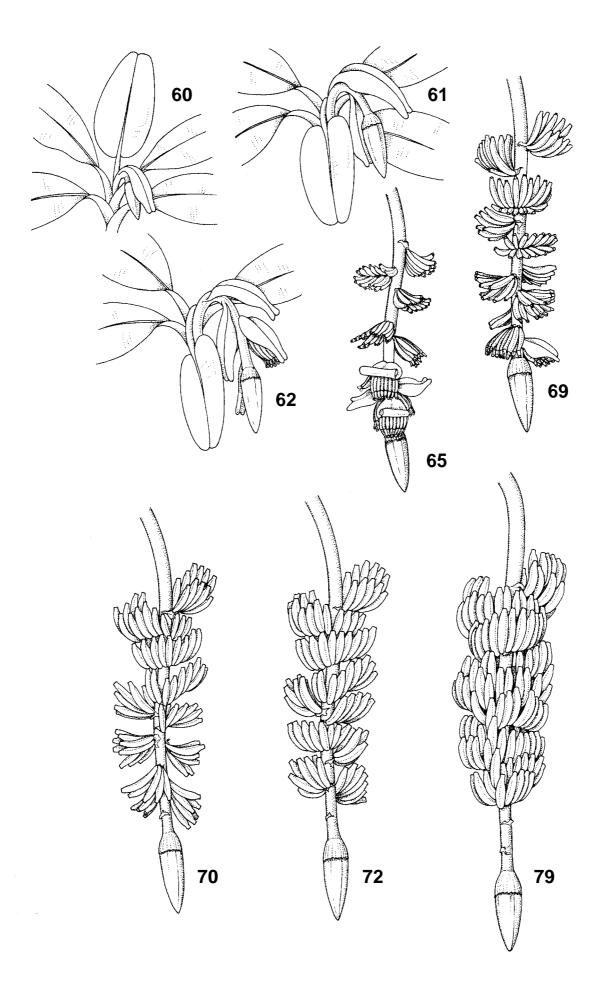
8 Ripening of the fruit

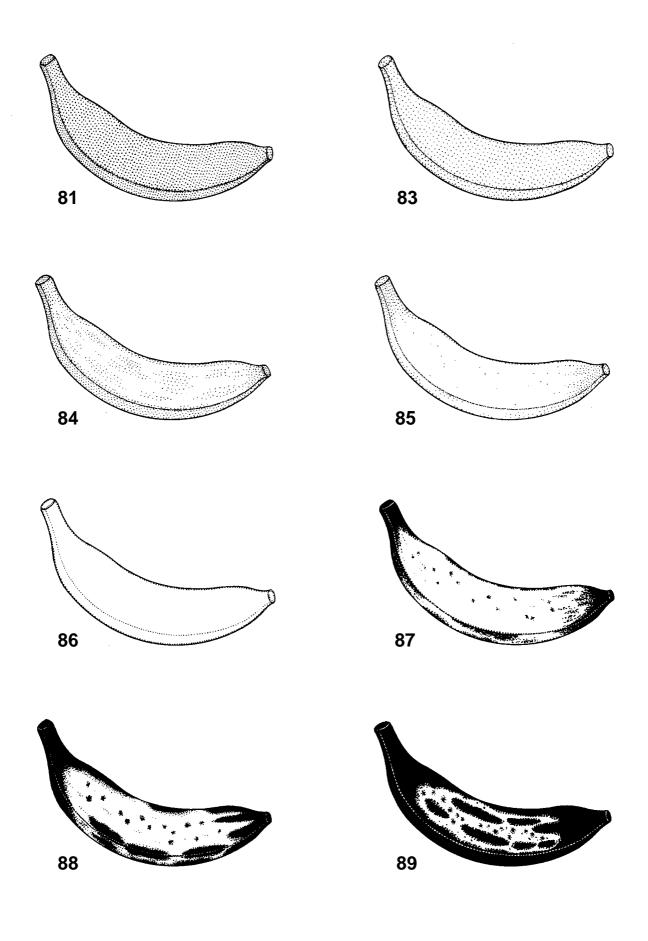


9 Senescence and death

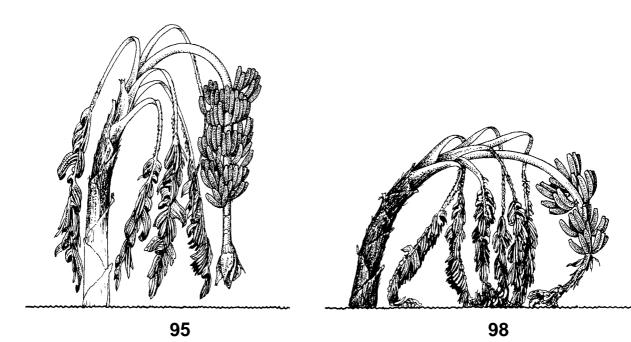












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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of grapevine

(Vitis vinifera L. ssp. vinifera)

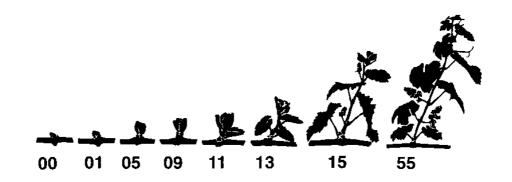
Code	Description
Principa	al growth stage 0: Sprouting/Bud development
00	Dormancy: winter buds pointed to rounded, light or dark brown according to cultivar; bud scales more or less closed according to cultivar
01	Beginning of bud swelling: buds begin to expand inside the bud scales
03	End of bud swelling: buds swollen, but not green
05	"Wool stage": brown wool clearly visible
07 08	Beginning of bud burst: green shoot tips just visible Bud burst: green shoot tips clearly visible
Principa	al growth stage 1: Leaf development
11	First leaf unfolded and spread away from shoot
12	2nd leaves unfolded
13	3rd leaves unfolded
1.	Stages continuous till
19	9 or more leaves unfolded
Principa	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emerge
53	Inflorescences clearly visible
55	Inflorescences swelling, flowers closely pressed together
57	Inflorescences fully developed; flowers separating
Principa	al growth stage 6: Flowering
60	First flowerhoods detached from the receptacle
61	Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowerhoods fallen
62	20% of flowerhoods fallen
63	Early flowering: 30% of flowerhoods fallen
64	40% of flowerhoods fallen
65	Full flowering: 50% of flowerhoods fallen
66 67	60% of flowerhoods fallen 70% of flowerhoods fallen
68	80% of flowerhoods fallen
69	End of flowering
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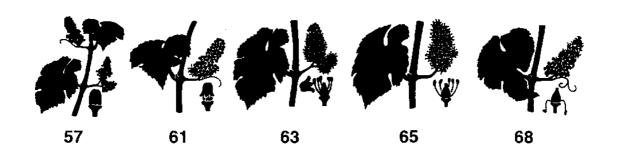
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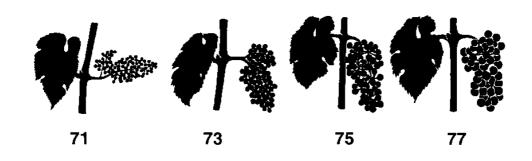
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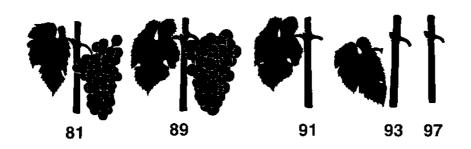
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Principal	growth stage 7: Development of fruits
71 73 75 77 79	Fruit set: young fruits begin to swell, remains of flowers lost Berries groat-sized, bunches begin to hang Berries pea-sized, bunches hang Berries beginning to touch Majority of berries touching
Principal	growth stage 8: Ripening of berries
83 85 89	Beginning of ripening: berries begin to develop variety-specific colour Berries developing colour Softening of berries Berries ripe for harvest
Principal	growth stage 9: Senescence
91 92 93 95 97 99	After harvest; end of wood maturation Beginning of leaf discolouration Beginning of leaf-fall 50% of leaves fallen End of leaf-fall Harvested product

Grapevine









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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the soybean

(Glycine max L. Merr.)

Code Description		Description			
2- a	nd 3dig	git			
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 0: Germination			
00	000	Dry seed			
01	001	Beginning of seed imbibition			
03	003	Seed imbibition complete			
05	005	Radicle emerged from seed			
06	006	Elongation of radicle; formation of root hairs			
07	007	Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat			
80	800	Hypocotyl reaches the soil surface; hypocotyl arch visible			
09	009	Emergence: hypocotyl with cotyledons emerged above soil surface ("cracking stage")			
2- a	2- and 3digit				
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 1: Leaf development (Main shoot)			

10 11	100 101	Cotyledons completely unfolded First pair of true leaves unfolded (unifoliolate leaves on the
		first node)
12	102	Trifoliolate leaf on the 2nd node unfolded
13	103	Trifoliolate leaf on the 3rd node unfolded
1.	10.	Stages continuous till
19	109	Trifoliolate leaf on the 9th node unfolded. No side shoots visible ¹
	110	Trifoliolate leaf on the 10th node unfolded ¹
	111	Trifoliolate leaf on the 11th node unfolded ¹
	112	Trifoliolate leaf on the 12th node unfolded ¹
	113	Trifoliolate leaf on the 13th node unfolded ¹
	11.	Stages continuous till
	119	Trifoliolate leaf on the 19th node unfolded ¹

¹ The side shoot development may occur earlier, in this case continue with the principal growth stage 2

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the soybean

Cod	le	Description
2- a	nd 3dig	git
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots
	201 202 203 20 . 209 210 221 22 . 229 2N1 2N9	First side shoot visible 2nd side shoot of first order visible 3rd side shoot of first order visible Stages continuous till 9 or more side shoots of first order visible (2 digit) 9th side shoot of first order visible (3 digit) 10th side shoot of first order visible First side shoot of 2nd order visible Stages continuous till 9th side shoot of 2nd order visible First side shoot of Nth order visible 9th side shoot of Nth order visible
2- a	nd 3dig	git
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 4: Development of harvestable vegetative plant parts Main shoot
49	409	Harvestable vegetative plant parts have reached final size (Cutting of soybean plants for feeding purposes)
2- a	nd 3dig	yit
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence (Main shoot)
51 55 59	501 505 509	First flower buds visible First flower buds enlarged First flower petals visible; flower buds still closed

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the soybean

Code		Description
2- a	nd 3dig	it
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 6: Flowering (Main shoot)
60 61	600 601	First flowers opened (sporadically in population) Beginning of flowering: about 10% of flowers open ² Beginning of flowering ³
62 63	602 603	About 20% of flowers open ² About 30% of flowers open ²
64 65	604 605	About 40% of flowers open ² Full flowering: about 50% of flowers open ²
66 67	606 607	Main period of flowering ³ About 60% of flowers open ² Flowering declining ²
69	609	End of flowering: first pods visible (approx. 5 mm length) ²
2- a	nd 3dig	it
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 7: Development of fruits and seeds
70 71	700 701	First pod reached final length (15–20 mm) About 10% of pods have reached final length (15–20 mm) ² Beginning of pod development ³
72 73	702 703	About 20% of pods have reached final length (15–20 mm) ² About 30% of pods have reached final length (15–20 mm) ² Beginning of pod filling ³
74 75	704 705	About 40% of pods have reached final length (15–20 mm) ² About 50% of pods have reached final length (15–20 mm). Continuation of pod filling. ² Main period of pod development.
77	707	Continuation of pod filling ³ About 70% of pods have reached final length (15–20 mm); Advanced pod filling. ² Advanced pod filling ³
79	709	Approx. all pods have reached final length (15–20 mm). Seeds filling the cavity of the majority of pods ^{2,3}

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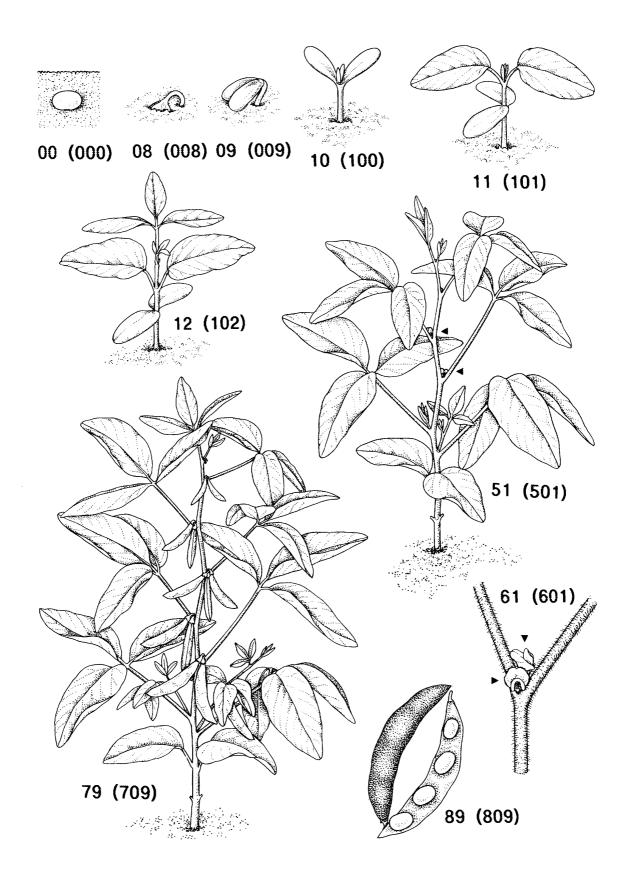
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Soybean



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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the cotton

(Gossypium hirsutum L.)

Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 0: Germination
00 01 03 05 06 07 08 09	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Elongation of radicle Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat Hypocotyl with cotyledons growing towards soil surface Emergence: hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through soil surface ("crook stage")
Princip	al growth stage 1: Leaf development (Main shoot)
10 11 12 13 1.	Cotyledons completely unfolded¹ First true leaf unfolded¹ 2nd true leaf unfolded¹ 3rd true leaf unfolded¹ Stages continuous till 9 or more true leaves unfolded;¹ no side shoots visible²
Princip	al growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots ³
21 22 23 2. 29	First vegetative side shoot (2nd order) visible 2 vegetative side shoots (2nd order) visible 3 vegetative side shoots (2nd order) visible Stages continuous till 9 or more vegetative side shoots (2nd order) visible

¹ Leaves are counted from the cotyledon node (= node 0)

² Side shoot development may occur earlier, if there is a vegetative side shoot continue with principal growth stage 2. If there is a reproductive side shoot (fruiting branch) continue with the principal growth stage 5

³ Vegetative side shoots are counted from the cotyledon node

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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the cotton

Code	Description	
Principal	growth stage 3: Main stem elongation (Crop cover)	
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39	Beginning of crop cover: 10% of plants meet between rows 20% of plants meet between rows 30% of plants meet between rows 40% of plants meet between rows 50% of plants meet between rows 60% of plants meet between rows 70% of plants meet between rows 80% of plants meet between rows Canopy closure: 90% of the plants meet between rows	
Principal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence (Main shoot)	
51 52 55 59	First floral buds detectable ("pin-head square") ⁴ First floral buds visible ("match-head square") ⁴ Floral buds distinctly enlarged Petals visible: floral buds still closed	
Principal	growth stage 6: Flowering	
60 61 65	First flowers opened (sporadically within the population) Beginning of flowering ("Early bloom"): 5–6 blooms / 25 ft of row (= 5–6 blooms / 7,5 meter of row) Full flowering: ("Mid bloom"): 11 and more blooms / 25 ft of row = 11 and more blooms / 7,5 meter of row	
67 69	Flowering finishing: majority of flowers faded ("Late bloom") End of flowering	
Principal	growth stage 7: Development of fruits and seeds	
71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79	About 10% of bolls have attained their final size About 20% of bolls have attained their final size About 30% of bolls have attained their final size About 40% of bolls have attained their final size About 50% of bolls have attained their final size About 60% of bolls have attained their final size About 70% of bolls have attained their final size About 80% of bolls have attained their final size About 90% of bolls have attained their final size About 90% of bolls have attained their final size	

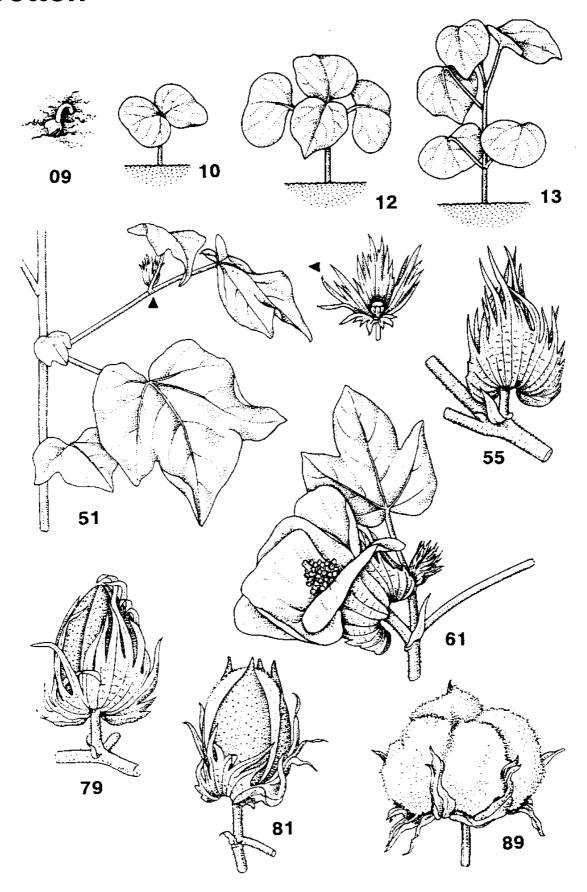
^{4 &}quot;pin-head square" or "match-head square" is the first square which forms at the first fruiting position of the first fruiting branch

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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the cotton

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99 Harvested product (bolls and seeds)	97	Above ground parts of plant dead; plant dormant
	99	Harvested product (bolls and seeds)

Cotton



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Peanut Munger et al., 1998a

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the peanut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.)

Code	Description
Principa	al growth stage 0: Germination
00 01 03 05 07 08 09	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat Hypocotyl reaches the soil surface; hypocotyl arch visible Emergence: hypocotyl with cotyledons arising above soil surface ("cracking stage")
Principa	al growth stage 1: Leaf development (Main shoot)
10 11 12 13 1.	Cotyledons completely unfolded¹ First true leaf (pinnate) unfolded¹ 2nd true leaf (pinnate) unfolded¹ 3rd true leaf (pinnate) unfolded¹ Stages continuous till 9 or more true leaves unfolded.¹ No side shoots visible²
Principa	al growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots ³
21 22 23 2. 29	1st side shoot visible 2nd side shoot visible 3rd side shoot visible Stages continuous till 9 or more side shoots visible
Principa	al growth stage 3: Main stem elongation (Crop cover)
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39	Beginning of crop cover: 10% of plants meets between rows 20% of plants meets between rows 30% of plants meets between rows 40% of plants meets between rows 50% of plants meets between rows 60% of plants meets between rows 70% of plants meets between rows 70% of plants meets between rows 80% of plants meets between rows Crop cover complete: 90% of plants meets between rows

¹ Leaves are counted from the cotyledon node (= node 0)

² Side shoot development may occur earlier; in this case continue with principal growth stage 2

Peanut Munger et al., 1998a

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the peanut

Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
51 55 59	First inflorescence buds visible First individual flower buds visible First flower petals visible. Flower buds still closed
Principal	growth stage 6: Flowering
61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69	Beginning of flowering First carpophore pegs visible Continuation of flowering First carpophore pegs visibly elongated Full flowering First carpophore pegs penetrating the soil Flowering declining ⁴ Tip of first carpophore pegs growing horizontally in the soil End of flowering ⁴
Principal	growth stage 7: Development of fruits and seeds
71	Beginning of pod development: tip of first carpophore pegs swollen (at least twice the original diameter)
73	Continuation of pod development: beginning of pod filling: first pods have attained final size and are ripening
75 77	Main phase of pod development: continuation of pod filling Advanced pod filling
79	Fresh seeds fill the cavity of the pods which have attained their final size

⁴ Only for varieties with a determinate flowering period

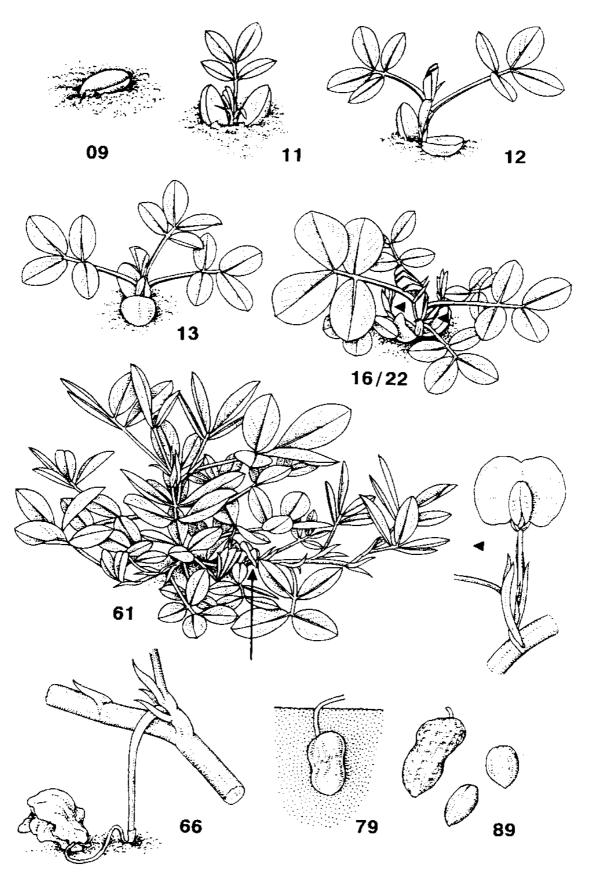
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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of the peanut

Code	Description
Princip	oal growth stage 8: Ripening of fruits and seeds ⁵
81	Beginning of ripening: about 10% of pods developed to final size are ripe
82	About 20% of pods developed to final size are ripe
83	Continuation of ripening: about 30% of pods developed to final size are ripe
84	About 40% of pods developed to final size are ripe
85	Main phase of ripening: about 50% of pods developed to final size are ripe
86	About 60% of pods developed to final size are ripe
87	Advanced ripening: about 70% of pods developed to final size are ripe
88	About 80% of pods developed to final size are ripe
89	Full maturity: nearly all pods developed to final size are ripe
Princip	al growth stage 9: Senescence
91	About 10% of above ground parts of plant dry
92	About 40% of above ground parts of plant dry
93	About 30% of above ground parts of plant dry
94	About 40% of above ground parts of plant dry
95	About 50% of above ground parts of plant dry
96	About 60% of above ground parts of plant dry
97	Above ground parts of plant dead
99	Harvested product

⁵ Criteria of maturity: Pericarp hard, with distinct texture, can be split open easily; Testa (seed coat) dry, with cultivar-specific dark colour

Peanut



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Hop Rossbauer et al., 1995

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of hop (*Humulus lupulus* L.)

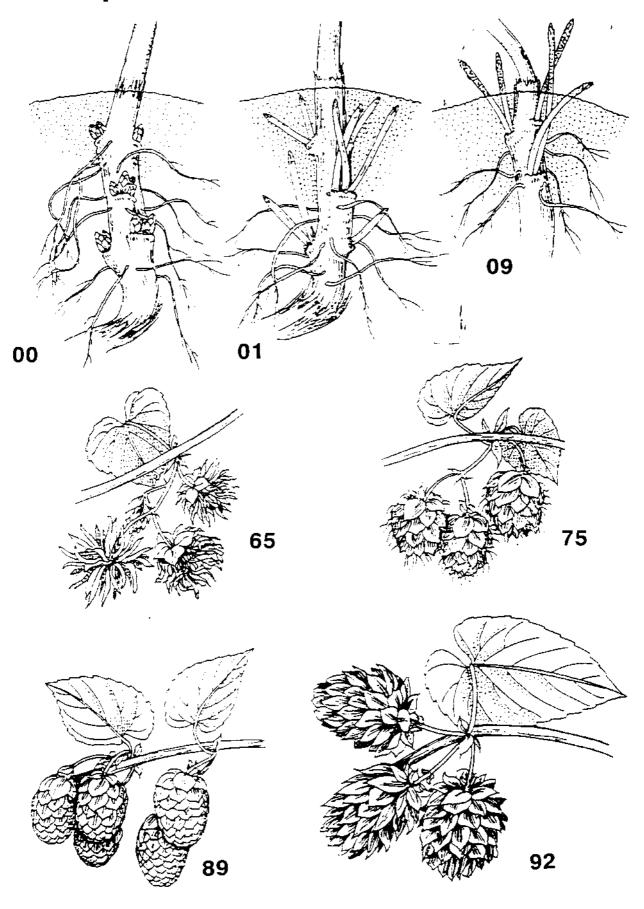
Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 0: Sprouting
00 01 07 08 09	Dormancy: rootstock without shoots (uncut) Dormancy: rootstock without shoots (cut) Rootstock with shoots (uncut) Beginning of shoot-growth (rootstock cut) Emergence: first shoots emerge at the soil surface
Principal	growth stage 1: Leaf development
11 12 13 1.	First pair of leaves unfolded 2nd pair of leaves unfolded (beginning of twining) 3rd pair of leaves unfolded Stages continuous till 9 and more pairs of leaves unfolded
Principal	growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots
21 22 23 2. 29	First pair of side shoots visible 2nd pair of side shoots visible 3rd pair of side shoots visible Stages continuous till Nine and more pairs of side shoots visible (secondary side shoots occur)
Principal	growth stage 3: Elongation of bines
31 32 33 3. 38 39	Bines have reached 10% of top wire height Bines have reached 20% of top wire height Bines have reached 30% of top wire height Stages continuous till Plants have reached the top wire End of bine growth
Principal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
51 55	Inflorescence buds visible Inflorescence buds enlarged

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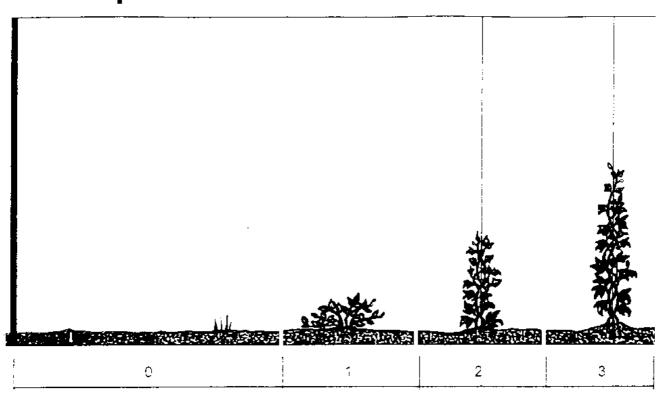
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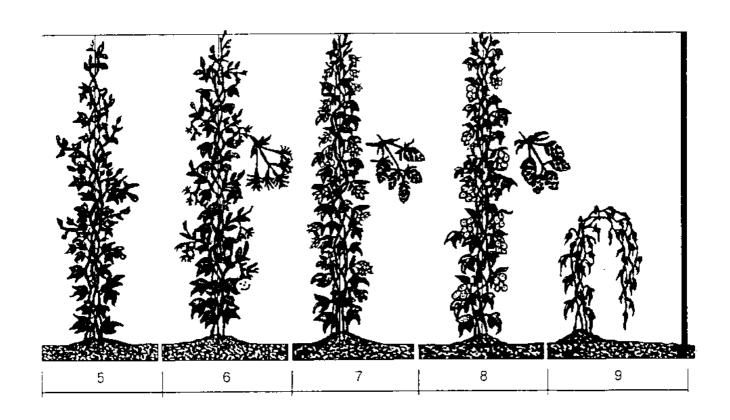
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Principa	al growth stage 6: Flowering
61	Beginning of flowering: about 10% of flowers open
62	About 20% of flowers open
63	About 30% of flowers open
64	About 40% of flowers open
65	Full flowering: about 50% of flowers open
66	About 60% of flowers open
67	About 70% of flowers open
68	About 80% of flowers open
69	End of flowering
Principa	al growth stage 7: Development of cones
71	Beginning of cone development: 10% of inflorescences are cones
75	Cone development half way: all cones visible, cones soft,
70	stigmas still present
79	Cone development complete: nearly all cones have reached full size
Principa	al growth stage 8: Maturity of cones
81	Beginning of maturity: 10% of cones are compact
82	20% of cones are compact
83	30% of cones are compact
84	40% of cones are compact
85	Advanced maturity: 50% of cones are compact
86	60% of cones are compact
87	70% of cones are compact
88	80% of cones are compact
89	Cones ripe for picking: cones closed; lupulin golden;
	aroma potential fully developed
Principa	al growth stage 9: Senescence, entry into dormancy
92	Overripeness: cones yellow-brown discoloured,
	aroma deterioration
97	Dormancy: leaves and stems dead

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Bulb vegetables Feller et al., 1995 a

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of bulb vegetables

(Onion = Allium cepa L., leek = Allium porrum L., garlic = Allium sativum L., shallot = Allium ascalonicum auct. non L.)

Code	Description			
2- and	2- and 3digit			
Princ	al growth stage 0: Germination			
00 0 01 0 03 0 05 0	Beginning of seed imbibition ¹ Seed imbibition complete ¹			
07 0 09 0	Cotyledon breaking through seed coat ¹			
0 0 0	Hook stage: hooked cotyledon green ¹			
2- and	digit			
Princ	al growth stage 1: Leaf development (Main shoot)			
10 1 11 1 12 1 13 1 1 1 1	First leaf (> 3 cm) clearly visible 2nd leaf (> 3 cm) clearly visible 3rd leaf (> 3 cm) Stages continuous till			
Principal growth stage 4: Development of harvestable vegetative plant parts				
41 4 43 4 45 4 47 4 48 4 49 4	30% of the expected bulb or shaft diameter reached 50% of the expected bulb or shaft diameter reached Bolting begins; in 10% of the plants leaves bent over ³ 70% of the expected shaft length and diameter reached ⁴ Leaves bent over in 50% of plants ³			

¹ Seed sown

² Onion sets, shallot and garlic

³ For onions, garlic

⁴ For leek

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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of bulb vegetables

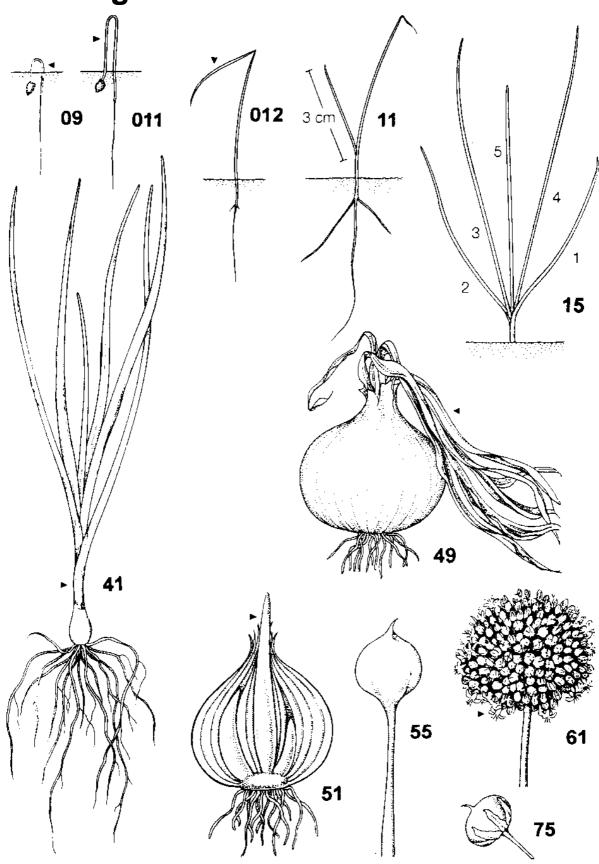
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Cod	е	Description		
2- a	2- and 3digit			
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence		
51 53 55 57 59	501 503 505 507 509	Onion bulb begins to elongate 30% of the expected length of flower stem reached Flower stem at full length; sheath closed Sheath burst open First flower petals visible; flowers still closed		
2- a	nd 3digi	it		
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 6: Flowering		
60 61 62 63 64 65 67	600 601 602 603 604 605 607 609	First flowers open (sporadically) Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open 20% of flowers open 30% of flowers open 40% of flowers open Full flowering: 50% of flowers open Flowering finishing: 70% of petals fallen or dry End of flowering		
2- a	nd 3digi	it		
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit		
71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79	701 702 703 704 705 706 707 708 709	First capsules formed 20% of capsules formed 30% of capsules formed 40% of capsules formed 50% of capsules formed 60% of capsules formed 70% of capsules formed 80% of capsules formed Capsule development complete; seeds pale		
2- and 3digit				
Prir	ncipal	growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed		
81 85 89	801 805 809	Beginning of ripening: 10% of capsules ripe First capsules bursting Fully ripe: seeds black and hard		

Bulb vegetables Feller et al., 1995 a

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of bulb vegetables

Cod	le	Description	
2- 8	2- and 3digit		
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 9: Senescence	
92 95 97 99	902 905 907 909	Leaves and shoots beginning to discolour 50% of leaves yellow or dead Plants or above ground parts dead Harvested product (seeds)	

Bulb vegetables



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Root and stem vegetables Feller et al., 1995 a

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of root and stem vegetables

(Carrot = Daucus carota L. ssp. sativus, celeriac = Apium graveolens L. var. rapaceum Gaud., kohlrabi = Brassica oleracea L. var. gongylodes, chicory = Cichorium intybus var. foliosum, radish = Raphanus sativus L. ssp., swede = Brassica napus L. ssp. rapifera Metzg., scorzonera = Scorzonera hispanica L.)

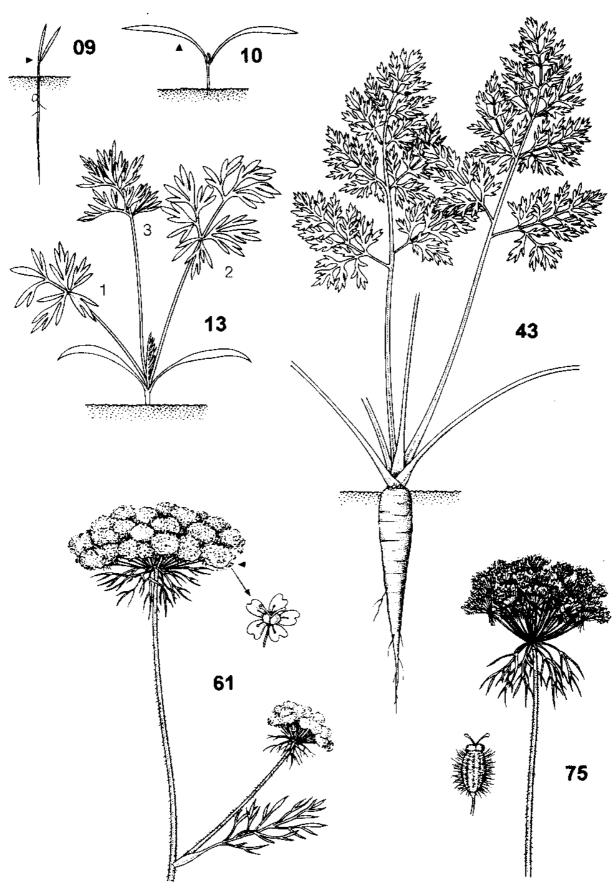
Code	Description		
Princip	Principal growth stage 0: Germination		
00 01 03 05 07	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat Emergence: cotyledons break through soil surface		
Princip	al growth stage 1: Leaf development (Main shoot)		
10	Cotyledons completely unfolded; growing point or true leaf initial visible		
11 12 13 1.	First true leaf unfolded 2nd true leaf unfolded 3rd true leaf unfolded Stages continuous till 9 or more true leaves unfolded		
Princip	al growth stage 4: Development of harvestable vegetative plant parts		
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49	Roots beginning to expand (diameter > 0,5 cm) 20% of the expected root diameter reached 30% of the expected root diameter reached 40% of the expected root diameter reached 50% of the expected root diameter reached 60% of the expected root diameter reached 70% of the expected root diameter reached 80% of the expected root diameter reached Expansion complete; typical form and size of roots reached		
Princip	Principal growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence		
51 53 55 57	Main shoot begins to elongate 30% of the expected height of the main shoot reached First individual flowers of main inflorescence visible (still closed) First individual flowers of secondary inflorescences visible (still closed)		
59	First flower petals visible; flowers still closed		

Root and stem vegetables Feller et al., 1995 a

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of root and stem vegetables

Code	Description
Principa	l growth stage 6: Flowering
60	First flowers open (sporadically)
61	Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open
62	20% of flowers open
63	30% of flowers open
64 65	40% of flowers open Full flowering: 50% of flowers open
67	Flowering finishing: majority of petals fallen or dry
69	End of flowering
Principa	I growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	First fruits formed
72	20% of fruits have reached typical size
73	30% of fruits have reached typical size
74	40% of fruits have reached typical size
75 70	50% of fruits have reached typical size
76 77	60% of fruits have reached typical size 70% of fruits have reached typical size
78	80% of fruits have reached typical size
79	Fruits have reached typical size
Principa	I growth stage 8: Rispening of fruit and seed
81	Beginning of ripening: 10% of fruits ripe,
0.5	or 10% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard
85	50% of the fruits ripe, or 50% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard
89	Fully ripe: seeds on the whole plant of typical colour and hard
Principa	I growth stage 9: Senescence
92	Leaves and shoots beginning to discolour
95	50% of leaves yellow or dead
97	Plants or above ground parts dead
99	Harvested product (seeds)

Root and stem vegetables



Leaf vegetables (forming heads) Feller et al., 1995 a

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of leaf vegetables (forming heads)

(cabbage = *Brassica oleracea* L. var. *capitata* f. *alba* and *rubra*, chinese cabbage = *Brassica chinensis* L., lettuce = *Lactuca sativa* L. var. *capitata*, endive = *Cichorium endivia* L.

endive = Cichorium endivia L.)		
Code	Description	
Principal	growth stage 0: Germination	
00 01 03 05 07	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat Emergence: cotyledons break through soil surface	
Principal	growth stage 1: Leaf development (Main shoot)	
10 11 12 13 1.	Cotyledons completely unfolded; growing point or true leaf initial visible First true leaf unfolded 2nd true leaf unfolded 3rd true leaf unfolded Stages continuous till 9 or more true leaves unfolded	
Principal	growth stage 4: Development of harvestable vegetative plant parts	
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49	Heads begin to form: the two youngest leaves do not unfold 20% of the expected head size reached 30% of the expected head size reached 40% of the expected head size reached 50% of the expected head size reached 60% of the expected head size reached 70% of the expected head size reached 70% of the expected head size reached 80% of the expected head size reached Typical size, form and firmness of heads reached	
Principal growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence		
51 53 55 57 59	Main shoot inside head begins to elongate 30% of the expected height of the main shoot reached First individual flowers of main inflorescence visible (still closed) First individual flowers of secondary inflorescences visible (still closed) First flower petals visible; flowers still closed	

Leaf vegetables (forming heads) Feller et al., 1995 a

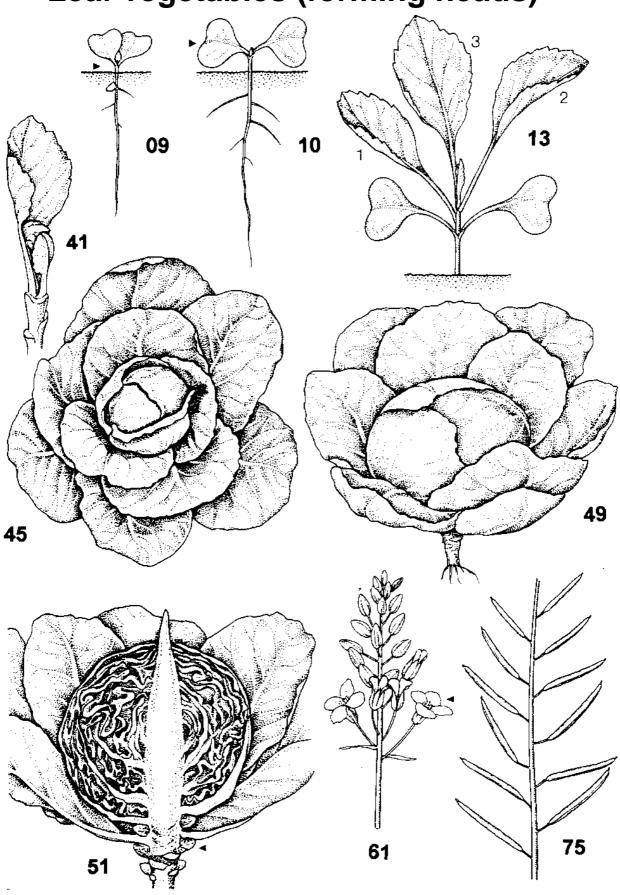
Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of leaf vegetables (forming heads)

Code	Description		
Principal	Principal growth stage 6: Flowering		
60 61 62 63 64 65 67	First flowers open (sporadically) Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open 20% of flowers open 30% of flowers open 40% of flowers open Full flowering: 50% of flowers open Flowering finishing: majority of petals fallen or dry End of flowering		
	growth stage 7: Development of fruit		
71	First fruits formed		
72	20% of fruits have reached typical size		
73	30% of fruits have reached typical size		
74	40% of fruits have reached typical size		
75	50% of fruits have reached typical size		
76	60% of fruits have reached typical size		
77	70% of fruits have reached typical size		
78	80% of fruits have reached typical size		
79	Fruits have reached typical size		
Principal	growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed		
81	Beginning of ripening: 10% of fruits ripe, or 10% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard		
82	20% of fruits ripe, or 20% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard		
83	30% of fruits ripe, or 30% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard		
84	40% of fruits ripe, or 40% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard		
85	50% of the fruits ripe, or 50% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard		
86	60% of fruits ripe, or 60% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard		
87	70% of fruits ripe, or 70% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard		
88	80% of fruits ripe, or 80% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard		
89	Fully ripe: seeds on the whole plant of typical colour and hard		

Leaf vegetables (forming heads) Feller et al., 1995 a

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of leaf vegetables (forming heads)

Code	Description		
Principal	Principal growth stage 9: Senescence		
92 95 97 99	Leaves and shoots beginning to discolour 50% of leaves yellow or dead Plants dead Harvested product (seeds)		



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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of leaf vegetables not forming heads (spinach = Spinacia oleracea L., loosehead lettuce = Lactuca sativa L. var. crispa, kale = Brassica oleracea L. var. sabellica)

Code	Description		
Principal	Principal growth stage 0: Germination		
00 01 03 05	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed		
07 09	Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat Emergence: cotyledons break through soil surface		
Principal	Principal growth stage 1: Leaf development (Main shoot)		
10	Cotyledons completely unfolded; growing point or true leaf initial visible		
11	First true leaf unfolded		
12	2nd true leaf unfolded		
13	3rd true leaf unfolded		
1 . 19	Stages continuous till 9 or more true leaves unfolded		
Principal	growth stage 3: Stem elongation of rosette growth		
33	Leaf rosette has reached 30% of the expected diameter typical for the variety. Main shoot has reached 30% of the expected height typical for the variety?		
35	Leaf rosette has reached 50% of the expected diameter typical for the variety. Main shoot has reached 50% of the expected height typical for the variety?		
37	Leaf rosette has reached 70% of the expected diameter typical for the variety. Main shoot has reached 70% of the expected height for the variety ²		
39	Rosette development completed¹ Main shoot has reached the height typical for the variety²		

¹ For letucce varieties without head, spinach and species with rosette-type growth

² For kale and species without rosette growth

Feller et al., 1995 a

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of leaf vegetables (not forming heads)

Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 4: Development of harvestable vegetative plant parts
41	10% of the leaf mass typical for the variety reached
42	20% of the leaf mass typical for the variety reached
43	30% of the leaf mass typical for the variety reached
44	40% of the leaf mass typical for the variety reached
45	50% of the leaf mass typical for the variety reached
46	60% of the leaf mass typical for the variety reached
47	70% of the leaf mass typical for the variety reached
48	80% of the leaf mass typical for the variety reached
49	Typical leaf mass reached
Princip	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
51	Main shoot begins to elongate ¹ Main inflorescence visible between uppermost leaves ²
53	30% of the expected height of the main shoot reached
55	First individual flowers of main inflorescence visible (still closed)
59	First flower petals visible; flowers still closed
Princip	al growth stage 6: Flowering
60	First flowers open (sporadically)
61	Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open
62	20% of flowers open
63	30% of flowers open
64	40% of flowers open
65	Full flowering: 50% of flowers open
67	Flowering finishing: majority of petals fallen or dry
69	End of flowering

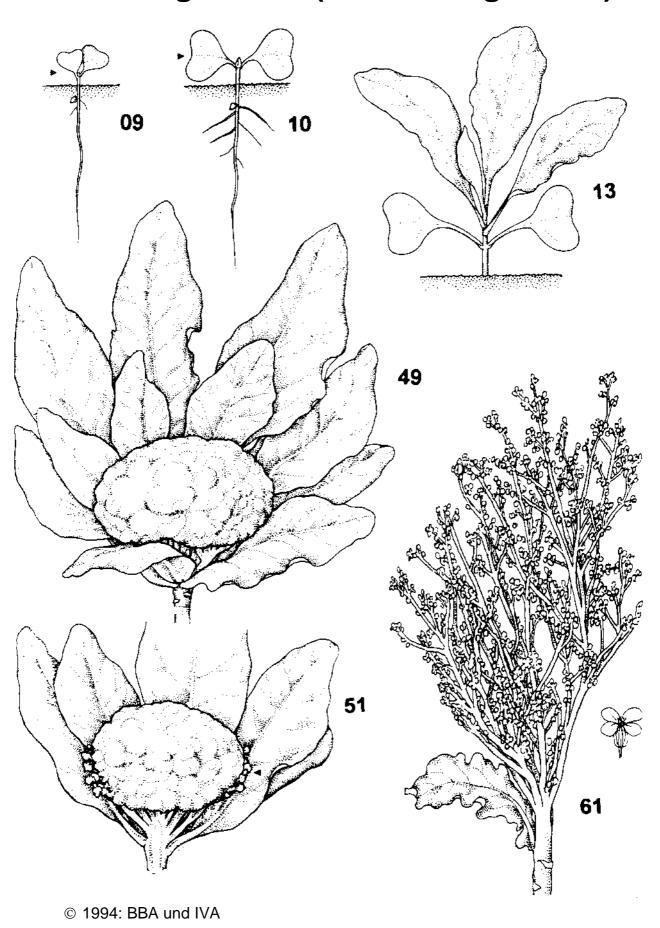
¹ For letucce varieties without head, spinach and species with rosette-type growth

² For kale and species without rosette growth

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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of leaf vegetables (not forming heads)

Code	Description	
Principal growth stage 7: Development of fruit		
71	First fruits formed	
72	20% of fruits have reached typical size	
73	30% of fruits have reached typical size	
74	40% of fruits have reached typical size	
75	50% of fruits have reached typical size	
76	60% of fruits have reached typical size	
77	70% of fruits have reached typical size	
78	80% of fruits have reached typical size	
79	Fruits have reached typical size	
Principal	growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed	
81	Beginning of ripening: 10% of fruits ripe, or 10% of seeds of typical colour, dry and hard	
82	20% of fruits ripe, or 20% of seeds of typical colour,	
02	dry and hard	
83	30% of fruits ripe, or 20% of seeds of typical colour,	
00	dry and hard	
84	40% of fruits ripe, or 20% of seeds of typical colour,	
0.	dry and hard	
85	50% of fruits ripe, or 50% of seeds of typical colour,	
	dry and hard	
86	60% of fruits ripe, or 20% of seeds of typical colour,	
	dry and hard	
87	70% of fruits ripe, or 20% of seeds of typical colour,	
	dry and hard	
88	80% of fruits ripe, or 20% of seeds of typical colour,	
	dry and hard	
89	Fully ripe: seeds on the whole plant of typical colour and hard	
Principal growth stage 9: Senescence		
92	Leaves and shoots beginning to discolor	
95	50% of leaves yellow or dead	
97	Plants dead	
99	Harvested product (seeds)	
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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of other brassica vegetables

(Brussels sprout = Brassica oleracea L. var. gemmifera

DC./Zenk., cauliflower = *Brassica oleracea* L. var. *botrytis*,

broccoli = Brassica oleracea L. var. italica Plenck)

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Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 0: Germination
00 01	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition
03	Seed imbibition complete
05	Radicle emerged from seed
07	Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat
09	Emergence: cotyledons break through soil surface
Princip	al growth stage 1: Leaf development (Main shoot)
10	Cotyledons completely unfolded; growing point or true leaf initial visible
11	First true leaf unfolded
12	2nd true leaf unfolded
13	3rd true leaf unfolded
1.	Stages continuous till
19	9 or more true leaves unfolded
Princip	al growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots
21	First side shoot visible ¹
22	2nd side shoot visible ¹
23	3rd side shoot visible ¹
2.	Stages continuous till
29	9 or more side shoots visible ¹

¹ For broccoli

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of other brassica vegetables

Code	Description
Principa	al growth stage 3: Stem elongation of rosette growth
31	Main shoot has reached 10% of the expected height typical for the variety ²
32	Main shoot has reached 20% of the expected height typical for the variety ²
33	Main shoot has reached 30% of the expected height typical for the variety ²
34	Main shoot has reached 40% of the expected height typical for the variety ²
35	Main shoot has reached 50% of the expected height typical for the variety ²
36	Main shoot has reached 60% of the expected height typical for the variety ²
37	Main shoot has reached 70% of the expected height typical for the variety ²
38	Main shoot has reached 80% of the expected height typical for the variety ²
39	Main shoot has reached the height typical for the variety ²
Principa	al growth stage 4: Development of harvestable vegetative plant parts
41	Lateral buds begin to develop ² Cauliflower heads begin to form;width of growing tip > 1 cm ³
43	First sprouts tightly closed ² 30% of the expected head diameter reached ³
45	50% of the sprouts tightly closed ² 50% of the expected head diameter reached ³
46	60% of the sprouts tightly closed ² 60% of the expected head diameter reached ³
47	70% of the sprouts tightly closed ²
48	70% of the expected head diameter reached ³ 80% of the sprouts tightly closed ²
49	80% of the expected head diameter reached ³ Sprouts below terminal bud tightly closed ² Typical size and form reached; head tightly closed ³

² For brussels sprout

³ For cauliflower and broccoli

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of other brassica vegetables

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Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
51	Main inflorescence visible between uppermost leaves ²
55	Branches of inflorescence begin to elongate ³ First individual flowers visible (still closed)
59	First flower petals visible; flowers still closed
Principal	growth stage 6: Flowering
60	First flowers open (sporadically)
61 62	Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open 20% of flowers open
63	30% of flowers open
64	40% of flowers open
65	Full flowering: 50% of flowers open
67	Flowering finishing: majority of petals fallen or dry
69	End of flowering
Principal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	First fruits formed
72	20% of fruits have reached typical size
73 74	30% of fruits have reached typical size
74 75	40% of fruits have reached typical size 50% of fruits have reached typical size
76	60% of fruits have reached typical size
77	70% of fruits have reached typical size
78	80% of fruits have reached typical size
79	Fruits have reached typical size
Principal	growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed
81	Beginning of ripening: 10% of fruits ripe
82	20% of fruits ripe
83	30% of fruits ripe
84 85	40% of fruits ripe 50% of fruits ripe
86	60% of fruits ripe
87	70% of fruits ripe
88	80% of fruits ripe
89	Fully ripe: seeds on the whole plant of typical color and hard

² For brussels sprout

³ For cauliflower and broccoli

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of other brassica vegetables

Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 9: Senescence
92 95 97 99	Leaves and shoots beginning to discolour 50% of leaves yellow or dead Plants dead Harvested product (seeds)

Cucurbits Feller et al., 1995 b

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of cucurbits

(Cucumber = Cucumis sativus L., melon = Cucumis melo L., pumpkin, marrow, squash = Cucurbita pepo L., calabash = Cucurbita pepo L. var. giromontiina Alef./Greb, water-melon = Citrullus var. vulgaris Schad.)

Code		Description		
2 -a	2 -and 3digit			
Pri	Principal growth stage 0: Germination			
00	000	Dry seed		
01	001	Beginning of seed imbibition		
03	003	Seed imbibition complete		
05	005	Radicle emerged from seed		
07	007	Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat		
09	009	Emergence: cotyledons break through soil surface		

009 2- and 3digit

100

Principal growth stage 1: Leaf development

Cotyledons completely unfolded

11	101	First true leaf on main stem fully unfolded
12	102	2nd true leaf on main stem unfolded
13	103	3rd true leaf on main stem unfolded
1.	10.	Stages continuous till
19	109	9 or more leaves on main stem unfolded (2digit)
		9th leaf unfolded on main stem (3digit)
_	110	10th leaf on main stem unfolded
_	11.	Stages continuous till
_	119	19th leaf on main stem unfolded

2 -and 3digit

201

22 202

Principal growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots

First primary side shoot visible

2nd primary side shoot visible

2.	20 .	Stages continuous till
29	209	9 or more primary side shoots visible
_	221	First secondary side shoot visible
_	22 .	Stages continuous till
_	229	9th secondary side shoot visible
_	231	First tertiary side shoot visible

Cucurbits Feller et al., 1995 b

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of cucurbits

Coc	de	Description		
2- a	ınd 3dig	git		
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence		
51 52 53 5 . 59	503 50 .	First flower initial with elongated ovary visible on main stem 2nd flower initial with elongated ovary visible on main stem 3rd flower initial with elongated ovary visible on main stem Stages continuous till 9 or more flower initials with elongated ovary already visible on main stem		
-	510	10 or more flower initials with elongated ovary already visible on main stem		
_	51 . 519	Stages continuous till 19 ore more flower initials with elongated ovary already visible on main stem		
_	521 531	First flower initial visible on a secondary side shoot First flower initial visible on a tertiary side shoot		
2 -a	ınd 3dig	git		
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 6: Flowering		
61 62 63 6 . 69	603	First flower open on main stem 2nd flower open on main stem 3rd flower open on main stem Stages continuous till 9th flower open on main stem or 9 flowers on main stem already open		
-	610	10th flower open on main stem or 10 flowers on main stem already open		
_	61 . 619	Stages continuous till 19th flower open on man stem ore more than 19 flowers on main stem already open		
_	621 631	First flower on secondary side shoot open First flower on tertiary side shoot open		

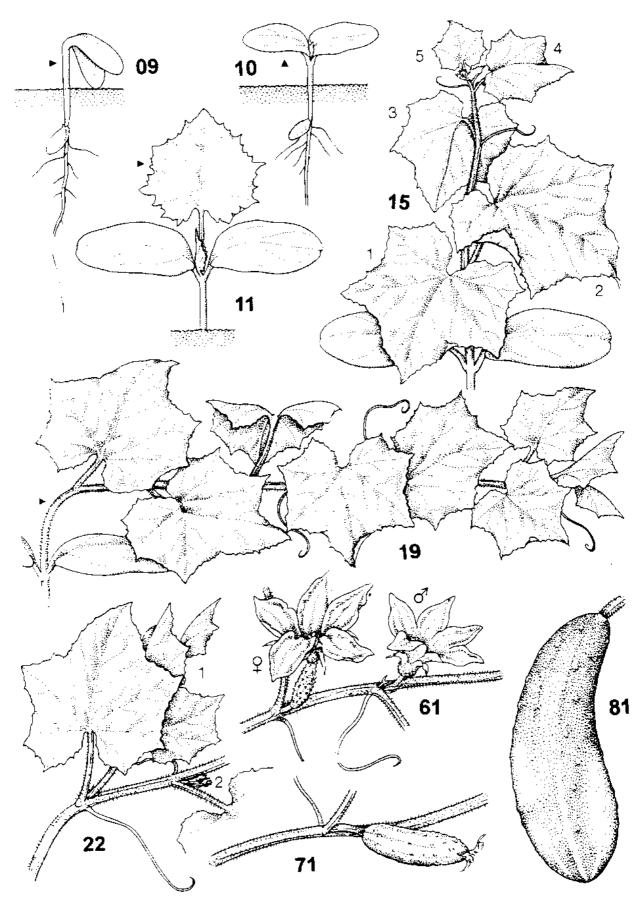
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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of cucurbits

Cod	de	Description
2- a	ınd 3dig	it
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71 72 73 7. 79 -	701 702 703 70 . 709 721 731	First fruit on main stem has reached typical size and form 2nd fruit on main stem has reached typical size and form 3rd fruit on main stem has reached typical size and form Stages continuous till 9 or more fruits on main stem has reached typical size and form First fruit on a secondary side shoot has reached typical size and form First fruit on a tertiary side shoot has reached typical size and form
2 - a	ınd 3dig	it
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed
81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88	801 802 803 804 805 806 807 808 809	10% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour 20% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour 30% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour 40% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour 50% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour 60% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour 70% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour 80% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour Fully ripe: fruits have typical fully ripe colour
2- a	ınd 3dig	jit
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 9: Senescence
07	007	Plants dood

97	907	Plants dead
99	909	Harvested product (seeds)

Cucurbits



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Solanaceous fruits Feller et al., 1995 b

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of solanaceous fruits

(Tomato = Lycopersicon esculentum Mill., aubergine = Solanum melongena L., paprika = Capsicum annuum L)

Code		Description	
2 -and 3digit		it	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 0: Germination	
00 000 Dry seeds 01 001 Beginning of seed imbibition 03 003 Seed imbibition complete 05 005 Radicle emerged from seed 07 007 Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat 09 009 Emergence: coryledons break through soil surface		Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat	
2- a	nd 3dig	it	
Pri	Principal growth stage 1: Leaf development		
10 11 12 13 1.	11 101 First true leaf on main shoot fully unfolded 12 102 2nd leaf on main shoot unfolded 13 103 3rd leaf on main shoot unfolded 1. 10. Stages continuous till		
2 -and 3digit			
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots ¹	
21 22	201 202	First primary apical side shoot visible 2nd primary apical side shoot visible	

9 or more apical primary side shoots visible

Xth apical side shoot of the Nth order visible

First secondary apical side shoot visible

9th secondary apical side shoot visible

First tertiary apical side shoot visible

Stages continuous till . . .

Stages continuous till . . .

Stages continuous till . . .

2. 20.

29

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221 22 .

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¹ For tomatoes with determinate stem growth, paprika and aubergines. In tomatoes with indeterminate stem growth and only one sympodial branch at the corresponding axis, the apical side shoot formation occurs concurrently with the emergence of the inflorescence (Principal growth stage 5), so that the coding within principal growth stage 2 is not necessary

Solanaceous fruits Feller et al., 1995 b

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of solanaceous fruits

Coc	le	Description	
2- a	nd 3dig	git	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence	
51	501	First inflorescence visible (first bud erect) ² First flower bud visible ³	
52	502	2nd flower bud visible 2nd inflorescence visible (first bud erect) ² 2nd flower bud visible ³	
53	503	3th inflorescence visible (first bud erect) ² 3th flower bud visible ³	
5 . 59	50 . 509	Stages continuous till 9 or more inflorescences visible (2digit), 9th inflorescence visible(first bud erect) (3digit) ² 9 or more flower buds already visible (2digit), 9th flower bud visible (3digit) ³	
-	510	10th inflorescence visible (first bud erect) ² 10th flower bud visible ³	
_	51 . 519	Stages continuous till 19th inflorescence visible (first bud erect) ² 19th flower bud visible ³	
2 -a	nd 3dig	git	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 6: Flowering	
61	601	First inflorescence: first flower open ² First flower open ³	
62	602	2nd inflorescence: first flower open ² 2nd flower open ³	
63	603	3rd inflorescence: first flower open ² 3rd flower open ³	
6 . 69	60 . 609	Stages continuous till 9 or more inflorescences with open flowers (2digit) 9th inflorescence: first flower open (3digit) ² 9 or more flowers already open (2digit) 9th flower open (3digit) ³	
-	610	10th inflorescence: first flower open ² 10th flower open ³	
_	61 . 619	Stages continuous till 19th inflorescence: first flower open ² 19th flower open ³	

² For tomato

³ For paprika and aubergine

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Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of solanaceous fruits

Code		Description	
2- a	ınd 3diç	git	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit	
71	701	First fruit cluster: first fruit has reached typical size ²	
72	702	First fruit has reached typical size and form ³ 2nd fruit cluster: first fruit has reached typical size ²	
		2nd fruit has reached typical size and form ³	
73	703	3rd fruit cluster: first fruit has reached typical size ² 3rd fruit has reached typical size and form ³	
7.	70 .	Stages continuous till	
79	709	9 or more fruit clusters with fruits of typical size (2digit) 9th fruit cluster: first fruit has reached typical size (3digit) ² 9 or more fruits have reached typical size and form (2digit) 9th fruit has reached typical size and form(3digit) ³	
_	710	10th fruit cluster: first fruit has reached typical form and size ²	
	74	10th fruit has reached typical form and size ³	
_	71 .	Stages continuous till 19th fruit has reached typical form and size ³	
_	719	19th fruit cluster: first fruit has reached typical form and size ²	
2 -a	ınd 3dig	git	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed	
81	801	10% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour	
82	802	20% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour	
83	803	30% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour	
84	804	40% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour	
85 86	805 806	50% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour 60% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour	
87	807	70% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour	
88	808	80% of fruits show typical fully ripe colour	
89	809	Fully ripe: fruits have typical fully ripe colour ³	
2- a	ınd 3dig	git	
Pri	ncipal	growth stage 9: Senescence	
97	907	Plants dead	

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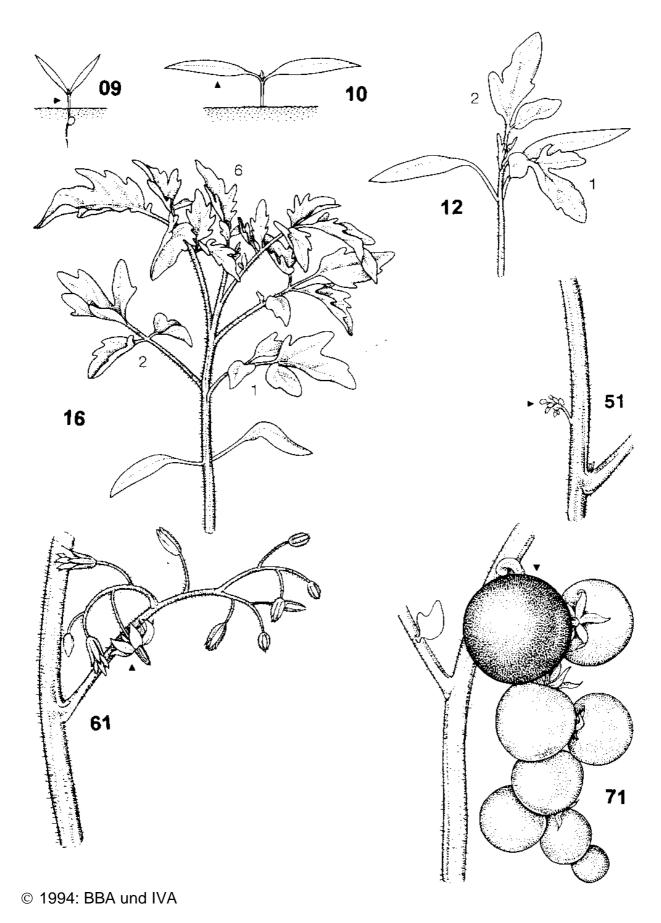
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Harvested product

² For tomato

³ For paprika and aubergine

Solanaceous fruits



Pea Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Feller et al., 1995 b

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of pea (Pisum sativum L.)

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(Pisum sativum L.)		
Code	Description	
Princip	al growth stage 0: Germination	
00 01 03 05 07 08 09	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Shoot breaking through seed coat Shoot growing towards soil surface; hypocotyl arch visible Emergence: shoot breaks through soil surface ("cracking stage")	
Princip	al growth stage 1: Leaf development	
10 11 12 13 1.	Pair of scale leaves visible First true leaf (with stipules) unfolded or first tendril developed 2 leaves (with stipules) unfolded or 2 tendrils developed 3 leaves (with stipules) unfolded or 3 tendrils developed Stages continuous till 9 or more leaves (with stipules) unfolded or 9 or more tendrils developed	
Princip	al growth stage 3: Stem elongation (Main shoot)	
30 31 32 33 3.	Beginning of stem elongation 1 visibly extended internode¹ 2 visibly extended internodes¹ 3 visibly extended internodes¹ Stages continuous till 9 or more visibly extended internodes¹	
Princip	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence	
51 55	First flower buds visible outside leaves First separated flower buds visible outside leaves but still closed	

First petals visible, flowers still closed

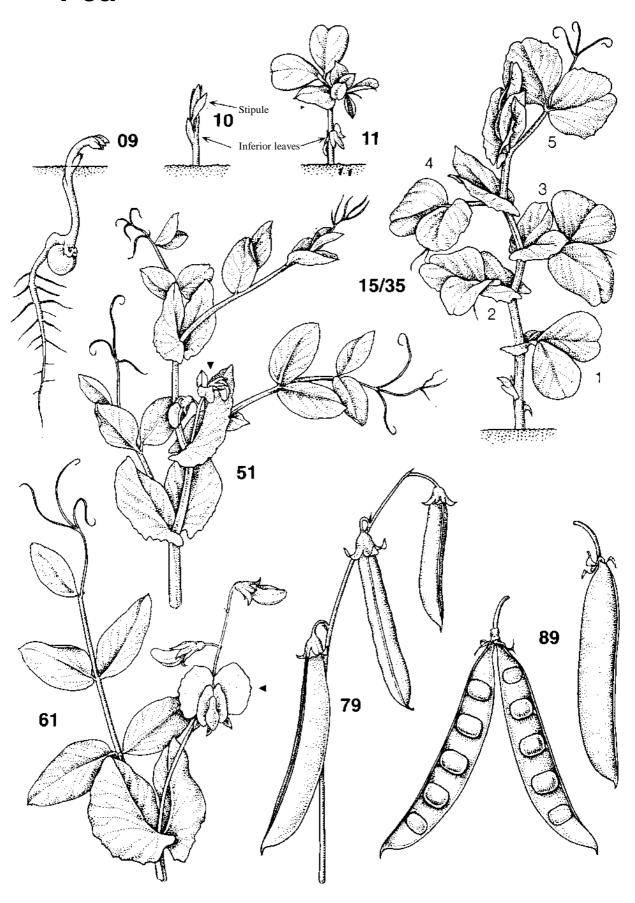
¹ The first internode extends from the scale leaf node to the first true leaf node

Pea Weber and Bleiholder, 1990; Feller et al., 1995 b

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of pea

Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 6: Flowering
60 61 62 63 64 65 67	First flowers open (sporadically within the population) Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open 20% of flowers open 30% of flowers open 40% of flowers open Full flowering: 50% of flowers open Flowering declining End of flowering
Principal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	10% of pods have reached typical length;
72	juice exudes if pressed 20% of pods have reached typical length;
73	juice exudes if pressed 30% of pods have reached typical length; juice exudes if pressed.Tenderometer value: 80 TE
74	40% of pods have reached typical length; juice exudes if pressed. Tenderometer value: 95 TE
75	50% of pods have reached typical length;
76	juice exudes if pressed.Tenderometer value: 105 TE 60% of pods have reached typical length;
77	juice exudes if pressed.Tenderometer value: 115 TE 70% of pods have reached typical length.
79	Tenderometer value: 130 TE Pods have reached typical size (green ripe); peas fully formed
Principal	growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed
81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89	10% of pods ripe, seeds final colour, dry and hard 20% of pods ripe, seeds final colour, dry and hard 30% of pods ripe, seeds final colour, dry and hard 40% of pods ripe, seeds final colour, dry and hard 50% of pods ripe, seeds final colour, dry and hard 60% of pods ripe, seeds final colour, dry and hard 70% of pods ripe, seeds final colour, dry and hard 80% of pods ripe, seeds final colour, dry and hard Fully ripe: all pods dry and brown. Seeds dry and hard (dry ripe)
·	growth stage 9: Senescence
97 99	Plants dead and dry Harvested product

Pea



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Bean Feller et al., 1995 b

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of Bean

(Phaseolus vulgaris var. nanus L.),

Code	Description
Princip	al growth stage 0: Germination
00 01 03 05 07 08 09	Dry seed Beginning of seed imbibition Seed imbibition complete Radicle emerged from seed Hypocotyl with cotyledons breaking through seed coat Hypocotyl reaches the soil surface; hypocotyl arch visible Emergence: hypocotyl with cotyledons break through soil surface ("cracking stage")
Princip	al growth stage 1: Leaf development
10 12 13 1.	Cotyledons completely unfolded 2 full leaves (first leaf pair unfolded) 3rd true leaf (first trifoliate leaf) unfolded Stages continuous till 9 or more leaves (2 full leaves, 7 or more trifoliate) unfolded
Princip	al growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots
21 22 23 2. 29	First side shoot visible 2nd side shoot visible 3rd side shoot visible Stages continuous till 9 or more side shoots visible
Princip	al growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence
51 55 59	First flower buds visible First flower buds enlarged First petals visible, flowers still closed

Bean Feller et al., 1995 b

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of Bean

Code	Description
Principal	growth stage 6: Flowering
60	First flowers open (sporadically within the population)
61	Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open ¹ Beginning of flowering ²
62	20% of flowers open ¹
63	30% of flowers open ¹
64	40% of flowers open ¹
65	Full flowering: 50% of flowers open ¹
07	Main flowering period ²
67	Flowering finishing: majority of petals fallen or dry
69	End of flowering: first pods visible ¹
Principal	growth stage 7: Development of fruit
71	10% of pods have reached typical length ¹
72	Beginning of pot development ²
72 73	20% of pods have reached typical length ¹ 30% of pods have reached typical length ¹
73 74	40% of pods have reached typical length ¹
7 5	50% of pods have reached typical length,
70	beans beginning to fill out ¹
	Main pod development period ²
76	60% of pods have reached typical length ¹
77	70% of pods have reached typical length, pods still break cleanly ¹
78	80% of pods have reached typical length ¹
79	Pods: individual beans easily visible ¹
Principal	growth stage 8: Ripening of fruit and seed
81	10% of pods ripe (beans hard) ¹
00	Seeds beginning to mature ²
82 83	20% of pods ripe (beans hard) ¹
84	30% of pods ripe (beans hard) ¹ 40% of pods ripe (beans hard) ¹
85	50% of pods ripe (beans hard)
00	Main period of ripening ²
86	60% of pods ripe (beans hard) ¹
87	70% of pods ripe (beans hard) ¹
88	80% of pods ripe (beans hard)
89	Fully ripe: pods ripe (beans hard)1

¹ For varieties with limited flowering period

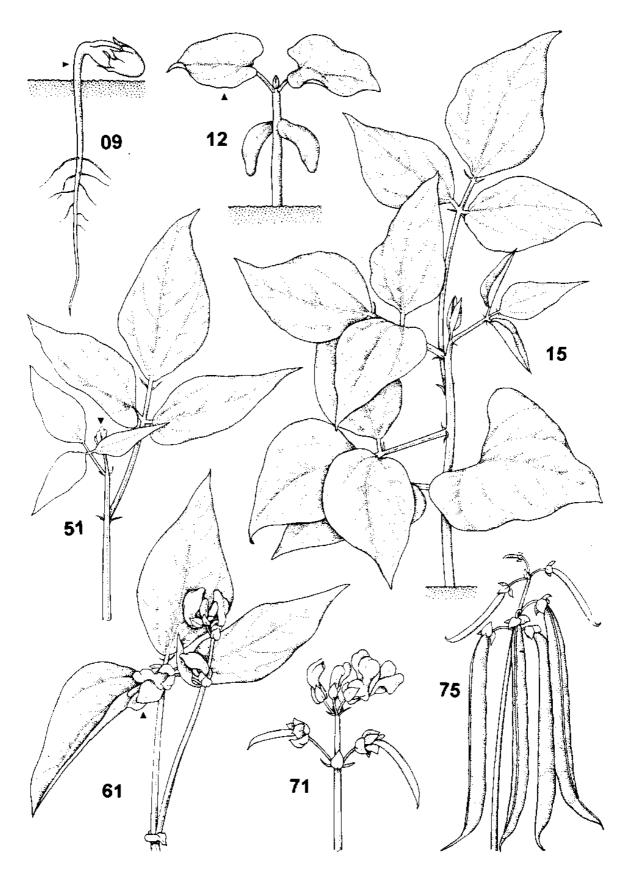
² For varieties in which the flowering period is not limited

Bean Feller et al., 1995 b

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of Bean

Code	Description	
Principal growth stage 9: Senescence		
97 99	Plants dead Harvested product	

Bean



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Weed species Hess et al., 1997

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of weed species

D = **D**icotyledons,

G = Gramineae,

M = Monocotyledons,

P = Perennial plants,

V = Development from vegetative parts or propagated organs.

No code letter is used if the description applies to all groups of plants.

Code		Description		
Principal growth stage 0: Germination, sprouting, bud development				
00	V	Dry seed Perennating or reproductive organs during the resting period (tuber, rhizome, bulb, stolon)		
01				
03	P, V	Seed imbibition complete End of bud swelling		
05 06	V	Radicle (root) emerged from seed Perennating or reproductive organs forming roots Elongation of radicle, formation of root hairs and/or lateral roots		
07	G D, M P, V	Coleoptile emerged from caryopsis Hypocotyl with cotyledons or shoot breaking through seed coat Beginning of sprouting or bud breaking		
80	D V	Hypocotyl with cotyledons or shoot growing towards soil surface Shoot growing towards soil surface		
09	G D, M	Emergence: Coleoptile breaks through soil surface Emergence: Cotyledons break through soil surface (except hypogeal germination);		
	V P	Emergence: Shoot/Leaf breaks through soil surface Buds show green tips		
Principal growth stage 1: Leaf development (main shoot)				
10	G, M D P	First true leaf emerged from coleoptile Cotyledons completely unfolded First leaves separated		
11	P	First true leaf, leaf pair or whorl unfolded First leaves unfolded		
12 13	•	2 true leaves, leaf pairs or whorls unfolded 3 true leaves, leaf pairs or whorls unfolded		
1.		Stages continuous till 9 or more true leaves, leaf pairs or whorls unfolded		

Weed species Hess et al., 1997

Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of weed species

Code		Description			
Principal growth stage 2: Formation of side shoots / tillering					
21 22 23 2 . 29	G G G	First side shoot visible First tiller visible 2 side shoots visible 2 tillers visible 3 side shoots visible 3 tillers visible Stages continuous till 9 or more side shoots visible 9 or more tillers visible			
Principal growth stage 3: Stem elongation/shoot development (main shoot)					
30 31 32 33 3. 39	G G G G	Beginning of stem elongation Beginning of shooting 1 visibly extended internode 1 node stage 2 visibly extended internode; 2 node stage 3 visibly extended internode 3 node stage Stages continuous till 9 or more visibly extended internodes 9 or more nodes			
Principal growth stage 4: vegetative propagation / booting (main shoot)					
40 41 42 43 45 47 49	V G V G G G V	Vegetative reproductive organs begin to develop (rhizomes, stolons, tubers, runners, bulbs) Flag leaf sheath extending First young plant visible Flag leaf sheath just visibly swollen (mid-boot) Flag leaf sheath swollen (late-boot) Flag leaf sheath opening Constant new development of young plants; vegetative reproductive organs reach final size First awns visible			

Weed species Hess et al., 1997

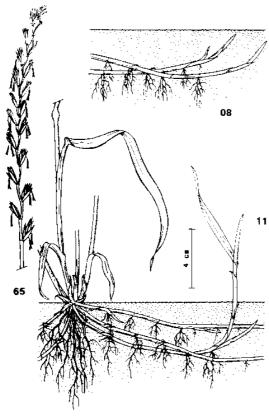
Phenological growth stages and BBCH-identification keys of weed species

Code		Description			
Principal growth stage 5: Inflorescence emergence (main shoot) / heading					
51 55 59	G G G	Inflorescence or flower buds visible Beginning of heading First individual flowers visible (still closed) Half of inflorescence emerged (middle of heading) First flower petals visible (in petalled forms) Inflorescence fully emerged (end of heading)			
Pri 60 61 63 65 67 69	ncipal	growth stage 6: Flowering (main shoot) First flowers open (sporadically) Beginning of flowering: 10% of flowers open 30% of flowers open Full flowering: 50% of flowers open, first petals may be fallen Flowering finishing: majority of petals fallen or dry End of flowering: fruit set visible			
Pri	Principal growth stage 7: Development of fruit				
71 79	G	Fruits begin to develop Caryopsis watery ripe Nearly all fruits have reached final size normal for the species and location			
Principal growth stage 8: Ripening or maturity of fruit and seed					
81 89		Beginning of ripening or fruit coloration Fully ripe			
Pri 97	ncipal P, V	growth stage 9: Senescence, beginning of dormancy End of leaf fall, plants or above ground parts dead or dormant; Plant resting or dormant			

Weed species

Agropyron repens (L.) P. Beauv.

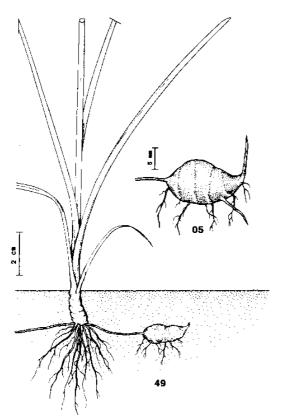


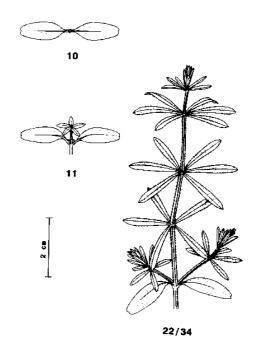


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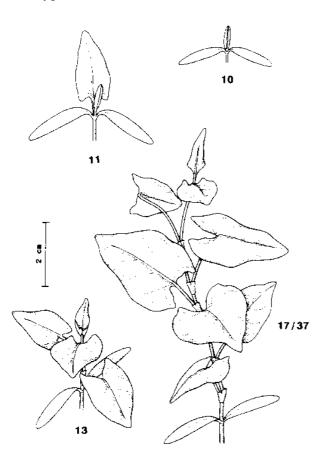




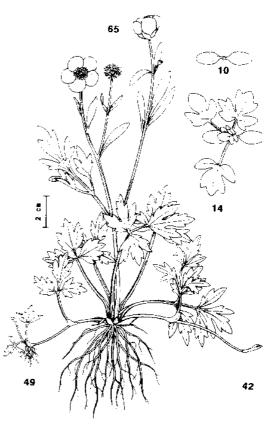
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Weed species

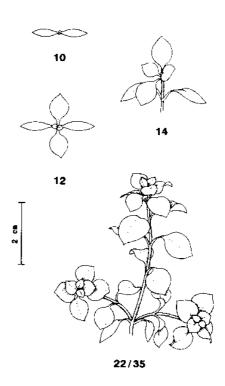
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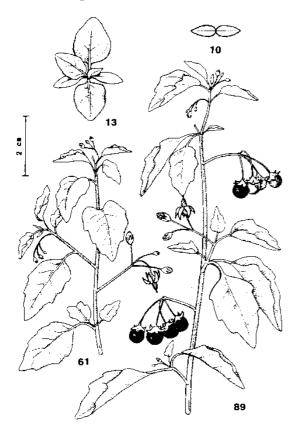


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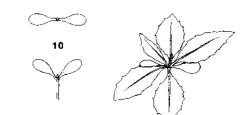


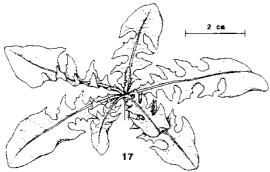
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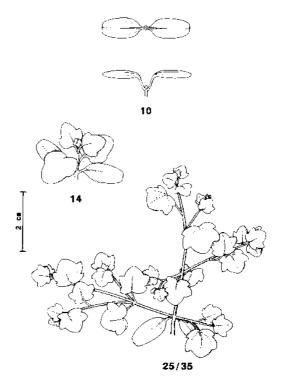


Taraxacum officinale Wiggers





Veronica hederifolia L.



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