Season Extension – the Wyoming Way

Not your mother's garden – high tech materials now available to help

Horticultural fabrics

Geotextiles such as Reemay and Agribond – different weights provide various levels of insulation Added benefit - Insect barriers and wind protection

Plastic sheeting

Vented or not

Woven or not (wind resistance)

Considerations:

- Light transmission and diffusion
- UV stability
- Drip properties controlling humidity
- Which side faces out? It matters with most and will be indicated on plastic

Heat control

- using heat mass helps keep cooler during the day and warmer at night
- ventilation

Frames

Rebar
PVC – straight and rolled
Welded wire fencing
Electrical conduit
Cattle panel

Attachment

Binder Clips Greenhouse clamps Aluminum tracks and "wiggle wire" Lathe



Cloches

Save your plastics – gallon milk jugs, etc. Get large plastic bottles from Culligan for free!! Hot-caps

Heat mass

Walls-o-water
Water Cages
Make-your-own – milk jugs, etc.

Heating the soil

Plastic Fabrics





Plastic plus fabric – have wintered-over lettuce and spinach in hoop-house with aid of Agribond frost blanket

Some sources for materials described in this presentation

- Johnny's Seeds (http://www.johnnyseeds.com)
- Greenhouse Megastore (http://www.greenhousemegastore.com)
- Growers' Supply (http://www.growerssupply.com/farm/supplies/home)
- Territorial Seed Company (http://www.territorialseed.com)
- Grow Organic (https://www.groworganic.com/)
- Northern Greenhouse (http://www.northerngreenhouse.com)
- Atlas Greenhouse (https://atlasgreenhouse.com)
- Farmtek (http://www.farmtek.com/farm/supplies/home)
- Dubois Agrinovation (http://www.duboisag.com)
- Wall O' Water (https://www.wall-o-water.com)

Be creative and resourceful!

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