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| <b>Lettuce</b><br>Traditionally May-October cool weather harvest                      | Days to harvest reduced by 2-3 days   | Days to harvest quicker 3-4 days, change varieties                              | Days to harvest reduced by 5-6 days, optimum harvest time contract June-Sep   | Need transition varieties all season, no winter types Optimum harvest time contracted further | Unlikely during winter period  |
| <b>Baby leaf lettuce, spinach, rocket</b><br>Traditionally harvest Baby Leaf May-Oct  | Days to harvest reduced by 2-3 days   | Days to harvest reduced by 3-5 days , change varieties, extended harvest period | Days to harvest reduced by 6-7 days, new varieties, all year round production | Days to harvest quicker 8-9 days, new varieties, all year round production                    | Germination problems in summer if >35° Fringe 'burn' on leaf quality   |
| <b>Capsicums</b><br>Traditionally considered transition harvesting in spring & autumn | Earlier transplanting in winter as less frost damage & later harvesting in autumn | Harvest possible Nov & Dec/May & June   | Harvest possible late Oct & Nov / late May & June                             | Harvest possible Oct & Nov / late may-early July  | Would affect late spring crops with sunscald & blossom end rot         |
| <b>Carrots</b><br>Optimum harvest time months June-Dec                                | Yield increases and reduced time to harvest                                       | Yield increases and reduced time to harvest, spring harvest ceasing in Nov      | Harvest window mid June-Nov as temperatures rise                              | Harvest window July-mid Nov   | Germination and establishment problems, increased soil borne pathogens |
| <b>Broccoli &amp; cauliflower</b><br>Traditionally winter & early spring harvest      | Earlier maturity  | Change in variety mix   | Less cool season varieties  | Harvest window reduced to June-Oct  | Quality & yield decreases  |
| <b>Beans</b><br>Traditionally transition harvest in Nov-Dec/Apr-May                   | Harvest earlier in spring and later in autumn                                     | Earlier planting in winter after last frost Heat in summer delays autumn crop   | Restrict harvest to Oct/Nov and May/June                                      | Restrict harvest late Sep/Oct and late May-early July   | Causes huge flower drop and reduced pod set                            |

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| <b>Sweet Corn</b> (processing)<br>Traditionally harvest in Nov-May                          | Harvest earlier in spring and later in autumn | Earlier planting in winter after last frost<br>Heat in summer lower yield autumn crop | Restrict mid summer harvest in mid Jan-mid March or move to Eastern Darling Downs           | Restrict harvest Jan-March or move production to Eastern Darling Downs          | Causes pollen blast and affects tip fill in cobs stressed when temperatures > 35°C        |
| <b>Beetroot</b> (processing)<br>Traditionally harvested April-November) as cool season crop | Earlier maturity and increased yield          | Commence harvesting May due to problems in establishment in the autumn heat           | Commence harvesting mid May, higher yields during winter with increased winter temperatures | Commence harvesting late May and complete by mid October as the spring heats up | Germination problems<br>Zoning (alternating light/dark bands in beets) decreasing quality |