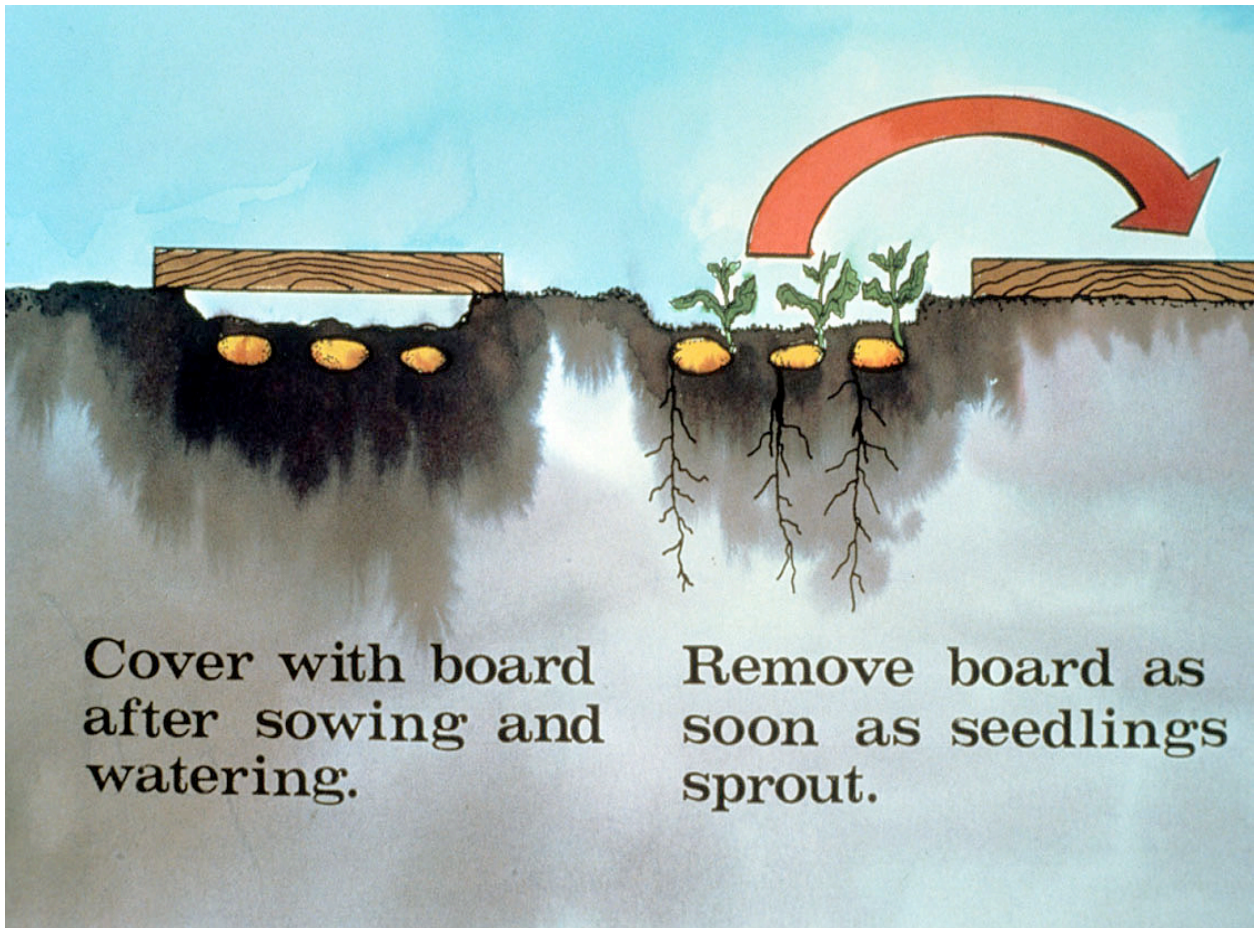


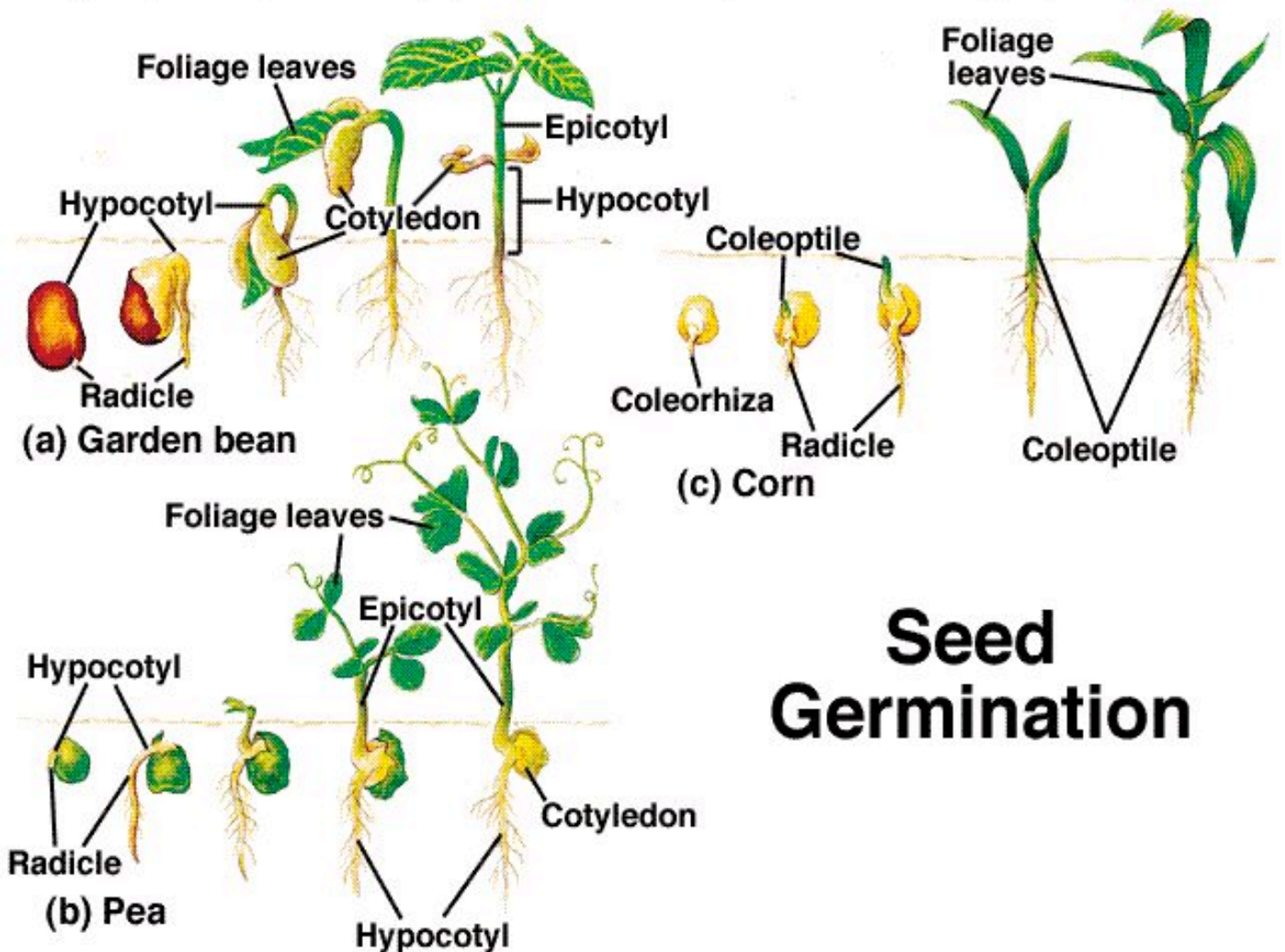
Planting Seeds

Planting depth is very important in getting good stands. Dicots (broadleaves) need to be planted approximately at a depth of 1.5 times the size of the seed. Cover the seed and lightly tamp the soil to insure good seed-to-soil contact. If soil moisture is slightly dry, plant 2-2.5 times the size of the seed, but only if no rain is forecast the next 7 days or so. It is not recommended to water after planting. This can cause soil surface crusting limiting seed emergence.



Planting monocots (grass-type plants) such as corn, be sure to plant deep enough. Many people make the mistake of planting sweet corn shallow (less than 1.5") so it will come up quicker. Yes, it might come up a day or two quicker, but some of the roots will not develop correctly or not at all. In dry summers, shallow planted corn will suffer and will not stand windy conditions. Also, birds can more easily pull the seedlings up. If soil moisture is adequate, plant 1.5-2" deep. In dryer conditions, plant 2-2.5" deep. Cover the seed and lightly tamp the soil to insure good seed-to-soil contact.

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