SAFFRON PRODUCTION CYCLE

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The timing of the saffron production cycle varies depending on climate, but the basic cycle described below is the same everywhere. **It is important to know this cycle to maximize on crop yield.**

**Vegetative stage**
Dec. – Mar.

**Corm development**
Apr. – June

**Dormancy**
July – Aug.

**Flowering, harvesting, drying**
Oct.-Nov.

**Sprouting**
Sept.

**Planting**
Aug. – Sept.

**DO NOT DIG UP THE MOTHER CORM WHEN FLOWERING IS OVER!**

**Saffron leaves remain green and continue to grow over the winter and spring. This is when the secondary corms develop.**

**The mother corm is at the base of a cluster of secondary corms.**

**Leaves turn brown when corms go dormant in late spring. The mother corm dies, leaving a cluster of secondary corms.**

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