

- **My asparagus rows are getting shorter. Why might this be?**

Spear size and yield will decrease after 12 to 15 years. Yield is dependent on the number of carbohydrates stored in the underground crown of the plant and is directly related to the previous season's fern growth. Longer growth periods and more vigorous fern growth equate to more carbohydrates stored in the crown.

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