Guide to top dressing some commonly grown crops using a general purpose fertiliser such as Blood, fish & bone or Growmore

Beans & peas	Not necessary
Leaf Beet & Swiss Chard	Two weeks after leaves appear
Beetroot	When tops are 4 to 5 inches high
Broccoli	Three weeks after transplant
Brussels sprouts	Three weeks after transplant, again when sprouts appear
Cabbage	Four to six weeks after planting
Cauliflower	Four to six weeks after planting
Celery	Three weeks after setting out; again six weeks later
Sweetcorn	Three weeks after planting; again when plants are 8 to 10 inches high; again when tassels appear
Courgette, Pumpkin, Winter Squash	When they first begin to *run* (form vines and sprawl), again when blossoms set
Aubergine	Three weeks after planting
Kale	When plants are 6 to 8 inches tall
Lettuce, head	Three weeks after transplant, again when heads form
Lettuce, leaf	Three weeks after germination
Melon	When they begin to run, again a week after blossom set, again three weeks later
Peppers	Three weeks after transplant, again after first fruit set
Radish	Not necessary
Spinach	When plants are about 3 to 4 inches tall
Squash, summer	When plants are about 6 inches tall, again when they bloom
Tomato	Not recommended (use a specialist liquid feed instead)