

# Chilli growing in Uganda

Chilli plant takes 3 months before harvesting, the crop has a large ready market thus source of income to farmers.

However, when growing chilli always use organic agricultural inputs to facilitate product international product export. Additionally during harvest it is recommended to harvest and pack separately depending on colour. Chilli has several uses to mention, warmer during winter, preservative, income source, spicing food, appetizer, reduces cholesterol level, prevents diabetes, avails vitamin C and also source of anti oxidants.

## Chilli agronomy

First obtain quality seeds and make a nursery bed. Thereafter weeding should be done after 21 days.

Second, transplant after 1 month and spray using organic pesticides to control pests and diseases.

Additionally, weed twice a week to reduce competition for plant nutrients and spray to ensure a good harvest.

Furthermore, apply organic manure to the chilli farm to improve the soil fertility for high production.

Also Intercrop with other crops for increased output per unit area of land as well as to break the disease life cycle.

Ensure to plant chilli plant at 5 X 5 feet spacing to ease spraying and lastly harvest, sort and pack chilli plant separately depending on colour to satisfy what the consumer wants.