

Growing Garlic In Containers

Crop management

Because the success of garlic depend on space, moisture, nutrients, temperature and sunlight, farmers should maintain space of 6 inches between bulbs. Organic polymix soils are used in containers and it is either bought or made locally from 45% compost, 45% coco fibre and 10% washed sand. Fill the soil mix in container, compress it firmly and put the cloves into it with pointy side up at 3 inches deep and 6 inches apart, mulch the garden and water after.

Similarly for growing in fabric grow bags, fill the bag with polymix, plant cloves in it, cover with more poly mix, mulch and water after and equally for plastic pots, farmers should fill them with polymix soils, plant cloves, mulch and water. In colder climate, plant cloves deeper, upward of 7.5cm from top of cloves and apply thick mulch.

Furthermore, stack all pots together to simulate a single garden for more thermal mass and always put garlic garden outside to stimulate bulb formation and don't water in winter. Keep soils moist in water climates and after sprouting apply a balanced organic fertilizers, then after 2 months later and lastly after 6 weeks before harvest time.

8-10 months after planting, garlic is harvested by digging out bulbs when shoots turn yellow and start failing. Tie them in bundles and hang them in a shade for drying for 3-4 weeks.

Finally after 4 weeks, remove roots, shoots and 1-2 paper layer/ dry leaves.