

How to Grow a Pineapple – Pineapple Plant Business Ideas with Small Capital

Being an important source of vitamins and other nutrients, pineapple fruit quality is determined by the technology levels used during growth.

As pineapple being a fruit with lots of economic importance, it is a good foreign exchange fruit and also can easily be processed into jam, juice and vinegar and is a good source of fibre. Adequate fertilizers make plants grow vigorously.

Crop management

As pineapple mature in 18 months to yield 2500 fruits per hectares, it requires uniform temperatures throughout year and evenly distributed rainfall during growth period in loam soils with pH of 4.5-5.5. Planting time is between March and August.

Similarly, plant suckers in 28cm deep, 25/30 cm in a row and 80-100 cm between rows to have a population density of 35000-50000 plants per hectare. Control weeds using hand weed pulling and use of implements however weeds can be used as mulches to conserve moisture in soil and add organic matter to soil.

Dont use herbicide that may be toxic to crops crown however adequate fertilizers make plants grow vigorously. Continue by controlling pests using insecticides and pesticides through spraying.

Finally, harvest pineapples between April to August as they ripen 5 months after flowering and are harvested for 19-20 months.