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Peas are easy to grow, highly profitable, delicious, nutritious and used as vegetables or pulse. They grow best on drained loam soils with pH 6-7.5.

Pea farming is profitable with less labour, less cost and short time. Peas are cool season crops and grow on many soil types. Treat seeds before planting to ensure healthy and faster plant growth.

Insects, thrips, pea leaf miner and pod borer are common pests affecting peas and powdery mildew is a common disease.

### First steps

Start by levelling ploughed field to avoid water logging, then apply soil nutrients to ensure high yield and plant during rainy seasons to attain high yields. Always sow seeds in rows to allow proper field management and space rows at 1 feet apart. During sowing plant seeds 3-4 inches apart and 2cm deep and lightly water to facilitate seed germination.

### Second steps

Ensure timely application of urea, potash, nitrogen, phosphorus and SSP to boost growth. However irrigate field before sowing to ensure good germination but avoid irrigating flowering plants and plants at pod formation stage. Additionally, ensure timely control of pests and diseases after consulting an agricultural officer and lastly, harvest before plant maturity depending on the pea variety to avoid losses.