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Commercial pea farming is a very easy and profitable business with low labour and cost and fast maturity. Pea is a delicious and nutritious cool season vegetable grown globally.

Peas are a rich source of proteins, amino acids, and sugars. Green peas are used as a vegetable and pulse when dried. It's straw is a nutritional fodder for livestock. Pea cultivation can be done on several soil types, however, well drained loam soil with a pH level of 6 to 7.5 is optimum. To prepare the soil, remove weeds and plough 1–2 times with 2–3 harrowing and after planting. Add organic content to increase soil nutrients. Pea seeds are planted either by scattering the field or in rows 1 ft apart and a seed distance of 3–4 inches and 2–3 cm deep.

Crop care

Treat the seeds before planting and lightly water the soil after sowing. Pre-sowing irrigation should be done for good germination and afterwards during the flowering and pod formation stage.

Heavy irrigation leads to the yellowing of plants and thus reduces the yield. Weeding is done 1–2 times, 3–4 weeks after cultivation and before flowering.

Pest & Diseases

Aphids, thrips, pea leaf miners and podbora are some common pests for pea plants. Powdery mildew, rust and wilt are some

common diseases for pea plants.

Harvesting is done just before maturity, i.e. when the colour changes from black to green. Depending on the variety, harvesting for early variety has to be done between 45 to 60 days mid season and late season crop has to be done between 75 days and within 100 days.