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The care and maintenance given to the seedlings in the nursery can highly determine the yielding ability of the crop grown at a particular time.

As germination of seeds is being dictated by moisture and temperatures, crop seeds germinate best at 24- 30 degrees centigrade and once true leaves grow, there is need to reduce the temperature to 20 degrees centigrade.

### **Seedlings management**

First, cool temperatures moderate growth, even out the root to shoot ratio going forward and prevents fragile plants hence a need to increase light and air circulation in the nursery for seedlings to improve on the vigour.

Similarly, water the seedlings once a week and feed them when third true leaf appears that is to say a month after planting and continue to feed twice before transplanting to the field. Properly space the seedlings to reduce competition and replant seedlings using medium of high compost filled in the pots and pre soaked.

Finally, keep light, temperatures and other conditions the same.