Staking and pruning passion fruit

Passion fruit is a climbing plant. Well managed passion fruits provide farmers with money due to ready market throughout the year. Staking and pruning passion fruits brings good yields.

Passion fruits have a simple systematic growing pattern. The main vine produces secondary and tertiary vines. Secondary vines bear more fruits but for optimum production do not let secondary vines join the main vine. Also expose all plant parts with sufficient air circulation for proper flowering. Hand pruning of secondary vines encourages more fruit thus more income.

Staking

Establish stakes at 3 metres with in row, 3-6 metres between rows there after tie wire in each row 2 metres from ground and plant at 6 metres within row. Stake when plant is 1 metre tall and allow one vine per string.

Pruning

Prune all secondary branches until the vine reaches the trellis wire, similarly pinch off top bud as soon as the bud reaches the trellis wire to enable side vines grow. Allow the 2 main vines to grow in opposite directions along the wire. The secondary vine produces fruits. To get high yields prune properly since it stimulates fruit production. Also prune tertiary vines so that they don‘t join the main and secondary vine. Always remove the 3 secondary old vines after harvest, dead plant materials, yellow and diseased leaves.