

# SWEET POTATO GROWING

First, make sure to create larger ridges in your planting area. These ridges should be substantial enough to comfortably house the sweet potato tubers as they grow. This step is essential for ensuring healthy and successful sweet potato cultivation.

Next, consider the benefits of staged planting. By planting your sweet potatoes in stages, you'll ensure a staggered maturation process. This means that you won't have all your sweet potatoes ready for harvest at once, providing a more consistent supply over time.

## Preparing vines

To begin, prepare your sweet potato vines by cutting them into uniform lengths, approximately half the length of your arm. This step makes it easier to handle the vines during planting.

Now, lay the prepared vines along the ridges you've created. This not only simplifies the planting process but also optimizes the use of your planting space.

It's worth noting that sweet potatoes aren't just a source of food; they can also be a valuable source of income. Their cultivation can yield profits beyond personal consumption.

## Planting the vines

When it's time to plant, fold the vine and dig a small hole in the ridge. Place the vine in the hole, ensuring that there is a spacing of 30-40 cm between each vine. While you have the option to apply fertilizer, it's not an absolute necessity. Alternatively, you can use weeds from your weeding efforts to benefit the plants by placing them in between the sweet potato vines. This organic approach allows the weeds to decompose and enrich the soil, contributing to the healthy growth of your

sweet potatoes.