

## **Crop: Cucumber**

Production season	Best grown in summer between August and April. However, in Zimbabwe people tend to grow it all year round		
Area to plant	1ha/10 000m2 (100mx100m)	1000m2 (20mx50m)	100m2 (10mx10m)
Seed required	2.5 kg-3 kg	250g-300g	25g-30g
Plant population	15 000-20 000	1 500-2 000	150-200
Plant spacing in row	45cm-60cm		
Spacing between rows	120cm-150cm		
Compound D Fertilizer kg/ha	400-600	40-60	42525
AN Top dressing kg/ha	100-250	10-25	1-2.5
Manure kg/ha	25 000	2 500	250
Days to Harvest	70 to 150 days depending on the season and variety		
Harvest duration	30 to 60 days		
See Brassicas common pests and diseases and their control for chemical options.			
Irrigation	Overhead, Pivot, Micro-jet and Drip systems are all suitable methods. Ensure the soil is moist at all times.		
Post-harvest handling	fruits are cut and harvested individually		
Normal packaging	Fruits	Fruits	Fruits
Estimated Yield (kg/ha)	10 000-15 000	100-1500	100-150

