

**CROP: LETTUCE.**

Production season	Best grown winter from March to July. But things have changed in Zimbabwe and people tend to grow the crop all year round.		
Area to plant	1ha/10 000m2 (100mx100m)	1000m2 (20mx50m)	100m2 (10mx10m)
Seed required	1000g	100g	10g
Plant population	15800-46 000	1580-4600	158-460
Plant spacing in row	40cm-70cm		
Spacing between rows	60cm to 90cm		
Veg Fertilizer kg	800-1000 kg	80-100 kg	8.0-10 kg
AN Top dressing kg	100 kg	10 kg	1kg
Manure	25-50 tones	2.5-5.0 tones	0.25-0.50 tones
Days to Harvest	70 to 145 days depending on the season and variety		
Harvest duration	21 days		
See leaf vegetable 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	Heads are cut and harvested individually. Store in a cool place		
Normal packaging	heads	heads	heads
Estimated production (heads)	15800-46 000	1580-4600	158-460
Produce pricing	Check with ZFU weekly prices, and other fresh vegetable markets		