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Crop details

Mulberry

Morus alba

Family: Moraceae

Categories

Fruits & Nuts

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Quick stats

Family	Moraceae
Typical harvest	9.0 t/ha
Varieties	1
Pests and diseases	2
Seasons	1

Crop profile

Growth habit	tree
Days to harvest	365
Main uses	Fresh berries, drying, juice, and sericulture support.
Pollination	insect
Origin and where it grows	Grown in highland and mid-altitude homesteads and peri-urban orchards.

Weather, soil and spacing

Best temperature	16 - 28 °C
Rainfall	800 - 1600 mm/yr
Altitude	0 - 2600 m
Best pH	6 - 7
Soil type	Deep, fertile, well-drained soil with good organic matter.
Row spacing	500 cm
Plant spacing	500 cm
Planting depth	30 cm
Seed rate	kg/ha (check local recommendation)
Nursery days	180

Simple notes for farmers

About the crop: This crop has a growth habit described as "tree". Harvest typically starts about 365 days after planting.

Main use: Farmers mostly grow this crop for fresh berries, drying, juice, and sericulture support..

Pollination: Mainly insect; healthy flowers and pollinators improve fruit set.

Where it grows: Grown in highland and mid-altitude homesteads and peri-urban orchards.. Grouped under: Fruits & Nuts.

Best climate: 16 - 28 °C; 800 - 1600 mm/yr; up to about 2600 m a.s.l.

Soil: Best at pH 6 - 7; deep, fertile, well-drained soil with good organic matter..

Farmer guide (Mwongozo wa Mkulima)

<u>Planting</u>	Plant healthy Mulberry seedlings or grafted plants at onset of rains in prepared pits.
<u>Transplanting</u>	Handle Mulberry rootballs carefully and water well after planting.
<u>Irrigation</u>	Maintain steady moisture during establishment and fruit development of Mulberry.
<u>Fertigation</u>	Split nutrients through active growth and fruit development in Mulberry.
<u>Pest scouting</u>	Scout Mulberry regularly for fruit flies, scales, borers, and foliar diseases.
<u>Pruning and training</u>	Prune Mulberry to maintain canopy light, height, and sanitation.
<u>Harvest</u>	Harvest Mulberry at the right maturity stage for fresh-market quality.
<u>Postharvest</u>	Keep Mulberry shaded and cool after harvest to preserve market quality.

Nutrient schedule (Mbolea kwa Hatua)

<u>#</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>DAP</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Targets (kg/ha)</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1	Planting or season start	0	Well-rotted manure	8000 kg/ha	N: N/A, P?O?: N/A, K?O: N/A	Improve rooting environment for Mulberry.
2	Pre-fruiting	90	NPK 17-17-17	200 kg/ha	N: 34, P?O?: 34, K?O: 34	Balanced nutrient support for Mulberry.

Nutrient requirements

<u>Nutrient</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unit</u>
N	Basal	40	kg/ha
P?O?	Basal	30	kg/ha
K?O	Basal	40	kg/ha
N	Fruiting	40	kg/ha
K?O	Fruiting	50	kg/ha

Field images



Varieties

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Maturity (days)</u>	<u>Traits</u>
White Mulberry	KE	365	Fruit and leaf dual-purpose type.

Fertilizer recommendations

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Planting	Well-rotted manure	8000	Organic matter for Mulberry establishment.
Pre-fruiting	NPK 17-17-17	200	Balanced fertilizer ahead of major Mulberry crop load.

Pests and diseases

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Symptoms</u>	<u>Management</u>
Fruit flies	pest	Stings, larval feeding, and rotting fruits.	Field sanitation, trapping, and timely harvest.
Anthracnose and fruit rots	disease	Lesions on flowers, leaves, or fruits reducing quality.	Prune for airflow, keep orchards clean, and protect during wet periods.

Yields

<u>System</u>	<u>Typical</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Managed orchard production	9	5.4	14.4	Typical orchard yield for Mulberry under practical management.

Season calendars

<u>Country</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Planting</u>	<u>Harvest</u>
KE	Managed Orchard Zones	Mar-Apr or Oct-Nov	Depends on variety and agroecology

Region suitability

<u>Country</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Suitability</u>
KE	Managed Orchard Zones	Medium

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