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Crop details

Ethiopian kale (Brassica carinata)

Brassica carinata

Family: Brassicaceae

Categories

Vegetables

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Quick stats

Family	Brassicaceae
Typical harvest	12.5 t/ha
Varieties	2
Pests and diseases	2
Seasons	1

Crop profile

Growth habit	annual
Days to harvest	70-110
Main uses	Leafy vegetable; oilseed types exist
Pollination	insect
Origin and where it grows	Ethiopian highlands

Weather, soil and spacing

Best temperature	12 - 20 °C
Rainfall	500 - 800 mm/yr
Altitude	1200 - 2800 m
Best pH	6.2 - 7
Soil type	Fertile loam
Row spacing	50 cm
Plant spacing	30 cm
Planting depth	1.5 cm
Seed rate	4 kg/ha
Nursery days	25

Simple notes for farmers

About the crop: This crop is annual; it grows and is harvested in one season. Harvest typically starts about 70-110 days after planting.

Main use: Farmers mostly grow this crop for leafy vegetable; oilseed types exist.

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

Where it grows: Ethiopian highlands. Grouped under: Vegetables.

Best climate: 12 - 20 °C; 500 - 800 mm/yr; up to about 2800 m a.s.l.

Soil: Best at pH 6.2 - 7; fertile loam.

Farmer guide (Mwongozo wa Mkulima)

Planting	Transplant at 4–5 weeks.
Irrigation	Maintain steady moisture
Harvest	Pick outer leaves continuously.

Nutrient schedule (Mbolea kwa Hatua)

#	Stage	DAP	Product	Rate	Targets (kg/ha)	Notes
1	Basal	0	NPK 17-17-17	80 kg/ha	N: N/A, P ₂ O ₅ : N/A, K ₂ O: N/A	N/A
2	Topdress	25	CAN 26% N	80 kg/ha	N: N/A, P ₂ O ₅ : N/A, K ₂ O: N/A	N/A

Nutrient requirements

Nutrient	Stage	Amount	Unit
N	Basal	50	kg/ha
P ₂ O ₅	Basal	25	kg/ha
K ₂ O	Basal	40	kg/ha
N	Topdress	30	kg/ha

Field images



Varieties

Name	Country	Maturity (days)	Traits
Carinata Local	ET	80	Vigorous, leafy
Local Carinata	KE	90	Tender leaves

Pests and diseases

Name	Type	Symptoms	Management
Diamondback moth	pest	Leaf holes	BT products; rotation
Downy mildew	disease	Pale patches, downy underside	Improve airflow; fungicides as needed

Yields

<u>System</u>	<u>Typical</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Notes</u>
rainfed smallholder	10	5	15	
open-field	15	10	25	

Season calendars

<u>Country</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Planting</u>	<u>Harvest</u>
KE	Highlands	Feb–Apr / Aug–Sep	Apr–Jul / Oct–Dec

Region suitability

<u>Country</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Suitability</u>
KE	Highlands	High

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