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Crop details

## Brussels Sprouts

*Brassica oleracea var. gemmifera*

Family: Brassicaceae

Categories

Vegetables

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### Quick stats

<b>Family</b>	Brassicaceae
<b>Typical harvest</b>	9.0 t/ha
<b>Varieties</b>	1
<b>Pests and diseases</b>	2
<b>Seasons</b>	1

### Weather, soil and spacing

<b>Best temperature</b>	10 - 20 °C
<b>Rainfall</b>	450 - 800 mm/yr
<b>Altitude</b>	800 - 2800 m
<b>Best pH</b>	6 - 7
<b>Soil type</b>	Fertile well-drained loam rich in organic matter.
<b>Row spacing</b>	40 cm
<b>Plant spacing</b>	20 cm
<b>Planting depth</b>	1.5 cm
<b>Seed rate</b>	4 kg/ha

### Crop profile

<b>Growth habit</b>	annual
<b>Days to harvest</b>	120
<b>Main uses</b>	Mini head vegetable for fresh and premium retail chains.
<b>Pollination</b>	insect
<b>Origin and where it grows</b>	Niche cool-season crop in East African highland horticulture.

### Simple notes for farmers

**About the crop:** This crop is annual; it grows and is harvested in one season. Harvest typically starts about 120 days after planting.

**Main use:** Farmers mostly grow this crop for mini head vegetable for fresh and premium retail chains..

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

**Where it grows:** Niche cool-season crop in East African highland horticulture.. Grouped under: Vegetables.

**Best climate:** 10 - 20 °C; 450 - 800 mm/yr; up to about 2800 m a.s.l.

**Soil:** Best at pH 6 - 7; fertile well-drained loam rich in organic matter..

### Farmer guide (Mwongozo wa Mkulima)

<b><u>Planting</u></b>	Establish Brussels Sprouts in a fine weed-free seedbed and keep emergence moisture steady.
<b><u>Transplanting</u></b>	Direct seed or transplant depending on production system.
<b><u>Irrigation</u></b>	Maintain even soil moisture for steady Brussels Sprouts growth and quality.
<b><u>Fertigation</u></b>	Use split nitrogen and potassium for market-quality Brussels Sprouts.
<b><u>Pest scouting</u></b>	Scout Brussels Sprouts weekly for chewing pests, sap suckers, and foliar diseases.
<b><u>Pruning and training</u></b>	No pruning required unless sanitation or staking is needed.
<b><u>Harvest</u></b>	Harvest Brussels Sprouts at market maturity for the intended use.
<b><u>Postharvest</u></b>	Cool and shade Brussels Sprouts promptly after harvest.

### **Nutrient schedule (Mbolea kwa Hatua)**

#	Stage	DAP	Product	Rate	Targets (kg/ha)	Notes
1	Basal	0	NPK 17-17-17	200 kg/ha	N: 34, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> : 34, K <sub>2</sub> O: 34	Basal fertilizer for Brussels Sprouts.
2	Topdress	21	CAN	100 kg/ha	N: 26, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> : N/A, K <sub>2</sub> O: N/A	Support active Brussels Sprouts vegetative growth.

### **Nutrient requirements**

Nutrient	Stage	Amount	Unit
N	Basal	35	kg/ha
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Basal	30	kg/ha
K <sub>2</sub> O	Basal	35	kg/ha
N	Topdress	25	kg/ha
K <sub>2</sub> O	Topdress	20	kg/ha

### **Field images**



### **Varieties**

Name	Country	Maturity (days)	Traits
Long Island Improved	KE	120	Compact sprouts on upright stems.

## **Fertilizer recommendations**

<b><u>Stage</u></b>	<b><u>Product</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
Planting	Well-rotted manure	5000	Improve soil structure before Brussels Sprouts planting.
Vegetative growth	CAN	100	Split topdress for Brussels Sprouts production.

## **Pests and diseases**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Symptoms</u></b>	<b><u>Management</u></b>
Aphids	pest	Leaf curling and sticky honeydew.	Scout frequently and use selective control when pressure builds.
Leaf spot complex	disease	Necrotic spotting and reduced leaf quality.	Improve airflow, rotate crops, and avoid prolonged leaf wetness.

## **Yields**

<b><u>System</u></b>	<b><u>Typical</u></b>	<b><u>Min</u></b>	<b><u>Max</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
Managed fresh-market production	9	6.3	13.5	Typical marketable Brussels Sprouts yield under irrigated or well-managed conditions.

## **Season calendars**

<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Region</u></b>	<b><u>Planting</u></b>	<b><u>Harvest</u></b>
KE	Highland Vegetable Zones	Mar-Apr or Oct-Nov	Year-round depending on irrigation

## **Region suitability**

<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Region</u></b>	<b><u>Suitability</u></b>
KE	Highland Vegetable Zones	High

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