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Crop details

## Groundnut / Peanut

*Arachis hypogaea*

Family: Fabaceae

Categories

Legumes & Pulses

Oil & Industrial

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### Quick stats

<b>Family</b>	Fabaceae
<b>Typical harvest</b>	2.1 t/ha
<b>Varieties</b>	48
<b>Pests and diseases</b>	80
<b>Seasons</b>	48

### Crop profile

<b>Growth habit</b>	annual
<b>Days to harvest</b>	110
<b>Main uses</b>	Roasted and boiled nuts, peanut butter, cooking oil and cake for animal feed. Dry haulms are also used as fodder.
<b>Pollination</b>	self
<b>Origin and where it grows</b>	Groundnut/peanut (karanga) is grown in warm, medium to low rainfall areas of East Africa, often on light soils.

### Weather, soil and spacing

<b>Best temperature</b>	24 - 30 °C
<b>Rainfall</b>	600 - 1000 mm/yr
<b>Altitude</b>	0 - 1500 m
<b>Best pH</b>	5.5 - 6.5
<b>Soil type</b>	Light, well-drained sandy loam to loam. Groundnut/peanut (karanga) needs loose soils so pegs and pods can form easily.
<b>Row spacing</b>	45 cm
<b>Plant spacing</b>	10 cm
<b>Planting depth</b>	4 cm
<b>Seed rate</b>	80 kg/ha

### Simple notes for farmers

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

**Main use:** Farmers mostly grow this crop for roasted and boiled nuts, peanut butter, cooking oil and cake for animal feed. dry haulms are also used as fodder..

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

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### **Farmer guide (Mwongozo wa Mkulima)**

<b><u>Planting</u></b>	Plant Groundnut/peanut (karanga) at the start of the rains using well-filled seed. Place 2–3 seeds per hole, cover with loose soil and thin to one or two strong plants.
<b><u>Transplanting</u></b>	Karanga is direct seeded; do not transplant.
<b><u>Irrigation</u></b>	Keep soil moist during germination, pegging (when flowers bend into the soil) and pod filling. Avoid long dry spells at flowering and pegging.
<b><u>Fertigation</u></b>	Give a small starter dose of phosphorus and calcium. Because it is a legume, karanga fixes nitrogen and usually does not need extra N fertilizer.
<b><u>Pest scouting</u></b>	Inspect fields weekly for leaf spots, rosette, aphids and pod pests. Check lower leaves and stems, and look for plants that yellow or dry too early.
<b><u>Pruning and training</u></b>	No pruning needed. Keep the field weed-free especially in the first 4–6 weeks so the crop can cover the ground.
<b><u>Harvest</u></b>	Harvest Groundnut/peanut (karanga) when most leaves turn yellow and inside of pods show a network pattern with firm, filled kernels.
<b><u>Postharvest</u></b>	Lift plants, shake off soil and dry them in small stacks or on racks with pods up. After drying, strip pods, dry again until kernels are crunchy, then store in dry, airy, rodent-proof bags.

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

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### Nutrient requirements

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P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Basal	25	kg/ha
K <sub>2</sub> O	Basal	20	kg/ha
N	Topdress_early	0	kg/ha
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### Field images



### Varieties

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Early bunch groundnut	KE	95	Short, bunch type, early harvest; good for roasting and boiling.
Virginia-type spreading groundnut	TZ	120	Spreading, higher haulm yield for fodder; good for oil and nuts.
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