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Crop details

Lablab

Lablab purpureus

Family: Fabaceae

Categories

Legumes & Pulses

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Quick stats

Family	Fabaceae
Typical harvest	1.4 t/ha
Varieties	18
Pests and diseases	21
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Crop profile

Growth habit	climber
Days to harvest	90-150
Main uses	Pulse; forage; vegetable
Pollination	insect
Origin and where it grows	Africa/Asia tropics

Weather, soil and spacing

Best temperature	20 - 30 °C
Rainfall	600 - 900 mm/yr
Altitude	0 - 1800 m
Best pH	6 - 7
Soil type	Well-drained loam
Row spacing	75 cm
Plant spacing	45 cm
Planting depth	3 cm
Seed rate	25 kg/ha

Simple notes for farmers

About the crop: This crop has a growth habit described as "climber". Harvest typically starts about 90-150 days after planting.

Main use: Farmers mostly grow this crop for pulse; forage; vegetable.

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

Where it grows: Africa/Asia tropics. Grouped under: Legumes & Pulses.

Best climate: 20 - 30 °C; 600 - 900 mm/yr; up to about 1800 m a.s.l.

Soil: Best at pH 6 - 7; well-drained loam.

Farmer guide (Mwongozo wa Mkulima)

<u>Nutrient</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unit</u>
P?O?	Basal	25	kg/ha
K?O	Basal	20	kg/ha
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P?O?	Basal	25	kg/ha
K?O	Basal	20	kg/ha

Field images



Varieties

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Maturity (days)</u>	<u>Traits</u>
Local Lablab	KE	120	Dual purpose
Rongai (forage type)	KE	120	Vigorous vine; high biomass; forage/cover
Local lablab (grain)	KE	110	Dual-purpose; edible dry seed
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<u>Country</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Planting</u>	<u>Harvest</u>
KE	Western	Mar–Apr	Jul–Oct
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Region suitability

<u>Country</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Suitability</u>
KE	Arid/semi-arid w/out irrigation	Low
KE	Poorly drained wetlands	Low
KE	Western	High
KE	Western; Nyanza; mid-altitude humid	High
TZ	Northern & Lake zones	High
UG	Central & Eastern sub-humid	High

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