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Crop details

## Elephant Foot Yam

*Amorphophallus paeoniifolius*

Family: Araceae

Categories

Roots & Tubers

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### Quick stats

<b>Family</b>	Araceae
<b>Typical harvest</b>	21.0 t/ha
<b>Varieties</b>	2
<b>Pests and diseases</b>	3
<b>Seasons</b>	2

### Crop profile

<b>Growth habit</b>	perennial
<b>Days to harvest</b>	240-360
<b>Main uses</b>	Tuber crop
<b>Pollination</b>	insect
<b>Origin and where it grows</b>	South/Southeast Asia; tropics

### Weather, soil and spacing

<b>Best temperature</b>	24 - 32 °C
<b>Rainfall</b>	1200 - 1800 mm/yr
<b>Altitude</b>	0 - 1200 m
<b>Best pH</b>	6 - 7
<b>Soil type</b>	Deep, fertile loam
<b>Row spacing</b>	100 cm
<b>Plant spacing</b>	100 cm
<b>Planting depth</b>	10 cm
<b>Seed rate</b>	1200 kg/ha

### Simple notes for farmers

**About the crop:** This crop is perennial; once planted it can keep producing for many years. Harvest typically starts about 240-360 days after planting.

**Main use:** Farmers mostly grow this crop for tuber crop.

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

**Where it grows:** South/Southeast Asia; tropics. Grouped under: Roots & Tubers.

**Best climate:** 24 - 32 °C; 1200 - 1800 mm/yr; up to about 1200 m a.s.l.

**Soil:** Best at pH 6 - 7; deep, fertile loam.

### Farmer guide (Mwongozo wa Mkulima)

<b><u>Planting</u></b>	Establish Elephant Foot Yam 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 Elephant Foot Yam growth and quality.
<b><u>Fertigation</u></b>	Use split nitrogen and potassium for market-quality Elephant Foot Yam.
<b><u>Pest scouting</u></b>	Scout Elephant Foot Yam 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 Elephant Foot Yam when roots size up well before they become fibrous or pithy.
<b><u>Postharvest</u></b>	Cool and shade Elephant Foot Yam promptly after harvest.

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

#	Stage	DAP	Product	Rate	Targets (kg/ha)	Notes
1	Basal	0	NPK 17-17-17	150 kg/ha	N: 34, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> : 34, K <sub>2</sub> O: 34	Basal fertilizer for Elephant Foot Yam.
2	Topdress	60	Urea	120 kg/ha	N: 26, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> : N/A, K <sub>2</sub> O: N/A	Support active Elephant Foot Yam vegetative growth.

### **Nutrient requirements**

Nutrient	Stage	Amount	Unit
N	Basal	60	kg/ha
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Basal	40	kg/ha
K <sub>2</sub> O	Basal	60	kg/ha
N	Topdress	60	kg/ha
K <sub>2</sub> O	Topdress	20	kg/ha

### **Field images**



### **Varieties**

Name	Country	Maturity (days)	Traits
Local Elephant Yam	KE	300	Large corms

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Local Elephant Foot Yam	TZ	260	Large corm type for cooking and flour.

### **Fertilizer recommendations**

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Basal	NPK 17-17-17	150	
Planting	Well-rotted manure	5000	Improve soil structure before Elephant Foot Yam planting.
Vegetative growth	CAN	100	Split topdress for Elephant Foot Yam production.

### **Pests and diseases**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Symptoms</u>	<u>Management</u>
Tuber rot	disease	Rotting sets	Curing; drainage; seed treatment
Root maggots	pest	Tunneling and feeding damage on roots.	Rotate crops and maintain field sanitation.
Root cracking and rot	disease	Cracked or rotting roots under uneven moisture.	Maintain even moisture and use well-drained soils.

### **Yields**

<u>System</u>	<u>Typical</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Notes</u>
rainfed	20	12	35	
Managed fresh-market production	22	15.4	33	Typical marketable Elephant Foot Yam yield under irrigated or well-managed conditions.

### **Season calendars**

<u>Country</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Planting</u>	<u>Harvest</u>
KE	Humid zones	Mar–Apr	Dec–Feb
KE	Highland Vegetable Zones	Mar-Apr or Oct-Nov	Year-round depending on irrigation

### **Region suitability**

<u>Country</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Suitability</u>
KE	Highland Vegetable Zones	High
KE	Humid zones	Medium

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