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# **DETROIT DARK RED**



**Beetroot** (Beta vulgaris) is a root vegetable commonly consumed in salads and juices. The most common markets are direct consumers, supermarkets & juice parlours.

**Royal Seed Beetroot** – a prolific producer with good heat tolerance. It is packed with essential nutrients such as dietary fiber, Vitamins(C, B-6 & B-9). Minerals such as Iron, Copper & Magnesium, are essential for the heart, brain & overall immunity.



The crop performs best under cool conditions & can be grown throughout the year as long as there is enough water. The spacing ranges between 25cm to 30cm between rows & 10cm to 15cm from plant to plant hence an average seed rate of 3.5kgs per acre. Yield potential ranges between 10 -15tonnes per acre after 60 - 65days from transplanting, depending on management practices.

By buying Royal Seed beetroot, we assure the farmer;

- Quality seeds-We are constantly testing on germination of the seed before sending it out to our distributors countrywide.
- Pure seeds-We conduct full grow outs to determine that the seed is going to grow true to type.
- Seed health We ensure that the seeds are free from pests and diseases.
- Genetically potential seed -Well adapted to local conditions hence meeting the desired characteristics.
- Accessibility of our seeds Competitive prices from Agrovets countrywide that act as outlets of our quality seeds.



**#JUST BEET IT.!!!** 

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# GARDEN PEA MUCIO

Garden Pea Mucio is a high yielding pea variety from ROYAL SEED, grown for both local and export market.

It is a tall erect plant, hence may be grown without support, but supporting it increases yield by 25% due to proper air circulation. Proper light penetration minimizes disease incidence thus translating to higher yields.



It is a rich source of protein (25%), Amino acids, sugars (12%), carbohydrates, vitamins A and C, Calcium, Phosphorus and Iron. Peas color: Medium green with glossy appearance when horticulturally mature.

### ECOLOGICAL DISTRIBUTION IN KENYA

Garden pea Mucio is successful grown in the following regions:

Mt. Kenya, Meru, Timau, Nyeri, Chaka, Nyandarua, Molo, Mau Narok, Limuru, Mt. Elgon, Elgeiyo-Marakwet, Burnt forest, Taita-Taveta, Machakos etc.



### Why Garden Pea Mucio from ROYAL SEED:

- Well adapted to a wide range of climatic zones; Cool to moderately hot giving it an advantage over other varieties which thrive well only in cool to warm climatic conditions.
- Intermediate tolerance to powdery mildew, Ascochyta.
- Being a leguminous plant, it's a good crop for soil conditioning through nitrogen fixation thus making it a good rotational crop.
- High yields of up to 4 6 tonnes per acre.



# SWEET CORN HYBRIX

Sweet Corn is a vegetable with a high sugar content. Its grown for its young, tender grains which are eaten raw or cooked depending on preference.

When ready, the kernels are sweet and juicy. It's mainly grown for export market though its locally gaining popularity due to its sweet source of energy.



Sweet Corn Hybrix F1 from ROYAL SEED is the best resilient & high yielding variety.

### PROPAGATION & MANAGEMENT

Sweet Corn Hybrix F1 is propagated by direct sowing on well-prepared beds. The spacing of 30cm by 90cm gives a plant population of 37,000 plants/ha. Seed rate of 28kgs /ha is adequate.

Use of compost manure & DAP fertilizer at the rate of 100kg/ha, during planting, is recommended. Top dress with CAN at 200kgs /ha or Urea in two equal splits applications at (knee height 50cm high) & when the plant is about to flower.

The worst enemy is Armyworms, which you monitor using armyworm traps, spray using suitable & approved insecticides available in most Agrovets.

### **HARVESTING**

Sweet Corn Hybrix F1 ready for harvesting

approximately 18-22 days after silking; 2.5 - 3 months. Yield ranges from 15 - 18 tons per hectare especially from the variety coupled with good crop management.



# **LETTUCE MARULI**

### Royal Seed lettuce (Maruli ice burg)

Lettuce (Lactuca sativa) belongs to the family Asteraceae. The lettuce has a crisp type (highly productive)

#### Lettuce Maruli is;

- Great source of dietary fibre, calcium, iron & vitamins A, B, C & E.
- Very good head solidity & uniformity
- Faster maturity of about 60 65 days
- Medium-large heads with nice attractive green color.
- Good tolerance towards bolting.



### MANAGEMENT PRACTISES

- Lettuce roots are very thin, and therefore the soil should be well tilled & drained.
- The seeds take about 4 5 days to germinate & are ready for transplanting in 2 - 3 weeks.
- 7 21 days after transplanting apply a granular NPK fertilizer at the rate of 5g per plant.
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is recommended for effective pest control.
- One is likely to get a yield of between 9 14 tones per acre.

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# LETTUCE WAIKIKI



### **ECOLOGICAL REQUIREMENT**

Lettuce is a cool-season crop that grows best with temperatures of 12 - 200C. Temperatures above 27C affect head development & plant edible quality & also promote premature seed stalk development. Although the crop can thrive on a wide range of soils, optimal production is achieved on well-drained fertile loam soils, that are rich in organic matter, have good water-holding capacity & a pH between 5.5 - 7.0.

# **LETTUCE METEORE**



Lettuce are successful grown in the following regions: Nairobi & Kiambu

Relatively Lettuce requires relatively cool temperatures and ample sunlight to grow well.

### Royal Seed lettuce varieties:

The first step to producing high-quality lettuce is to choose the variety you want to grow & the proper preparation of the seedbeds.

Currently, at **ROYAL SEED**, there are three types of lettuce that farmers can cultivate;

- 1 Maruli Lettuce
- 2. Waikiki Lettuce(Iceberg)
- 3. Meteore Lettuce(Butterhead)

Lettuce adds a perfect crunch to salads, sandwiches & wraps.

# It always starts with good seed before you get great yield!

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# **OUR PRODUCTS**

# **TOMATO F1 VARIETIES**

#### **TERMINATOR F1**

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- Determinate
   Maturity 75 days from transplanting
   Fruit weight 130 140 grams
   Yield Potential 30 tonnes per acre
   Long shelf life of up to 21 days at room temperature
   Resistant to Tomato yellow leaf curl (TYLCV),Tomato
   Mosaic Virus & Grey Leaf Spot





#### ROCKY F Determinate

- Determinate Maturity 75 days after transplanting Average weight: 140g 150g Yield potential: 30 tonnes per acre Excellent shelf life of up to 21 days Resistant to Tomato yellow leaf curl virus (TYLCV),Tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV)



- Determinate
- Maturity 75 days from transplanting
   Fruit weight 120- 130 grams
- Yield potential 30 tonnes per acre
  High bacterial wilt tolerant, Fusarium Wilt
- (Fol: 1,2) & Bacterial Spot Very good shelf life and transport quality



### ONYX F1

- Determinate
   Maturity 70 days from transplanting
   Fruit weight 110 120 grams
   Yield potential 18 tons per acre

- Early maturing
  Excellent shelf life with very firm fruit



Fruit diameter 8.5cm
Good fruit setting with thick and compact fruit wall

## **KORI F1**

- Maturity 90 days from transplanting
- Fruit weight: 220 240 grams
- Green fruits turn to deep red fruits rapidly Yield potential of at least 4 5 kgs per
- plant
- Long shelf life & Ideal for greenhouse



- Maturity 75 days from transplanting
- Ideal for both green house and open field
- Fruit weight 120-150 grams

- Yield potential 10 tonnes per acre
- Standard glossy green blocky fruits

# **ONION VARIETIES**



# **COYALSEED** FOR AFRICA **RED CREOLE**

- Maturity 150 days from transplanting
- Ideal onion for the fresh market
- Yield potential 16 tonnes per acre
- Good storage quality Deep red colour
  - Well adapted to diverse climatic conditions

# **BOMBAY RED**

- Maturity 150 days from transplanting
- Deep purple red colour
- Yield potential 16 tonnes per acre
- **Excellent shelf life and transportability**
- Very pungent onion
- Very popular red onion in the market



# TEXAS GRANO

- Maturity 120 days from transplanting
- Very popular white onion with farmers and the market
- Yield potential 21 tonnes per acre
- Excellent shelf life and

transportability • White colour with golden exterior

# WATERMELON VARIETIES



- Maturity: 85 days from planting
  Fruit weight: 10 12 Kgs
- Yield potential 30 40 tonnes per acre
  Plant very strong with green striped skin
  Excellent storage and transportability traits

#### SUGAR BABY

- Maturity 105 days from planting
- Fruit weight 7-8 Kgs
  Yield potential 20-30 tonnes per acre
- Good heat tolerance and shelf life Very attractive product with a high market demand

SCALILAS!

### **CRIMSON SWEET**

- Maturity 85 days from transplanting
- Fruit weight 8 10 kgs
  Yield potential 25 30 tonnes per acre
- Light & dark green stripes on external skin
  A blocky round fruit with deep red colour
- flesh, firm and crispy



- **GALIA F1**
- Maturity 65 70 days from transplanting
- Fruit weight 1.25 1.5 kgs
- Yield potential: 20 25 tonnes per acre It has a vellowish brown rind with acod net
- Fruits are round with light green juicy and
- sweet flesh

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