

Mint

Irrigation

To obtain luxuriant growth, sufficient fertilizers and water must be applied to mint crop. A minimum water requirement of about 100mm is required to obtain good yield. The crop should be irrigated after the monsoon during September, October and November. The field requires irrigation at an interval of two weeks from January to March while irrigation at ten days interval are sufficient from April to June and water logging is to be avoided by providing adequate drainage. In case of heavy soils and the soils prone to water logging, it is better to cultivate mint on ridges. Citronella distillation waste and sugarcane leaf mulches can be used for control of weeds, soil moisture conservation and control of soil temperature. The frequency of irrigation can also be reduced by 25% through the application of these mulches @ 5 t/ha.