

Beet

Soil & Climate

Soil :

Beet grows best on deep, well-drained friable loams or sandy loams. High yields are obtained from deep rich alluvial or silt loams. Heavy soils are not suitable because beets produced are malformed.

It is sensitive to acidic soils however, it can successfully be grown on saline soils. A pH range of 6-7 is considered as best for getting optimum yields.

Climate :

It is essentially a cool weather crop but it can also be grown in a moderately warm climate as it attains best colour, texture and quality in a cool weather condition. A temperature range of 18-21°C is considered as ideal for obtaining good quality roots, rich in sugar with intense red colour. A temperature below 10°C bolting starts before the beets attains a marketable size.