

Carrot

Planting

Land Preparation

The land should be thoroughly ploughed so that the clods do not interfere with the root development. Well decomposed FYM (25 t/ha) is mixed at the time of land preparation. Application of fresh undecomposed FYM should be avoided as it leads to forking of the fleshy roots.

Season of Planting

The crop is sown during January- February, June- July and October- November. In the mild climate carrot can be grown almost all the year round except few summer months. For regular supply of fresh and tender roots, the sowing should be staggered and done at 15 or 20 days interval. The seed rate of 5-6 kg/ha is recommended.

Method of Planting

Carrot is usually grown on ridge to facilitate good root development. The seeds are dibbled at 1.5 cm depth at a spacing of 30-45 x 8-10 cm. For enhancing germination, the seeds are soaked in water for 12-24 hours before sowing.