

Marigold

Harvesting

Marigold flowers are plucked when they have attained the full size. Harvesting of flowers is done in the evening, just before the flowers are fully opened. Field should be irrigated before plucking so those flowers keep well for longer period after harvest. Regular picking improves the yield. Fresh flowers are packed in bamboo baskets or gunny bags for transporting to the local markets.

Yield

The yield of marigold flowers varies considerably depending upon the season, fertility of the soil and variety. The yield of African marigold and French marigold varies from 8-12 t/ha and 11-18 t/ha respectively.