

Marigold

Planting

Seedlings become ready for transplanting after one month of sowing or when they develop 4-5 leaves. Healthy seedlings are selected for transplanting. Overgrown seedlings are discarded, as they tend to flower early and exhibit a poor display. Transplanting should be done in the evening when the temperature is relatively low. The spacing for planting for African marigold is 45 x 45 cm while for French type it is 25 x 25 cm. However, spacing is to be adjusted depending upon the growth habit of the particular variety selected for planting. Maximum flower yield of (22.19 t/ha) of African marigold was recorded at a closer spacing of 30 x 30 cm. Immediately after transplanting a light irrigation is given.