Agroforestry land preparation

Agroforestry involves growing trees together with other crops usually seasonal crops. Trees offer protection to plants against wind, direct sunshine as well as increased production per unit land area.

Materials required for field marking before establishment of an agroforestry garden include sticks and ropes. It is also important to select seeds with desirable characteristics such as resistance to climatic changes. Furthermore always consider growth rate, type of tree and crops, sunshine requirements, food consumption and soil fertility when planting in order to come up with a good plan for planting trees and crops.

Practical approach

Start by clearing bushes and leave some existing natural trees to ensure establishment of a good Agroforestry.

After pile cleared bushes without burning them to facilitate natural decomposition to enrich soil nutrients.

Furthermore, till the cleared land, apply organic fertilizers and mix with soil to ease its incorporation into the soil.

Thereafter mark spots for trees and crops, select and plant good seeds with desirable characteristics to ensure high yields per unit area.

Conclusively, put dry grass over seedlings to protect them from direct sun, ensure preservation of soil moisture and to enrich soil nutrients.