

# **Commercial eggplant growing – Brinjal type**

Egg plants are both delicious and nutritious vegetables that can be grown on all soil types all year round.

Furthermore more high yields are obtained during winter as this encourages more flower development as well as low disease incidences. Usually eggplants are highly affected by diseases such as the egg plant tip and fruit perforated worm that lower yields.

## **Growing eggplants**

Start by preparing seedlings before planting and planting should be done depending on species. Additionally, establish water canals between the rows for proper water drainage and also before planting plough land 4-5 times to improve on the soil structure as well as application of both organic and inorganic fertilizers at proper times to improve soil nutrient content. Furthermore, irrigate eggplant fields and control egg plant pests.

## **Crop management**

First, control bacterial wilt disease this is characterized by foliage wilting, fruit collapse and plant death. However, do not keep the land moist and do not cultivate the same eggplant type every season to help break the disease life cycle. Additionally, fence egg plants garden with a net to prevent wild birds attacks. Lastly, constantly weed, loosen soil around the plants and harvesting should be done timely as well to avoid crop loss to wild animals and theft.