

# Eucalyptus growing in Uganda

Eucalyptus trees are propagated by cuttings and can be harvested from 6 months to 12 years. Eucalyptus trees are highly demanded with ability to regrow after harvesting.

Additionally for maximum income generation always ensure to grow the right variety in the right place. Usually good eucalyptus for planting should have abend at the tip

## Planting and management

Start by cultivating the area before planting to soften the soil and constantly weed the field to reduce plant competition for nutrients.

Ensure spacing trees at 3 by 3 metres in order to maximize benefits and grow hybrid varieties as these have superior traits.

Also destroy termite mounds before planting and also make the soil around the plant wet with chemical to avoid termites from attacking plants.

Conclusively after harvesting eucalyptus clear the field and replant for proper tree growth.

## Nursery management

Always dip cutting ends in rooting hormone to induce root formation before placing it in potted soil.

Additionally cover cuttings with a white polythene to allow 50% of light to enter and to create favourable growth conditions.

Furthermore, check for rooting by lifting the soil pot and constantly open and cover the cutting early in the morning to harden plants.

Also avoid over watering to prevent fungal attack and use dried soil mixed with sand as rooting substrate since it is cheap.

Lastly harden off plants at 1 months stage and apply liquid fertilizers to boost growth.