

# **Guide on how to plant, care and harvest pumpkin**

## **Pumpkin growing**

Start by selecting sandy loam soils with organic matter, correct soil pH between 6-7, level field, add organic matter and instal a water source. Additionally, mix manure with soil, sow 4-5 seeds per pit, thin after germination and always apply fertilizers.

## **Plant management**

Ensure to control weeds, irrigate plants every 3-4 days and control pets and diseases. Also ensure timely harvest when the connecting stem start to shrivel this should be done carefully with a knife. Additionally, place developing fruits on a piece of wood to avoid root rot diseases and apply soil nutrient when leaves turn yellow. Lastly, avoid planting pumpkins during frost conditions as this cause root rot.