

Making chilli seedbed

Making chilli seedbed requires effort, but its worthy it because good seedbed results into high germinability of seeds, and healthy uniform seedlings.

Begin with high quality seeds. Some seeds are pretreated to protect them from disease. When small plot is to be planted, reusable planting trays can be used while for larger fields, establish seedbeds in the field near a water source.

Properly clear the site where seedbed is to be put and make seedbed of 1m width and any length, Level the seedbed and water it well. Make shallow farrows which are 15cm apart, plant and then cover with mulch. When the seeds germinate, remove the mulch and add manure between rows incase soils are poor and then make a shade for the seedbed but harden off towards transplanting.

Other practices

Mix seeds with sieved sand to separate them before planting. Treat the soil with heat in case soil was previously infested by nematodes and Protect seedlings from pests and diseases.