# Onion Farming from Start to Finish and why horticulture – Part 1

Onion farming in Kenya is slowly gaining popularity as a result of its high return. Bulb onions are more wildly cultivated vegetable. They are a close relative of garlic, chive onion, Chinese onion and shallot onion. One should consider the variety which is more affordable .

The red coat is most marketable and does well. It takes shorter time on the farm, it has a good size of bulb. Hence a farmer should consider the variety that grows well in the area.

## Seeds varieties

When you know a variety and its attribute, it guides you on how to plant the onion recommendation, you will know the spacing that you will be able to grow.

You need to know what you re planting and the variety , in the market you should know which variety is the best, knowing the variety is very important

## Onion planting

In planting, soil should be plough and disk sufficiently day breeze and soil clods , ensure the soil you want to use is fertile , the colour of the soil matter and nitrous value. Onions regulate a lot of nitrogen especially at the leafing stage thats where it gets its food to develop bulb, onions require alot of potassium to start bulbing, a lot of farm yard manure it helps in soil conditioner. Mix the manure very well because the roots of the onion are very light, roots are the one feeding the onions it takes the nitrogen to the leaves. T

he best manure are cow and goat manure , it has high nitrogen.

## Nursery preparation

Prepare the nursery well , nitrogen is the major requirement. The onion seeding takes about 6-8 weeks and nursery takes about 6-8 weeks depending on the area. Make sure they are watered well and space the seed well to avoid pressing on each other. It takes around 3 months on the farm .