CASSAVA AGRONOMY IN BRIEF

- **Soils:** All soils BUT not water logged or rocky
- **Land preparation:** Plough 2 times
- **Stem cutting length:** 20-25 cm
- **8 bags (each 500 stem cuttings) per Acre**
- **Planting depth:** 6-10 cm
- **Number of stem cutting per hole:** 1
- **Spacing:** 1m x 1m
- **Number of plants per acre:** 4,000
- **Maturity period:** 12 months
- **Field longevity:** 2-3 years
- **Weeding regime:** 3-4 times depending on weed type
- **Stem yield (1st Crop):** 40-60 bags
- **Stem yield (Ratoon crop):** 100-150 bags
- **Tuber yield:** 25-45 Tons/Ha depending on variety
- **Intercrop with beans or maize:** 1 month after cassava has germinated

FACTS ABOUT CASSAVA

- Cassava is a climate resilient crop
- Cassava has over 15 industrial applications
- Cassava can store for **2-3 years** in the soil depending on the variety (Food security)
- Cassava flour can be mixed with maize, sorghum, millet, soya, fish to make delicious dough
- Grows well in over **80%** of Uganda’s arable land
BEST PRACTICES FOR GOOD CASSAVA PLANTING MATERIALS

- Cut stems from 9-18 months old field
- Best stem cuttings should be between 1.5-2 cm in diameter
- Stem cutting length should be between 15-25 cm
- Cuttings with 5 nodes are good
- Pack 500 cuttings per bag
- 8 bags plant 1 acre
- Plant within 10 days after cutting
- Store cuttings in a shade when ready to plant
- Plant in horizontal position
- Number of stem cutting/ hole: 1
- Gap fill dead plants 1 month after planting
- Remove unwanted cassava plants within 2-3 months after planting
- Avoid planting stem cuttings from very old plants (> 18 MAP) as they poorly sprout
- Avoid planting green portion of stems as they may rot in the ground

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