

Good rice, more money

Tips for planting lowland rice in northern Ghana



- Plant on a fairly flat field. The most suitable soils are clay or loam soils. They retain water well and have high soil organic matter - indicated by dark colour.
- Soak the seed overnight and pre-treat to control pests and prevent losses.
- Dibble at a spacing of 20 cm by 20 cm (20 cm is *hangli* - approximately the length of the adult palm from middle finger to thumb). Drill at 20 cm rows apart.
- Dribbling requires 20 kg of seed per acre (approximately 10 *olonkas*). Drilling requires slightly more seed.
- Place three to five seeds per hole/hill. Thin and refill two weeks after emergence.
- Spray moist soil with pre-emergence weedicide within two days of planting. Moist soil helps the weed seed to absorb the weedicide which kills the weed seed.

Quality seed means good rice = good market price

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