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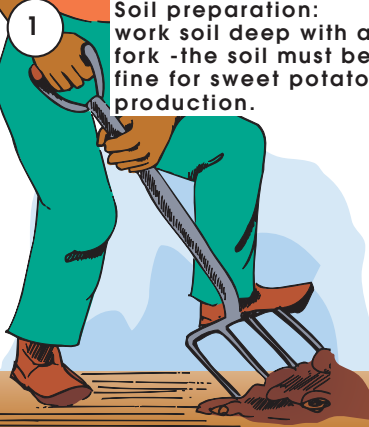


LET'S GROW ORANGE FLESH SWEET POTATOES

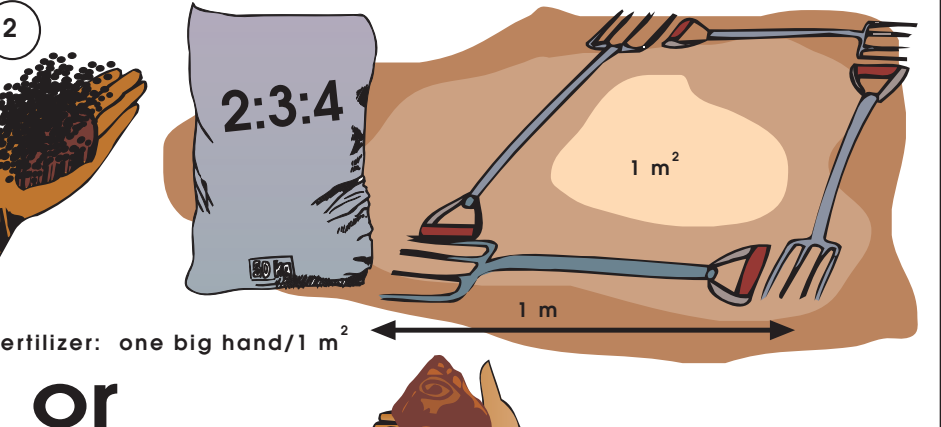
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PLANT		✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	Frost-free
									○	○	○		Light frost
HARVEST		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					Frost-free
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Cultivars: Impilo, W-119, Beauregard and Bophelo.
Growing period: 120 - 150 days.

1 Soil preparation: work soil deep with a fork -the soil must be fine for sweet potato production.

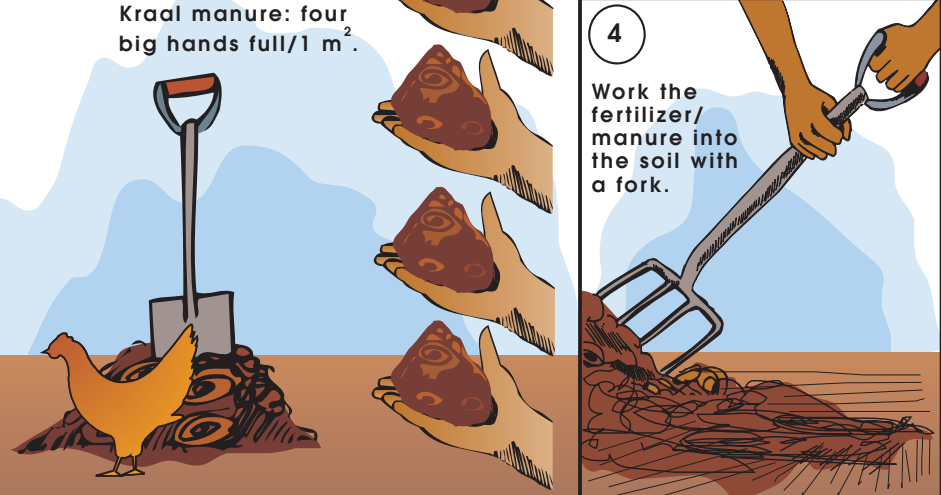


2 Fertilizer: one big hand/1 m²



or

Kraal manure: four big hands full/1 m².




3 Apply fertilizer/manure broadly over the area.



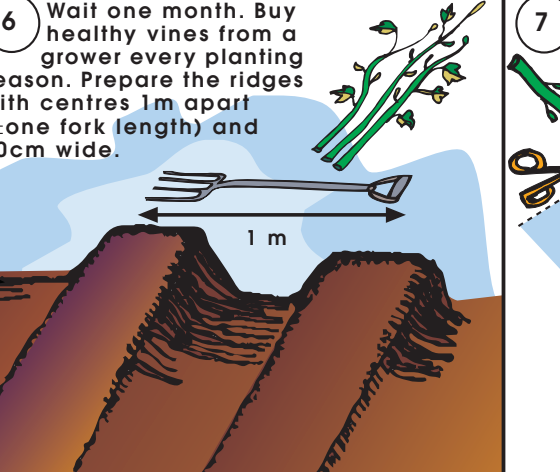
4 Work the fertilizer/manure into the soil with a fork.



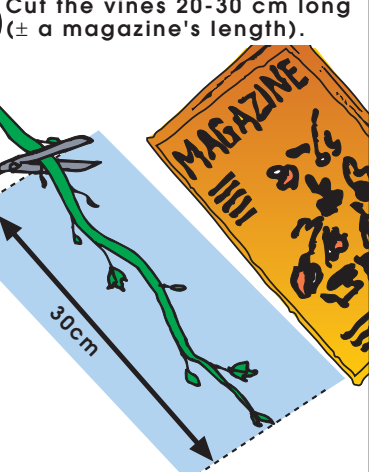
5 Rake fine, remove large clods and stones.



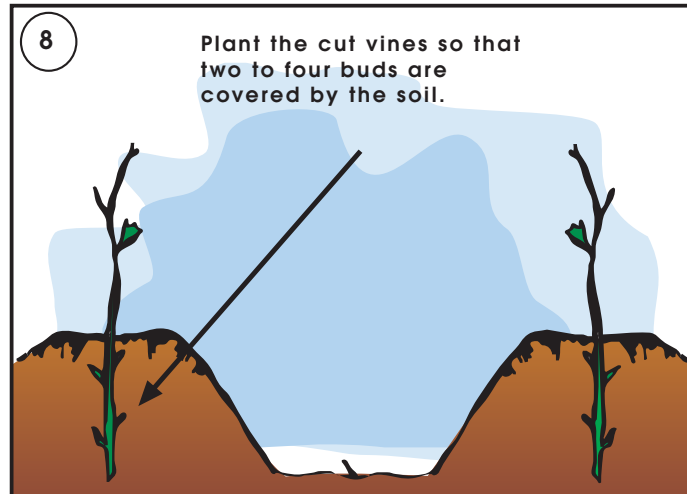
6 Wait one month. Buy healthy vines from a grower every planting season. Prepare the ridges with centres 1m apart (±one fork length) and 30cm wide.




7 Cut the vines 20-30 cm long (± a magazine's length).



8 Plant the cut vines so that two to four buds are covered by the soil.

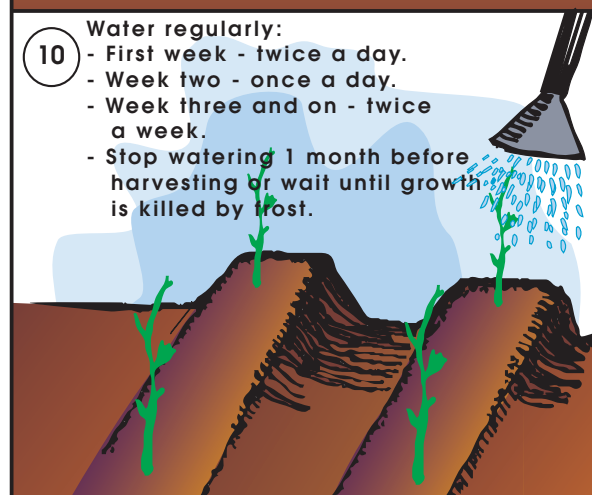


9 Plant the vines 30cm (± a magazine's length) on top of the ridges, in rows.

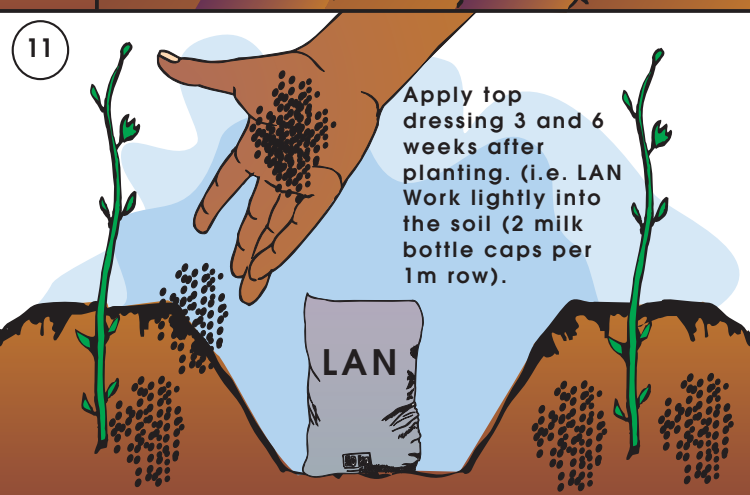


10 Water regularly:

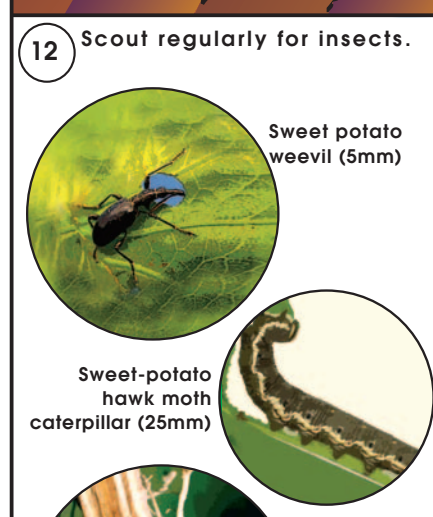
- First week - twice a day.
- Week two - once a day.
- Week three and on - twice a week.
- Stop watering 1 month before harvesting or wait until growth is killed by frost.



11 Apply top dressing 3 and 6 weeks after planting. (i.e. LAN Work lightly into the soil (2 milk bottle caps per 1m row).



12 Scout regularly for insects.



13 Remove all the weeds, especially in the first two months.

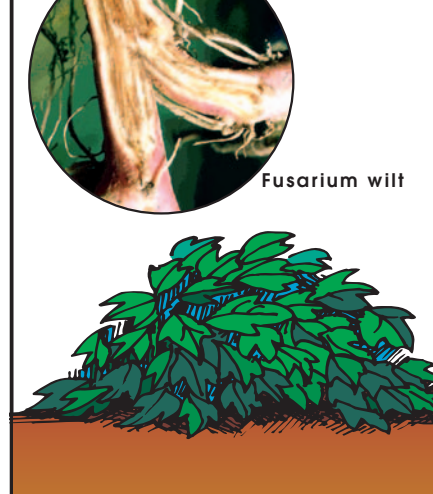


14 Combat diseases and pests.

- Use crop rotation. Plant sweet potatoes on land once in 4 years. Plant spinach, butternut in the other years.
- Burn diseased plants.
- Remove plants from previous season. Never use cuttings from these plants.



15 Sweet potatoes grow for five months. Cut off the vines and leaves.



16 Dig out the sweet potatoes carefully after 4 - 5 months.

