



VEGETABLE PRODUCTION IN THE HOT SEASON

PROS AND CONS OF GROWING IN THE HOT SEASON

- Temperatures are high.
 - High temperatures favor most pests.
- Irrigation water is scarce.
- + Higher price on the market due to scarcity of vegetables on the market.

OCTOBER TO FEBRUARY

If vegetable growing is considered during this season, good planning is important.

CROP AND VARIETY SELECTION

- Use your own experience and available services to:
 - Obtain price information
 - Select crop accordingly to prices and season characteristics: pumpkin, watermelon, eggplant and tomato are suited for hot season
- Choose drought- and heat-tolerant varieties.

PLAN FOR IRRIGATION

- Guarantee sufficient water for the growing period e.g. make sure you store water in a pond or tank, utilize a stream, dig a borehole, etc.
- Start with land preparation to benefit from scarce rainfall.

CROP PROTECTION

- Scout.
- Use first Integrated Pest Management.
- Use pesticides to control pest and disease issues.

