



# ELGON KENYA LIMITED

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## Introduces Seed portfolio in its products cap

Elgon Kenya Ltd has added yet another feather in its products cap with the introduction of a seed department.

In a country where farming activities are increasing and also being embraced as commercial undertakings, lack of good certified seeds has always been a major challenge.

With this in mind Elgon Kenya has risen to the occasion to help farmers' access high quality seeds. The company can now confirm the availability of a wide variety of OPs (open pollinated) and some extremely good performing hybrids of various vegetable types including carrots, cabbages, coriander, tomatoes, sweet pepper and watermelon among others.

Elgon Kenya Seeds Manager Mr. Manish Tyagi is assuring

that all company's products are genetically pure and goes on selling after trials in the different climatic areas where its Agronomist are based to conduct seed trials and guide farmers on the best seed and crop growing techniques and skills.

Elgon Kenya sources and develops the seeds from very reliable research based companies all over the world.

Hybrids strong edge over Ops: Mr. Manish expounded the facts;

Generally Hybrid seeds have always had an edge over OP variety seeds owing to hybrids wider adaptability, better disease tolerance and high yields in shorter times.

### **CUCUMBER- ELGON**

**CH 09-** This hybrid is well tested in different weather conditions of Kenya and has been found suitable for both open and tunnel (Green

House) planting. It's a unique hybrid that can perform well under high temperature variations from 10 degrees to 40 degrees centigrade.

The hybrid is semi-determinate type a quick yielder, starts flowering in around 35 days, fruiting in 45 days and yielding in 60-65 days: it continues to give high yield for next 75-80 days. Fruit color is dark green, tender rind, sweet in taste and suitable to local market and export also. Average (avg.), Fruit length is 18-20cm with avg. fruit wt. of 250 Gms.

Elgon Cucumber CH 09 is highly tolerant to some of the major crop diseases such as Anthracnose, Powdery and Downy Mildew.

Preferred Growing condition for Cucumbers is warm weather and minimum sunlight requirement is 7-8 hrs, suitable soil temp. is 70 degrees Fahrenheit and

soil ph should be 6.5. It is better to shield the crop from frost conditions.

**ELGON CH 09** grows in spacing of row to row of 3-4 ft. and plant to plant at 1-2 ft. This means per acre plant could be more and up to 9000 plants that will add yield by 20% or more.

### **WATER MELON**

— After vigorous testing, the company has come up with two synchronized high yielder hybrids in sugar baby segment that are total resistant to major problem of Fusarium Wilt.

**1. BLACKBALL F1**— This high yielding hybrid is dark green in color with avg. fruit wt. around 6-8 kg. Good shelf life and sweet in taste. Avg. 2 fruits per plant. It matures in 90 days. Shows very synchronized harvesting of total yield in 2 pickings resulting in less labour cost.