



TOBACCO BOARD OF ZAMBIA

Zambia Tobacco Production Calendar

SPACE FOR
ADVERTS

IMPORTANT TOBACCO DATES

DATE

ACTIVITY

- 1-Jun - Sowing of Irrigated Seedbeds
- 1-Aug - Sowing of Dry Land Seedbeds
- 1-Sep - Planting of Irrigated tobacco in the lands
- 1-Nov - Planting of Dry Land Tobacco in the lands

DATE

ACTIVITY

- 1-Apr - Commencement of Registration of Tobacco Growers
- 31-May - Last Date of Tobacco Stalk destruction
- 31-Oct - Closing of the Registration of Tobacco Growers

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MAY			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
			WORKERS' DAY				GRADING			DESTROY REGROWTH FUMIGATE IRRIGATION			CHECK SEEDBED EQUIPMENT & WATER SUPPLY				DESTROY STALKS BY THE 15TH		DESTROY REGROWTH FUMIGATE IRRIGATION BEDS					AFRICA DAY					ORDER CHEMICALS								
JUN						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
						EARLIEST DATE SOWING BEDS, GRADING				SOW IRRIGATED BEDS									FUMIGATE BEDS						CHECK SEEDBED EQUIPMENT & WATER SUPPLY				FUMIGATE BEDS			ORDER COAL					
JUL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						
			FUMIGATE BEDS	SOW BEDS, SLOW AREAS, FUMIGATE BEDS LATE PLOUGH, GRADING					CHECK IRRIGATION PUMPS, EQUIPMENT							CHECK AND REPAIR BARN FACILITIES						FUMIGATE BEDS LATE		ORDER COAL, CUT AND CART FIREWOOD													
AUG				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
						MEDIUM AREAS SOW BEDS GRADING ENDS LATE				FUMIGATE/RIDGE IRRIGATED LANDS				HEROES DAY	DEFENCE FORCES DAY	SOW BEDS, SLOW AREAS, SOW LATE PLOUGH LATE PLOUGH LATE PLOUGH			BEDS, SLOW AREAS PLOUGH LATE PLOUGH			HARDEN	IRRIGATED BEDS						CHECK MACHINERY/ BARN REPAIRS								
SEP								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
																		SOW GRASS LEYS	COMPLETE LAND PREPARATIONS	REPARATIONS.				FUMIGATE/RIDGE/ FERTILISE HERBICIDE					FUMIGATE/RIDGE/ FERTILISE HERBICIDE/ MARK HOLE OUT								
OCT		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					
		HARDEN SEEDLINGS MARK HOLE OUT															HARDEN	PLANT SLOW/MEDIUM AREAS	HARDEN	HARDEN		PLANT SLOW/MEDIUM/FAST AREAS			PLANT SLOW/MEDIUM/FAST AREAS												
NOV				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30				
								PLANT FAST AREAS CULTIVATE TOP DRESS IF NECESSARY			PLANT FAST AREAS CULTIVATE TOP DRESS IF NECESSARY				FAST AREAS - CHECK STAND						TOP AND SUCKER IRRIGATED CROP			CLEAN OUT BARN AND SHEDS CHECK AND CLEAN BOILER				TEST FOR RIPENESS IRRIGATED CROP				CULTIVATE AND TOP DRESS IF NECESSARY					
DEC						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
						TOP SUCKER AND REAP CURE IRRIGATED CROP										HAND SUCKER WHERE NECESSARY					CULTIVATE		TOP, SUCKER REAP, CURE					UNIT DAY DESTROY SEEDBEDS		CHRISTMAS DAY	BOXING DAY						
JAN			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
		NEW YEAR'S DAY									TOP SUCKER AND REAP CURE EARLY PLOUGH					TOP SUCKER AND REAP CURE EARLY PLOUGH												TOP SUCKER AND REAP CURE EARLY PLOUGH									
FEB					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28					
							PLOUGH BEDS								REAP CURE EARLY PLOUGH, PLOUGH BEDS												REAP CURE, EARLY PLOUGH										
MAR					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
																											START GRADING DESTROY STALKS SOW GRASS					HARVEST GRASS SEED					
APR		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30						
										HARVEST GRASS SEED						DESTROY STALKS BY MAY 15			INDEPENDENCE DAY																		

CHEMICALS



Spraying should be done **AFTER** watering. Allow chemicals to dry for at least 4 hours before watering.

Re-apply chemicals if it rains within 4 hours of application.

ONLY use chemicals that are registered for use on tobacco seedbeds.

SEEDBED SITE



The seedbeds should not be close to tomato, potato and pepper crops.

To avoid disease contamination, site the seedbeds away from tobacco barns, buildings and grading sheds.

CLIPPING & HARDENING



Clipping should be done when seedlings are small (5-7cm in diameter) to improve uniformity.

Seedlings should be hardened for at least 14 days (preferably 28 days) before transplanting into the land.

Water should be cut back gradually.

SANITATION



To avoid spread of bacterial and fungal diseases hands and shoes should be washed before entry into the seedbed site.

Tools and implements should be washed and/or dipped in disinfectant solution, e.g Biox 5000.

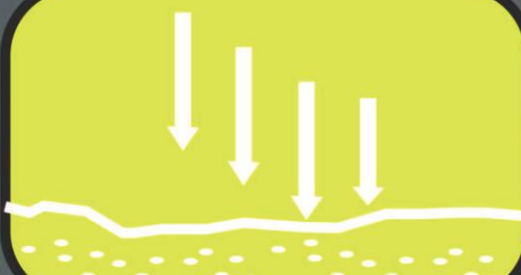
MULCHING



If seedbeds are panted mid-winter mulching should be used, e.g. Perforated plastic sheets, plastic tents, nappy liner, sand, gravel chips and grass.

Ash and WPP bags should **NOT** be used.

SOIL



Fertile well-drained **SANDS and SANDY LOAMS** are most suitable.

The seedbed site must have a clean, reliable **WATER SUPPLY**.

Borehole water is best.

FERTILIZERS



In small quantities, chloride improves the keeping quality of the leaf, its colour and water content.

Choose basal fertilizers with at most 2% chlorine for low analysis fertilizers and 4% for high analysis fertilizers.

AVOID using Muriate of Potash as it contains an unsuitably high level of chloride for tobacco.

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