

Bittergourd

Condition of soil	Clay loam soil, sandy loam and red laterite soils are ideal for its cultivation.
Propagation	Seed
Sowing time	May-June
Varieties	Priya, Preethi
Seed rate	5.0-6.0 kg/ha
spacing	2.0 m x 2.0 m
Manure (t /ha)	20
Fertiliser (kg / ha)	70 : 25 : 25 – N : P ₂ O ₅ : K ₂ O
Irrigation	3 -5
Pest and its control	Fruit fly :Apply 10 % carbaryl in pit before sowing the seed or apply carbaryl 0.2% or malathion 0.2% suspension containing sugar or jaggery at 10 g /l at fortnightly intervals at flowering and fruit initiation Epilachna beetle : Remove and destroy egg masses ,grubs,adults occurring on leaves
Harvesting	
Yield	