

Squash Kabotcha Growing pointers

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Number of branch

Three branches are recommended. Main branch and two side branches. Remove the other side branches to control vigour.

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Fruit setting

The 1st fruit on 15th nodes is ideal. Female flowers or fruits set ahead of the 10th nodes should be all removed. They wouldn't become big. The maximum number of fruits on a branch is two. If there's third fruit on a branch, remove it.

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Fertilizer

Ideal leaf width is 30 cm around fruit setting nodes. If it is less than 20 cm, you should set fruits later. You need more basal fertilizer. If the leaves are more than 40 cm, it is too vigorous, you should apply less fertilizer. When the 1st fruits set on most of branches, apply top dressing.

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Harvest

Ideal harvest time is 55 day to 60 days after fruit setting. A sign is that a squash peduncle becomes corky.

