Windmill (Pvt) Ltd

Production requirements for 1 Hectare of Carrots

Planting Date: Can be grown all year round with Irrigation. Best time Feb - Sept. Optimum growing temperature 15-20 deg. C. Directly sown crop.

Soil Requirement: pH 5.5 - 6.5. Liming required below pH 5.5. Deep, well drained sandy loams.

Seed Requirement: 4-5 kg/ha. Plant in rows 200-300 mm apart, 15-20 mm deep into fine tilth soil. Seed can be mixed with pure sand.

Final Population required: 100-160 plants/sq.m. Thin out after germination to required population.

Harvesting: 3-4 months after germination when root +/- 20 mm diameter.

Irrigation Requirement: Irrigate to field capacity down to 600 mm depth before planting seed. Irrigate frequeently during early seedling stage i.e. +/- 35-55 mm every 7-14 days.

Do not allow to drop below 50% water holding capacity except before lifting.

Yield Target: 25 ton/ha. Higher yields possible with increased fertilizer application.

Soil Analysis Vital!!

Fertilizer requirements		Product	Rate/ha	Nitrogen	Phosphate	Potash	Sulphur	Boron	Comment	Rate/ha	Cost/ton
Carrot requirements/ha				100	40	170			Nutrients required		
									With soils over 60 ppm P205. Incorporate in soils		
Base dressing	Compound J	14:6:20:4.0S + 0.04B	600	84	36	120	24	0.24	well before planting.	0.6	\$720
Top dressing	Potassium nitrate	13:0:46	100	13	0	46	0	0	Apply along rows at 3 weeks after emergence	0.1	\$1760
		Applied Total	700	97	36	166	24	0.24		0.7	

Pesticides, Fungicides and Herbicides

Problem	Product	Product Mixing rate Application / Comments		Product/ha	Cost/pack
Annual Grasses	Linurex 50WP/	90-120 g/15 lt water	Weeds pre-emergent - Spray immediately after sowing.	1.5-2.0 kg	
and Broadleaf weeds	Afalon	_	Weeds post-emergent - Spray after 4 leaf stage of carrot seedling	_	
			N.B. Not for very sandy soils and no sedges control		
Broadleaf weeds	Prometrex 50SC/	150 - 200 g/15 It water	Not registered yet in Zimbabwe but in R.S.A. Post emergent at true 1-2 leaf stage of		\$8/It
	Prometryn		carrot seedling. [Not for soils <20% clay]		
Grasses only	Agil 100EC/Propaquizafop	30 - 120 ml/15 lt water	Post emergent of annual and perennial grasses. Higher dose rate for perennial grasses	0.5 - 2.0 lt	\$24/It
(including Shamva)			and weed height		
	Fusilade/Fluazifop-p-12.5EC	75-600 ml/15 lt water		1.0-8.0 lt	\$24/It
Nematodes	EDB WM	Advisable on light soils	Dilute/mix 1 litre/3 litres water and inject 5 ml emulsion to depth of 250 - 300mm at 380 x 380mm	86 It	
		, and a second	spacing into moist soil 3 weeks prior to planting date.		
Cutworm	Decis 2.5 EC	18 ml/15 lt water	Mix rate 120 ml/100 lt water and band spray ONCE over emerged seedlings rows using 500 lt/water/ha	0.6 lt	\$12/lt
	or Decis Tablets	1 tablet/15 lt water		16 tabs	\$0.50/tablet
	Carbaryl 85WP	22 - 30 g/15 lt water	Mix rate 150-200 g/100 lt water. Apply as a soil application at 1000 lt/ha at planting (7 days H.I.)	2 kg	\$12/kg
Red Spider Mites	Dimethoate 40EC	11 ml/15 lt water	Mix rate 75 ml/100 lt water. Full cover spray and repeat as necessary every 14 days (14 day HI)	0.5 - 1.0 lt	\$9/It
Leaf Hoppers	Malathion 1% Dust	-	Ready to use. Dust plants @ 100 - 175g/10m. Repeat as necessary		\$30/25 kg
Aphids	Pedza Nhamo Dust	-	Ready to use. Dust plants thoroughly. Repeat at 7-10 day intervals.		\$2/0.25kg
	Malathion 25 WP	30 g/15 I water	Mix rate 200 g/100 lt water. Full cover spray. Repeat as necessary (7 day HI)	1 kg	\$7/kg
Slugs and snails	Mesurol Snail Bait	R.F.U.	Scatter/distribute 5 g/10sq. m of soil area.	5 kg	\$3/0.25kg
Rhizoctonia and	Thiram 80WP	Seed dressing	8 g/5kg seed. Mix thoroughly	8 g	\$7/kg
soil borne fungi	Quintozene M45	30 g/15 lt water	Work to a depth of 50-100 mm and water well.	100 kg	
Leaf Blight	Dithane M45	30 g/15 lt water	Mix rate 200 g/100 lt water. Full cover spray 1 10 - 14 day intervals. (3 Day H.I.)	2 kg	\$7/kg
Growth stimulant	Kelpak/Kelpac	Mix 120 ml/15 lt water	Root growth hormone for bigger yields and straighter carrots! Spray along rows at emergence and 4 weeks	2 lt	
			later as well.		
Trace elements	Librel BMX	150 - 300 g/15 lt water	Trace elements foliarly applied at 1-2% concentration i.e. 1-2 kg/100 lts water mix	1-2 kg	\$8/kg
Poor quality spray water	Bladbuff 5	-	For buffering your spraying water for effective chemical application.		\$6/It

NOTES: 17 X 15 lt knapsacks/ha applies +/- 250 lt/ha.

Use Bladbuff 5 wetter/buffer or WINBooster adjuvant where spray water is alkaline and/or is hard (high Calcium and Magnesium salts) for effective spray application.