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KIRYANDONGO DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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THE FARMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

FIRST SEASON 2018 FARMERS' PREPARATIONS

The Office of the District Production and Marketing Officer together with the Office of the District Agricultural Officer – Kiryandongo District Local Government inform all the crop farmers and their associated stakeholders that they should be preparing their farms/gardens for the coming **first/growing season of 2018 expected to begin in March**.

The farmers who are planning to grow annual crops such as maize, beans, groundnuts, should clear the bushes to ground level. For fields where fall army worm attacked, you can perform controlled burning of the residues or plough them in the soil to kill the eggs and pupae. Otherwise use minimum tillage as you will be advised by your **Sub County Agricultural Extension workers** if contacted. For cassava, conduct both first and second ploughing because cassava roots require relatively loose soils for them to grow well.

Buy and stock the necessary agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers and herbicides (chemicals that are use to control weeds) for timely use. For cassava and other vegetatively propagated planting materials, you identify the reliable source and book or contact your **Sub County Agricultural Officer for advise** on the reliable sources of inputs.

CASSAVA

The district is promoting 3 varieties of cassava; NASE14, NASE19 and NAROCASS1. They are high yielding, they are resistant to cassava mosaic virus disease which wrinkles the leaves and reduce the yields, they are tolerant to Cassava brown streak virus disease which brings about rotting of cassava and also reduces the yields.

HYBRID MAIZE VARIETIES (e.g Longe 10H, Fortune 5, Longe 6H, Prison UH5051)

These are high yielding up to 3,500Kg per acre. However, they require early planting at the recommended spacing, fertilizers and timely weeding for them to perform well. They need DAP or NPK at planting and UREA later after establishment as you will be advised by your **Sub County Agricultural Extension worker.**

Those interested in the **Prison seeed UH5051**, please contact the District Production Officer and make an order.

PERRENIAL CROPS (FRUIT TREES eg Mangoes, oranges, OTHER CROPS; Coffee, cocoa, banana)

- Clear the bushes to ground level
- Dig holes at the recommended spacing as you will be advised by your Sub County Agricultural Extension Worker
- Register for seedlings or suckers with your Parish Chief or Sub County Agricultural Extension Worker.
- Buy DAP or NPK fertilizers for proper root development
- Destroy the nearby anthills using anti-killer among other chemicals

This information is brought to you by Kiryandongo District Local Government, Department of Production and Marketing. For more information contact your nearest Sub County Agricultural Officer or The District Production Officer/District Agricultural Officer Byenkya Issa Hassan on 0782446765

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