

# NURSERY, PLANTING, AND MAINTENANCE

## Online Training of Hydroponic Vegetable Cultivation

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**Nursery**

# 1) Seed preparation

- ☐ Certified
- ☐ Expired date
- ☐ We have to do germination test:
  - Minimum seed viability is 90%
  - Growing healthy and normal
  - Free from pest and disease
  - Fresh green stem and leaves
  - Healthy roots
  - The seeds are grow uniformly



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## Process 1 :

Soft seeds such as kale, spinach, lettuce, and caisim

Soaked seeds

Lukewarm water

± 15 minute

Hard seeds such as chilies, peppers, watermelon, and melon

Soaked seeds

Lukewarm water

± 1 hour

The seeds are ready to go straight sowing on the planting medium before germinating



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## Process 2 :

Soft seeds such as kale, spinach, lettuce, and caisim



Benih keras seperti cabai, paprika, dan seledri



After the seeds germinate,  
will be moved to  
growing media

## 2) Seed Treatment

- ❑ Seed Treatment applied to seeds that have not received treatment from the producer.
- ❑ Seed Treatment aims to avoid pests, fungi and bacteria during the nursery.
- ❑ Seed Treatment can use pesticides, insecticides, fungicides and bactericides.



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## ❑ **How to apply the pesticides:**

- Dry method : pesticides are mixed directly with the seeds, usually in powder.
- Wet method : pesticides, in the form of powder or liquid, mixed with water, then the seeds are soaked in a pesticide solution.



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**☐ Fungicide dosage / concentration**

- Can use the recommended dosage/concentration listed on the packaging.
- If using liquid pesticides (wet method) = 2 ml / 1 liter of water for 1 kg of seed.
- If using powder pesticides (wet method) = 2 g / 1 liter of water for 1 kg of seed.
- If using powder pesticides (dry method) = sprinkle evenly until the entire surface of the seeds is covered.



### 3) Hydroponic Media

- ☐ Does not contain nutrients
- ☐ Clean and aseptic
- ☐ Porosity is good
- ☐ Have an ability to keep the water
- ☐ Does not contain tree sap
- ☐ Does not contain oil
- ☐ Does not contain coloring agent
- ☐ Does not contain hazardous and toxic materials



## Alternative Growing Media on Hydroponic Technology



**Rockwool**





**Cocopeat**



**Cocopeat briquettes**







**Husk Charcoal**



**Cocogrow**



**Hydrotone**





**Hydrogell**

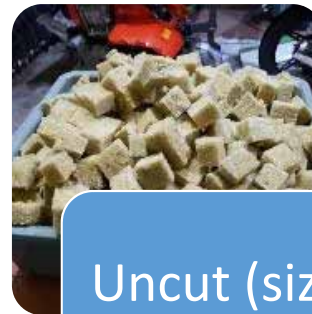
# Preparation of Rockwool Growing Media



Soaked  
Rockwool



Drained



Uncut (size  
2.5x2.5  
cm)



Perforated  
( $\pm$  0.5 cm  
depth)



## 4) Nursery House

- ❑ It aims to protect plants from temperature, humidity, light intensity, rainfall, and pests and diseases.
- ❑ It can be made of materials with a bamboo, wood, mild steel, or pipe framework.
- ❑ Ideally, the roof and walls of the Nursery House are made of Ultra Violet (UV) plastic material.



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- ☐ Inside the nursery House, there are seedbed racks.
- ☐ Seedling racks are placed at a height that is not in direct contact with the soil.
- ☐ Seedling shelves are intended to prevent the seeds from microorganisms in the soil.



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- ❑ Seedling racks also facilitate the process of caring for seeds while in the nursery.
- ❑ Seedling racks can be made of bamboo, wood, mild steel, paralon pipes, or a combination of these materials.



## 5) Media Sterilization

### ❑ Sterilization using chemicals

- The planting media was soaked with fungicides and bactericides 2 g / 1 liter of water or 2 ml / 1 liter of water, for 1-2 hours and then drained.



### ❑ Sterilization by "steaming"

- The planting medium is "steamed" using a steamer pan, autoclave drum, or other steamer, for 1 hour, then cool down.



Autoclave

## 6) Technique of Planting Seeds

- ☐ Prepare a good seedling location (temperature, humidity, light intensity and rainfall are controlled).
- ☐ Prepare a seed tray to store the seedling media.
- ☐ Prepare the seedling media that has been selected and "sterilized".
- ☐ "Spray" the seedling medium with clean water. Make sure all of the media is wet.



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- ❑ Make the planting hole based on the size of the seed of the plant. Make sure the planting hole is not too wide and too deep.
- ❑ Plant the seeds into the hole in the seed medium. Make sure that each seedling hole contains only 1 plant seed.
- ❑ Cover the planting hole (if not using Rockwool).
- ❑ Water again. Make sure the planting medium is not too wet.
- ❑ While in the nursery, make sure the conditions of the planting media are always wet.



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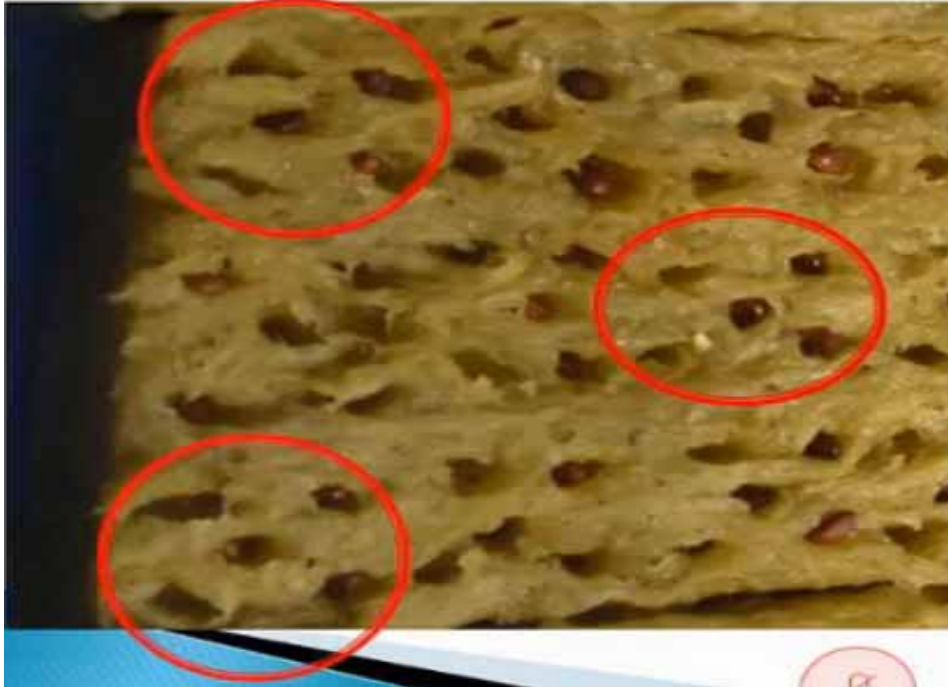
Spinach seeds





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Kangkoong seeds





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Lettuce seeds





# Planting in Hydroponic System

# 1) Pre Planting

- ❑ Make sure the seeds that will be transplanted have met their age.
- ❑ The age for transplanting ranged from 7 to 21 days, depending on the type of crop commodity and the location where it was grown.
- ❑ Make a selection of seeds before the planting process. Make sure that only seeds that grow healthy and normal are planted.



## 2) Planting Techniques

- ☐ Plant in the morning or evening, or when the weather is not hot.
- ☐ Try to keep the plants from sinking too much into the net pot or other growing media.
- ☐ Make sure no plant leaves touch the pipe.
- ☐ Make sure the flow of nutrients is smooth and normal.





**Maintenance**

# 1) Nutritional Control

Nutrition check

Nutritional enhancement

Substitution of nutrients

Nutrient manufacture

Dense concentration

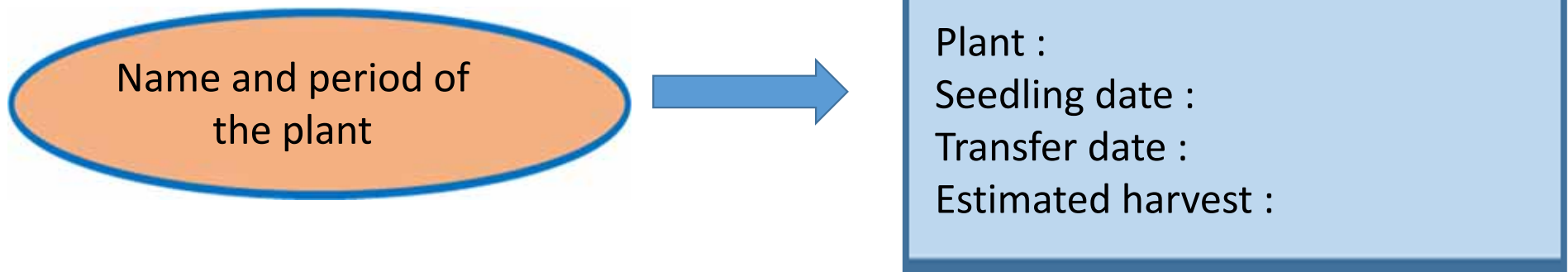
pH



TDS/EC Meter



## 2) Labeling



Example :

Kangkoong  
Seedling : 2/12  
Transfer : 6/12; 13/12; 20/12  
Estimated harvest : 27-30 Des

### 3) Set the Lighting

Very hot

Install a paranet/shade net

Causes wilting and a bitter taste of vegetables

Lack of light

- Move it into a place of sufficient light
- Adding LED lights (wasteful of electricity)

Causes wilting, etiolation and less than optimal growth





## 4) Check Temperature and Humidity

Temperature



Thermo Hygrometer

Humidity :  
50-80%

Temperature in the greenhouse  
→ addition of a fan

Temperature in the nutrient tank →  
the reservoir is stored in the shade

**High** humidity reduces nutrient  
absorption

**Low** humidity withered plants  
Solution: Install paranets and  
sprinklers in the greenhouse

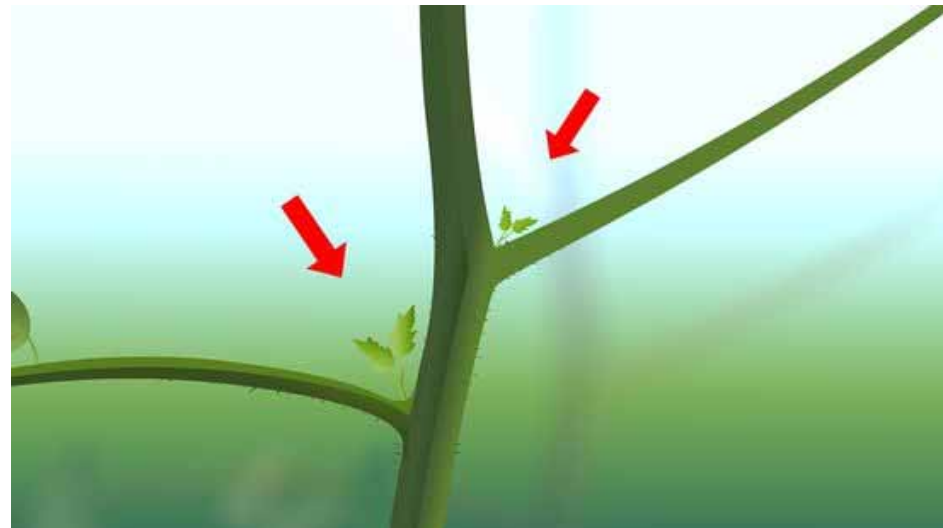
## 5) Pruning or Thinning

Fruit vegetables/  
Fruit plants

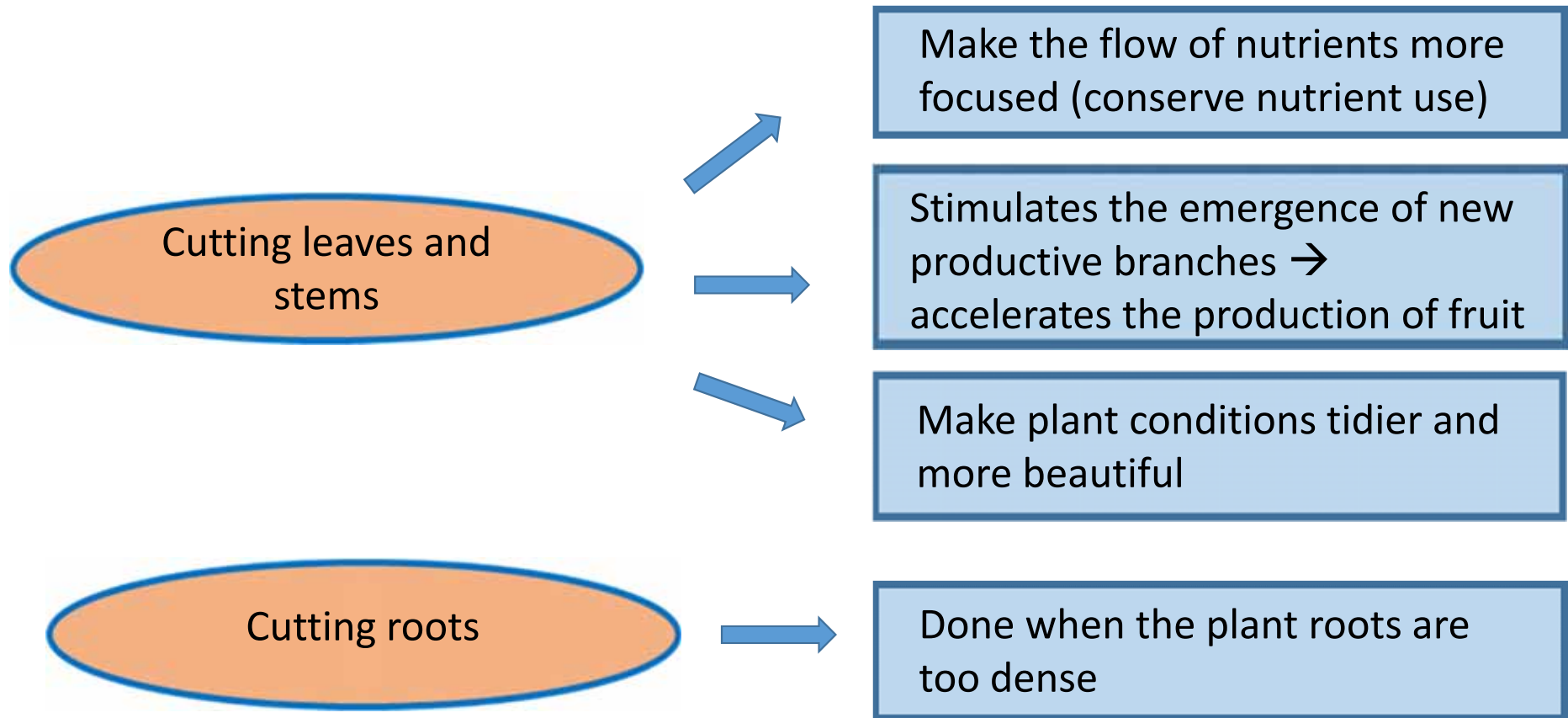


Cutting branches, stems, leaves  
that are not productive

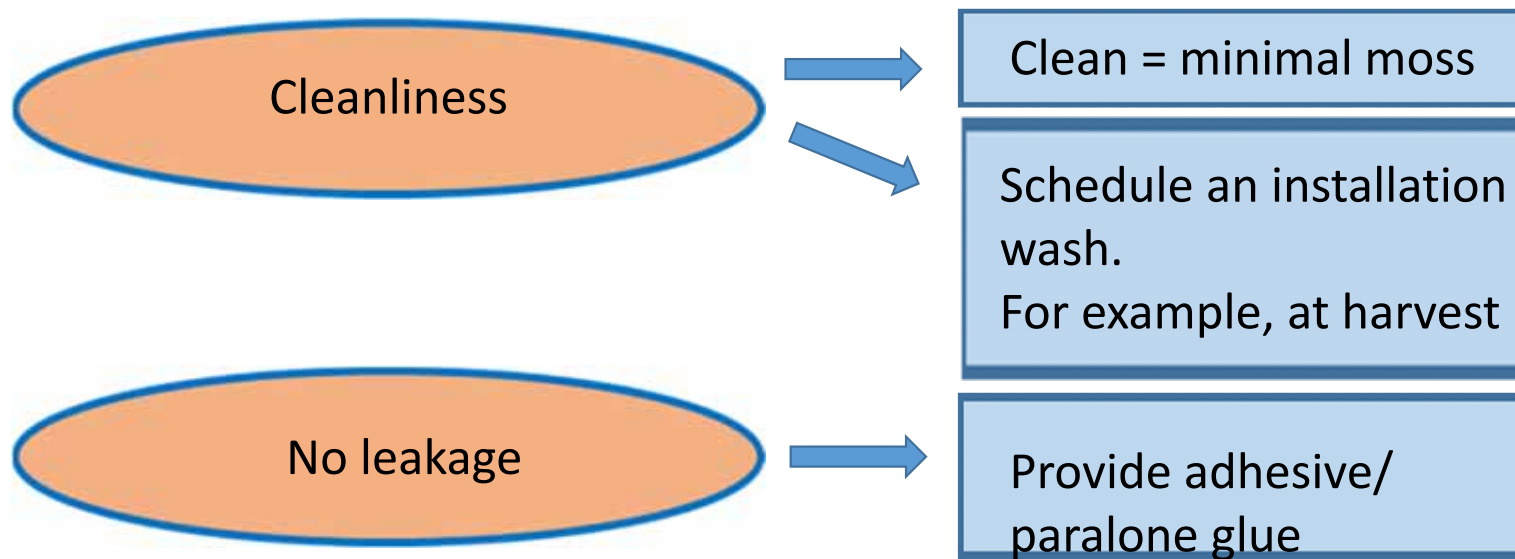
For example: tomatoes,  
melons, watermelons,  
eggplants, peppers



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## 6) Monitor the Installation



# 7) Pest Control



Using vegetable  
pesticides



Extracts of neem leaves,  
soursop leaves, garlic, betel  
leaf, tobacco, lemongrass

Use traps



The bottle is painted with  
light color (eg yellow), the  
impraboard is smeared with  
glue

# Natural Pest Control



**Yellow Trap**



# Advantages of Vegetable Pesticides

- ❖ Environmentally friendly because vegetable pesticides have organic material that is easily biodegradable.
- ❖ Vegetable pesticide residues are easily biodegradable.
- ❖ Non-toxic to humans.
- ❖ Materials and processes for making pesticides are easily available.
- ❖ Do not poison or damage plants.
- ❖ The manufacturing cost is relatively cheap.
- ❖ The use of vegetable pesticides provides added value.

# Lack of Vegetable Pesticides

- The spraying performance of vegetable pesticides is not as fast as chemical pesticides.
- Evaporates easily because of the high intensity of the sun.
- Storage doesn't last long.
- Vegetable pesticide raw materials are available in large quantities.
- Low toxicity.



**Garlic Extract** (almost all types of pests (90%) can eradicated, both pests on leaves and planting media

**Materials**


- 5-6 pieces of garlic
- 1 teaspoon galangal
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 liter of water
- Diswashing liquid soap
- Methylated spirits

**Tools**

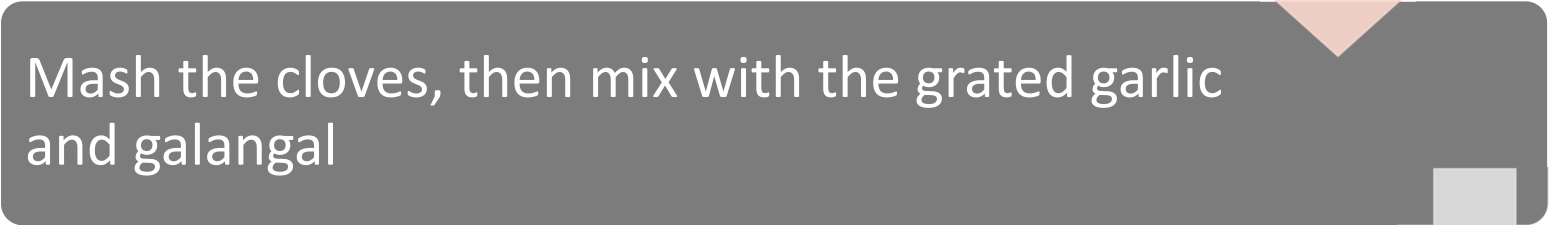

- Grater
- Pestle
- Bucket
- Mixer
- Filter/soft cloth

# How to make

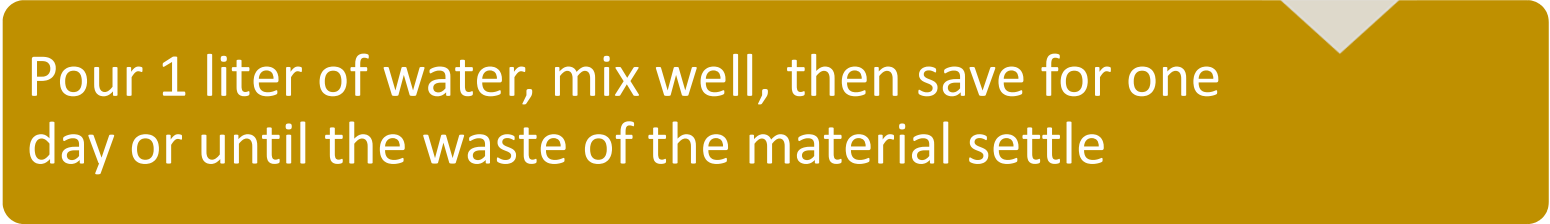
Grate the garlic and galangal → put in a container

An orange rounded rectangular box containing the first step of the process.

Mash the cloves, then mix with the grated garlic and galangal


A grey rounded rectangular box containing the second step of the process.

Pour 1 liter of water, mix well, then save for one day or until the waste of the material settle

A yellow rounded rectangular box containing the third step of the process.

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Filter the solution using a filter or soft cloth, mix with methylated spirits, and mix well



Let stand for a while, then store in a tightly closed bottle



Mix 0.25 liters of solution with 1 tablespoon of liquid soap and stir well, then put it in the sprayer

## How to use

Application

- Spray onto the base of the affected plant in the afternoon/evening

Prevention

- Just spray every two weeks

## 8. Use of stakes

Support so that the  
grown plant stems do  
not fall



## Calculating Hydroponic Nutritional Needs (AB MIX)









## Convert EC Units ( $\mu\text{S} / \text{cm}$ ) to TDS Units (ppm) According to Several Versions

EC	Hanna	Eutech	Truncheon	CF
ms/cm	0.5 ppm	0.64 ppm	0.70 ppm	0
0.1	50 ppm	64 ppm	70 ppm	1
0.2	100 ppm	128 ppm	140 ppm	2
0.3	150 ppm	192 ppm	210 ppm	3
0.4	200 ppm	256 ppm	280 ppm	4
0.5	250 ppm	320 ppm	350 ppm	5
0.6	300 ppm	384 ppm	420 ppm	6
0.7	350 ppm	448 ppm	490 ppm	7
0.8	400 ppm	512 ppm	560 ppm	8
0.9	450 ppm	576 ppm	630 ppm	9
1.0	500 ppm	640 ppm	700 ppm	10
1.1	550 ppm	704 ppm	770 ppm	11
1.2	600 ppm	768 ppm	840 ppm	12
1.3	650 ppm	832 ppm	910 ppm	13
1.4	700 ppm	896 ppm	980 ppm	14
1.5	750 ppm	960 ppm	1050 ppm	15
1.6	800 ppm	1024 ppm	1120 ppm	16
1.7	850 ppm	1088 ppm	1190 ppm	17
1.8	900 ppm	1152 ppm	1260 ppm	18
1.9	950 ppm	1216 ppm	1330 ppm	19
2.0	1000 ppm	1280 ppm	1400 ppm	20
2.1	1050 ppm	1344 ppm	1470 ppm	21

2.2	1100 ppm	1408 ppm	1540 ppm	22
2.3	1150 ppm	1472 ppm	1610 ppm	23
2.4	1200 ppm	1536 ppm	1680 ppm	24
2.5	1250 ppm	1600 ppm	1750 ppm	25
2.6	1300 ppm	1664 ppm	1820 ppm	26
2.7	1350 ppm	1728 ppm	1890 ppm	27
2.8	1400 ppm	1792 ppm	1960 ppm	28
2.9	1450 ppm	1856 ppm	2030 ppm	29
3.0	1500 ppm	1920 ppm	2100 ppm	30
3.1	1550 ppm	1984 ppm	2170 ppm	31
3.2	1600 ppm	2048 ppm	2240 ppm	32

## Recommended pH and Nutritional Concentration in Hydroponics

pH and PPM Tables for Leaf Vegetables		
Vegetable Name	pH	PPM
Artichoke	6.5 – 7.5	560 – 1260
Asparagus	6.0 – 6.8	980 – 1200
Pre onion	6.5 – 7.0	980 – 1260
Spinach	6.0 – 7.0	1260 – 1610
Broccoli	6.0 – 6.8	1960 – 2450
Brusell sprouts	6.5	1750 – 2100
Endive	5.5	1400 – 1680
Kailan	5.5 – 6.5	1050 – 1400
Kangkoong	5.5 – 6.5	1050 – 1400



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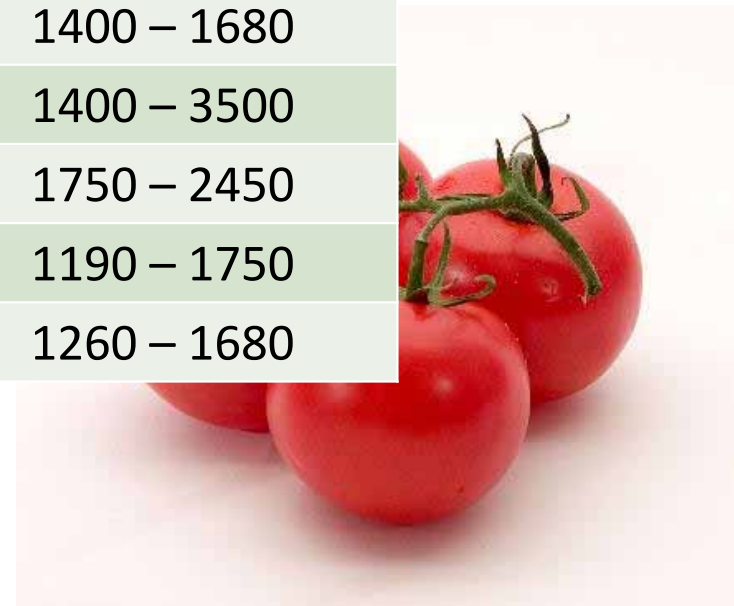
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<b>Vegetable Name</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>PPM</b>
Cabbage	6.5 – 7.0	1750 – 2100
Flower cabbage	6.5 – 7.0	1750 – 2100
Pakcoy	7.0	1050 – 1400
Mustard greens	5.5 – 6.5	1050 – 1400
Bitter mustard greens	6.0 – 6.5	840 – 1680
Celery	6.5	1260 – 1680
Lettuce	6.0 – 7.0	560 – 840
Silverbeet	6.0 – 7.0	1260 – 1610



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pH and PPM Tables for Fruit Vegetables		
Vegetable Name	pH	PPM
Chili	6.0 – 6.5	1260 – 1540
Peas	6.0 – 7.0	980 – 1260
Okra	6.5	1400 – 1680
Tomato	6.0 – 6.5	1400 – 3500
Eggplant	6.0	1750 – 2450
Cucumber	5.5	1190 – 1750
Zucchini	6.0	1260 – 1680



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**pH and PPM Tables for Fruit Plants**

<b>Fruit Name</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>PPM</b>
Blueberries	4.0 – 5.0	1260 – 1400
Black currant	6.0	980 – 1680
Red currants	6.0	1400 – 1680
Melon	5.5 – 6.0	1400 – 1750
Passion fruit	6.5	840 – 1680
Pineapple	5.5 – 6.0	1400 – 1680
Banana	5.5 – 6.5	1260 – 1540
Papaya	6.5	840 – 1680
Strawberry	6.0	1260 – 1540
Watermelon	5.8	1260 – 1680



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pH and PPM Tables for Flower Plants		
Flower Name	pH	PPM
African violet	6.0 – 7.0	840 – 1050
Anthurium	5.0 – 6.0	1120 – 1400
Antirrhinum	6.5	1120 – 1400
Aphelandra	5.0 – 6.0	1260 – 1680
Daisies	6.0 – 6.5	1260 – 1680
Begonia	6.5	980 – 1260
Bromeliads	5.0 – 7.5	560 – 840
Caladium	6.0 – 7.5	1120 – 1400





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### pH and PPM Tables for Flower Plants

Flower Name	pH	PPM
Canna	6.0	1260 – 2450
Carnation	6.0	1260 – 2450
Chrysanthemum	6.0 – 6.2	1400 – 1750
Cymbidiums	5.5	420 – 560
Dahlia	6.0 – 7.0	1050 – 1400
Dieffenbachia	5.0	1400 – 1680
Dracaena	5.0 – 6.0	1400 – 1680
Ferns	6.0	1120 – 1400



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pH and PPM Tables for Flower Plants		
Flower Name	pH	PPM
Ficus	5.5 – 6.0	1120 – 1680
Freesia	6.5	700 – 1460
Impatiens	5.5 – 6.5	1260 – 1400
Gerbera	5.0 – 6.5	1400 – 1750
Gladiolus	5.5 – 6.5	1400 – 1680
Monstera	5.0 – 6.0	1400 – 1680
Palms	6.0 – 7.5	1120 – 1400
Roses	5.5 – 6.0	1050 – 1750



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pH and PPM Tables for Herbal Plants		
Herbal Name	pH	PPM
Basil	5.5 – 6.5	700 – 1120
Chicory	5.5 – 6.0	1400 – 1600
Chives	6.0 – 6.5	1260 – 1540
Fennel	6.4 – 6.8	700 – 980
Lavender	6.4 – 6.8	700 – 980
Lemon Balm	5.5 – 6.5	700 – 1120
Marjoram	6.0	1120 – 1400



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pH and PPM Tables for Herbal Plants		
Herbal Name	pH	PPM
Mint	5.5 – 6.0	1400 – 1680
Mustard Cress	6.0 – 6.5	840 – 1680
Parsley	5.5 – 6.0	540 – 1260
Rosemary	5.5 – 6.0	700 – 1120
Sage	5.5 – 6.5	700 – 1120
Thyme	5.5 – 7.0	560 – 1120
Watercress	6.5 – 6.8	280 – 1260



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pH and PPM Tables for Tuber Crops		
Tuber Name	pH	PPM
Shallot	6.0 – 6.7	980 – 1260
Garlic	6.0	980 – 1260
Potato	5.0 – 6.0	1400 – 1750
Radish	6.0 – 6.5	1260 – 1680
Taro	5.0 – 5.5	1750 – 2100
Sweet potato	6.0	980 – 1260
Cassava	5.5 – 6.0	1400 – 1750
Carrot	6.3	1120 – 1400





**Harvesting**



# 1) Harvest Time

Has entered the  
harvest period



Each plant has a different  
harvest period

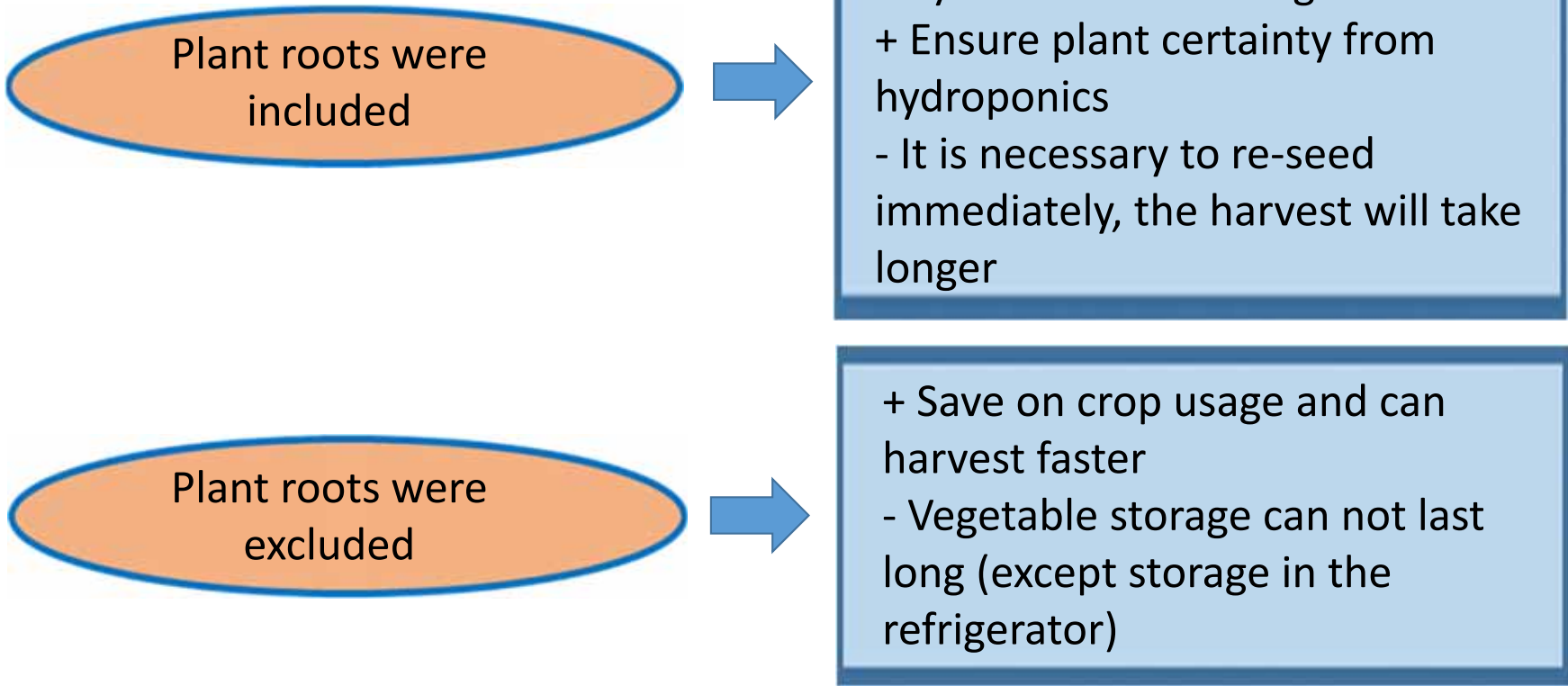
Do it when it's not  
too hot



Generally in the  
afternoon in order to  
reduce the risk of wilting  
and damage to plants

## 2) How to Harvest

Plant roots were  
included



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graph LR; A([Plant roots were included]) --> B[+ Make the condition of vegetables stay fresh and last longer shelf life  
+ Ensure plant certainty from hydroponics  
- It is necessary to re-seed immediately, the harvest will take longer]; C([Plant roots were excluded]) --> D[+ Save on crop usage and can harvest faster  
- Vegetable storage can not last long (except storage in the refrigerator)];
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Accompanied  
by roots and  
rockwool



Accompanied by a  
little root without  
rockwool



THANK YOU

