

If you plant maize densely...

You get more and better fodder from the same land

...and you get feed from maize when other feed is scarce

...and it allows Napier grass to grow for use later on

...and saves buying feed off farm

To get more fodder from maize do one of the following...

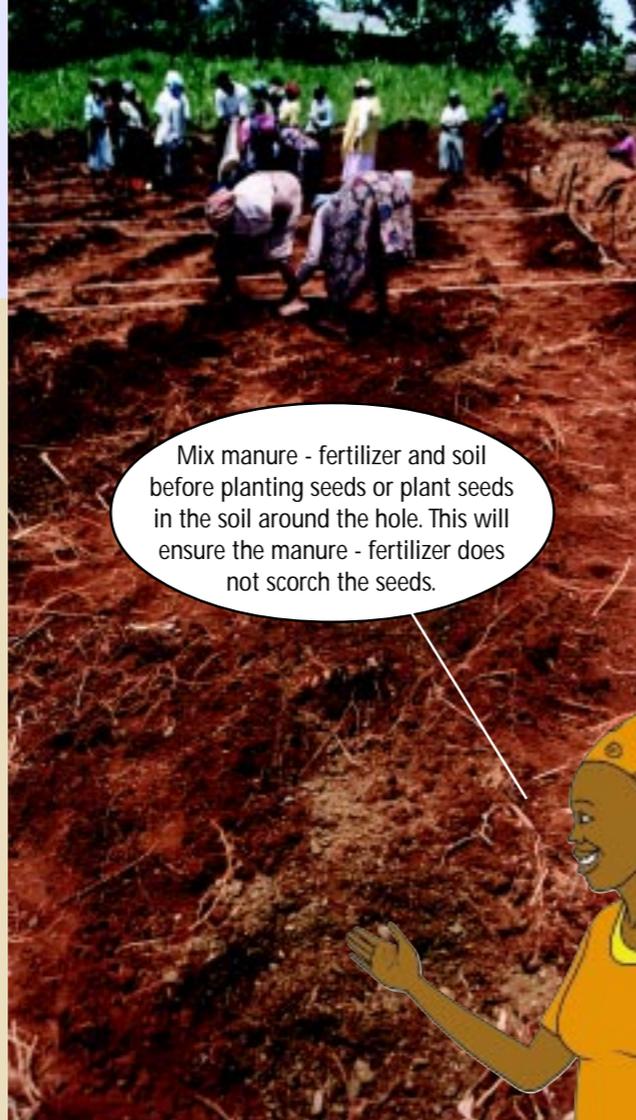
- Dig double the normal holes and plant 4-5 seeds per hole



- Use less spacing between holes and plant not more than 4 seeds per hole



- Use less spacing between rows and plant not more than 4 seeds per hole

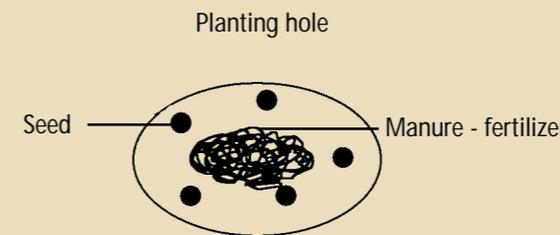


Mix manure - fertilizer and soil before planting seeds or plant seeds in the soil around the hole. This will ensure the manure - fertilizer does not scorch the seeds.

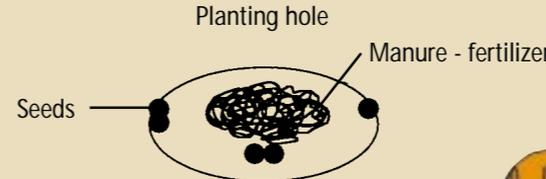
Plant beans between maize rows, not in the same hole as the maize. Plant beans on the same day as the maize.



FIRST PLANTING METHOD



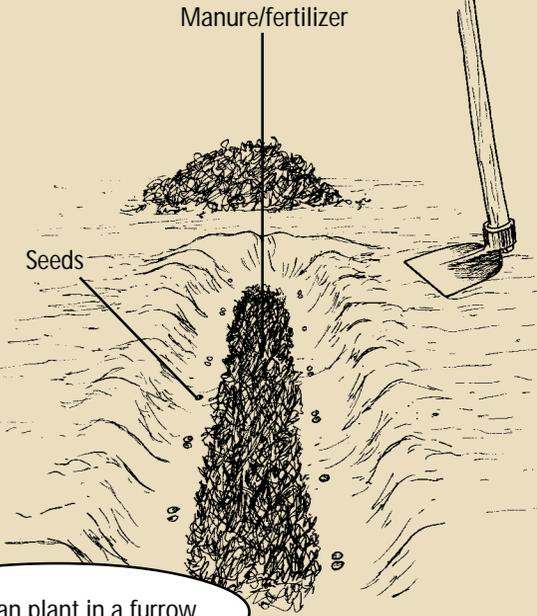
SECOND PLANTING METHOD



Spread maize seeds in the hole using one of the ways above

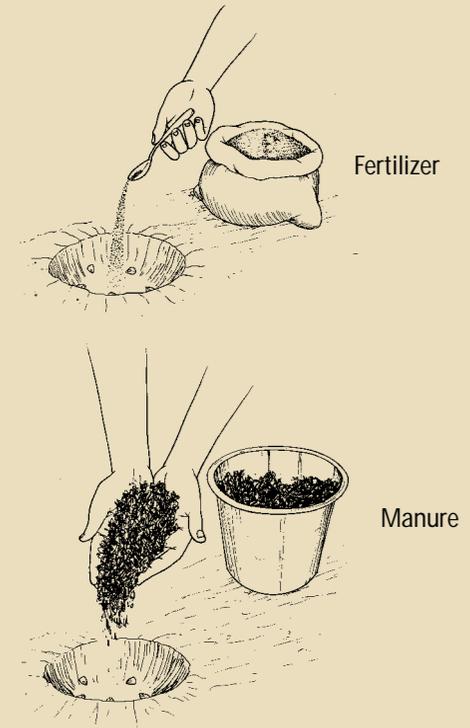


THIRD PLANTING METHOD



or you can plant in a furrow

The usual fertilizer rate is one 'fanta' soda top or one teaspoonful per hole. The usual manure rate is two handfuls per hole. Double this if you plant densely.



Fertilizer

Manure



To get fodder from maize...

1 Remove weak, thin and sick plants anytime you weed.

2 Thin plants as need arises for feed until maize flowers

3 After maize flowers, thin plants for feed and leave up to 2 plants to mature for grain.

4 In case of low rainfall when no cobs form use crop for feed.



When you plant more seeds you have many small cobs.

The bean yield is reduced where beans are planted together with maize.



Maize planted densely gives me ...

1 maize thinnings to the cow

2 green maize for sale

3 green stover for the cow

4 grain for my food

5 dry stover for fodder

6 maize can be used as fodder when rains fail and cobs do not form



GET MORE FROM MAIZE

Plant densely!

One of the ways to reduce lack of cattle feed and get more milk.