1. **Filling tray**
   - Sow in a tray on a raised table
   - Use a tray with planting holes that measure 2cm across, and that hold a minimum of 20 cc of medium
   - Use a clean, fine textured and well drained growing medium eg well buffered coco peat
   - Alternatively use a clean organic substrate mixed with perlite
   - Cover with fine sand or vermiculite

2. **Sowing depth**
   - Sowing depth = 2 x the size of the seed

3. **Taking care of seedlings**
   - Good ventilation
   - Shade
   - Keep constant moisture

4. **Hardening**
   - Put seedling tray outside, 1 week before transplanting
   - Water well
Land preparation and transplanting

1. Land preparation and plant distance
   - On a light sandy soil apply 10 ton/ha organic matter; lime to pH 6-7
   - Recommended plant density of 1.6 to 2.0 plants per square meter
   - 100 cm between rows x 50 or 60cm between plants inside rows

2. Transplanting
   - 3-4 weeks after sowing
   - Transplant late afternoon
   - The tray must be watered before transplanting

Trellising

1. Trellising
   - Hold the plant together by a horizontal wire on both sides of the plant
   - Easier crop management
   - Helps to reduce diseases
   - Many ways to support the crop.
   - The illustration gives one example

Fertilization

1. Fertilization
   - Preferably check the soil by way of a soil test before planting
   - Apply 10 ton/ha organic matter and 60% of the P and 10% of the N and K₂O; lime to pH 6-7 before planting
   - The guideline for fertilization is 200 kg N, 180 kg P₂O₅ and 190 kg K₂O per ha
   - Always consult neighbouring growers to understand grower’s practice
   - Apply top dressing through drip irrigation with a complete fertilizer (mix includes all elements)
   - Preferably irrigate more times per day and adapt the irrigation to the prevailing climate conditions
   - Foliar application can be done early in the morning with a focus on magnesium and micronutrients
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**African Eggplant Round**

| **Kerio RZ F1** | Bitter African eggplant  
| (90-103 RZ F1) | Ribbed round shape  
| | White cream colour  
| | Early and productive  
| | Good shelf life  
| | High yield |

| **Limpopo RZ F1** | Bitter African eggplant  
| (90-101 RZ F1) | Round shape  
| | White cream colour  
| | Early and productive  
| | Good shelf life  
| | Dark green leaves  
| | Good tolerance level to insects and spider mites |

**African Eggplant Oval**

| **Kazinga RZ F1** | Sweet African eggplant  
| (90-205 RZ F1) | Oval shape  
| | Attractive white cream colour  
| | Early and high yield potential  
| | Good shelf life |

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