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12 THINGS TO PREPARE BEFORE THE RAINS BEGIN



Print this checklist or copy it onto paper. Tick each item after completing it.

BEFORE PLANTING

- ☐ 1 Do not rush to plant just because the first rain has fallen.
- ☐ 2 Check that the soil is wet deeply enough before planting.
- ☐ 3 Follow reliable weather updates.

PREPARE YOUR FIELD

- ☐ 4 Prepare contour ridges and drainage channels to reduce soil erosion.
- ☐ 5 Do not burn crop residues left in the field. They help the soil retain moisture.
- ☐ 6 Apply well-decomposed manure to the field.
- ☐ 7 Plan how you will collect and store water.

SEED AND MONEY

- ☐ 8 Choose certified seed suited to your area.
- ☐ 9 If possible, choose early-maturing varieties.
- ☐ 10 If you can, do not depend on maize alone.
- ☐ 11 Prepare a budget for seed, fertiliser and labour.

LIVESTOCK

- ☐ 12 Prepare water and feed for your livestock before shortages begin.

NOTES

Record when you will check the weather again, review this checklist, and anything else you need to remember.

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