Harvest

Picking as once over harvest.

Seed grading

Grade the seeds with BSS 7 x 7 wire mesh sieve.

Storage

- Store the seeds in gunny or cloth bags for short term storage (8 9 months) with a seed moisture content of 9 %.
- Store the seeds in 700 gauge polythene bag for long term storage (more than 15 months) with a seed moisture content of 8 %.

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Land requirement

 Land should be free of volunteer plants. The previous crop should not be the same variety or other varieties of the same crop. It can be the same variety if it is certified as per the procedures of certification agency.

Isolation

- For foundation quality seed production leave a distance of 250 m all around the field from the same and other varieties of the crop.
- For certified quality seed production leave a distance of 100 m all around the field from the same and other varieties of the crop.

Season

- Rabi and summer are best seasons.
- October-November sowing will give better seed yield.

Seed rate

• 20 - 30 kg / ha.

Seed treatment

- Seed pelleting with Rhizobium @ 5 packets / ha.
- Treat the seed with Carbendazim @ 2 g / kg of seeds.
- For hard seeds treat with Sulphuric acid @ 100 ml / kg of seed for 10 20 minutes.

Spacing

• 30 x 30 cm (vary based on soil fertility and type of soil as 45 x 20 cm, 75 x 45 cm)

Fertilizer

20:40:20 kg / ha (vary based on soil fertility and type of soil as 10:40:30,10:30:30 and 20:50:70 kg of NPK / ha).

Foliar application

Spray 1% Sulphate of Potash at 40 and 60 days after sowing.

Harvest

Picking as once over harvest.

Seed grading

• Grade the seeds with 10 / 64" round perforated sieve.

Storage

- Store the seeds in gunny or cloth bags for short term storage (8 9 months) with a seed moisture content of 9 %.
- Store the seeds in 700 gauge polythene bag for long term storage (more than 15 months) with a seed moisture content of 8 %.