

Tent-style greenhouse for multiplication of sweet potato vines and cuttings



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Greenhouse Solutions for Thriving Sweet Potato Farms

The tent-style greenhouse, built with local materials and screen nets, provides an optimal, pest-free environment for sweet potato vines. It maintains soil moisture and ensures the production of high-quality, disease-free planting material. This cost-effective and easy-to-assemble technology is a practical tool for farmers to increase sweet potato yield.

This technology is **TAAT1 validated**.

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 Scaling readiness: idea maturity: 8/9; level of use: 9/9

Cost: \$\$\$ 7.66 USD **ROI: \$\$\$ 56 %**
 total investment per square meter over 3 year
4-9 USD IP
 sales of vines per square meter Open source / open access

Problem

- **Planting Material:** Shortage and degradation over time.
- **Pests/Diseases:** Susceptibility impacting crop health and yield.
- **Infrastructure/Cost:** High costs and local material availability issues.

Solution

- **Efficient Production:** Multiplication of healthy vines and cuttings.
- **Pest/Disease Control:** Screen nets for a pest-free environment.
- **Cost-Effective:** Built with cheaper, locally available materials.

Technology from
ProPAS

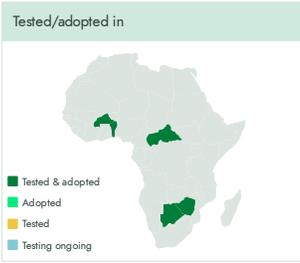
Commodities
Sweet Potato

Sustainable Development Goals

Categories
Production, Equipment, Seed system

Best used with

- [Orange-Fleshed Sweet Potato \(High provitamin A\)](#) >



Key points to design your business plan

For farmers, integrating a tent-style greenhouse can boost crop yield and quality, offering a pest-free environment and high-quality planting material. It's cost-effective and promotes sustainable farming.

Key steps for implementation:

1. **Learn and Estimate Costs:** Understand the greenhouse's benefits, operation, and calculate all associated costs.
2. **Site Selection and Preparation:** Choose a suitable spot on your farm and prepare it for the greenhouse.
3. **Greenhouse Construction and Plant Arrangement:** Build the greenhouse, install nets, cover the frame, and arrange the vines and cuttings inside.
4. **Maintenance and Evaluation:** Control the greenhouse environment and regularly evaluate its effectiveness.

Remember, the timeline depends on your specific situation and needs.

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