

# Grow Guide

## C a s s a v a

In Central Florida, we begin planting cassava cuttings in late February into early March. In South Florida, it is likely that earlier plantings are a possibility. In colder parts of the state it may be advisable to keep cassava cuttings in small pots and protected from cold if received during winter before frost risk is over. We typically direct plant cassava cuttings into the field with roughly  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the cutting buried and one  $\frac{1}{3}$  above the ground with the cutting at a 45 degree angle. Planting cuttings upright is important. Each cutting is marked with an arrow pointing to the top of the cutting. The crop is generally ready to harvest in December, sometimes slightly earlier depending on variety.

Cassava produces best grown with full sun, good soil fertility and additional water during establishment and times of drought. It should not be planted where soil can become water-logged. In some places cassava is spaced as close as 3 feet but lately we are finding better production at 5-6 foot spacing.

