



Plantain/Banana Production Principles in Africa: A General Overview

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African plantain/banana fruits destined for Europe, Asia and the American export markets are subject to standard good agricultural practices and other value chain approaches such as Banavac bag packaging. A need therefore exists for stakeholder's human capacity development in Tropical Africa plantain/banana (*Musa* spp.) productivity. Tropical African farmers are most affected by climatic changes as well as income generation that affect productivity. Basic principles of plantain/banana fruit crop production are therefore presented, together with practical techniques relating to cultural practices from plant establishment to harvesting/storage for African farmers and other clients for human capacity enhancements. The crops are discussed within the framework of production systems. Specified African crops are discussed, especially of temperate exotic fruit crops produced in warm tropical Africa as model crops. This article presentation contains a reference appendix that serves both as a general textbook and a field reference manual.

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