Cassava planting

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Planting material

- stem: sufficient mature, wood, thick, short internodes, no empty pith, whole buds without injury, without pest and disease, fresh (cutting stem have latex, or rich water content),.
- main stem, → good germination, high yield.
- Branch stem → propagation, lack of stem, good management.
- Cutting: 15 20 cm, do not broke or injury buds.

Table 17. Effect of stem age, stake length and part of stem from which stakes are cut on survival of Rayong 1 at Rayong Field Crops Research Center, 1974-1976.

	Stem age (months)		
	8	10	12
Stem length (cm) # Buds/stem	201 93	266 113	282 137
Stake length (cm) 5 10			Survival (%) 48.6 77.5
15 D			88.8
Part of stem Upper Middle Lower			58.7 92.1 98.6

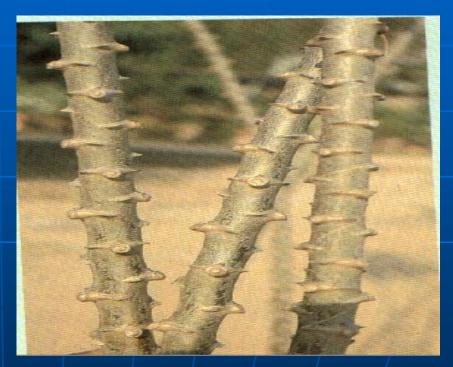
Source; Chankam, 1994.

Table 18. Plants survival (%) from stakes stored under different conditions and for various periods at Rayong Field Crops Research Center, 1976-1978.

Storage time	e		Storage metho	d
(days)		Under shade	In sun	Covered with leaves
0		95.6	95.3	96.5
15		93.5	93.4	91.6
30		83.4	84.3	87.9
45		80.0	55.9	58.4
60		57.5	48.9	50.0
75		49.2	31.9	43.1
90		44.9	28.9	35.9
105		43.2	21.0	/ / / 22.1 / /

Planting stakes

- Length 15-20 cm (7-10 nodes)
- stems is 8-12 months old plants
- Size 1.5-2.5 cm diameter







No good: oversize or thin stakes, forked stakes





Cutting stems into stakes



Seeds cutting





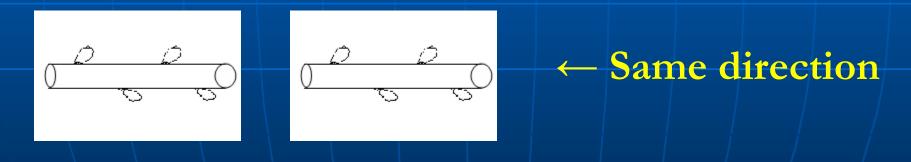


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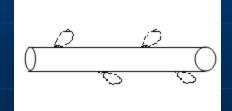
Planting methods

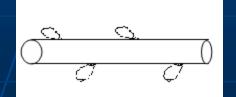
1, Same or Opposite Eye Direction

■ Yield of SC 8: Compare with opposite eyes direction (CK). Same eye direction significance increased 16.0% fresh root yield (FRY), 19.3% dry root yield (DRY) and 23.0% starch yield (SY).



Opposite direction







Ridge, planting, fertilizer



Manual planting





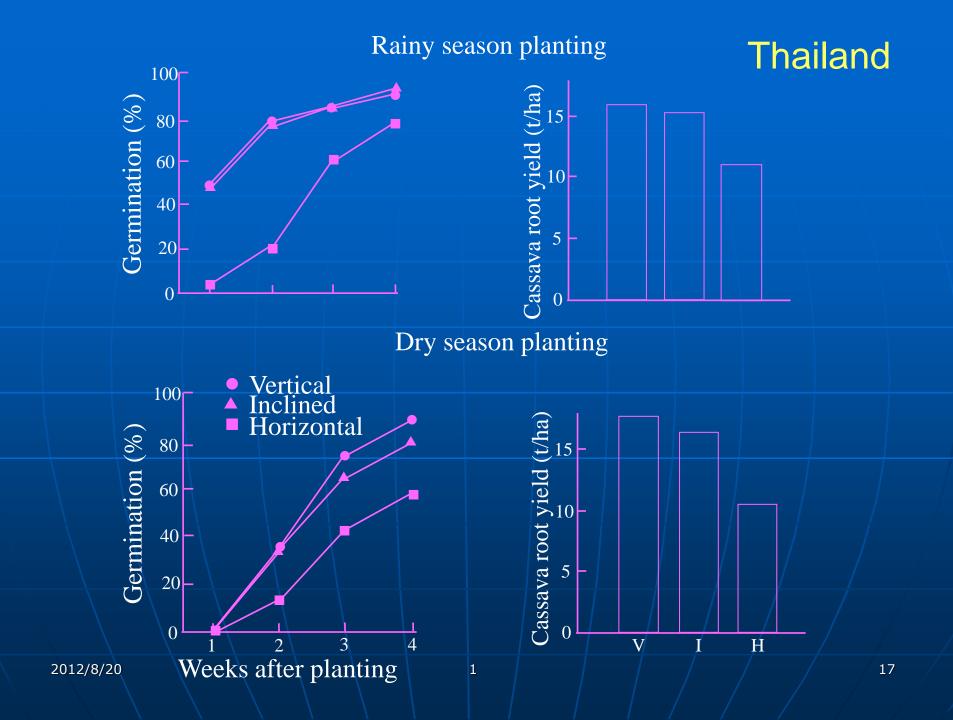


Mechanized management



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- Hainan is better in horizontal
- Guangxi is better in horizontal and inclined
- Few vertical in china



- Horizontal
- Vertical, buds up
- Slanted, buds up













Manual planting





Mechanized planting

Planting space

- 12,000 15,000 plant/ha, Planting distance 0.8 -1.0 M
- Normally: 0.8 M*0.8 M,
- Fertile land, branch variety, new high yield variety, high fertilization, 1 M*1 M.
- Infertile land, straight and few branch variety: 0.7 M*0.7 M.
- Poor and no fertilizer, 0.6 M*0.6 M. But few.
- Widen row space, norrow planting space.

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• Normal space: 0.8 M





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Planting again when some stake die: used stake or seedling