

Growing Sweet Potatoes

February 1

Start Sweet Potato plants

Cut a potato (yam) length wise

Lay in pan (cut side down) on moist sand

Cover potato to top with moist sand

Place in clear plastic bag in warm place (use grow light above)

March 1 - 15

Cut plants out of potato and put in Styrofoam cups with strips of netting (see demo). Put in cool sunny place to develop roots.

March 15 - 30

Select sunny and protected site (12 hours during summer)

Double-dig clay soil - add mulch

April 5

Cover ridged planting area with 2 ft. wide black plastic

April 15

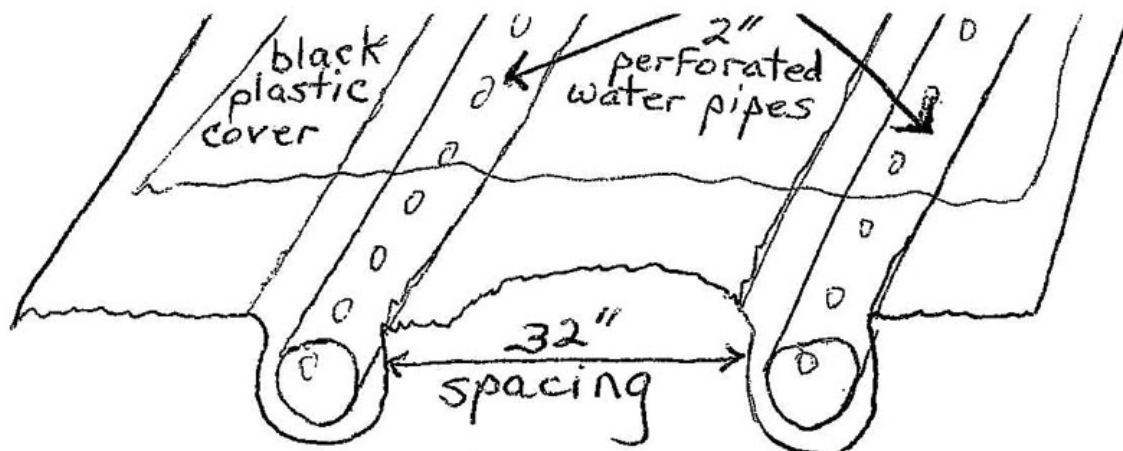
Cut X in plastic, dig a hole and carefully cut bottom $\frac{3}{4}$ of cup and remove. Place in hole.

Compact the soil and water. Put wall o-water over each plant.

April 15 - October 15

Water frequently (weekly if flood irrigated)

Cross section of planting row:



July 1

Fertilize with 2 oz. Of N 9%, P 46%, K 15%

August 1

Fertilize with 2 oz. Of N 9%, P 46%, K 15%

October 1-30

Harvest when vines are frozen