

# Planting Dates and Seeding Rates

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# Planting Dates

Earlier coinciding with rain is generally best

Early December is better than early January

Early February can be a disaster

Of course, rainfall can be inconsistent  
(observations from Ghana)

Risk is greater with later plantings (yield,  
pests, aflatoxin)

# Seeding Rates

Planting into ridge of previous crop (row spacing?)

Intra plant spacing of 5-10 cm apart  
(knowing germination is key)

190,000 plants/ha

Smallholder would be lower, but benefits of higher seeding rates are significant (rosette, yield, weeds)