

New varieties are unveiled

A LOCAL NGO has introduced early maturing pumpkin seeds for western Kenya.

A Horticulture Development Centre agronomist, Mr Fred Ochieng', said Bird's Eye Chilli (BEC) and Squash Waltham Butternut, a pumpkin species, are drought resistant.

"BEC is a hardy and perennial cash crop that can survive the long dry spells in the region. It is suitable for small-scale farmers as it requires farmyard manure and minimal use of pesticides," Ochieng' told a gathering of farmers in Homa Bay District.

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