

In Nigeria, quality cassava varieties can be sourced from several reputable organizations and institutions that specialize in agricultural research and extension services. Some key sources include:

1. International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA):

- Located in Ibadan, Oyo State, IITA is a leading research institute that provides high-quality cassava stems and other agricultural resources.

2. National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI):

- Situated in Umudike, Abia State, NRCRI focuses on root and tuber crops and offers improved cassava varieties.

3. Agricultural Development Programs (ADPs):

- Various state ADPs provide agricultural extension services and can be a source of quality cassava stems. They are present in most states across Nigeria.

4. Cassava Growers Associations:

- Local and regional cassava growers associations often have access to high-quality planting materials and can be a good source for farmers.

5. Private Seed Companies:

- Companies such as CAVA II (Cassava: Adding Value for Africa) and other private seed enterprises offer certified cassava stems.

6. Local Agricultural Extension Services:

- State and local agricultural extension offices can provide information on where to obtain quality cassava varieties.

7. Farmers' Cooperatives and Networks:

- Joining local farmers' cooperatives and networks can provide access to shared resources, including quality cassava stems.

These sources can provide access to improved and disease-resistant cassava varieties suitable for various agro-ecological zones in Nigeria.