



GIFT OF WINTER

WINTER in Bangladesh is an eagerly awaited season, mostly for its offering of vegetables like cabbage, cauliflower, tomato, brinjal, radish, hyacinth bean, bottle gourd and many more. As the season appears, farmers get busy with vegetables cultivation. Traditionally, farm families grow those using local varieties and indigenous technologies mainly for family consumption and sell their surplus in the market. Women play the dominant role in this system. All varieties of winter vegetables appear in abundance in local markets, as soon as they are harvested. Most of Dhaka's supply comes from the neighbouring areas and some even from far off districts. They are also produced commercially in field plots of major cities including the capital.

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