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VARIETAL PERFORMANCE OF GARLIC (ALLIUM SATIVUM L.) ON GROWTH, YIELD AND QUALITY ATTRIBUTES

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ABSTRACT

The field experiment on performance of eight varieties of garlic was conducted at Horticulture Instructional Farm, Sardarkrushi nagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Sardarkrushinagar, Gujarat. The findings of study revealed that, morphologically superior performance with germination percentage (98.99 %), height of plant (81.67 cm), length of leaf (48.23 cm), width of leaf (1.47 cm) and earliness in bulb initiation (47.06 days) was recorded with variety V₂ (Local). Maximum neck thickness i.e. 1.14 cm. and 1.50 cm. was recorded with V-2 (Yamuna Safed) respectively, at 60 and 120 days after sowing. Maximum number of leaves i.e. 6.57 and 10.17 at 60 and 120 days after sowing respectively and chlorophyll index (97.64) was recorded with treatment V, (Agrifound White). The significantly highest diameter of bulb (5.47 cm), maximum number of cloves per bulb (34.95) was recorded with V₂ (Yamuna Safed). Considering the yield and quality attributes, significantly maximum weight of bulb (59.16 g), yield of dry garlic bulb (248.32 q/ha), maximum length of clove (36.07 mm), more thicker clove i.e. 11.39 mm and maximum TSS (40.13 ^oBrix) was recorded with V-, (Agrifound White). The variety Agrifound White was found to be promising with respect to growth, yield and quality attributes of garlic.

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INTRODUCTION

Garlic (*Allium sativum* L.) is one of the most important bulb crop belong to the family Alliaceae grown and consumed as spice throughout the India. Garlic is one of the most important crop for export and earning of foreign exchange. India ranks second in production and productivity of garlic in the world. Garlic is chief constituents of diallyl disulfide, trisulfide and allyl propyl disulfide (Bhonde and Prakash, 2006). The average productivity of garlic ranges between 5 to 6 tonnes per hectare which too less than its potentiality (Anon, 2013).

Very little work has been reported with respect to suitability of different cultivars of garlic released by various universities and ICAR institutes of India. In this regard some of scientist were reported their view for suitability of specific variety for certain region (Kadu et al., 2005). Choudhari and Chatterjee (2009) reported that G-323 was most promosing genotype of garlic for Tarai region of West Bengal. Market value of garlic are increasing by day by day due to less quantity of availability of garlic bulb in the market and this is due to decline in cultivated area as well as decreased productivity of garlic.

Number of superior varieties of garlic released by different universities and ICAR institutes of India. But there is no any recommendation has been made with respect to suitability of specific variety for certain region. Keeping in to consideration the above facts in mind present investigation was planned and executed to find out the influences of different varieties of garlic with respect to growth, yield and quality parameters. There is urgent need to made certain recommendations to generate research evidence with respect to suitability of certain variety in specific region for benefits of the garlic growers.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experiment was conducted at Horticulture Instructional Farm, C. P. College of Agriculture, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Sardarkrushinagar, (Gujarat) India during *Rabi* season of 2011. Experiment was laid out in randomized block design with four replications. Eight varieties of garlic were taken under investigation *viz*; Agrifound White, Yamuna Safed, Local, Yamuna Safed-3, Yamuna Safed-4, Gujarat Garlic-3, Gujarat Garlic-4 and Yamuna Safed-2. The seeds of these varieties were procured from National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation Karnal, Haryana, Junagadh Agricultural University, Gujarat and Local market of Palanpur, Gujarat.

Sowing of garlic was taken up on October, 2011. Cloves were dibbled at 15 cm \times 10 cm spacing in each bed. Recommended package of practices were followed to raise the crop. Recommended dose of fertilizers *i.e.*, 20 tonne of FYM and 50 kg N, 50 kg P and 50 kg K per hectare were applied at the time of soil preparation and rest of 50 kg nitrogen were applied in two splits at 45 and 75 days after sowing. Irrigation was stopped before two weeks of harvesting when fifty per cent neck falls as well as leaves are completely dried.

Various observations on growth, yield and quality aspects were recorded to assess

the treatment effect. Height, length and width characters were measured using measuring scale and diameter with digital verniar calliper (CD-6" CSX, Mitutoya). The chlorophyll index of leaves was measured with the help of digital chlorophyll meter (CCM-200, Opti- sciences). Total soluble solid content was estimated by using hand refractrometer. The recorded data were subjected to statistical analysis using the analysis of variance technique (Gomez and Gomez, 1984).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Growth parameters

Data pertaining to growth parameters revealed that, the variety V_1 (Agrifound White) was found significantly superior with respect to minimum days taken (6.20 days) for germination in comparison to all other varieties of garlic. However, maximum percentage (98.99%) of germination was recorded with variety V_2 (Local).

Germination behaviour of garlic may either be cultivar characteristics or due to dormancy of bulbs. Similar findings have been reported by Mahmood et al. (2002) and Osman and Moustafa (2009), in garlic.

During the first phase, *i.e.* 60 days after sowing the maximum height (59.30 cm) of plant was recorded with V_3 (Local) variety in comparison to all other varieties of garlic. Significantly maximum height (81.67 cm) of plant was recorded with variety V_3 (Local).

Variation in plant height and other vegetative character most probably it may be due to such type of genetic makeup of specific genotype. The present results are in close accordance with reports of Tiwari et al. (2002), Dubey and Singh (2012) in garlic and Sarkar and Jain (2002), Chandrika and Reddy (2011), Hirave et al. (2015) in onion.

Significantly maximum neck thickness *i.e.* 1.14 cm. and 1.50 cm. was recorded with V_{-2} (Yamuna Safed) respectively at 60 and 120 days after sowing. Maximum number of leaves was recorded with treatment V_{1} (Agrifound White) *i.e.* 6.57 and 10.17 at 60 and 120 days after sowing respectively.

The variation in number of leaves per plant in different varieties may be due to their genetical characters. Similar findings have been reported by Tiwari et al. (2002), Dubey and Singh (2012), in garlic and Sarkar and Jain (2002), Chandrika and Reddy (2011) in onion.

The variety V_1 (Agrifound White) was found significantly superior with respect to maximum chlorophyll index (97.64) of leaves in comparison to all other varieties of garlic at 60 days after sowing. Significantly maximum length of leaf (48.23 cm) and width (1.47 cm) of leaf, minimum days (47.06) taken for bulb initiation was recorded with V_2 (Local).

Maturity period as influenced by different varieties of garlic showed marked variation and found significant decrease in number of days taken for maturity due to variety V_6 (Gujarat Garlic-3). V_6 (Gujarat Garlic-3) was significantly superior with respect to minimum days (145.67) taken for maturity than all other varieties.

Days taken for bulb initiation due to physiological behaviour of different varieties. Similar findings have been reported by Seifel et al. (2011), Sangeeta et al. (2014) in garlic.

Yield parameters

Table 1: Influences of different varieties on growth parameters of garlic

Treatments	Days for germination	Germination (%)	Plant height at 60 DAP (cm)	Plant height at 60 DAP (cm)	Neck thickness (cm) at 60 DAP	Neck thickness (cm) at 120 DAP	Number of leaves per plant at 60 DAP	Number of leaves per plant at 120 DAP	Length of leaf at 60 DAP (cm)	Width of leaf at 60 DAP (cm)	Days taken for bulb maturity
Agrifound White (V,)	6.25	98.25	44.72	69.64	0.92	1.36	6.58	10.18	42.41	1.36	160.00
Yamuna Safed (V ₂)	7.00	93.33	52.64	78.09	1.14	1.50	5.80	8.88	45.75	1.47	158.67
Local (V ₂)	6.50	99.00	59.30	81.68	0.98	1.40	6.00	9.93	48.24	1.47	152.00
Yamuna Safed-3 (V ₄)	7.00	97.41	51.72	74.95	1.06	1.46	5.83	9.25	41.56	1.41	153.00
Yamuna Safed-4 (V _s)	6.50	97.08	52.03	75.35	1.02	1.35	5.88	9.28	40.98	1.44	164.00
Gujarat Garlic-3 (V ₆)	9.50	97.92	33.84	52.51	0.67	1.20	5.00	7.50	31.77	1.08	145.67
Gujarat Garlic-4 (V,)	8.50	98.66	37.05	69.36	0.72	1.22	5.65	8.28	32.56	1.16	152.33
Yamuna Safed-2 (V ₈)	7.00	98.33	47.01	73.67	0.81	1.26	5.95	9.50	40.36	1.30	163.00
S.Em±	0.348	1.175	1.153	1.212	0.024	0.020	0.128	0.209	0.938	0.029	1.096
C.D. at 5%	1.023	3.455	3.390	3.565	0.070	0.059	0.376	0.614	2.759	0.086	3.224

Table 2: Influences of different varieties on yield and quality attributes of garlic

Treatments	Diameter of bulb (cm)	Weight of bulb (g)	Bulb yield (q ha ⁻¹)	Number of cloves per bulb	Length of clove (mm)	Thickness of clove (mm)	Total soluble solid (°Brix)
Agrifound White (V1)	4.92	59.17	248.32	24.00	36.07	11.39	40.13
Yamuna Safed (V ₂)	5.47	55.30	112.23	34.95	31.13	8.89	33.49
Local (V ₃)	4.44	44.45	191.54	31.51	30.63	8.33	34.12
Yamuna Safed-3 (V ₄)	4.54	49.80	156.61	24.66	31.30	10.07	35.26
Yamuna Safed-4 (V ₅)	4.31	52.00	154.90	34.84	30.88	9.50	38.26
Gujarat Garlic-3 (V ₆)	3.62	30.11	126.15	33.70	27.25	7.80	26.63
Gujarat Garlic-4 (V,)	4.26	33.01	145.39	32.66	29.64	8.07	32.43
Yamuna Safed-2 (V ₈)	4.66	43.81	188.35	31.39	31.16	8.71	34.81
S.Em ±	0.167	1.610	6.224	0.778	0.313	0.200	0.979
C.D. at 5%	0.492	4.736	18.306	2.289	0.921	0.588	2.879

Diameter of bulb influences by different varieties was found significant. The significantly highest diameter of bulb (5.47 cm) was recorded with treatment V_{α} (Yamuna Safed).

The variation in bulb characters in different garlic germplasm were attributed to intervarietal differences associated with genetic makeup of the cultivars and it is governed by the cell size and intercellular spacing of the clove tissues. (Golani et al., 2000). The present findings are close accordance with that of Singh and Singh (1999), Agarwal and Tiwari (2003), Singh (2003), Singh and Chand (2003), Vashisht and Singh (2005), Kadu et al. (2005), Futane et al. (2006), Kamal et al. (2007), Choudhari and Chatterjee (2009) in garlic and Sarkar and Jain (2002), Hirave et al. (2015) in onion.

The data presented in table showed significant responses with respect to weight of bulb. Treatment V₁ (Agrifound White) was produced significantly maximum weight (59.16 g) of bulb, yield of dry garlic bulb *i.e.* 248.32 quintal per hectare.

Similar trends of results reported by Mahmood et al. (2002), Singh and Chand (2003), Kadu et al. (2005), Dhiman and Gandhi (2009), Rahim (2011), Seifel et al. (2011), Sangeeta et al. (2014) in garlic.

Quality parameters:-

It is quite apparent from the table showed that different varieties were significantly influenced the number of cloves per bulb. The significantly maximum number of cloves per bulb (34.95) was recorded under treatment V_{ν} (Yamuna Safed).

Significantly maximum length of clove (36.07 mm), more thicker clove *i.e.* 11.39 mm and maximum total soluble solid (40.13 °Brix)was recorded with treatment V-₁ (Agrifound White). Similar findings have been reported by Singh and Chand

(2003), Patil et al. (2003), Vashisht and Singh (2005), Shashidhar et al. (2005), Kadu et al. (2005), Futane et al. (2006), Dubey and Singh (2012) in garlic.

The variety Agrifound White was found to be promising with respect to growth, yield and quality attributes of garlic.

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