

EFFECT OF INTEGRATED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT IN BORO RICE CULTIVATION

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ABSTRACT

An experiment was carried out in the farmer's field of village Boira under Kotoali Thana, District-Mymensingh in *Boro* season (January to May 2013) to find out the effect of integrated nutrient management in *Boro* rice cv. BRRI dhan29 cultivation. The experiment consisted of the following treatments- control (no manure and no fertilizer) (T_1), recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn (T_2), 50% of the recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + cowdung 5 t ha^{-1} (T_3), 50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + poultry manure 2.5 t ha^{-1} (T_4), 50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + cowdung 10 t ha^{-1} (T_5), 50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + poultry manure 5 t ha^{-1} (T_6), cowdung 10 t ha^{-1} (T_7), poultry manure 5 t ha^{-1} (T_8), full dose of USG (2.7g) + recommended dose of PKSZn (T_9), full dose of USG (2.7g) + cowdung 10 t ha^{-1} (T_{10}), full dose of USG (2.7g) + poultry manure 5 t ha^{-1} (T_{11}), full dose of USG (2.7g) + cowdung 5 t ha^{-1} (T_{12}), full dose of USG (2.7g) + poultry manure 2.5 t ha^{-1} (T_{13}), USG (1.8g) + poultry manure 5 t ha^{-1} (T_{14}), USG (1.8g) + poultry manure 2.5 t ha^{-1} (T_{15}) and farmer's practice (Urea 250 kg ha^{-1} , TSP 220 kg ha^{-1} , MoP 130 kg ha^{-1} , gypsum 130 kg ha^{-1}) (T_{16}). The experiment was laid out in a randomized complete block design with three replications. Results of the experiment showed that integrated nutrient management had significant effect on yield contributing characters and yield of BRRI dhan29. The tallest plant (93.33 cm) was found in T_2 treatment (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn), the highest number of total tillers hill⁻¹ (16.85) and effective tillers hill⁻¹ (15.90) were obtained in T_{11} treatment (USG (2.7g) + poultry manure 5 t ha^{-1}). The highest 1000-grain weight (22.40g), grain yield (7.19 t ha^{-1}) and straw yield (8.08 t ha^{-1}) were recorded in T_{10} treatment (full dose of USG (2.7g) + cowdung 10 t ha^{-1}) and the lowest grain yield (4.43 t ha^{-1}) and straw yield (5.21 t ha^{-1}) were obtained in T_7 treatment (cowdung 10 t ha^{-1}). From the study, it can be concluded that inorganic fertilizer along with manure greatly influence the

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yield contributing characters and yield of *Boro* rice and full dose of USG (2.7g) with cowdung (10 t ha⁻¹) appears as the promising combination for *Boro* rice (cv. BRRI dhan29) cultivation.

Keywords: Integrated nutrient management, *boro* rice, yield

INTRODUCTION

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is the major food crop in Bangladesh. *Boro* rice covers about 48.97% of total rice area and contributes to 38.14% of total rice production in the country (BBS, 2012). Rice production area is decreasing due to high population pressure. Cultivation of improved varieties and proper nutrient management are the most effective means to meet the demand. For maximizing yield, nutrient management is the key element in rice farming. Depletion of soil fertility has been identified as a major constraint for higher crop yield. The role of fertilizers and manures in increasing the productivity of crop is well known. Repeated use of inorganic fertilizer alone fails to sustain desired yield, impairs the physical condition and reduce the organic matter content of soils (Rabindra et al., 1985; Bhatia and Shukla, 1982; Lal and Mathur, 1988). Integrated use of organic and inorganic fertilizer has been found to be promising for sustainable crop production. This has been amply proved by the long term fertilizer experiments (Nambiar and Abrol, 1989). This indicates that an integrated use of organic and inorganic fertilizers proposed to be an effective approach for sustainable crop production, which is agreed with the opinion of Rabindra et al. (1985), and Bhatia and Shukla (1982).

Nitrogen is the key nutrient required in the largest quantities while urea is the principal nitrogenous fertilizer. Urea is the most commonly used N fertilizer in Bangladesh, but its efficiency is very low. Wetland soil promotes N losses through ammonia volatilization, denitrification, leaching and surface runoff when it is applied as prilled form in the soil surface. Urea super granules (USG) is a fertilizer that can be applied in the rice root zone at 8-10 cm depth of soil which can save 30%N compared to prilled urea, increases absorption rate, improves soil health and ultimately increases rice yield (Savant et al., 1991). Among the various factors responsible for increasing yield quality, fertilizer management is of paramount importance (Novoa and Loomis, 1981). Use of fertilizer and manures is an essential component of modern farming with about 50% of the world crop production (Prodhan, 2002). Selection of potential variety, planting in appropriate method and application of optimum amount of nutrient elements, can play important role to increase growth and yield of *Boro* rice. Based on the above information, the experiment was undertaken to study the effect of integrated nutrient management in *Boro* rice (cv. BRRI dhan29) cultivation.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experiment was carried out in the farmer's field of village Boira under Kotoali Thana, District-Mymensingh in *Boro* season (January to May 2013). The experimental site belongs to the Sonatala series of Old Brahmaputra Floodplain Agroecological Zone (AEZ-9) having non-calcareous dark grey floodplain soils. The soil was silt loam having pH 6.5. Soil contained 1.67% organic matter, 0.10% total N, 26.0 ppm available P, 0.14 (me %) exchangeable K and 13.9 ppm available S. The experiment consisted of the following treatments- control (no manure and no fertilizer) (T₁), recommended dose of prilled urea + PKSZn (T₂), 50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + cowdung 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₃), 50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹ (T₄), 50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹ (T₅), 50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₆), cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹ (T₇), poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₈), full dose of USG (2.7g) + recommended dose of PKSZn (T₉), full dose of USG (2.7g) + cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹ (T₁₀), full dose of USG (2.7g) + poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₁₁), full dose of USG (2.7g) + cowdung 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₁₂), full dose of USG (2.7g) + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹ (T₁₃), USG (1.8g) + poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₁₄), USG (1.8g) + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹ (T₁₅) and farmer's practice (Urea 250 kg ha⁻¹, TSP 220 kg ha⁻¹, MoP 130 kg ha⁻¹, gypsum 130 kg ha⁻¹) (T₁₆). The experiment was laid out in a randomized complete block design with three replications. Each block was divided into 16 unit plots where the treatment combinations were allocated at random. The size of each unit plot was 4.0m × 2.5m. The land was first opened with a tractor drawn plough and finally prepared by ploughing and cross ploughing with country plough followed by laddering. Weeds and stubble were removed from the field as much as possible after leveling. The land was finally prepared and the experiment was laid out on 29 January 2013. Cowdung and poultry manure were applied as basal dose (as per treatment) on 30 January before transplanting of rice seedlings. Urea, triple super phosphate, muriate of potash, gypsum and zinc sulphate @ 250, 130, 120, 60 and 10 kg ha⁻¹, respectively were applied where applicable. The whole amounts of triple super phosphate, muriate of potash, gypsum and zinc sulphate were applied at final land preparation as per experimental specification. Urea was applied in 3 equal splits at 15, 30, and 45 days after transplanting (DAT). As per experimental specification urea super granules (USG) were placed manually (depth 6-8 cm) at the centre of four hills of two adjacent rows i.e. once at 10 days after transplanting (DAT) in every alternate row. Thirty seven-day old seedlings were uprooted carefully from the nursery and transplanted on the experimental plots on 01 February 2013 maintaining 25 cm x 15 cm spacing between the rows and hills, respectively. Weeding was done at 25 and 40 DAT. The crop was irrigated as and when necessary. There was rice stem borer infestation at active tillering stage and it was controlled by Regent (G) applied @ 12.50 kg ha⁻¹. On the other hand, at milk stage of rice, it was attacked by leaf roller and the insect was successfully controlled by applying Malathion @ 1 ml

per liter of water. The crops were harvested at full maturity. Maturity of crops was determined when 90% of the grains became golden yellow in color. The crop was harvested on 29 May 2013. Then the harvested crop of each plot was bundled separately, properly tagged and brought to threshing floor. The crop was then threshed and the fresh weights of grain and straw were recorded plot-wise. The grains were cleaned and finally the weight was adjusted to 14% moisture content. The straw was sun dried and the yields of grain and straw plot⁻¹ were recorded and converted to t ha⁻¹. Harvest index was calculated with the following formula:

$$\text{Harvest index (\%)} = \frac{\text{Grain yield}}{\text{Biological yield}} \times 100.$$

The collected data were analyzed by using “Analysis of Variance” technique and the differences among treatment means were adjudged by the Duncan’s Multiple Range Test (Gomez and Gomez, 1984).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Crop characters, yield contributing characters and yield of *Boro* rice were studied as affected by integrated nutrient management. The maximum plant height (93.33 cm) was found in T₂ treatment (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn) followed by T₈ (poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹) and T₉ (full dose of USG (2.7g) + recommended dose of PKSZn), while the lowest plant height (77.60 cm) was found in T₃ treatment (50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + cowdung 5 t ha⁻¹) which was statistically identical to T₄ (50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹) and T₆ (50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹) (Figure 1). Haga and Dayag (1989) also reported similar results. The highest number of total tillers hill⁻¹ (16.85) was obtained with T₁₁ treatment (2.7g USG + poultry manure 5t ha⁻¹) which was statistically identical to T₉ (full dose of USG (2.7g) + recommended dose of PKSZn) and T₁₃ (full dose of USG (2.7g) + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹) that was the lowest (8.13) with T₄ treatment (50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹) (Table 1). Total tillers hill⁻¹ was positively correlated with level of nitrogen application as reported by BRRI (1991) and Kamal et al. (1999). The highest number of effective tillers hill⁻¹ (15.90) was obtained in T₁₁ treatment (USG 2.7g + poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹) followed by T₁₃ (full dose of USG (2.7g) + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹) and T₉ (full dose of USG (2.7g) + recommended dose of PKSZn) and that was the lowest (7.23) in T₄ treatment (50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹) (Figure 2). Combined application of inorganic fertilizer and manure increased effective tillers hill⁻¹ was reported by Islam et al. (2015). Ahmed and Rahman (1991) differing in view that organic and inorganic fertilizers increased tiller number hill⁻¹. Adequacy of nitrogen as USG probably favoured the cellular activities during panicle development, which led to increased number of effective tillers hill⁻¹. The highest number of non-effective

tillers hill⁻¹ (1.41) was obtained in T₉ treatment (USG 2.7g + recommended dose of PKSZn) which was statistically identical to T₇ (cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹) and T₁₂ (full dose of USG (2.7g) + cowdung 5 t ha⁻¹) and the lowest (0.67) in T₁₆ treatment (farmer's practice: Urea-TSP-MoP-Gypsum @ 250-220-130-130 kg ha⁻¹) (Table 1). The highest length of panicle (26.77cm) was obtained with T₂ treatment (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn) followed by T₁₆ treatment (farmer's practice: Urea-TSP-MoP-Gypsum @ 250-220-130-130 kg ha⁻¹) and the lowest one was recorded in T₁ (control) treatment (23.20cm) (Table 1). Nassai and Vargas (1982) found shorter panicle length in lower doses of fertilizer. The highest panicle weight (4.31g) was found in T₁₄ treatment (USG 1.8g + poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹) and the lowest panicle weight (1.40g) was found in T₂ treatment (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn). The number of grains panicle⁻¹ was maximum (205.30) in T₉ treatment (full dose of USG (2.7g) and recommended dose of PKSZn) which was as good as T₁₃ (full dose of USG (2.7g) + poultry manure 2.5t ha⁻¹) and minimum (122.0) in T₅ treatment (50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹). Nitrogen helped in proper filling of seeds, which resulted higher produced plump seeds and thus the number of grains panicle⁻¹. Islam et al. (2014) reported that the number of grains panicle⁻¹ increased significantly with increments in level of nitrogen. Similar observation was also reported elsewhere (Jisan et al., 2014; Salahuddin et al., 2009;). Combined application of manures and fertilizers increased number of grains panicle⁻¹ (Malika, 2011; Rahman et al., 2007 and Parvez et al., 2008). The number of sterile spikelets panicle⁻¹ was maximum (27.95) in T₂ treatment (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn) and minimum (9.04) in T₉ treatment (full dose of USG (2.7g) and recommended dose of PKSZn). The highest 1000-grain weight (22.40g) was found at T₁₀ treatment (Full dose of USG (2.7g) + cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹) which was statistically identical to T₁₅ (1.8g USG + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹), T₁₄ (1.8g USG + poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹), T₁₃ (full dose, 2.7g USG + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹) and T₉ treatment (USG 2.7g and recommended dose of PKSZn), while the lowest one (17.41 g) was found in T₁ treatment (control) (Table 1). The weight of 1000-grain increased significantly with increasing nitrogen levels, which was also reported by Baligar and Ganin (2001). Application of manure and fertilizers increased 1000-grain weight, also reported by Rahman et al. (2007) and Parvez et al. (2008). The highest grain yield (7.19 t ha⁻¹) was recorded from T₁₀ treatment (2.7g USG + cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹) followed by T₂ (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn) and the lowest grain yield (4.43 t ha⁻¹) was recorded in T₇ treatment (cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹) (Figure 3). The highest grain yield was favored by crop characters like effective tillers hill⁻¹ and number of grains panicle⁻¹. This result is in conformity with the findings of Sarkar et al. (2014) and Singh and Pillar (1996). The highest straw yield (8.09 t ha⁻¹) was found in T₂ treatment (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn) which was statistically identical to T₁₀ (full dose of USG (2.7g) + cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹) and T₁₅ (1.8g USG + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹) (Table 1) while the lowest straw yield (5.21 t ha⁻¹) was recorded in T₇ treatment (cowdung 10 t

ha⁻¹). The highest straw yield was found in T₂ treatment (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn), which occurred due to the tallest plants and more number of tillers hill⁻¹. However, T₁₀ treatment (USG 2.7g + cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹) and T₁₅ treatment (USG 1.8g + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹) were comparable to T₂ treatment (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn) in respect of straw yield. The highest biological yield (15.27 t ha⁻¹) was obtained from T₂ treatment (recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn) and the lowest biological yield (9.64 t ha⁻¹) was obtained in T₇ treatment (cowdung 10 t ha⁻¹) (Table 1). The highest harvest index (47.31%) was recorded in T₁₁ treatment (2.7g USG + poultry manure 5 t ha⁻¹) and the lowest harvest index (45.49%) was found in T₄ treatment (50% of recommended dose of prilled urea and PKSZn + poultry manure 2.5 t ha⁻¹) (Table 1).

CONCLUSION

From the study it can be concluded that integrated nutrient can increase grain yield of *Boro* rice. Full dose of USG (2.7g) with cowdung (10 t ha⁻¹) appears as the promising combination for *Boro* rice cultivation.

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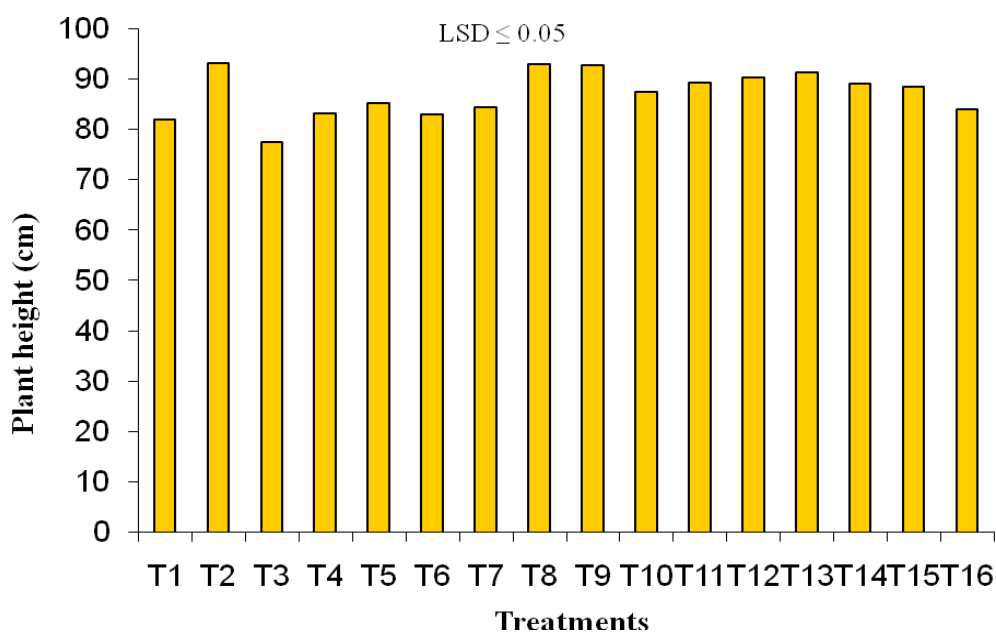


Figure 1. Effect of integrated nutrient management on plant height

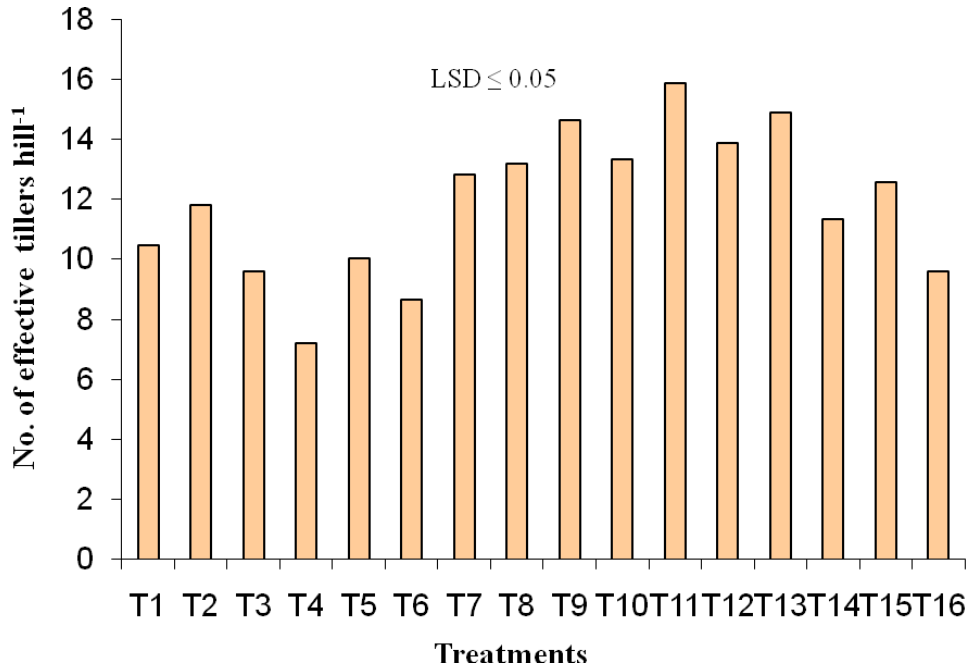


Figure 2. Effect of integrated nutrient management on no. of effective tillers hill⁻¹

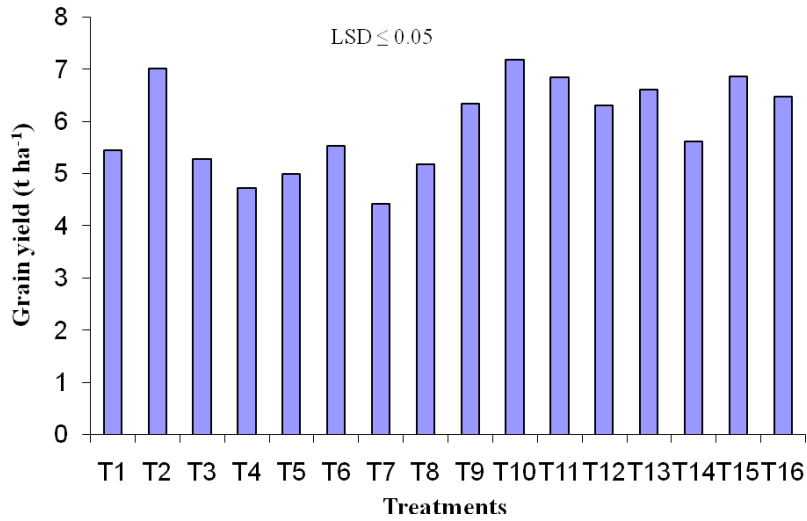


Figure 3. Effect of integrated nutrient management on grain yield

Table 1. Effect of integrated nutrient management on crop characters, yield components and yield of *Boro* rice

Treatments	No. of total tillers hill ⁻¹	No. of non-effective tillers hill ⁻¹	Panicle length (cm)	Panicle weight (g)	Grains panicle ⁻¹	Sterile spikelets panicle ⁻¹	Weight of 1000 grains (g)	Straw yield (t ha ⁻¹)	Biological yield (t ha ⁻¹)	Harvest index (%)
T ₁	11.46fg	0.983 de	23.20 d	1.770 f	138.2 fg	17.84 c	17.41 g	6.34def	11.79 fg	46.23cde
T ₂	12.80e	0.963 de	26.77a	1.40 g	196.6 ab	27.95 a	19.60cde	8.09 a	15.12 ab	46.49bcd
T ₃	10.84gh	1.233abc	23.38 cd	2.40 e	149.4 f	27.61 b	18.40 efg	6.27 def	11.55 fgh	45.71def
T ₄	8.140 j	0.9067 e	26.38a	3.57b	132.1 gh	15.00 d	17.90 fg	5.68 g	10.41 i	45.49f
T ₅	11.14 h	1.067 cde	24.69abcd	2.967 cd	122.0 h	16.07 d	18.30 efg	5.96 fg	10.96 hi	45.61ef
T ₆	9.680 i	1.00 de	25.33 abc	2.747 d	168.3 e	12.67 ef	19.10 def	6.43 de	11.97 fg	46.28cde
T ₇	14.21 d	1.357ab	25.95 ab	1.70 fg	124.9 h	16.40 cd	18.31 efg	5.21 h	9.64 j	45.95de
T ₈	14.18 d	0.977 de	25.83b	2.00 f	138.2 fg	12.47 ef	18.50efg	6.11 ef	11.30 gh	45.93de
T ₉	16.06ab	1.410 a	25.62ab	2.68 de	205.3 a	9.04 h	21.44 ab	7.22 c	13.56 e	46.76bc
T ₁₀	14.37cd	1.00de	24.90abcd	3.52 b	180.9 cde	12.98 e	22.40 a	8.08 a	15.27 a	47.09ab
T ₁₁	16.85 a	0.953 de	25.32 abc	3.00 cd	188.4bcd	10.56 gh	19.40 def	7.63 bc	14.48bcd	47.31a
T ₁₂	15.22bc	1.330 ab	24.97abcd	3.30 bc	192.3 abc	15.34 d	20.40 bcd	7.32 c	13.63 e	46.29cde
T ₁₃	15.96ab	1.037 cde	23.92 bcd	4.00 a	205.2 a	12.33 ef	21.10abc	7.51 bc	14.13 cde	46.85bc
T ₁₄	12.25ef	0.890 e	24.93abcd	4.31 a	196.3 ab	16.05 d	21.41 ab	6.60 d	12.22 f	45.99cde
T ₁₅	13.78 d	1.183 bcd	26.51a	3.297 bc	178.9de	11.01 fg	22.12 a	7.81 ab	14.68abc	46.8bc
T ₁₆	10.28hi	0.670 f	25.48 abc	3.550 b	191.5 bcd	12.73 e	21.10 abc	7.44 bc	13.91 de	46.55cd
LSD _{0.05}	0.925	0.204	1.82	0.312	12.02	1.55	1.45	0.411	0.76	-
Level of sign.	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
SE (±)	0.32	0.071	0.632	0.107	4.16	0.536	0.505	0.142	0.263	0.434
CV (%)	4.28	11.59	4.35	6.44	4.26	5.88	4.42	3.59	3.56	1.62

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**= Significant at 1% level of probability.