

Influences on Growth Parameters and Yield of Various Moisture Regimes and Weed Management Practices on Drum Seeded Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)

ABSTRACT

The field experiment was conducted on Agronomy research farm of Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj Ayodhya U P, (India) during Kharif season 2021 and 2022. The experiment was laid out in split plot design with three replications taking three moisture regimes viz., 6 cm at 1 DADPW, 6 cm at 4 DADPW and 6 cm at 7 DADPW (Days after disappearance of ponded water) in main plot, and four weed management practices viz., control, Organic Mulch (Rice Straw @ 5t ha⁻¹), Herbicide (Bispyribac sodium (10%) @ 200 ml ha⁻¹ post emergence) and Two hand weeding at 25 and 45 DAS in sub plot. Result revealed that significantly higher Plant height, Numbers of tillers, Dry matter accumulation, Leaf area index and Test weight, grain yield, straw yield and Harvest index was recorded in 6 cm at 4 cm DADPW during both the years of investigation. Among the weed management practices, high value recorded with sequential two hand weeding at 25 and 45 day after sowing.

Keywords: growth parameters, yield, weed, and Rice.

Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) belongs to Poaceae family and is relished as staple food by majority (more than 60%) of world's population. Rice plays a pivotal role in Indian agriculture, as it is the principal food crop for more than 70 per cent of the world population. Among the cereal crops, it serves as the principal source of nourishment for over half of the global population. Uttar Pradesh is the largest rice growing state only after West Bengal in the country. The increase in water scarcity and declining rate of per capita fresh water availability along with increasing demand of food has made the present researcher to look for alternate options which increase the water use efficiency (WUE) along with saving of water. Under such situation, interventions in the form of mechanized transplanting or direct seeding of rice is the need of hour. Direct seeding in non puddled condition eliminates the needs of raising, maintaining and subsequent transplanting of seedling. Thus, it saves labour and water beside early maturity of crop. It allows timely sowing of subsequent crop too. It needs only 34% of total labour and save 27.9% of total cost of transplanting (Mishra and Singh, 2011). Yield of weedy rice infested plots at the rate of 10, 100, and 1,000 weedy seeds per square meter were 4.05, 2.75, and 0.43t ha⁻¹, respectively, compared to the check yield of 4.53 t ha⁻¹ (Chin *et al.*, 2000). Weeds compete with crop for light, nutrient, water and space in absence of standing water because both seeds of crop and weeds emerge almost at the same time. So, control of weed is important which can be accomplished by cultural, mechanical and chemical methods. Out of three chemical methods is more efficient in timely and quickly controlling of weeds. In chemical method, pre emergence application is vital for effective and efficient control of weeds where weeds competition with main crop from the date of germination and weeds emerging later stage are controlled by post emergence herbicides. But in spite of the usage

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of all such herbicidal combinations, lot of escapes or generation has been noticed. Therefore, considering the long window of emergence of diverse type of weeds in *Kharif* season the purpose can't be solved by one-time application of herbicide alone. Considering these problems, application of several herbicides in combination or in sequence can be utilized in controlling complex and diverse weed flora. Weed species respond differently to changing water regimes. In rice culture, water and weeds are often considered to be closely inter linked. The dominance of grasses is favoured by saturated and below saturated condition, whereas broadleaves weeds and sedges grown rapidly when soil is submerged with water (Bhagat *et al.* 1999).

Materials and Methods

The field experiment was conducted during *kharif* seasons of 2021 and 2022 at Agronomy Research farm, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj, Ayodhya, UP, (India), which is situated at latitude of 26° 47' North and longitude 82° 12' East and at an altitude of 113 meter above mean sea level. The climate of the site is semi-arid with hot summer and cold winter with average rainfall received during the cropping period was 796.9 mm. The experiment was laid out in split plot design with three replications taking three moisture regimes *viz.*, 6 cm at 1 DADPW, 6 cm at 4 DADPW, 6 cm at 7 DADPW (Days after disappearance of ponded water) in main plot, and four weed management practices *viz.*, control, Organic Mulch (Rice Straw @ 5t ha⁻¹), Herbicide (Bispyribac sodium (10%) @ 200 ml ha⁻¹ post emergence) and Two hand weeding at 25 and 45 DAS in sub plot. Soil was sampled before sowing and after harvest of the crop to know the fertility status of the experiment field. The growth analysis was done as per standard procedures. For taking the five tagged plants from five hills was measured of the all observations. Plant height (cm) was measured from base of the plant to tip of the tallest leaf. The tiller number was counted 5 places randomly keeping a quadrat of 25 cm × 25 cm. Dry matter production, plants were cut close to ground level and kept in the field 2-3 days for sun drying. The collected samples were oven dried at 60°C for 48 hours and weighed. The mean weight of dry matter (g m⁻²) per hill was then computed dividing the total weight by the number of hills and expressed as dry matter accumulation g m⁻² in each plot at different stages. The maximum length and width of the three randomly selected leaves of each group was measured and the leaf area was calculated by using the formula as given by Yoshida *et al.* (1972) and multiplied with the total leaves from each group.

$$LAI = \frac{\text{Leaf area}}{\text{Ground area}}$$

Result and discussion

The different growth stage of wheat plant height significant influenced by moisture regimes and weed management practices during both years (Table-1). Data further reveals that maximum plant height during both year recorded under 6 cm at 4 DADPW (M₂). Which was significantly higher than rest of the treatment. Among weed management practices two hand weeding (W₃) recorded maximum plant height. Which was at par with application of Bispyribac sodium (10%) @ 200 ml ha⁻¹ post emergence (W₂) which significantly higher than rest of the weed management practices during both years. Increase in plant height under

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different weed management practices as compare to control (W_0) to be due to lowest weed population and dry weight resulted lesser crop weed competition Which provided better opportunity for better utilization of nutrient, moisture, space and solar radiation to the crop. This was ultimately resulted to improved growth of crop. These results are supported by the finding of Singh *et al.*,(2017) Nath and Panday (2013).

Table:-1Plant height (cm) in drum seeded rice as affected by various treatments at different growth stages.

Treatments	Plant height (cm)									
	30 DAS		60 DAS		90 DAS		120 DAS		At harvest	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Moisture Regimes										
M ₁ :	37.05	37.58	71.08	72.68	88.85	90.85	93.30	95.38	94.10	96.35
M ₂ :	38.30	38.88	78.48	82.13	98.11	102.68	103.04	109.28	104.05	108.88
M ₃ :	36.75	37.55	69.53	72.43	86.84	90.50	91.13	95.03	92.08	96.05
SEm±	0.83	0.81	1.44	1.78	2.04	2.04	1.89	2.35	2.06	2.06
CD at 5%	NS	NS	5.65	7.00	8.01	8.01	7.42	9.25	8.09	8.12
Weed Management Practices										
W ₀ :	36.83	37.37	63.67	65.53	79.55	81.87	83.50	85.93	84.33	86.80
W ₁ :	37.27	37.77	71.40	73.83	89.22	92.23	93.70	96.83	94.60	97.83
W ₂ :	37.60	38.17	77.53	80.33	96.95	100.47	101.80	107.43	102.80	106.57
W ₃ :	37.77	38.70	79.50	83.27	99.35	104.13	104.27	109.37	105.23	110.50
SEm±	0.75	0.77	1.38	1.68	1.83	1.90	1.81	2.25	2.13	2.23
CD at 5%	2.24	2.29	4.10	5.00	5.45	5.65	5.38	6.70	6.33	6.63

The numbers of tiller significant influenced by moisture regimes and weed management practices during both years. (Table-2) Data further reveals that maximum numbers of tiller recorded under 6 cm at 4 DADPW (M₂), which was significantly higher than rest of the treatment. The results are supported by the findings of Kumari (2012) revealed that significantly higher number of tiller with moisture regime (10% DASM) as compare to other treatments. Among weed management practices two hand weeding (W₃) recorded maximum numbers of tiller. Which was at par with application of Bispyribac sodium (10%) @ 200 ml a.i. ha⁻¹ post Emergence (W₂) which significantly higher than rest of the weed management practices during both years.

Table:-2Numbers of tillers in drum seeded rice as affected by various treatments at different growth stages.

Treatments	Numbers of tillers (m ⁻²)							
	30 DAS		60 DAS		90 DAS		At harvest	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022

Moisture Regimes								
M ₁	221.55	227.05	330.70	338.70	354.75	363.30	339.13	347.35
M ₂	231.95	237.60	374.00	290.95	401.10	410.90	383.50	392.85
M ₃	220.55	250.65	326.80	334.90	350.70	359.30	335.20	343.40
SEm±	4.26	5.77	7.90	6.62	7.17	9.35	6.96	8.49
CD at 5%	NS	NS	31.02	26.02	28.16	36.72	27.33	33.35
Weed Management Practices								
W ₀	219.40	258.13	296.47	303.80	318.0	325.80	304.07	311.47
W ₁	223.80	228.73	334.87	343.00	359.20	367.87	343.40	351.73
W ₂	227.60	233.27	365.87	374.80	392.40	401.93	375.17	384.33
W ₃	227.93	233.60	378.13	264.47	405.73	415.73	387.80	397.27
SEm±	4.48	4.68	7.01	7.16	7.07	7.56	6.65	8.04
CD at 5%	13.32	13.91	20.83	21.29	21.02	22.46	19.76	23.89

The dry matter accumulation significant influenced by moisture regimes and weed management practices during both years. (Table-3) Data further reveals that maximum dry matter accumulation under 6 cm at 4 DADPW, which was at par with 6 cm at 1 DADPW which was significantly higher than rest of the treatment. The results are supported by the findings of Chowdhury *et al*, (2014) from Bihar working in sandy loam soil found that dry matter production significantly influenced by 2.5 cm irrigation 1 days after disappearance of ponded water (DADPW) over 6 DADPW but were at par with 3 DADPW. Among weed management practices two hand weeding recorded maximum dry matter accumulation. Which was at par with application of Bispyribac sodium (10%) @ 200 ml ha⁻¹ post Emergence which significantly higher than rest of the weed management practices during both years. This result is in similar with the observation of Awanget *al*. (2016) and Moe *et al*. (2017).

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Table:-3 Dry matter accumulation in drum seeded rice as affected by various treatments at different growth stages.

Treatments	Dry matter accumulation (gm ⁻²)							
	30 DAS		60 DAS		90 DAS		At harvest	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Moisture Regimes								
M ₁	240.80	244.38	447.95	450.21	860.98	853.46	1283.98	1245.15
M ₂	246.80	250.49	499.59	503.60	925.34	950.85	1363.83	1387.13
M ₃	238.61	242.16	420.09	447.10	805.59	837.10	1190.90	1227.18
SEm±	5.28	5.19	8.39	11.504	19.56	19.62	29.05	27.75
CD at 5%	NS	NS	32.96	45.16	76.83	77.04	114.10	108.98
Weed Management Practices								
W ₀	237.05	240.58	406.63	400.50	705.63	705.83	1004.03	1007.13
W ₁	241.87	245.47	442.23	454.00	844.77	881.33	1272.77	1265.13
W ₂	244.10	247.73	475.23	498.78	934.07	955.78	1398.57	1425.23
W ₃	245.27	248.92	499.40	514.60	971.40	978.93	1442.90	1448.43
SEm±	5.03	5.12	9.65	9.67	18.16	18.51	25.88	26.49
CD at 5%	14.94	15.21	28.67	28.75	53.96	55.00	76.89	78.71

The Leaf area index significant influenced by moisture regimes and weed management practices during both years. Data further reveals that maximum Leaf area index under 6 cm at 4 DADPW, which was at par with 6 cm at 1 DADPW which was significantly higher than rest of the treatment. [Nayaka et al. \(2021\)](#) study the productivity and water use efficiency of rice cultivars under different irrigation regimes and systems of cultivation Alternative wetting and drying recorded significantly highest LAI and CGR than saturation in all the growth stages. Among weed management practices two hand weeding recorded maximum Leaf area index. Which was at par with application of Bispyribac sodium (10%) @ 200 ml ha⁻¹ post emergence which significantly higher than rest of the weed management practices during both years. [Gill et al. \(2006\)](#) reported from loamy sand soils that high leaf area index was obtained under direct seeded rice as compared to transplanted rice.

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Table:4 Leaf area index in drum seeded rice as affected by various treatments at different growth stages.

Treatments	Leaf Area Index							
	30 DAS		60 DAS		90 DAS		120 DAS	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Moisture Regimes								
M ₁	2.26	2.24	4.49	4.36	4.99	4.84	3.60	3.49
M ₂	2.31	2.28	4.77	4.85	5.30	5.39	3.82	3.88
M ₃	2.24	2.22	4.17	4.30	4.63	4.77	3.33	3.44
SEm±	0.04	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.08
CD at 5%	NS	NS	0.37	0.36	0.36	0.48	0.31	0.31
Weed Management Practices								
W ₀	2.21	2.18	3.51	3.52	3.90	3.91	2.81	2.82
W ₁	2.27	2.25	4.45	4.43	4.94	4.92	3.56	3.54
W ₂	2.29	2.27	4.89	4.99	5.43	5.54	3.92	3.99
W ₃	2.31	2.28	5.05	5.07	5.61	5.63	4.04	4.06
SEm±	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.07	0.07
CD at 5%	0.13	0.13	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.22	0.22

The all yield attributes characters such as number of effective tillers per meter square, Panicle length (cm), number of rachilla per panicle and number of grain per panicle are significant influenced by moisture regimes and weed management practices during both years. Data further reveals that maximum value of observations recorded under 6 cm at 4 DADPW (Days after disappearance of ponded water) which was at par with 6 cm at 1 DADPW which was significantly higher than rest of the treatment. Among weed management practices two hand weeding recorded maximum value of observations, which was at par with application of Bispyribac sodium (10%) @ 200 ml ha⁻¹ post emergence which significantly higher than rest of the weed management practices during both years. *Walia et al. (2008)*. In a comparison between pre and post-emergence application of herbicide, the maximum number of effective tillers and panicle length was recorded. The results are in agreement with the findings of *Khattaket et al. (2006)*; *Aslam et al. (2008)*; *Yadav et al., (2010)* and *Singh and Singh (2010)*. *Jabran et al., (2012)* reported that application of post emergence bispyribac-sodium was the most effective herbicide in

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reducing the total weed density and dry weight over the weedy check, followed by penoxsulam and pendimethalin, respectively. Kumar *et al.* (2013) recorded higher number of effective tiller m^{-2} , length of panicle (cm), No. of grains panicle $^{-1}$, was recorded under 7 cm irrigation 1 DADPW which was significantly superior over the 7 cm irrigation 3 and 5 DADPW.

Table:- 5 Yield attributes characters in drum seeded rice as affected by various treatments at different growth stages.

Treatments	Number of effective tillers m^{-2}		Panicle length (cm)		Number of rachilla panicle $^{-1}$		Number of grains panicle $^{-1}$	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Moisture Regimes								
M ₁	300.94	313.44	24.08	25.08	23.45	23.60	122.50	121.60
M ₂	319.38	333.13	25.55	26.65	25.15	25.55	130.85	129.90
M ₃	288.13	300.63	23.05	24.05	22.55	22.75	118.25	117.40
SEm±	7.22	6.12	0.50	0.54	0.57	0.44	2.79	2.68
CD at 5%	28.36	24.03	1.98	2.13	2.24	1.74	10.97	10.52
Weed Management Practices								
W ₀	205.83	246.67	16.47	19.73	20.67	20.87	108.87	108.07
W ₁	322.50	325.00	25.80	26.00	24.27	24.53	126.93	125.73
W ₂	331.25	336.25	26.50	26.90	24.73	25.00	129.13	128.13
W ₃	351.67	355.00	28.13	28.40	25.20	25.47	130.53	129.93
SEm±	6.93	6.09	0.55	0.55	0.50	0.50	2.59	2.57
CD at 5%	20.60	18.09	1.64	1.66	1.48	1.49	7.69	7.65

Here is all of the yield of crop such as biological yield, grain yield straw yield and harvest index significant influenced by moisture regimes and weed management practices during both years. Data further reveals that maximum grain yield recorded under 6 cm at 4 DADPW (Days after disappearance of ponded water) which was at par with 6 cm at 1 DADPW which was significantly higher than rest of the treatment. Among weed management practices two hand weeding recorded maximum yields, which was at par with application of Bispyribac sodium (10%) @ 200 ml ha^{-1} post emergence which significantly higher than rest of the weed management practices during both years. Kumar *et al.*, (2013) recorded higher grain yield ($t ha^{-1}$), straw yield ($t ha^{-1}$) was recorded under 7 cm irrigation 1 DADPW which was significantly superior over the 7 cm irrigation 3 and 5 DADPW. Chinnamani, I. *et al.* (2018) reported that Higher grain yield ($kg ha^{-1}$) and straw yield ($kg ha^{-1}$) was recorded in the application of pretilachlor @ 0.75 $kg a.i ha^{-1}$ on 8 DAS as

PE bispyribac sodium @ 25 g a.i ha⁻¹ on 20 DAS as post emergence apart from weed free check.

Table:- 6 Yields of drum seeded rice as affected by various treatments at different growth stages.

Treatments	Grain yield (q/ha)		Straw yield (q/ha)		Harvest index (%)	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Moisture Regimes						
M ₁	51.16	50.51	76.79	74.01	40.13	40.36
M ₂	54.90	55.99	81.48	82.73	40.25	40.42
M ₃	48.10	49.70	70.99	73.02	40.10	40.24
SEm±	1.16	1.12	1.50	1.81	0.88	0.86
CD at 5%	4.59	4.41	5.92	7.13	NS	NS
Weed Management Practices						
W ₀	38.64	38.87	61.76	61.85	38.49	38.59
W ₁	51.63	51.48	75.64	75.04	40.56	40.69
W ₂	57.24	58.46	82.62	84.07	40.65	41.03
W ₃	58.63	59.46	85.66	85.38	40.93	41.06
SEm±	1.05	1.08	1.43	1.73	0.82	0.83
CD at 5%	3.13	3.21	4.26	5.14	NS	NS

Conclusion

The most suitable moisture regimes was found with 6 cm at 4 DADPW (Days after disappearance of ponded water) and weed management practices Two hand weeding (at 25 and 45 DAS) was most suitable for drum seeded rice. No any interaction effect was recorded between moisture regimes and weed management practices for drum seeded rice.

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