

# EFFECT OF INTEGRATED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT OF CHICKPEA (*Cicer arietinum* L.) UNDER TEAK (*Tectona grandis*) BASED ON AGROFORESTRY SYSTEM

## ABSTRACT

A field experiment was conducted in Rabi season during November 2022- March 2023 to find out the effect of integrated nutrient management of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.) at research field of College of Forestry, SHUATS, Prayagraj, UP. The experiment is laid out in Randomized Block Design (RBD) consisting of 7 treatments replicated thrice. Various treatments. Result revealed that at 30 DAS interval maximum plant height (19.80cm), at 60 DAS interval maximum plant height (46.43cm), at 90 DAS interval maximum plant height (52.51cm). at 30 DAS maximum number of branch (4.33), at 60 DAS maximum number of highest numbers of branch (8.67) and at 90 DAS maximum number of branches (12.33), the highest DAS to flowering (79.14), highest number of pods per plant (no.) (32.27), the highest number of seeds per pod (no.) (2.23), after harvesting the highest test weight (100 seed, hundred seed weight) (gm) (28.00), after harvesting highest grain yield q/ha (14.51). After harvesting highest straw yield q/ha (18.33), after harvesting the highest harvest index % (44.18) and maximum benefit cost ratio 2:91. While maximum gross return (154,855) and maximum net return (115,255). The highest recorded in the Treatment T<sub>7</sub> (0%NPK + 0%FYM + 100%VERMICOMPOST).

**Keywords:** Chickpea, NPK, FYM, VERMICOMPOST, Growth, Yield, Economics.

## INTRODUCTION

In India 1950's, Green Revolution began with increased productivity of monocultures, however it has not solved the problem of food security of the indigenous people, which encouraged them for sustainable development to ensure food security. Traditional communities started following the agroforestry practices to grow more resilient, self-sufficient and to preserve bio-diversity (Goneçalves *et. al.*, 2021). Further, the rise in the term 'Agroforestry' was a form of ancient practices, where the trees were only the integral part of the farming system, the primary motive of these practices was food production not tree production (Nair, 1993). The term 'Agroforestry' refers to cultivation of forest trees in combination with agricultural crops/livestock's or both with the beneficial effect of ecosystem. Agroforestry implies that where there is involvement of two or more species of plants/trees, animals and woody perennials (Nair, 1993).

As population increases, there is an increase in pressure on food security that paves the way for sustainable agricultural practices. Considering this realization in agricultural land use management along with better income, agroforestry came into existence (Rigueiro-Rodríguez *et. al.*, 2008). Then small landholders started reconsidering agroforestry as a dynamic, ecological and economical practice with the intention of developing sustainability along with improved farm productivity as well as welfare of their rural community (McMicken and Vergara, 1990). Unlike, other agricultural practices, agroforestry is a more knowledge intensive practice when compared to modern agricultural practices. Improved quality of seeds with good varieties, chemicals and various mechanical inputs are more considered in agroforestry practices (Mercer, 2004).

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The materials, methodology and techniques adopted during the course of the investigation entitled, "Effect of Integrated nutrient management of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.) Under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry System", Location: The experiment was carried out during Rabi

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season of 2022 (November 2022- March 2023) at Crop Research Farm, Department of Silviculture & Agroforestry, College of Forestry SHUATS, Prayagraj (U.P.) which is located at geographical coordinates of 25° 24' 42" N latitude, 81° 50' 56" E longitude and 98 m altitude above the mean sea level. This area is situated on the right side of the river Yamuna by the side of Prayagraj. Prayagraj is situated at an elevation of 25.26° N, 81.54 E, and 98 m above the mean sea level. It is located in the south-eastern part of Uttar Pradesh and has a tropical to sub-tropical climate with extremes of summer and winter. During winter month especially Dec- Jan temperature drops down to as low as 5° C while in summer, temperature reaches above 45° C. Hot scorching winds (commonly known as Loo) is regular feature during the summer whereas there may be an occasional spell of frost during the winter. The annual rainfall is about 1100 mm mostly during the monsoon autumn i.e. July- Nov with a few occasional showers during winter months.

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#### Treatment combination details

TREATMENT	TREATMENT COMBINATION
T1	Absolute control
T2	@ 0%NPK+50% FYM+50% VERMICOMPOST
T3	@ 50%NPK+ 50% FYM+0% VERMICOMPOST
T4	@50%NPK+ 0% FYM+50% VERMICOMPOST
T5	@100%NPK+0% FYM+0% VERMICOMPOST
T6	@0%NPK+100% FYM+0% VERMICOMPOST
T7	@ 0%NPK+0% FYM+100% VERMICOMPOST

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The findings of the present experiment entitled, "~~Effect of integrated nutrient management of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.) under Teak based agroforestry system~~" was carried out at Forest Nursery and Research Centre, College of Forestry, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj (UP) during Rabi season of 2021, are being presented and discussed in the following pages under appropriate headings. Data on pre-harvest and postharvest observations were statistically analyzed and discussion on experimental findings in the presence of scientific reasoning has been stated.

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#### Plant height (cm)

The data recorded on plant height have presented in table no 4.1 and fig 4.1 the analysis of data revealed that significant difference was found in plant height at 30, 60 and 90 DAS. The data maximum plant height at 30 DAS was recorded in T7 (19.80) followed by T6 (19.52) similarly, and minimum plant height was recorded in T4 (17.81) and at 60 DAS the minimum was recorded in T7 (46.43) followed by T3 (45.96) similarly, and minimum plant height was recorded in T1 (41.76) significant and at 90 DAS the maximum plant was recorded in T7 (52.51) followed by T6 (52.01) similarly, and minimum plant height was recorded in T1 (48.10) data similarly significant.

**Table 1. Effect of nutrient on Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) Plant height under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry system at 30 DAS, 60 DAS and 90 DAS.**

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Treatment	Plant height (cm) 30 DAS	Plant height (cm) 60 DAS	Plant height (cm) 90 DAS
T1	17.91	41.76	48.10
T2	18.80	43.76	49.72
T3	19.63	45.96	50.51
T4	17.81	43.83	50.11
T5	19.11	42.73	51.10
T6	19.52	43.40	52.01
T7	19.80	46.43	52.51

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Significant	S	S	S
C.D.	0.89	2.46	1.92
SE(m)	0.28	0.79	0.62
SE(d)	0.40	1.12	0.88
C.V.	2.64	3.14	2.13

#### Number of branches

The data recorded on Number of branches have is presented in table no 4.2 and fig 4.2 the analysis of data revealed that significant difference was found in Number of branches at 30,60 and 90 DAS. The data maximum Number of branches at 30DAS was Recorded In T<sub>7</sub>(4.33) followed by T<sub>6</sub>(4.01) similarly, and minimum Number of branches was recorded In T<sub>1</sub>(2.34) and at 60 DAS The maximum Number of branches was recorded In T<sub>7</sub>(8.67) followed by T<sub>6</sub>(8.34) similarly, and minimum Number of branches was recorded In T<sub>1</sub>(5.33) significant and at 90DAS The maximum Number of branches was recorded In T<sub>7</sub>(12.33) followed by T<sub>6</sub>(12.20) similarly, and minimum Number of branches was recorded In T<sub>1</sub>(9.33) data similarly Significant.

**Table 2.** Effect of nutrient on Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) Number of Branches under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry system at 30 DAS, 60DAS and 90 DAS.

Treatment	Number of branches 30 DAS	Number of branches 60 DAS	Number of branches 90 DAS
T <sub>1</sub>	2.34	5.33	9.33
T <sub>2</sub>	2.67	6.33	9.64
T <sub>3</sub>	3.63	6.66	10.33
T <sub>4</sub>	3.01	7.01	11.33
T <sub>5</sub>	3.33	7.33	12.01
T <sub>6</sub>	4.01	8.34	12.20
T <sub>7</sub>	4.33	8.67	12.33
Significant	S	S	S
C.D.	1.17	0.19	0.55
SE(m)	0.38	0.06	0.17
SE(d)	0.53	0.09	0.25
C.V.	20.68	1.55	2.81

**Table 3.** Effect of nutrient on Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) Number of Days to Flowering under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry system.

Treatment	Days to Flowering
T <sub>1</sub>	78.57
T <sub>2</sub>	79.03
T <sub>3</sub>	77.63
T <sub>4</sub>	78.03
T <sub>5</sub>	76.59
T <sub>6</sub>	77.05
T <sub>7</sub>	79.14
Significant	S
C.D.	3.87
SE(m)	1.25
SE(d)	1.77
C.V.	2.81

#### Number of Pods per Plant

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The data recorded on Number of Pods per Plant at 70 DAS have presented in table no 4.4 and fig.4.4 the analysis of data revealed that significant difference was found in Number of As per Plant. The data maximum Number of Pods per Plant was Recorded in T<sub>7</sub> (32.27) lowed by T<sub>6</sub> (30.80) similarly, and minimum Number of Pods per Plant was recorded In T<sub>1</sub> (26.34) data similarly significant.

**Table No. 4.4: Effect of nutrient on Number of Pods Per Plant of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) the under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry system.**

Treatment	Number of Pods per Plant
T1	26.34
T2	27.65
T3	29.27
T4	27.87
T5	25.60
T6	30.80
T7	32.27
Significant	S
C.D.	19.25
SE(m)	6.24
SE(d)	8.83
C.V.	35.11

#### Number of Seeds per Pod

The data recorded on Number of Seeds per Pod have presented in table no 4.5 and fig 4.5 the analysis s of data revealed that significant difference was found in Number of Seeds per Pod. The data maximum Number of Seeds per Pod was Recorded in T<sub>7</sub> (2.23) followed by T<sub>6</sub>(1.91) similarly, and minimum Number of Seeds per Pod was recorded In T<sub>1</sub> (1.03) data similarly significant.

**Table 5. Effect of nutrient on Number of Seeds per Pod of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry system.**

Treatment	Number of Seeds per Pod at 70 DAS
T1	1.03
T2	1.11
T3	1.23
T4	1.64
T5	1.76
T6	1.91
T7	2.23
Significant	S
C.D.	0.25
SE(m)	0.08
SE(d)	0.11
C.V.	9.32

#### Test Weight (100 seed, hundred seed weight) (No)

The data recorded on Test weight (100 seed, Hundred-Seed Weight) (No) after harvesting have presented in table no 4.6 and fig 4.6 the analysis of data revealed that significant difference was found in Test weight (100 seed, Hundred-Seed Weight) (No). The data maximum Test weight (100 seed, Hundred-Seed Weight) (No) was Recorded in T<sub>7</sub> (28.00) followed by (27.40) similarly, and minimum Test weight (100 seed, Hundred-Seed Weight) (No) was recorded In T<sub>1</sub> (22.00) data similarly Significant.

**Table No. 4.6.:** Effect of nutrient on Test Weight of 100 seed Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry system.

Treatment	Test Weight (100 seed, hundred seed weight) (gm) after harvesting
T1	22.20
T2	23.10
T3	25.46
T4	26.33
T5	24.63
T6	27.40
T7	28.00
Significant	S
C.D.	0.97
SE(m)	0.31
SE(d)	0.44
C.V.	2.16

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#### Grain Yield. q/ha.

The data recorded on Grain Yield. q/ha after harvesting have presented in table no 4.7 and fig 4.7 the analysis of data revealed that significant difference was found in Grain Yield. a. The data maximum Grain Yield. q/ha was Recorded in T<sub>7</sub> (14.51) followed by T<sub>6</sub> (13.76) similarly, and minimum Grain Yield. kg/ha was recorded In T<sub>1</sub> (9.38) data similarly Significant.

**Table No. 4.7.:** Effect of nutrient on Grain Yield of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry system.

Treatment	Grain Yield. q/ha. After harvesting
T1	9.38
T2	10.36
T3	11.02
T4	11.32
T5	12.66
T6	13.76
T7	14.51
Significant	S
C.D.	2.44
SE(m)	0.81
SE(d)	1.15
C.V.	8.81

#### Straw Yield q/ha

The data recorded on Straw Yield. q/ha after harvesting have presented in table no 4.8 and fig 4.8 the analysis of data revealed that significant difference was found in Straw Yield. 9h. The data maximum Straw Yield. q/ha was Recorded in T<sub>7</sub> (18.33) followed by T<sub>6</sub> (17.33) similarly, and minimum Straw Yield. q/ha was recorded In T<sub>1</sub> (12.00) data similarly Significant.

**Table No. 4.8:** Effect of nutrient on Straw Yield of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry system.

Treatment	Straw Yield. q/ha. After harvesting
T <sub>1</sub>	12.00
T <sub>2</sub>	13.33
T <sub>3</sub>	14.00
T <sub>4</sub>	15.67
T <sub>5</sub>	16.00
T <sub>6</sub>	17.33
T <sub>7</sub>	18.33
<b>Significant</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>C.D.</b>	<b>2.20</b>
<b>SE(m)</b>	<b>0.73</b>
<b>SE(d)</b>	<b>1.04</b>
<b>C.V.</b>	<b>7.28</b>

**Harvest Index %**

The data recorded on Harvest Index % have presented in table no 4.9 and fig 4.9 the analysis of data revealed that non-significant difference was found in Harvest Index %. The data maximum Harvest Index % was Recorded in T<sub>7</sub> (44.18) followed by T<sub>6</sub>. (44.05) similarly, and minimum Harvest Index % was recorded In T<sub>4</sub> (42.24) data similarly non-Significant.

**Table No. 4.9:** Effect of nutrient on the Harvest index of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*) under Teak (*Tectona grandis*) based Agroforestry system.

Treatment	Harvest Index %
T <sub>1</sub>	43.87
T <sub>2</sub>	43.73
T <sub>3</sub>	44.04
T <sub>4</sub>	42.24
T <sub>5</sub>	44.17
T <sub>6</sub>	44.05
T <sub>7</sub>	44.18
<b>Significant</b>	<b>NS</b>
<b>C.D.</b>	<b>5.93</b>
<b>SE(m)</b>	<b>1.98</b>
<b>SE(d)</b>	<b>2.80</b>
<b>C.V.</b>	<b>7.14</b>

**Post-Harvest Observations:**

**Grain Yield. q/ha**

The analysis of data revealed that significant difference was found in Grain Yield. q/ha maximum Grain Yield. q/ha was Recorded in T<sub>7</sub> (14.51) followed by T<sub>6</sub> (13.76) similarly, and minimum Grain Yield. q/ha was recorded In T<sub>1</sub> (9.38) data similarly Significant.

**Straw Yield. q/ha**

The analysis of data revealed that significant difference was found in Straw Yield. q/ha. The maximum Straw Yield. q/ha was Recorded in T<sub>7</sub> (18.33) followed by T<sub>6</sub> (17.33) similarly, minimum Straw Yield. q/ha was recorded In T<sub>1</sub> (12.00) data similarly Significant.

**Harvest Index %**

The analysis of data revealed that non-significant difference was found in Harvest Index %. The data maximum Harvest Index % was Recorded in T<sub>7</sub> (44.18) followed by T<sub>6</sub> (44.05) similarly, and minimum Harvest Index % was recorded In T<sub>4</sub> (41.72) data similarly non-Significant.

## CONCLUSION

The experiment trail of my study entitled "Effect of Integrated nutrient management of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.) under Teak based agroforestry system" it was concluded that the treatment combination T<sub>7</sub> (0%NPK+0%FYM+100% VERMICOMPOST) was found to best in term of Growth and Yield. recorded significantly higher Gran yield (kg/ha), gross return (ha), net return (ha) and benefit cost ratio (2.91). It could be recommended for profitable cultivation of Chickpea. These findings are based on one season; therefore, further trail may be required for further confirmation.

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