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**ASSESSMENT OF GENETIC VARIABILITY FOR YIELD AND PHYSIOLOGICAL TRAITS IN BREAD  
WHEAT (*Triticum aestivum* L. em. Thell.)**

**ABSTRACT**

The present investigation was carried out with 32 diverse genotypes of bread wheat in completely randomized block design with 3 replications at Norman E. Borlaug Crop Research Centre, G.B. Pant University of agriculture & Technology Pantnagar for the screening of genetic variability under three environments viz., timely sown (E1), late sown (E2) and very late sown (E3) conditions. The observations were recorded on 16 agronomic traits and 3 physiological traits. The statistical analysis for genetic variability was done using ANOVA,  $h^2$ , GCV, PCV, and GA. The analysis of variance was carried out for all the characters in randomized block design indicated highly significant differences among treatments for all the characters under study. High heritability values were observed in all the characters studied except grain filling duration in which heritability was moderate. High ECV was observed for characters such as canopy temperature depression-I, canopy temperature depression-II, canopy temperature-III, and canopy temperature depression-IV. Characters plot yield, canopy temperature depression-I, and canopy temperature depression-IV were marked with high GCV. Characters days to 75% heading, days to 75% anthesis, days to 75% maturity, grain yield per plant, plot yield, canopy temperature depression-I, canopy temperature depression-II, canopy temperature depression-III, and canopy temperature depression-IV exhibited high PCV values. The genetic advance was observed high for plot yield. The genotypes bearing the desired values for different genetic variability parameters can be exploited in future breeding programme for the improving wheat genotypes. These genotypes can be used as donor parents in crop improvement programme.

**Keywords:-**Bread wheat, ANOVA, heritability, GCV, PCV, and genetic advance.

**1. Introduction:**

Wheat is one of the most important and widely grown crops in the world having the area about 223.04 million hectares holding the position of highest estate among all crops with annual production hovering around 784.91 million tons. In India, it's grown in an area of 31.40 million hectares with a production of 110.55 million metric tons and output of 3.52 metric tons/hectares correspondingly. In India uppermost area under wheat cultivation is 9.54 million hectares (**Anonymous 2024**). India is second largest producer

of wheat in the world. It is grown in all the regions of the country and the states, and Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat, West Bengal, Uttarakhand and Himanchal Pradesh together contribute about 98% to the total wheat production of the country and play an important role of supplying carbohydrate and protein (**Tewari et al., 2015**).

To overcome the problem of different biotic and abiotic stresses genetic variability analysis is one of the best ways to screen out the best donors for in any crop improvement breeding programme. Genetic variability and relationship among genotypes is a prerequisite for any successful breeding programme. Genetic variability of plants determines their potential for improved efficiency and hence their use for breeding, which eventually may result in enhanced food production. Evaluation of genetic variability levels among adapted, elite germplasm can provide predictive estimates of genetic variation among segregating progeny for pure-line cultivar development. Genetic variability explains the genetic differences between different populations within a species or between species. Genetic variability can be estimated by assessing the different genetic parameters like analysis of variance, heritability and genetic advance etc. The parents having more genetic variability result into higher heterotic expression in  $F_1$  and greater amount of genetic variability in segregating populations (**Shekhawat et al., 2001**).

Precise information on nature and degree of genetic variability helps the plant breeder in selecting the genetically diverse parents for the purposeful hybridization. (**Arunachalam, 1981**). Genetic improvement of yield especially in self-pollinated crops depends on nature and amount of genetic variability (**Joshi and Dhawan, 1966**). One of the important approaches to wheat breeding is hybridization and subsequent selection. Parents' choice is the first step in plant breeding program through hybridization. In order to obtain transgressive segregants, genetic variability between parents is necessary (**Joshi et al., 2004**). The higher genetic variability between parents, the higher heterosis in progeny can be observed (**Joshi and Dhawan, 1966**). Estimation of genetic variability is one of appropriate tools for parental selection in wheat hybridization programs. Appropriate selection of the parents is essential to be used in crossing nurseries to enhance the genetic recombination for potential yield increase. In view of the above, there is need to screen the variability of bread wheat genotypes based on morphological and physiological parameters to find out their suitability in different breeding programmes. In view of the above, there is need to screen the bread wheat genotypes based on morphological and physiological parameters to find out their genetic variability parameters across the sowing times and identify genotypes showing wide range of genetic variability for yield and physiological traits.

## **2. Materials and Methods:**

The initial research related to screening was carried out in the experimental area of N.E. Borlaug Crop Research Centre (NEBCRC), G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, District U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand during *rabi*, 2014-15. The experimental material consists of 32 genotypes (**Table 1**) of bread wheat including 3 checks, namely, HD-2967, PBW-343 and C-306. The experiment was laid out in randomized complete block design (RBD) with three replications under three sowing conditions viz., timely sown (E1), late sown (E2) and very late sown condition (E3) on 15 November, 2014, 15 December, 2014, 15 January, 2015 respectively. All the thirty two genotypes were evaluated during *rabi* 2014-15. Each entry was planted in 5 meter long four rows plot. The rows were spaced 20 cm apart. All the recommended package of practices for wheat was followed to raise a healthy crop. All the yield attributing and physiological observations on most of the characters were recorded on single plant basis except for days to 75 per cent heading, maturity and canopy temperature depression (CTD). Five

representative plants from each plot were randomly selected and tagged for recording the observations on single plant basis.

**Table 1: List of genotypes/varieties.**

Sl. No.	Genotype	Sl. No.	Genotype	Sl. No.	Genotype	Sl. No.	Genotype
1.	PBN-51	9.	IC-532653	17.	HI-1563	25.	SONORA-64
2.	BWL-1793	10.	DHARWAR DRY	18.	HD-2864	26.	BACANORA-88
3.	BWL-0814	11.	GIZA-155	19.	RAJ-3765	27.	SALEMBO
4.	HD-2967 (check)	12.	ARIANA-66	20.	RAJ-4083	28.	CHIRYA-3
5.	BWL-1771	13.	PBW-343 (check)	21.	DBW-14	29.	BWL-9022
6.	BWL-0924	14.	BABAX	22.	WH-730	30.	CUS/79/PRULLA
7.	C-306 (check)	15.	IEPACA RABE	23.	RAJ-4037	31.	K-9465
8.	IC-11873	16.	OTHERY EGYPT	24.	SERI-82	32.	TEPOKO

Average data from selected plants in respect of different character were used for statistical analysis. The observations were recorded for the sixteen yield attributing traits like days to 75% heading, days to 75% anthesis, days to 75% maturity, plant height, peduncle length, number of tillers per plant, grain filling duration, spike length, number of spikelets per spike, number of grains per spike, grain weight per spike, 1000 grain weight, biological yield per plant, grain yield per plot, harvest index and three physiological traits, canopy temperature depression (CTD), relative water content percent (RWC%) and chlorophyll content (SPAD value) of leaf. Canopy temperature was recorded 4 times at the interval of 10 days at different growth stages of the crop from the start of flowering (GS61) to early dough stage (GS 83 as per **Zodoks et al., 1974**) and it was mentioned as canopy temperature -I (CT-I), canopy temperature-II (CT-II), canopy temperature-III (CT-III) and canopy temperature-IV (CT-IV), and difference between canopy temperature and ambient temperature was calculated and it was designated as canopy temperature depression (CTD I, II, III and IV). The infrared thermometer was used to measure the canopy temperature. SPAD value was observed at flowering stage by SPAD meter. The data obtained from all the three sowing conditions were pooled. The statistical analysis for pooled genetic variability was done by analysis of variance (**Panase and Sukhatme, 1969**), coefficients of variations (**Burton, 1952 and Johnson et al., 1955**), heritability ( $h^2$ ) (**Allard, 1960**), genetic advance (GA) (**Allard, 1960**), and genetic advance as percent of mean (GAM) (**Johnson et al., 1955**). The statistical analysis was performed by **Indostat Hyderabad**.

**(A) Analysis of variance and means:** Characters under study were analyzed using analysis of variance to test whether treatments were differing significantly among themselves (**Panase and Sukhatme, 1969**). The model is as follows:

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + b_i + t_j + e_{ij}$$

Where,

- i = 1, 2, ----- r (replication)
- j = 1, 2, -----t (treatment)
- $Y_{ij}$  = performance of  $j^{\text{th}}$  variety in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  block
- $\mu$  = population mean
- $b_i$  = true effect of  $i^{\text{th}}$  block
- $t_j$  = true effect of  $j^{\text{th}}$  treatment
- $e_{ij}$  = random error
- r = number of replications
- t = number of treatments

Restrictions are  $\sum_{i=1}^r b_i = 0$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^t t_j = 0$

**(B) Estimation of variability:**

$$CV(\%) = \frac{\text{Standard deviation}}{\text{Mean}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Genotypic coefficient of variation (GCV \%)} = \frac{\sigma_g}{\bar{X}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Phenotypic coefficient of variation (PCV \%)} = \frac{\sigma_p}{\bar{X}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Environmental coefficients of variation (ECV \%)} = \frac{\sigma_e}{\bar{X}} \times 100$$

Where,

- $\sigma_g$  = Genotypic standard deviation
- $\sigma_p$  = Phenotypic standard deviation
- $\sigma_e$  = Environmental standard deviation
- $\bar{X}$  = Grand mean

**(C) Estimation of Heritability:** The heritability in broad sense  $h^2$  (b) was estimated for each character as the ratio of genotypic variance to phenotypic variance by the formula:

$$\text{heritability (\%)} = \frac{\sigma_g^2}{\sigma_p^2} \times 100$$

Where,

$\sigma_g^2$  = Genotypic variance

$\sigma_p^2$  = Phenotypic variance

**(D) Genetic Advance:** The expected genetic advance under selection for the different characters was estimated as suggested by **Allard (1960)**.

$$GA = h_b^2 \times \sigma_{pi} \times K$$

Where,

GA = expected genetic advance

$h_b^2$  = heritability in broad sense

$\sigma_{pi}$  = phenotypic standard deviation for ith character

K = intensity of selection, the value of which is 2.06 at 5 % (**Lush, 1949**)

### 3. Results and Discussion:

**3.1 Analysis of variance for yield and physiological traits:** The analysis of variance was carried out for all the characters in randomized block design and result are presented in **Table 2**. The mean sum of square of the differences among the treatments was observed highly significant for all the characters under study. The mean sum of square due to environments was also observed highly significant for all the characters under study indicated that different sowing conditions were differing significantly from each-other and environmental conditions affect performance of different genotypes. This type of result indicated existence of inherent genetic differences among genotypes for different characters. The analysis of variance revealed significant differences among the genotypes which validated further on the basis of genetic and statistical analysis of the data. It revealed that mean squares due to genotypes were found to be significant for all the characters.

**3.2 Mean performance:** The mean performance of 32 genotypes for pooled data over all the three sowing conditions for 22 characters has been listed in the **Table 3**. Among yield contributing traits, plot yield exhibited highest range varying from ARIANA-66 (2310.44) to RAJ 4037 (731.55) with a general mean of 1412.36 g. Among physiological traits, the highest range was observed in case of relative water content that was 58.39% (PBN-51) to 81.3% (GIZA-155) with a general mean of 69.82%.

Days to 75% heading had a range of variation from 68.11 days (SNORA-64) to 89.88 days (ARIANA-66) with a general mean of 76.87 days, days to 75% anthesis varied from 74.77 days (SONORA-64) to 87.77 days (ARIANA-66) with a general mean of 80.60 days, The mean value of days to 75% maturity ranged from 112.33 days (SONORA-64) to 128.77 days (ARIANA-66) with a general mean of 116.93 days.

Plant height exhibited a wide range of variation from 71.73 cm (RAJ-4037) to 111.45 cm (C-306) with a general mean of 87.00 cm. The mean value of grain filling duration ranged from 32 days (K-9465) to 41.88 days (OTHERY EGYPT) with a general mean of 36.35 days. Spike length exhibited a wide range of variation from 8.74 cm (IC-532653) to 12.09 cm (BWL-1793) with a general mean of 10.11 cm. Number of spikelets per spike was marked with the range of variation from 15.54 (RJ-4037) to 21.80 (ARIANA-66) with a general mean of 18.20. Number of grain per spike exhibited a wide range of variation from 41.94 (C-306) to 61.51 (PBN-51) with a general mean of 50.27. Grain weight per spike exhibited a range of variation from 1.29 g (SNORA-64) to 2.21 g (OTHERY EGYPT) with a general mean of 1.81 g. Number of tillers per plant revealed a range of variation from 5.33 (WH-730) to 7.16 (CHIRYA-3) with a general mean of 6.32. Biological yield per plant exhibited a wide range of variation from 12.08 g (SONORA-64) to 21.91 g (CHIRYA-3) with a general mean of 17.61 g.

Grain yield per plant exhibited a wide range of variation from 4.42 g (SNORA-64) to 8.33 g (CHIRYA-3) with a general mean of 6.50 g. 1000-grain weight exhibited a wide range of variation from 26.66 g (SONORA-64) to 42.95 g (CUS/79/PRULLA) with a general mean of 35.83g. Harvest index exhibited a wide range of variation from 29.96 % (ARIANA-66) to 46.34% (WH-730) with a general mean of 36.85%.

In case of Canopy Temperature Depression, the observation was recorded in four different days during wheat growing period. The first observation which was recorded at the time of heading ranged from 1.80°C (SONORA-64) to 5.77°C (PBN-51) with an average of 3.78°C. During second observation *i.e.* 10 days after heading it varied from 2.50°C (BWL-0814) to 4.47°C (SERI-82) with an average of 3.41°C. The third observation, 20 days after heading ranged from 1.12°C (PBN-51) to 3.71°C (RAJ-3765) with a general mean of 2.52°C. The fourth observation, 30 days after heading ranged from 1.07°C (IC-118737) to 3.45°C (RAJ-3765) with a general mean of 1.92°C. SPAD value represented a range of variation from 35.38 (DHARWAR DRY) to 52.72 (K-9465) with a general mean of 42.71 while Relative water content (%) was marked with a wide range of variation from 58.39% (PBN-51) to 81.36% (GIZA-155) with a general mean of 69.82%.

Success of any breeding programme depends upon the extent of variability present in the breeding population. The estimation of variability is of utmost importance in a crop for the identification of lines which can generate further variability so that artificial selection of desirable diverse genotypes may be made. Some of the very useful variations would go unutilized if not be identified by the breeder during selection process. In the present investigation material under study observed having high magnitude of variation for plot yield, grain yield/plant, and harvest index and plant height. These results are in agreement with those of **Singh *et al.* (1970), Hirachand *et al.* (1978) and Balyaeva (1991).**

**3.3 Genetic Variability Parameters:** The coefficient of variation at genotypic, phenotypic and environmental level, heritability (broad sense), genetic advance, and genetic advance as percent of mean are presented in **Table 4.**

**3.3.1 Heritability:** **Robinson *et al.* (1949)** classified heritability values as high (>60%), moderate (30-60%) and values less than 30% low. Accordingly, the results of the present study indicated that high heritability values were observed in traits such as days to 75% heading, days to 75% maturity, plant height, peduncle length, spike length, plot yield, and 1000 grains weight. These traits indicated that the variation observed was mainly under genetic control and was less influenced by the environment and the possibility of progress from selection. Traits such as days to 75% anthesis, number of spikelets per spike, number of grains per spike, grain weight per spike,

biological yield per plant, grain yield per plant, and canopy temperature depression-I were marked with moderate values of heritability while low values of heritability were observed in traits like grain filling duration, number of tillers per plant, canopy temperature depression- IV, relative water content, SPAD, and harvest index. These findings are similar with the findings of **Rahim et al. (2010)**, **Salem et al. (2008)**, **Ali et al. (2008)** and **Khan et al. (2010)**, **Teerbatar (1988)**, **Wrigley et al., (1994)**, **Sharma and Tandon (1997)**, **Ibrahim and Quick (2001)**.

**3.3.2 Coefficient of variation:** **Deshmukh et al. (1986)** classified PCV and GCV values as low (0-10%), moderate (10-20%) and high (20% and above) values. According to this classification, high ECV was observed for characters such as canopy temperature depression-I, canopy temperature depression-II, canopy temperature-III, canopy temperature depression-IV, moderate for characters such as number of grains per spike, grain weight per spike, number of tillers per plant, biological yield per plant, grain yield per plant, plot yield, relative water content, SPAD, harvest index, low for characters such as days to 75% heading, days to 75% anthesis, days to 75% maturity, grain filling duration, plant height, peduncle length, spike length, number of spikelets per plant, and 1000 grains weight. Characters such as plot yield, canopy temperature depression-I, and canopy temperature depression-IV were marked with high GCV; characters such as plant height, peduncle length, grain weight per spike, biological yield per plant, grain yield per plant, canopy temperature depression-II, and canopy temperature depression-III were marked with moderate GCV; and characters such as days to 75 % heading, days to 75% anthesis, days to 75% maturity, grain filling duration, spike length, number of spikelets per spike, number of grains per spike, number of tillers per plant, 1000 grains weight, relative water content, SPAD, and harvest index were marked with low GCV. Characters like days to 75% heading, days to 75% anthesis, days to 75% maturity, grain yield per plant, plot yield, canopy temperature depression-I, canopy temperature depression-II, canopy temperature depression-III, and canopy temperature depression-IV exhibited high PCV; characters such as grain filling duration, plant height, peduncle length, number of grains per spike, grain weight per spike, number of tillers per plant, biological yield per plant, 1000 grains weight, relative water content, SPAD, harvest index exhibited moderate PCV; and characters spike length and number of spikelets per spike exhibited low PCV. These findings are in agreement with the findings of **Wani et al. (2011)** and **Monpara (2011)**.

**3.3.3 Genetic advance:** **Falconer and Mackay (1996)** classified genetic advance as percent of mean as low (0-10%), moderate (10-20%) and high (20% and above). Heritability and genetic advance are important selection parameters. The estimate of genetic advance is more useful as a selection tool when coupled with heritability estimates (**Johnson et al., 1955**). The estimates of genetic advance help in understanding the type of gene action involved in the expression of various quantitative characters. High values of genetic advance are indicative of additive gene action whereas low values are indicative of non-additive gene action (**Singh and Narayanan, 1999**). The genetic advance was observed high for plot yield; moderate for plant height and low for rest of the characters. The genetic advance as percent of mean was observed high for traits like plot yield and canopy temperature depression-I; moderate for traits like plant height and peduncle length, low for spike length, number of spikelets per spike, number of grains per spike, grain weight per spike, number of tillers per plant, biological yield per plant, grain yield per plant, 1000 grains weight, canopy temperature depression-II, canopy temperature depression-III, canopy temperature depression-IV, relative water content, SPAD, and harvest index. These findings are similar with the findings of **Degewione et al. (2013)**, **Singh and Narayanan (1999)** and **Munir et al. (2007)**.

#### **4. Summary and Conclusion:**

The analysis of variance revealed significant differences among genotypes and different sowing conditions which validated further on the basis of genetic and statistical analysis of the data. It revealed that mean squares due to genotypes were found to be significant for all the yield and physiological traits. Plot yield exhibited highest range of variation among yield contributing traits whereas relative water content was marked with highest range of variation among physiological traits. One of the most important trait plot yield exhibited high values of heritability, GCV, PCV, genetic advance, and genetic advance as percent of mean. These findings suggested that the experimental material had sufficient genetic variability for yield contributing as well as physiological traits in bread wheat. The traits which had desired value of variability parameters can be utilized in crop improvement programme. This study generally indicated that there was significance genetic variability among the genotypes studied. Thus, there is an opportunity of direct selection of superior varieties for different yield contributing and physiological traits in crop improvement programme.

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**Table2:Analysis of Variance for Yield, Yield Attributes and Physiological Traits.**

Source of Variation	df	MS										
		DH	DA	DM	GFD	PH	PL	SL	NSS	NGS	GWS	NTP
<b>Replication</b>	2	3.89	4.82	7.29	16.72	14.9192	0.19	0.45	1.35	24.22	0.04	0.55
<b>Environments</b>	2	9795.97**	13267.96**	20454.28**	799.55**	14916.3721**	815.60**	64.43**	70.82**	4283.50**	26.65**	3.37**
<b>Interactions</b>	4	2.76	1.81	8.26	0.98	11.7893	2.94	0.06	1.62	10.47	0.01	0.14
<b>Overall Sum</b>	8	2451.34**	3319.10**	5119.52**	204.56**	3738.7175**	205.42**	16.25**	18.85**	1082.17**	6.68**	1.05**
<b>Treatments</b>	31	164.13**	71.63**	132.48**	42.97**	928.1021**	168.48**	5.23**	15.70**	232.96**	0.57**	2.03**
<b>Error</b>	248	6.35	7.60	7.24	10.22	20.3812	4.76	0.30	1.44	25.44	0.06	0.56
<b>C.V.</b>		3.28	3.42	2.30	8.79	5.19	6.38	5.37	6.58	10.03	13.13	11.81
<b>CD 1%</b>		2.3395	2.5602	2.4985	2.9689	4.1916	2.0254	0.5046	1.1123	4.6826	0.2212	0.6936
<b>CD 5%</b>		3.0834	3.3742	3.2929	3.9129	5.5244	2.6694	0.6651	1.4660	6.1714	0.2916	0.9141

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Source of Variation	df	MS										
		BY	GY	PY	TGW	CTD-I	CTD-II	CTD-III	CTD-IV	RWC	SPAD	HI
<b>Replication</b>	2	0.18	0.19	1625.86	1.32	0.03	0.00	0.005	0.078	0.054	1.16	13.45
<b>Environments</b>	2	887.04**	242.89**	51067496.00**	747.66**	24.91**	69.52**	3.679**	9.450**	1627.226**	486.85**	745.65**
<b>Interactions</b>	4	0.14	0.34	740.22	1.86	0.18	0.02	0.060	0.022	0.551	1.03	10.57
<b>Overall Sum</b>	8	221.87**	60.94**	12767650.00**	188.18**	6.32**	17.39**	0.951**	2.393**	407.095**	122.52**	195.06**
<b>Treatments</b>	31	41.08**	9.74**	1216545.50**	121.85**	15.50**	2.51**	2.588**	1.985**	247.814**	112.67**	138.98**
<b>Error</b>	248	7.69	1.34	67316.13	7.23	1.34	0.79	0.820	0.468	60.382	25.49	29.21
<b>C.V.</b>		15.75	17.76	18.37	7.50	30.62	26.02	35.83	35.90	11.13	11.82	14.66
<b>CD 1%</b>		2.5750	1.0729	240.8943	2.4957	1.0752	0.8260	0.8408	0.6351	7.2148	4.6876	5.0182
<b>CD 5%</b>		3.3938	1.4141	317.4880	3.2893	1.4171	1.0886	1.1082	0.8370	9.5087	6.1780	6.6138

\*5% level of significance, \*\* 1% level of significance

**Table3: Meanperformance of grain yield, yield components and physiological traits**

SI. No.	Genotype	DH	DA	DM	GFD	PH	PL	SL	NSS	NGS	GWS	NTP
1.	PBN-51	78.89	81.44	116.22	34.78	83.11	32.13	9.41	17.98	61.51	2.00	6.44
2.	BWL-0814	78.11	81.22	117.78	36.56	89.28	30.79	10.18	17.59	50.44	1.80	6.50
3.	BWL-1771	79.33	82.11	118.56	36.44	82.88	29.41	10.01	19.67	46.11	1.86	6.24
4.	BWL-9022	72.89	76.67	114.11	36.44	86.12	34.87	10.74	19.16	52.31	2.13	6.42
5.	BWL-0924	78.11	81.78	116.44	34.67	77.57	30.06	9.35	16.36	50.82	1.86	5.84
6.	BWL-1793	74.56	77.78	115.11	37.33	79.24	34.76	10.46	17.81	52.13	1.97	7.00
7.	CUS/79/PRULLA	78.00	80.44	116.56	36.11	101.98	37.18	12.09	16.65	48.41	2.22	7.17
8.	IEPACA RABE	74.22	78.22	115.11	36.89	86.16	37.61	10.82	19.76	49.82	2.09	5.80
9.	CHIRYA-3	77.67	79.78	116.00	36.22	84.91	33.73	8.94	18.00	55.53	2.21	7.17
10.	DHARWAD DRY	83.22	85.44	123.78	39.22	101.57	38.64	10.68	19.66	54.13	1.79	6.87
11.	RAJ3765	73.33	79.44	115.33	35.89	82.40	33.42	10.41	18.46	53.71	1.91	6.67
12.	HI1563	72.67	78.89	115.56	36.67	82.23	35.56	10.85	17.65	49.56	1.80	6.11
13.	HD2864	71.11	78.89	112.89	34.00	81.08	35.51	10.54	17.05	50.20	1.81	6.77
14.	RAJ4083	72.78	77.44	113.89	36.44	76.91	32.03	9.96	17.73	48.42	1.75	6.82
15.	DBW-14	70.78	77.44	116.00	39.67	75.79	31.29	10.27	18.44	46.02	1.75	6.71
16.	WH730	78.44	80.67	115.78	35.11	89.12	33.00	11.35	17.43	45.73	1.99	5.33
17.	K9465	78.00	81.11	113.11	32.00	86.34	34.57	10.32	18.56	44.07	1.93	5.76
18.	RAJ4037	78.11	82.00	118.78	36.78	71.73	30.44	9.73	15.55	43.09	1.56	6.42
19.	TEPOKO	76.44	81.56	115.44	33.89	91.16	36.59	10.39	17.77	60.33	2.20	5.97
20.	BABAX	79.22	83.00	121.78	39.78	88.29	35.35	11.48	19.74	53.49	1.84	6.53
21.	OTHERI RGYPT	78.44	80.89	122.33	41.89	87.09	33.52	9.99	17.46	54.44	2.22	6.20
22.	IC532653	83.89	87.44	125.11	36.67	103.54	42.66	8.75	18.67	42.64	1.40	6.52
23.	SERI82	70.56	77.44	113.33	36.67	80.00	29.58	9.24	18.43	52.76	1.45	5.89
24.	SONORA64	68.11	74.78	112.33	38.22	74.77	30.23	9.06	17.09	48.58	1.29	5.86
25.	SALEMBO	79.56	82.67	119.33	36.67	84.37	30.73	9.91	19.05	47.84	1.79	5.91
26.	ARIANA66	89.89	87.78	128.78	38.22	106.44	36.83	10.41	21.81	46.89	1.47	5.48
27.	GIZA155	77.22	80.22	118.89	38.67	106.33	44.49	9.51	20.11	47.96	1.58	6.80
28.	BACANORA88	77.67	80.44	115.44	35.00	75.80	28.26	9.54	19.19	55.71	1.81	6.43
29.	IC118737	76.78	79.89	112.00	32.11	87.07	33.38	10.54	18.67	59.44	1.43	5.89
30.	C-306	75.22	79.33	115.22	36.44	111.46	45.94	9.29	15.87	41.94	1.69	6.10
31.	HD2967	78.00	80.44	115.78	35.33	89.24	34.06	9.94	18.31	51.98	1.90	6.71
32.	PBW343	78.78	82.56	115.22	32.67	80.30	28.27	9.56	16.91	42.84	1.59	6.10
	Mean	<b>76.88</b>	<b>80.60</b>	<b>116.94</b>	<b>36.36</b>	<b>87.01</b>	<b>34.22</b>	<b>10.12</b>	<b>18.21</b>	<b>50.28</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>6.33</b>
	Range Lowest	68.11	74.78	112.00	32.00	71.73	28.26	8.75	15.55	41.94	1.29	5.33
	Range Highest	89.89	87.78	128.78	41.89	111.46	45.94	12.09	21.81	61.51	2.22	7.17

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SI. No.	Genotype	BY	GY	PY	TGW	CTD-I	CTD-II	CTD-III	CTD-IV	RWC	SPAD	HI
1.	PBN-51	17.91	5.87	1418.89	35.13	5.78	2.57	1.12	1.54	58.40	42.88	33.86
2.	BWL-0814	20.47	7.00	1969.33	34.79	4.51	2.50	1.71	1.84	63.06	42.44	34.25
3.	BWL-1771	19.11	6.93	1843.78	36.72	5.62	3.49	2.64	2.20	73.88	41.84	36.03
4.	BWL-9022	20.64	8.22	1595.11	42.84	1.84	2.82	2.34	1.91	67.96	43.84	38.81
5.	BWL-0924	18.62	6.16	1510.44	39.37	4.90	2.98	2.04	1.54	64.91	44.83	34.47
6.	BWL-1793	20.44	7.78	1419.67	37.94	2.23	3.45	2.31	1.72	72.03	42.23	38.32
7.	CUS/79/PRULLA	19.84	7.87	1642.67	42.95	4.43	3.37	2.43	1.72	71.50	43.26	40.45
8.	IEPACA RABE	18.98	7.76	1623.33	37.01	2.02	4.26	3.11	1.74	66.63	40.74	40.66
9.	CHIRYA-3	21.91	8.33	1934.22	35.63	5.21	3.39	2.43	1.94	74.43	40.52	37.92
10.	DHARWAD DRY	18.00	5.64	1485.11	32.54	4.92	4.16	3.24	2.67	67.47	35.38	30.89
11.	RAJ3765	17.64	6.40	1278.44	36.40	1.93	3.32	3.71	3.46	61.80	51.10	36.23
12.	HI1563	18.27	6.31	1364.44	35.28	2.11	3.70	3.37	2.43	68.70	38.23	34.07
13.	HD2864	14.91	6.20	1621.33	36.08	2.29	2.87	2.69	1.88	73.20	44.56	42.66
14.	RAJ4083	18.11	6.96	1308.56	35.07	2.00	2.93	2.41	1.70	61.70	45.99	37.58
15.	DBW-14	18.67	7.44	1286.22	37.79	2.13	3.03	2.43	2.20	72.76	44.44	39.68
16.	WH730	14.87	7.07	986.67	35.94	3.81	3.58	1.73	1.77	65.68	47.86	46.35
17.	K9465	18.31	7.42	1313.33	40.54	3.91	2.59	2.77	1.46	72.49	52.72	41.18
18.	RAJ4037	15.58	6.24	731.56	35.83	3.91	3.34	2.46	2.04	68.12	39.49	39.82

19.	TEPOKO	15.16	6.22	1529.56	33.39	4.87	3.99	2.50	2.11	71.20	40.19	40.86
20.	BABAX	17.31	6.44	1154.89	34.66	4.68	3.97	2.02	1.36	70.62	39.96	34.39
21.	OTHERI RGYPT	18.73	6.96	1429.78	40.04	4.39	3.64	2.17	1.68	71.34	46.36	36.20
22.	IC532653	15.73	4.87	806.44	31.64	4.09	3.30	2.63	1.76	72.46	43.13	30.77
23.	SERI82	15.51	5.20	1250.44	29.78	2.16	4.48	3.41	2.14	60.23	43.45	32.92
24.	SONORA64	12.09	4.42	935.78	26.66	1.80	4.18	2.70	2.41	66.91	38.16	37.16
25.	SALEMBO	19.04	6.18	2310.44	38.44	5.38	3.11	2.51	2.29	71.96	43.83	32.29
26.	ARIANA66	16.67	4.93	950.89	32.21	3.02	3.00	2.11	1.92	73.21	43.38	29.96
27.	GIZA155	17.58	5.62	1094.67	36.96	5.03	3.38	3.08	1.80	81.37	41.49	32.49
28.	BACANORA88	17.40	7.20	1721.56	30.21	4.84	2.98	2.02	1.27	77.56	39.19	41.40
29.	IC118737	15.09	5.56	1125.33	31.23	4.10	3.49	2.56	1.08	72.08	40.87	36.64
30.	C-306	15.11	4.80	983.78	40.61	4.33	4.16	2.53	2.46	78.77	40.61	32.19
31.	HD2967	19.40	7.69	1972.44	36.76	5.06	4.02	3.06	1.26	70.43	42.52	39.47
32.	PBW343	16.42	6.53	1596.67	36.23	3.71	3.39	2.61	1.68	71.54	41.33	39.41
	Mean	17.61	6.51	1412.37	35.83	3.78	3.42	2.53	1.91	69.83	42.71	36.86
	Range Lowest	12.09	4.42	731.56	26.66	1.80	2.50	1.12	1.08	58.40	35.38	29.96
	Range Highest	21.91	8.33	2310.44	42.95	5.78	4.48	3.71	3.46	81.37	52.72	46.35

**Table4: Genetic variability parameters for yield related and physiological traits.**

Parameters	DH	DA	DM	GFD	PH	PL	SL	NSS	NGS	GWS	NTP
E.C.V.	3.27	3.42	2.30	8.79	5.18	6.37	5.37	6.58	10.03	13.12	11.80
G.C.V.	5.44	3.30	3.19	5.24	11.54	12.46	7.31	6.91	9.55	13.17	6.40
P.C.V.	6.35	4.76	3.93	10.24	12.65	14.00	9.07	9.54	13.85	18.59	13.43
h <sup>2</sup> (Broad Sense)	73.4	48.3	65.8	26.2	83.2	79.3	65.00	52.50	47.50	50.20	0.22
G.A. (5%)	7.39	3.82	6.23	2.01	18.86	7.82	1.22	1.87	6.82	0.34	0.39
G.A. M. (5%)	9.61	4.74	5.33	5.53	21.68	22.86	12.14	10.32	13.56	19.21	6.28

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Parameters	BY	GY	PY	TGW	CTD-I	CTD-II	CTD-III	CTD-IV	RWC	SPAD	HI
E.C.V.	15.74	17.75	18.37	7.50	30.61	26.01	35.82	35.89	11.12	11.82	14.66
G.C.V.	10.93	14.84	25.30	9.95	33.16	12.78	17.53	21.54	6.53	7.28	9.47
P.C.V.	19.17	23.14	31.26	12.46	45.13	28.99	39.89	41.86	12.90	13.88	17.46
h <sup>2</sup> (Broad Sense)	0.32	0.41	0.65	0.63	0.54	0.19	0.19	0.26	0.25	0.27	0.295
G.A. (5%)	2.26	1.27	20.5	5.87	1.89	0.39	0.40	0.43	4.76	3.36	3.904
G.A. M. (5%)	12.85	19.62	42.17	16.38	50.19	11.61	15.88	22.84	6.81	7.87	10.59

DF-Days to 75%, DA-Days to 75% anthesis, DM-Days to 75% maturity, GFD-Grain filling duration, PH-Plant height, PL-Peduncle length, SL-Spike length, NSS- Number of spikelets per spike, NGS-Number of grains per spike, GWS-Grain weight per spike, NTP-Number of tillers per plant, BY-Biological yield per plant, GY- Grain yield/plot, TGW-1000 grain weight, CTD-Canopy temperature depression, RWC-Relative water content %, SPAD- Soil-plant analysis development (chlorophyll content), HI-Harvest index %, PY- Plot Yield.