

Impact of planting dates on NPK in soybean plants and seeds across different cultivars.

Abstract

Soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] growth, development and production are negatively impacted by delayed planting dates and poor environmental circumstances. The nitrogen accumulation in plant at harvest, phosphorus accumulation in plant at harvest, potassium accumulation at harvest and nitrogen content in seed, phosphorus content in seed, potassium content in seed and ultimately the grain yield are all impacted by changes in photoperiod, temperature, and precipitation with delayed planting. The oil and protein content of soybean seeds can vary as a result of delayed sowing. Extremely high temperatures and drought stress are examples of environmental variables that negatively impact plant development and productivity and are frequently linked to delayed planting. Soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merrill] is perceived as the "Golden bean" of the 21st century. The worldwide rising interest of soybean is attributable to its matchless organization, extraordinary dietetic worth and medical advantages. Notwithstanding, soybean grain yield is very not exactly with respect to its yield potential. Fundamental factors that diminish its yield are environment lopsidedness, unseemly developing time, lower germination rate, pitiful quality, shortage of seed water system, inappropriate establishing space and weeds. Appropriate establishing date of soybean is likely most obvious social practice for augmenting seed yield.

Keywords: Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Sowing dates, Soybean.

1. Introduction

Soybean is the second significant oilseed crops grown in various pieces of India after groundnut. Because of its one of a kind characteristics it is known with the name of crop miracle too. It has 18-20 percent eatable oil, 45 percent protein with significant level of amino corrosive, for example, methionine and cystine. Major soybean producing countries in the world are USA, Brazil, Argentina, China and India. Madhya Pradesh is one of the significant soybean producing Indian states. . The crop is mainly grown during the kharif season under rain-fed condition. The inter-annual variation in area and production of soybean crop is mainly depends on the rainfall pattern. During the good monsoon year farmers are allocating more area under the crop, whereas it is reduced during the poor monsoon year and this affects overall production of soybean.

Legumes provide a protein-rich source of food which is essential part in the diets of people inhabiting in the tropics. Legumes are productive and protective agricultural food products and also contribute to maintenance and restoration of soil fertility by biologically fixing a large proportion of atmospheric nitrogen (N). All over the world, particularly in the developing countries it is increasing by being realized that we must strive for a sustainable agriculture one which can feed their burgeoning populations not at the environmental cost exacted by present day intensive farming practices. Sustainable agriculture clearly requires that all nutrients removed by the crop or lost from the cropping system must be replenished and in the long-term However this option exists for N but to restore the supplies of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) by using fertilizers. But this is not the case for nitrogen, one of the nutrients required in the largest quantities for plant growth, and one which is commonly limiting for agricultural production. N can be directly captured 'fixed' from the atmosphere (Giller & Wilson 1991) by legumes. These crops have therefore been long recognized as important components of crop rotations and intercropping in the semi-arid tropical (SAT)

farming systems. Environmental conditions associated with late sowing affect crop features related to the capture of radiation and portioning of crop resources. These includes less vegetative growth (Board *et al.*, 1992), shorter stems (Boquet, 1990); lower reproductive nodes (Board *et al.*, 1999), and shortening of the reproductive phases (Kantolic and Slafer, 2001). Sowing dates influence soybean growth stages, due to variation in photoperiod (Han *et al.*, 2006; Kumudini *et al.*, 2007), air temperature (Chen and Wiatrak, 2010), and rainfall distribution and amount during the crop cycle (Hu and Wiatrak, 2010). Meotti *et al.* (2012) observed that 77% of soybean yield variability was associated with climate conditions induced by the sowing dates. In order to increase the profitability of soybean production, sowing at different dates is a good strategy for maximum profitability.

2. Material and Methods

2.1 Field Experiment

A field experiment was conducted at the farm of Lovely professional university, phagwara in 2022 -2023 to examine the effect of planting dates on NPK in soybean plants and seeds across different cultivars. Variety i.e. SL 958, SL1028 , PL1092 was tested under various doses of RDF at different sowing dates i.e. 12june ,27june ,12 july. Yield, growth and quality parameters were recorded during the research work. 12th June (D1) resulted in increasing nitrogen in plants at harvest, phosphorus in plant at harvest, potassium in plant at harvest, nitrogen content in seed, phosphorus content in seed, potassium content in seed, Amongst the varieties, SL958 (V1) was gave significant results than other varieties.

2.2. Analysis of Nitrogen availability in plant

Transfer 1g of prepared plant material wrapped in a piece of filter paper, to a 300 kjeldhal's digestion flask. Add to it 10g of catalyst mixture and 25-30 ml of concentrated sulphuric acid. Mix the contents of the flask by swirling with care not to through the samples on the side. Start digesting the contents of the flask on digestion heater for 20-30 min until frothing stops. Continue heating until the organic matter is destroyed and the solution is light yellow or grey colour. Cool and make the volume 100ml with distilled water. Pipette out 10ml of 0.02N sulphuric acid in a 150ml conical flask, add 2-3 drops of methyl red indicator. Take 5ml of aliquot in distillation flask and connect it to the mouth of distillation flask. Now pour 25ml of 45%NaOH in distillation flask through the funnel attached to the distillation apparatus. Collect about 30ml the distillate. Titrate the excess of .02N sulphuric acid in a conical flask against 0.02N NaOH. The end point is change in colour from pink to yellow.

Kirk, P. L. (1950) reported that kjeldahl method for total nitrogen.

2.3. Analysis of Phosphorous availability in plant

Take 5ml of plant digest in 25ml volumetric flask. Add 1-2 drops of 2-4 dinitrophenol indicator and 4N sodium bicarbonate solution drop wise till yellow color appears. Now add 6N HCL drops wise till yellow colour disappears. Add 2.0ml of 6N HCL in excess to get required pH of 4.8. At this stage add 5ml vanadate moly date reagent and make up and make up volume upto 25ml. The colour develops in several minutes and is stable for 2 months at high P concentration, but at P concentration of 5 ppm it is stable for only 2 weeks. Prepare a blank in the similar way. Read the intensity of yellow colour formed on a spectronic 20 photoelectric calorimeter at a wavelength of and make up the volume upto 25ml. The color develops in several minutes and is stable for 2 months at high P concentration, but at P concentration of 5 pm it is stable for only 2 weeks. Prepare a blank in the similar way. Read

the intensity of yellow colour formed on a spectronic 20 photoelectric calorimeter at a wavelength of 470nm.

Cavell, A. J. (1955) reported that colorimetric determination of phosphorus in plant materials.

2.4. Analysis of Potassium availability in plant

Available potassium in plant was determined with flame photometer and analyzing the filtered extract on an atomic absorption spectrometer set on emission mode at 766.5nm.

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3. Results

3.1. Nitrogen Accumulation in plant at harvest (g)

The data pertaining to nitrogen accumulation in plant at harvest have been given in the Table 1. The different dates of sowing showed the significant effect on nitrogen in plant at harvest of different soybean varieties. Accordingly, out of different sowing dates the earliest 12th June (D1) recorded the highest nitrogen in plant at harvest (1.10 g), being significantly higher than 27th June (D2) and 12th July (D3) sowing dates. The minimum nitrogen in plant at harvest (0.98 g) was recorded on 12th July (D3) sowing. The varieties also differed significantly in nitrogen in plant at harvest. Amongst the varieties, SL958 (V1) attained maximum nitrogen in plant at harvest (1.04 g), which was significantly higher than SL1028 (V₂) and PL1092 (V₃). The minimum nitrogen in plant at harvest (1.00 g) was attained from PL1092 (V₃).

Fabre, F. & Planchon, C. (2000) observed that nitrogen nutrition, yield and protein content in soybean.

Table 1 Effect of Planting dates on nitrogen in plant at harvest (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

| Sowing dates | Varieties | | | Mean |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| | SL958 | SL1028 | PL1092 | |
| First fortnight of June (12 June) | 1.153 | 1.100 | 1.050 | 1.101 |
| Second fortnight of June (27 June) | 1.003 | 1.010 | 0.980 | 0.998 |
| First fortnight of July (12 July) | 0.987 | 0.977 | 0.977 | 0.980 |
| Mean | 1.048 | 1.029 | 1.002 | |

TABLE OF SEM, SED AND C.D.

| Factors | C.D. | SE(d) | SE(m) |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Sowing dates | 0.027 | 0.009 | 0.007 |
| Varieties | 0.033 | 0.015 | 0.011 |
| Between different varieties at same sowing date | N/A | 0.026 | 0.011 |
| Between different sowing date at same or different varieties. | N/A | 0.023 | 0.016 |

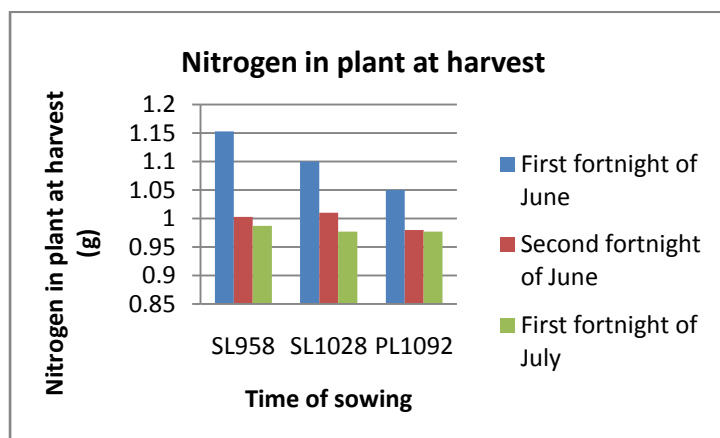


Fig 1 Effect of Planting dates on nitrogen in plant at harvest (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

3.2 Phosphorus Accumulation in plant at harvest (g)

The data pertaining to phosphorus accumulation in plant at harvest have been given in the Table 2. The different dates of sowing showed the significant effect on phosphorus in plant at harvest of different soybean varieties. Accordingly, out of different sowing dates the earliest 12th June (D1) recorded the highest phosphorus in plant at harvest (0.89 g), being significantly higher than 27th June (D2) and 12th July (D3) sowing dates. The minimum phosphorus in plant at harvest (0.85 g) was recorded on 12th July (D3) sowing. The varieties also differed significantly in phosphorus in plant at harvest. Amongst the varieties, SL958 (V1) attained maximum phosphorus in plant at harvest (0.88 g), which was significantly higher than SL1028 (V₂) and PL1092 (V₃). The minimum phosphorus in plant at harvest (0.86 g) was attained from PL1092 (V3).

K.N., L.N.K Singh, T.S. Devi, H.N. Devi, T.B. Singh, K.K. Singh and W.M. Singh 2012 also reported that response of Soybean (*Glycine max* (L.) to Sources and Levels of Phosphorus.

Table 2 Effect of Planting dates on phosphorus in plant at harvest (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

| Sowing dates | Varieties | | | Mean |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| | SL958 | SL1028 | PL1092 | |
| First fortnight of June (12 June) | 0.913 | 0.887 | 0.877 | 0.892 |
| Second fortnight of June (27 June) | 0.873 | 0.877 | 0.870 | 0.873 |
| First fortnight of July (12 July) | 0.867 | 0.850 | 0.843 | 0.853 |
| Mean | 0.884 | 0.871 | 0.863 | |

TABLE OF SEM, SED AND C.D.

| Factors | C.D. | SE(d) | SE(m) |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Sowing dates | 0.023 | 0.008 | 0.006 |
| Varieties | 0.012 | 0.005 | 0.004 |
| Between different varieties at same sowing date | N/A | 0.009 | 0.010 |
| Between different sowing date at same or different varieties. | N/A | 0.011 | 0.008 |

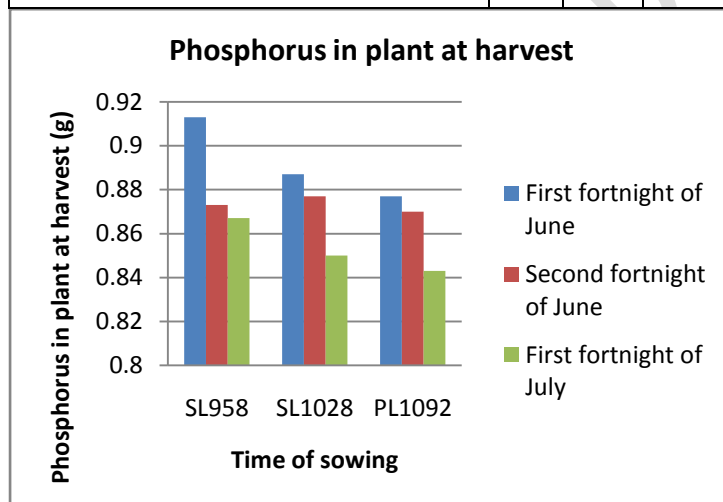


Fig 2 Effect of Planting dates on phosphorus in plant at harvest (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

3.3 Potassium Accumulation in plant at harvest (g)

The data pertaining to potassium accumulation in plant at harvest have been given in the Table 3. The different dates of sowing showed the significant effect on potassium in plant at harvest of different soybean varieties. Accordingly, out of different sowing dates the earliest 12th June (D1) recorded the highest potassium in plant at harvest (1.41 g), being significantly higher than 27th June (D2) and 12th July (D3) sowing dates. The minimum potassium in plant at harvest (1.29 g) was recorded on 12th July (D3) sowing. The varieties also differed significantly in potassium in plant at harvest. Amongst the varieties, SL958 (V1) attained maximum potassium in plant at harvest (1.37 g), which was significantly higher than SL1028

(V₂) and PL1092 (V₃). The minimum potassium in plant at harvest (1.31 g) was attained from PL1092 (V₃).

Borkert, C. M., Sfredo, G. J., & Silva, D. N. (1993) observed that calibration of potassium in soybean.

Table 3 Effect of Planting dates on potassium in plant at harvest (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

| Sowing dates | Varieties | | | Mean |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| | SL958 | SL1028 | PL1092 | |
| First fortnight of June (12 June) | 1.440 | 1.403 | 1.390 | 1.411 |
| Second fortnight of June (27 June) | 1.350 | 1.343 | 1.293 | 1.329 |
| First fortnight of July (12 July) | 1.337 | 1.287 | 1.260 | 1.294 |
| Mean | 1.376 | 1.344 | 1.314 | |

TABLE OF SEM, SED AND C.D.

| Factors | C.D. | SE(d) | SE(m) |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Sowing dates | 0.025 | 0.009 | 0.006 |
| Varieties | 0.020 | 0.009 | 0.006 |
| Between different varieties at same sowing date | N/A | 0.016 | 0.011 |
| Between different sowing date at same or different varieties. | N/A | 0.016 | 0.011 |

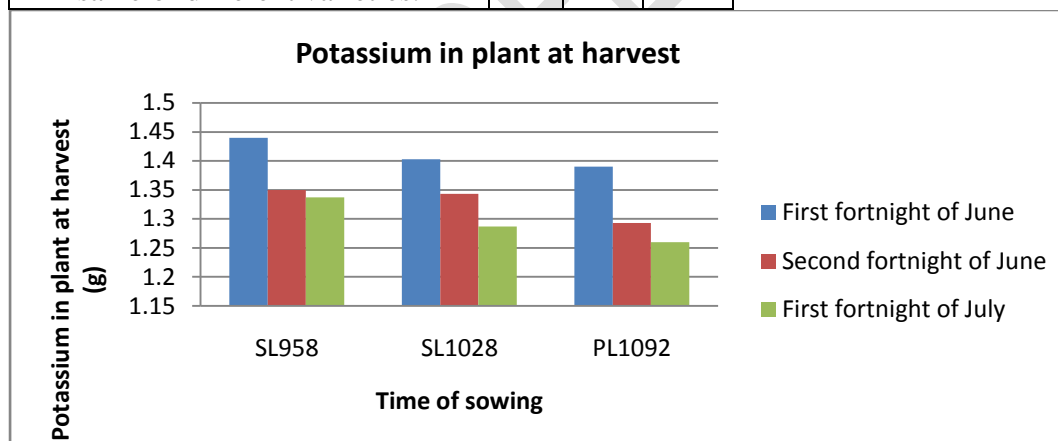


Fig 3 Effect of Planting dates on potassium in plant at harvest (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

3.4 Nitrogen content in seed (g)

The data pertaining to nitrogen content in seed have been given in the Table 4. The different dates of sowing showed the significant effect on nitrogen content in seed of different soybean varieties. Accordingly, out of different sowing dates the earliest 12th June (D1) recorded the highest nitrogen content in seed (5.28 g), being significantly higher than 27th June (D2) and 12th July (D3) sowing dates. The minimum nitrogen content in seed (5.03 g) was recorded on 12th July (D3) sowing. The varieties also differed significantly in nitrogen content in seed.

Amongst the varieties, SL958 (V₁) attained greatest nitrogen content in seed (5.27 g), which was significantly higher than SL1028 (V₂) and PL1092 (V₃). The minimum nitrogen content in seed (5.05 g) was attained from PL1092 (V₃)

Fabre, F., & Planchon, C. (2000).observed thatnitrogen nutrition, yield and protein content in soybean.

Table 4Effect of Planting dates on nitrogen content in seed (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

| Sowing dates | Varieties | | | Mean |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| | SL958 | SL1028 | PL1092 | |
| First fortnight of June (12 June) | 5.350 | 5.280 | 5.213 | 5.281 |
| Second fortnight of June (27 June) | 5.273 | 5.297 | 5.057 | 5.209 |
| First fortnight of July (12 July) | 5.207 | 5.020 | 4.883 | 5.037 |
| Mean | 5.277 | 5.199 | 5.051 | |

TABLE OF SEM, SED AND C.D.

| Factors | C.D. | SE(d) | SE(m) |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Sowing dates | 0.068 | 0.024 | 0.017 |
| Varieties | 0.075 | 0.034 | 0.024 |
| Between different varieties at same sowing dates | N/A | 0.059 | 0.029 |
| Between different sowing date at same or different varieties. | N/A | 0.054 | 0.038 |

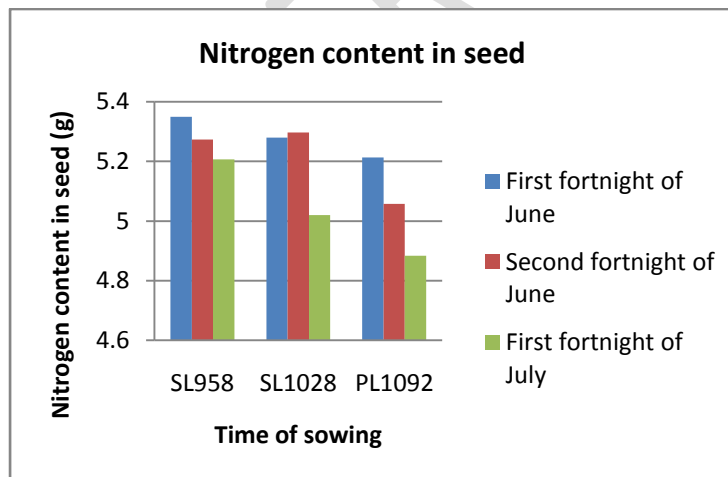


Fig 4Effect of Planting dates on nitrogen content in seed (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

3.5 Phosphorus content in seed (g)

The data pertaining to phosphorous content in seed have been given in the Table 5. The different dates of sowing showed the significant effect on phosphorus content in seed of different soybean varieties. Accordingly, out of different sowing dates the earliest 12th June (D1) recorded the highest phosphorus content in seed (0.70 g), being significantly higher than 27th June (D2) and 12th July (D3) sowing dates. The minimum phosphorus content in seed (0.64 g) was recorded on 12th July (D3) sowing. The varieties also differed significantly in phosphorus content in seed. Amongst the varieties, SL958 (V1) attained maximum phosphorus content in seed (0.68 g), which was significantly higher than SL1028 (V₂) and PL1092 (V₃). The minimum phosphorus content in seed (0.66 g) was attained from PL1092 (V3).

Kumaga and Ofori(2004) observed that the many factors that can subsidize to the success of soybean, phosphorus has significant implications on growth and yield attributes

Table 5Effect of planting dates on phosphorus content in seed (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

| Sowing dates | Varieties | | | Mean |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| | SL958 | SL1028 | PL1092 | |
| First fortnight of June (12 June) | 0.707 | 0.707 | 0.703 | 0.706 |
| Second fortnight of June (27 June) | 0.683 | 0.687 | 0.667 | 0.679 |
| First fortnight of July (12 July) | 0.657 | 0.647 | 0.627 | 0.643 |
| Mean | 0.682 | 0.670 | 0.666 | |

TABLE OF SEM, SED AND C.D.

| Factors | C.D. | SE(d) | SE(m) |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Sowing dates | 0.019 | 0.007 | 0.005 |
| Varieties | 0.009 | 0.004 | 0.003 |
| Between different varieties at same sowing dates | N/A | 0.007 | 0.008 |
| Between different sowing date at same or different varieties | N/A | 0.009 | 0.006 |

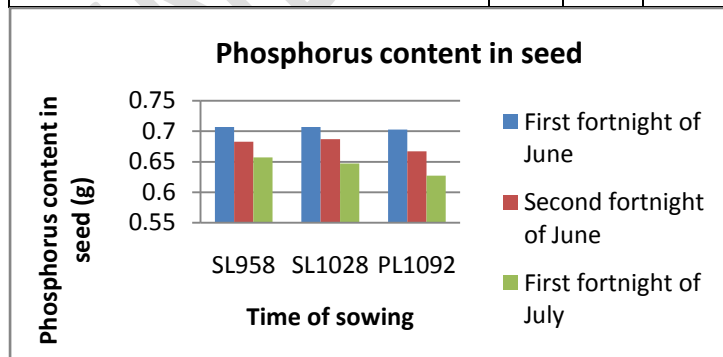


Fig 5Effect of Planting dates on phosphorus content in seed (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

3.6 Potassium content in seed (g)

The data pertaining to potassium content in seed have been given in the Table 6. The different dates of sowing showed the significant effect on potassium content in seed of different soybean varieties. Accordingly, out of different sowing dates the earliest 12th June (D1) recorded the highest potassium content in seed (1.75 g), being significantly higher than 27th June (D2) and 12th July (D3) sowing dates. The minimum potassium content in seed (1.67 g) was recorded on 12th July (D3) sowing. The varieties also differed significantly in potassium content in seed. Amongst the varieties, SL958 (V1) attained maximum potassium content in seed (1.71 g), which was significantly higher than SL1028 (V₂) and PL1092 (V₃). The minimum potassium content in seed (1.69 g) was attained from PL1092 (V₃).

Borges, R., & Mallarino, A. P. (2000) reported that grain yield, early growth, and nutrient uptake of no-till soybean as affected by phosphorus and potassium placement

Table 6 Effect of planting dates on potassium content in seed (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

| Sowing dates | Varieties | | | Mean |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| | SL958 | SL1028 | PL1092 | |
| First fortnight of June (12 June) | 1.773 | 1.763 | 1.723 | 1.753 |
| Second fortnight of June (27 June) | 1.693 | 1.713 | 1.690 | 1.699 |
| First fortnight of July (12 July) | 1.680 | 1.670 | 1.663 | 1.671 |
| Mean | 1.716 | 1.706 | 1.692 | |

TABLE OF SEM, SED AND C.D.

| Factors | C.D. | SE(d) | SE(m) |
|--|------|--------|--------|
| Sowing dates | N/A | 15.620 | 11.045 |
| Varieties | N/A | 15.630 | 11.052 |
| Between different varieties at same sowing dates | N/A | 27.072 | 19.131 |
| Between different sowing date at same or different varieties | N/A | 27.066 | 19.139 |

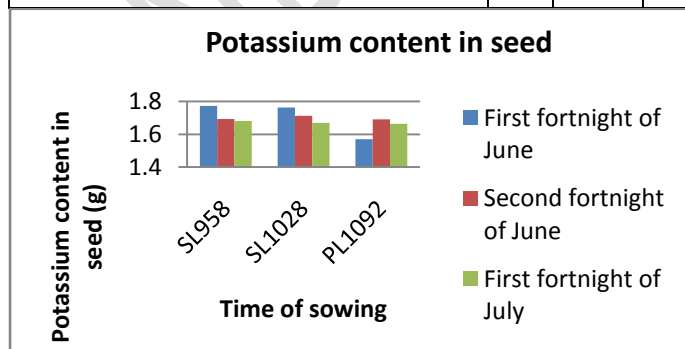


Fig 6 Effect of Planting dates on potassium content in seed (g) of different cultivars of soybean.

4. Conclusion: From the analysis of research done, it has been concluded that 12th June with variety SL958 was found most effective in comparison to other treatments.

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