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## Response of different moisture regimes and nutrient management on growth, yield and water use efficiency of hybrid rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)

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**Abstract**

A field experiment was conducted during 2017-18 and 2018-19 at Agronomy research farm of ANDUAT, Kumarganj, Ayodhya to study the effect of different moisture regime and integrated nutrients management on growth, yield and water use efficiency of hybrid rice. Result data revealed that 7 cm irrigation given at 1 day after disappearance of ponded water resulted significantly higher growth attributes viz., plant height, number of shoots per running meter, leaf area index and drymatter accumulation and yield viz., grain and straw yield and harvest index of hybrid rice. Maximum water use efficiency was recorded with 7cm irrigation given at 4 DADPW. Application of 75% NPK + 25% N through biocompost recorded significantly higher plant height, number of shoots per running meter, LAI, drymatter accumulation per plant, grain and straw yield, harvest index and water use efficiency of hybrid rice as compared to rest of the treatments.

**Keywords:** Days after disappearance of ponded water (DADPW), Growth attributes, harvest index, water use efficiency, conventional irrigation.

**Introduction**

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) plays a pivotal role in Indian agriculture, as it is the principal food crop more than 70 percent of the world population stress the need to increase the production and productivity of crop. In the immediate future hybrid rice is practically feasible and having acceptable technology for enhancement of production. To fully exploit the potential of hybrid rice proper water needs and nutrient management is of prime importance for achieving high crop yields. Efficient irrigation through timely application of water in desirable amount not only improves the crop yield, but also enhances water use. The proper use of available irrigation water and application of optimum dose of nutrients in respect to available soil moisture may play an important role in minimizing the present large gap between yield achieved and yield achievable. Therefore, the present experiment was conducted to study the response of different water regimes and integrated nutrients management on growth, yield and water use efficiency of hybrid rice (*Oryza sativa* L.).

**Materials and methods**

The present field investigation on response of different moisture regime and integrated nutrients management on growth, yield and water use efficiency of hybrid rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) was conducted during *kharif* season of two consecutive years of 2017-18 and 2018-19 at Agronomy Research Farm, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture & Technology, Narendra Nagar, (Kumarganj) Ayodhya. The treatment combinations comprised of four moisture regime viz. 7cm irrigation given at 1 DADPW, 7cm irrigation given at 4 DADPW, 7cm irrigation given at 7 DADPW and conventional irrigation and five integrated nutrients management viz. 100% RDF of NPK (150:75:60 kg/ha) through inorganic fertilizer, 75% NPK + 25% N through biocompost, 50% NPK + 50% N through biocompost, 75% NPK + 25% N through FYM, 50% NPK + 50% N through FYM were executed in split plot design with three replications. The soil of the experimental field was silt loam in texture with low in organic carbon (0.30-0.31%), available nitrogen (185.0-189.0 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and phosphorus (16.0-16.2 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and high in available potassium (282-284 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>). The hybrid rice (Arize 6444) was transplanted on 8<sup>th</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and 2018 and harvested on 10<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> November of 2017 and 2018 during first and second years of experimentation, respectively. The observations on growth and growth attributed at harvest stages of crop growth, yield and water use efficiency were taken after harvest of crop.

## Results and discussion

### Effect of moisture regime

Significantly maximum number of shoots per running meter, plant height, leaf area index and dry matter accumulation of hybrid rice was recorded with 7 cm irrigation given at 1DADPW, which was significantly superior over 4 and 7 DADPW (Table 1). The growth attributes of hybrid rice might be highest due to maintenance of adequate water supply, which emphasized the rapid growth, good establishment of roots and different metabolic processes resulting higher nutrient metabolism and uptake through appropriate water supply contributed to rapid cell elongation, which resulted maximum plant height under the treatments. Minimum growth attributes of hybrid rice was recorded with 7 cm irrigation given at 7 DADPW due to poor growth caused by moisture deficit conditions. The increase in growth and growth attributes of hybrid rice due to increase in moisture availability have also been reported by several workers (Kumari, 2012; Shekara *et al.*, 2011) [4, 10].

Significantly higher grain and straw yields of hybrid rice were recorded with 7 cm irrigation given at 1DADPW as compared to 7 cm irrigation given at 4 DADPW, conventional irrigation and 7 cm irrigation given at 7 DADPW, this might be due to adequate moisture availability, which contribute to better growth parameter and yield attributes (Table 2). However, lowest grain and straw yields were recorded with 7 cm irrigation given at 7 DADPW which might be due to moisture deficit experienced by the crop. The lowest grain and straw yield was obtained with the decrease in irrigation frequency. This might be due to poor growth of plants, high weed infestation and also the water stress limits the supply of photosynthates resulting the poor yield attributes. The results confirm the findings of Maheshwari *et al.* (2008) and Shekhara *et al.* (2010) [6, 9].

Highest harvest index (46.27%) of hybrid rice was recorded with 7cm irrigation given at 1 days after disappearance of ponded water followed by 7 cm irrigation given at 4 day after disappearance of ponded water (46.17%), conventional irrigation (45.69%) and 7 cm irrigation given at 7 day after disappearance of ponded water (45.22%). The increase in harvest index of hybrid rice with increase in irrigation might be due to increase in grain and straw yield. Similar results have also been reported by Kumar *et al.* (2000) and Shekara *et al.* (2010) [2, 9].

The water use efficiency shown in Table 2 clearly indicatedes that the maximum water use efficiency (77.15 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) was computed with 7 cm irrigation given at 4 days after disappearance of ponded water followed by 7 cm irrigation given at 7 day after disappearance of ponded water (73.57 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and 7 cm irrigation given at 1 days after disappearance of ponded water (62.12 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>). The minimum water use efficiency (49.99 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) of hybrid rice was recorded with conventional irrigation method. The lower water use efficiency with high irrigation regime might be due to consumption of more quantity of water. Similar results was also corroborated with the findings of Nayak *et al.* (2016) [8].

### Effect of integrated nutrients management

Significantly higher number of shoots per running meter, plant height, leaf area index and drymatter accumulation of hybrid rice was produced in case of integrated nutrients

management with the application of 75% NPK + 25% N through biocompost as compared to rest of the integrated nutrients management treatments (Table 1). This might be due to adequate integrated nutrients management increased plant height, produced more number of shoots and leaf area index. Application of 75% NPK + 25% through FYM also produced significantly more number of shoots per running meter, plant height, leaf area index and drymatter accumulation of hybrid rice as compared to 50% NPK + 50% N either through biocompost or FYM. Growth attributes was increased mainly due to adequate nutrient supply to the plants resulting rapid growth by bigger establishment of roots and various metabolic process which enhanced the mobilization of synthesized carbohydrate into amino acids and proteins which stimulated the rapid cell division and cell elongation and there by faster plants growth. The lowest growth attributes was recorded with 50% NPK through inorganic fertilizers + 50% N through FYM at all growth stages due to nutrient deficit condition caused poor growth and nutrient mobilization. These results are in close accordance of those obtained by Ali *et al.* (2017) and Singh *et al.* (2018) [1, 11].

Grain and straw yield were affected significantly due to various integrated nutrients management. Significantly higher grain (73.25 q ha<sup>-1</sup>) and straw (84.90 q ha<sup>-1</sup>) yield of hybrid rice was obtained with the application of 75% NPK + 25% N through biocompost as compared to rest of treatments (Table 2). Higher grain and straw yield under this treatment of integrated nutrients management was due to sufficient integrated nutrients availability to the plants which contributed to increased dry matter production. The better vegetative growth coupled with higher yield attributes resulted in higher grain and straw of rice. Lowest grain (63.06 q ha<sup>-1</sup>) and straw (75.06 q ha<sup>-1</sup>) yield were recorded with the application of 50% NPK + 50% N through FYM this was due to poor growth metabolic process and lesser number of grains per panicle. The increase in grain and straw yield due to integrated nutrients management have also been reported by Kumar *et al.* (2013) and Singh *et al.* (2015) [3, 12].

Highest harvest index (46.59%) of hybrid rice was obtained with the application of 75% NPK + 25% N through biocompost followed by 75% NPK + 25% N through FYM (46.56%), 100% RDF of NPK (100:75:60 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) through inorganic fertilizer (46.53%), 50% NPK + 50% N through biocompost (45.79%) and 50% NPK + 50% N through FYM (45.66%) It might be due to proportionately increased grains yield over straw by and large these poor harvest index is indicated the fact that most of the energy of the plant is retained in vegetative parts and less translocated to fruiting organs. The significant enhancement in harvest index of rice with the application of organic and inorganic sources of plant nutrients was also observed by Manjunath *et al.* (2016) and Naorem *et al.* (2018) [7, 5].

Maximum water use efficiency (69.53kg ha<sup>-1</sup> cm) was obtained with the application of 75% NPK + 25% N through biocompost followed by 75% NPK +25% N through FYM (65.52 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> cm), 100% RDF of NPK (100:75:60 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) through inorganic fertilizers (64.36 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> cm), 50% NPK + 50% N through biocompost (61.11 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> cm) and 50% NPK + 50% N through FYM (59.86 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> cm). The similar results were also reported by the scientists in their studies.

**Table 1:** Growth and growth attributes of hybrid rice as affected by different moisture regime and integrated nutrients management (pooled of 2 years)

Treatments	Plant height (cm)	Number of shoots per running meter	Leaf area index	Dry matter accumulation (g hill <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>Moisture regime</b>				
7cm irrigation given at 1 DADPW	119.42	141.06	5.00	22.68
7cm irrigation given at 4 DADPW	111.96	116.91	4.12	18.67
7cm irrigation given at 7 DADPW	103.40	106.03	3.71	16.18
Conventional irrigation	105.29	109.40	3.74	16.59
SEm±	2.02	2.52	0.08	0.30
CD at 5%	4.96	6.18	0.19	0.73
<b>Integrated nutrients management</b>				
100% RDF of NPK(150:75:60 Kg/ ha) through inorganic fertilizers	110.49	119.89	4.10	18.11
75% NPK + 25% N through Biocompost	119.96	134.07	4.55	21.57
50% NPK + 50% N through Biocompost	106.81	112.52	3.96	17.42
75% NPK + 25% N through FYM	112.58	122.37	4.22	18.80
50% NPK + 50% N through FYM	104.22	105.40	3.65	16.73
SEm±	2.32	2.49	0.09	0.40
CD at 5%	6.69	7.20	0.25	1.17

**Table 2:** Grain and straw yield and harvest index of hybrid rice as affected by different moisture regime and integrated nutrients management (pooled of 2 years)

Treatments	Grain yield (qha <sup>-1</sup> )	Straw yield (qha <sup>-1</sup> )	Harvest index (%)	WUE kg ha <sup>-1</sup> cm
<b>Moisture regime</b>				
7cm irrigation given at 1 DADPW	73.05	84.90	46.27	62.12
7cm irrigation given at 4 DADPW	69.12	80.58	46.17	77.15
7cm irrigation given at 7 DADPW	60.76	73.62	45.22	73.57
Conventional irrigation	65.78	78.20	45.69	49.99
SEm±	1.30	1.56	-	-
CD at 5%	3.19	4.18	-	-
<b>Integrated nutrients management</b>				
100% RDF of NPK(150:75:60 Kg/ ha) through inorganic fertilizers	67.80	77.92	46.53	64.36
75% NPK + 25% N through Biocompost	73.25	83.99	46.59	69.53
50% NPK + 50% N through Biocompost	64.38	76.21	45.79	61.11
75% NPK + 25% N through FYM	69.02	79.22	46.56	65.52
50% NPK + 50% N through FYM	63.06	75.06	45.66	59.86
SEm±	1.40	1.63	-	-
CD at 5%	4.02	4.72	-	-

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