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Comparison of the performance of Dolichos Bean (*Lablab purpureus* L.) under open field and Shadenet circumstances with varied sowing dates, growth regulators, and their interactions on yield

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Abstract

Currently being conducted is a study with the “Comparison of the performance of Dolichos Bean (*Lablab purpureus* L.) under open field and shadenet circumstances with varied sowing dates, growth regulators, and their interactions on yield” was carried out during summer at Horticultural Research Station, Ambajipeta, East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. The experiment included a Factorial Randomized Block Design (FRBD) with 36 possible treatment combinations, each replicated three times in an open field and beneath a shade net. Using four different varieties-Arka Jay, Arka Amog, Arka Sambhram, and Arka Sowmya and three different planting dates-December 15th, January 1st, and January 15th-the experiment was conducted. Foliar sprays of growth regulators-NAA 25 ppm, Triacantanol 2 ppm, and control-were applied to the plants. The yield and quality metrics were collected, and the data were statistically evaluated using ANOVA. In an open field and under a shade net, Arka Sowmya (V4) recorded the significantly greatest leaf area per plant (1065.9 cm² and 770.02 cm², respectively). In open field and under shade net, the January 1st planting recorded leaf areas of 1028.3 cm² and 870.1 cm², respectively, whereas Triacantanol 2 ppm recorded leaf areas of 1077.0 cm² and 911.0 cm², respectively, in open field and under shade net. When sowed on January 1st and the plants were sprayed with Triacantanol 2 ppm (V4S2G2) in open field and under shade net (262.12 q and 163.27 q, respectively), Arka Sowmya recorded the highest pod production per ha. Being a crop that prefers light, the field bean responded well in open field as opposed to shade net, producing greater leaf area and pod yield per hectare.

Keywords: Sowing dates, dolichos bean, growth regulators, pod yield, triacantanol

Introduction

In India, lablab is a field crop that is mostly grown in the peninsular region and is extensively grown in the neighboring districts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra as well as in Karnataka. Karnataka makes a significant contribution, making up about 90% of the nation's area and production. Field bean often grows during the Kharif and Rabi seasons. Once February month has passed, the beans are no longer available in Andhra Pradesh. Beans can be grown in the summer, which is out of season, and will be available to consumers all year long. Farmers will also be able to sell their produce for more money. The best sowing time among agronomic methods is regarded as a significant non-cash input that significantly improves yield and quality. The majority of vegetable crops' productivity is influenced by the current environmental circumstances to which different phenological stages of the crop are exposed. The crop's growth, flowering, and yield may be impacted by the spaced-out planting dates. By adjusting the hormonal levels in various plant organs at different growth stages of the plant's life cycle, plant growth regulators—which can be either natural or synthetic—modify either developmental or morphological structure or both in order to improve yield and quality. There is a lack of information regarding field bean performance in open fields and under shade nets, ideal planting dates, and growth regulators. Therefore, the goal of the current study is to identify the best field bean varieties for coastal Andhra Pradesh that may be grown in open fields and under shade nets during the off-season.

Materials and Methods

The study "Comparison of the performance of Dolichos Bean (*Lablab purpureus* L.) under open field and shadenet circumstances with varied sowing dates, growth regulators, and their interactions on yield " was conducted in the summer at Horticultural Research Station, Ambajipeta, East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh, which is located at 16.40 N latitude and 81.50 E longitudes at an altitude of 34 m above mean sea level. The annual rainfall total at the test site is 1186 mm. The irrigation water's pH was 7.3 and its EC was 0.7 dSm⁻¹. The experiment used a Factorial Randomized Block Design (FRBD) with 36 possible treatment combinations, each reproduced three times in an open field and beneath a shade net. The experiment used four different varieties: Arka Jay (V1), Arka Amog (V2), Arka Sambhram (V3), and Arka Sowmya (V4), with three different sowing dates: December 15 (S1), January 1 (S2), and January 15 (S3), as well as foliar sprays of growth regulators: NAA 25 ppm (G1), Triacantanol 2 ppm (G2), and control (G3). The application of growth regulators occurred at 30 and 60 DAS. The test area was completely tilled and made into a beautiful tilth. Before the last ploughing, the recommended FYM dose and the basal dose of fertilizers were mixed into the soil. Urea, single super phosphate, and muriate of potash were used to apply the necessary doses of N, P, and K (20:60:50 kg per ha), respectively. The application of nitrogen was done in two parts; the first half, or 10 kg, was used as a base dose, and the second half, or 10 kg, was used as a top dressing at 30 days after sowing. At the time of sowing, the complete phosphorus and potash dose was administered as the basal dose. On five plants that were tagged, several observations on growth and yield metrics were made. The yield and quality metrics were recorded over the course of two years, and the pooled results were statistically analyzed using ANOVA.

Results and Discussion

In Table 1, information on the effects of plant varieties, sowing dates, growth regulators, and their interactions on leaf area in open fields and shade nets is provided. In an open field, Arka Jay (V1) had the lowest leaf area (910.2 cm²) and Arka Sowmya (V4) had the maximum leaf area per plant (1065.9 cm² after harvest). At harvest, the leaf's surface area shrank. It may be linked to senescence and leaf shedding in all kinds at all planting dates, whether or not growth regulator spray was used.

With reference to the amount of leaf area per plant, there were noticeable variances between the planting dates. Significantly, the January 1st sowing (S1) produced the maximum leaf area per plant (1028.3 cm² at harvest), whereas the January 15th sowing (S3) produced the lowest leaf area per plant (975.7 cm²) at harvest. When compared to other sowing dates, field bean planting on January 1st recorded the highest leaf area per plant. This may be because favorable climatic conditions, such as the temperature, day length, and light intensity, were present at the time. Abido and Seadh (2014) [1] found comparable outcomes in the dolichos bean.

The influence of growth regulators on leaf area per plant was also significant. Significantly the/highest leaf area (1077.0 cm² at harvest) was recorded with Triacantanol 2 PPM whereas, lowest leaf area (933.0 cm² at harvest respectively) was recorded in control. The increase in leaf area due to Triacantanol foliar spray may be attributed to an increase in meristematic activity of leaf primordia. The interaction

between varieties and sowing dates was found significant with respect to leaf area per plant at all dates of observations recorded. Significantly the highest leaf area per plant (1113.8 cm² at harvest) was recorded by Arka Sowmya with January 15th sowing (V₄S₃) whereas, the lowest leaf area per plant (854.4 cm² at harvest respectively) was recorded by Arka Jay sown on December 15th (V₁S₁). Significant interaction was observed between varieties and growth regulators with respect to leaf area per plant at all dates of observations recorded. Significantly the highest leaf area per plant (1142.6 cm² at harvest respectively) was observed by Arka Sowmya sprayed with Triacantanol @ 2ppm (V₄G₂) whereas, lowest leaf area (779.5 cm² at harvest respectively) was observed by Arka Jay without growth regulator spray (V₁G₃). Among SxG interactions, no significant differences for leaf area at harvest. Among VxSxG interactions, significant differences for leaf area was observed at harvest.

The data pertaining to the effect of varieties, dates of sowing, growth regulators and their interactions on leaf area of field bean under shade net are presented in Table 1. The data was found significant with regard to leaf area per plant with different varieties, dates of sowing and growth regulators and their interactions. Significantly the highest leaf area per plant (901.9 cm² at harvest) was observed by Arka Sowmya (V₄), whereas the lowest leaf area per plant (770.02 cm² at harvest) was observed with Arka Jay (V₁). Leaf area was significantly increased due to greater assimilation of food material by the plant which resulted in greater meristematic activities of cells. Similar results have been reported by Esakkiammal *et al.* (2015) [5] in dolichos bean and Prakash *et al.* (2015) [12] in French bean.

Dates of sowing had a considerable impact on leaf area. Significantly, the January 1st sowing (S2) yielded the maximum leaf area per plant (870.1 cm²), while the January 15th planting (S3) produced the lowest leaf area per plant (825.6 cm²) at harvest. The favorable environmental circumstances at this time of year, such as the temperature, length of the days, and light intensity, may have contributed to the large growth in leaf area following sowing on January 1. Growth regulators had a considerable impact on leaf surface area. With Triacantanol 2 ppm, the leaf area per plant was significantly higher (911.0 cm² at harvest), whereas the control had the lowest leaf area (790.0 cm² at harvest). The increased photosynthetic activity and effective assimilation of photosynthetic products may be the cause of the increase in leaf area per plant with Triacantanol foliar spray. At 30, 60, 90 DAS, and at harvest, substantial changes in leaf area were seen among VxS interactions. Significantly, Arka Sowmya, seeded on January 15 (V₄S₃), had the maximum leaf area per plant (1199.5 cm² at 30, 60, and 90 DAS, respectively), while Arka Jay, sown on December 15 (V₁S₁), had the lowest leaf area (723.0 cm² at harvest, respectively). When sown on January 1st (V₂S₂), ArkaAmog had the largest leaf area per plant at harvest (934.2 cm²), while when sown on January 15th (V₁S₃), Arka Jay recorded the lowest leaf area per plant at 90 DAS (829.30 cm²). At harvest, there were noticeable changes in leaf area among VxG interactions. Significant variations in leaf area were seen among VxSxG interactions during harvest.

In Table 2, the findings on the pod yield per hectare of field beans as influenced by planting dates, varieties, and growth regulators in open fields are shown. For pod yield per hectare, there were notable variances amongst the types. The

maximum pod yield per ha was notably obtained by Arka Sowmya (V4), followed by Arka Sambhram (V3) (184.78 q). Arka Jay (V1) had the lowest pod production per hectare (144.66 q). The findings of the current study, which indicated a higher number of branches and more leaf area and, consequently, a higher number of pods (78.03), may be attributed to the increase in pod yield per hectare. Additionally, the genetic makeup of the cultivar affects yield. The results are consistent with those of studies on the dolichos bean conducted by Pan *et al.* (2004) [9], Patel *et al.* (2011) [10], Ravinaik *et al.* (2012) [16], Sharma *et al.* (2014) [17], and Prakash *et al.* (2015) [12].

The dates of sowing had a big impact on the amount of pods produced per hectare. Crops sown on January 1st (S2) and January 15th (S3) had significantly higher pod yields per hectare (204.43 q and 173.69 q, respectively). The lowest pod yield per hectare (152.30 q) was obtained for the crop seeded on December 15 (S1). Growth regulator spraying significantly affected the pod production per hectare. The maximum pod yield per hectare was reported by Triacantanol 2 ppm as a foliar spray (G2), followed by NAA 25 ppm (G1) (176.66 q). The control (G3) group had the lowest pod yield per hectare (163.66 q). Triacantanol may have a good effect on plant output because it affects the carbon cycle in plants, leading to increased CO₂ fixation and more effective CO₂ translocation to the sink. (Menon and Srivastava 1984) [7]. On the pod yield per hectare, the interaction between cultivars and sowing dates was highly significant. When sown on January 1st (V4S2), Arka Sowmya had the highest pod yield per ha (227.36 q), followed by Arka Sambhram (217.14 q) with the same sowing date (V3S2). The crop Arka Jay, which was seeded on December 15 (V1S1), had the lowest yield per hectare (131.53 q). The interactions between growth regulators and planting dates and types did not significantly affect the amount of pods produced per hectare. When sown on January 1 and the plants were sprayed with Triacantanol 2 ppm (V4S2G2), Arka Sowmya recorded the highest pod production per ha (262.12 q), followed by the same variety when sown on January 15 and the plants were sprayed with Triacantanol 2 ppm (V4S3G2) (237.94 q). The crop Arka Jay had the lowest yield per hectare (112.26 q) on December 15 when it was grown without growth regulator spray (V1S1G3). In Table 2, the effects of cultivars, planting dates, and growth regulators on the pod production per hectare of field beans grown under shade net are shown. For pod yield per hectare, there were notable variances amongst the types. The

maximum pod production per hectare was substantially obtained by Arka Sowmya (V4) at 132.06 q, while Arka Jay (V1) had the lowest pod yield at 96.02 q. More branches, larger leaves, and more pods could be the cause of the rising output. These traits depend on the genetic traits of the variety and favor the plant's greatest conversion into yield. The results are consistent with those reported for chillies grown under shade net by Vethamoni and Natarajan (2008) [18], broccoli produced under shade net by Nooprom *et al.* (2013) [8], and cauliflower grown under shade net by Ranjith *et al.* (2013) [14].

Due to different sowing dates, the results on pod production per hectare varied dramatically. The crop sown on December 15th (S1) recorded the lowest pod yield per hectare (107.67 q), whereas the crop sown on January 1st (S2) recorded the significantly greatest pod yield per hectare (129.26 q). When grown under shade net circumstances, Bibi *et al.* (2012) [2], Guha *et al.* (2013) [6], and Ranjit *et al.* (2015) [15] reported that sowing dates had an impact on the number of pods produced per hectare of tomato, coriander, and French bean, respectively.

Growth regulators caused a considerable difference in the pod yield per hectare values. The largest pod production per hectare was observed by Triacantanol 2 ppm (G2) (125.72 q), followed by NAA 25 ppm spray (G1) (115.97 q). The control (G3) group had the lowest pod yield per hectare (103.48 q). Triacantanol may have a good effect on plant output because it affects the plant's carbon cycle, increasing CO₂ fixation and improving CO₂ translocation (Menon and Srivastava, 1984) [7]. Prateek *et al.* (2017) [13] reported that under shade net cultivated capsicum, NAA increased yield.

The pod yield per ha differed considerably in the interaction of VxS. The maximum pod yield per ha (153.52 q) was achieved by ArkaSowmya, which was sown on January 1st (V4S2), and the lowest yield per ha (91.05 q) was recorded by Arka Jay, which was sown on January 1st (V1S2). For pod yield per hectare, the relationship between cultivars and growth regulators as well as sowing dates and growth regulators was not significant. Pod yield per hectare was greatly impacted by VxSxG interactions. The maximum pod yield per ha was recorded by Arka Sowmya, sown on January 1st, sprayed with Triacantanol 2 ppm foliar spray (V4S2G2), which was comparable to Arka Sowmya, sown on January 1st, sprayed with NAA 25 ppm (V4S2G1) (154.86 q), and Arka Jay, sown on January 1st, without growth regulator.

Table 1: Performance of field bean varieties with different dates of sowing, growth regulators and their interaction on leaf area in open field and under Shadenet

Varieties (V)	Leaf area per plant(cm2)in open field				Leaf Area per plant(cm2)at harvest under shadenet				
	Dates of sowing (S)				Dates of sowing (S)				
	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃	Mean	Varieties (V)	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃	Mean
V ₁	854.4	1013.4	862.9	910.2	V ₁	723.0	857.5	730.20	770.02
V ₂	1055.2	1104.1	1016.7	1058.7	V ₂	892.80	934.20	860.30	895.8
V ₃	1068.6	995.9	909.3	991.3	V ₃	904.20	842.70	769.40	838.0
V ₄	1083.9	999.9	1113.8	1065.9	V ₄	917.20	846.10	942.50	901.9
Mean	1015.5	1028.3	975.7	--	Mean	859.30	870.10	825.60	--
Varieties (V)	Growth Regulators (G)				Varieties (V)	Growth Regulators (G)			
	G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean
	V ₁	940.2	1011.0	779.5		910.2	V ₁	795.60	855.50
V ₂	1066.7	1102.7	1006.5	1058.7	V ₂	902.60	933.10	851.70	895.8
V ₃	983.0	1049.9	940.9	991.3	V ₃	831.80	888.40	796.50	838.0
V ₄	1049.5	1142.6	1005.5	1065.9	V ₄	888.10	966.80	850.80	901.9
Mean	1010.0	1077.0	933.0	--	Mean	855.0	911.0	790.0	--

Dates of sowing(S)	Growth Regulators (G)				Dates of sowing (S)	Growth Regulators (G)					
	G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		
S ₁	1013.0	1083.0	951.0	1015.5	S ₁	857.0	916.0	805.0	859.30		
S ₂	1024.0	1106.0	955.0	1028.3	S ₂	867.0	936.0	808.0	870.10		
S ₃	992.0	1041.0	893.0	975.7	S ₃	840.0	881.0	756.0	825.60		
Mean	1010.0	1077.0	933.0	--	Mean	855.0	911.0	790.0	-		
Interaction (VxSxG)	Growth Regulators (G)				Interaction (VxSxG)	Growth Regulators (G)					
	G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		
V ₁	S ₁	881.29	971.16	710.85	--	V ₁	S ₁	745.71	821.75	601.49	--
	S ₂	1060.74	1121.39	858.04	--		S ₂	897.55	948.87	726.03	---
	S ₃	878.65	940.53	769.55	--		S ₃	743.47	795.83	651.15	--
V ₂	S ₁	1056.52	1076.97	1032.01	--	V ₂	S ₁	893.98	911.29	873.24	--
	S ₂	1099.93	1132.27	1080.07	--		S ₂	930.71	958.07	913.90	--
	S ₃	1043.72	1098.99	907.41	--		S ₃	883.15	929.91	767.81	--
V ₃	S ₁	1034.88	1051.63	1019.15	--	V ₃	S ₁	875.67	974.45	862.35	--
	S ₂	982.5	1021.81	983.30	--		S ₂	831.34	864.61	832.02	--
	S ₃	931.72	976.20	820.10	--		S ₃	788.36	826.01	693.93	--
V ₄	S ₁	1078.16	1131.74	1041.86	--	V ₄	S ₁	912.29	957.62	881.57	--
	S ₂	954.52	1147.38	897.83	--		S ₂	807.67	970.86	759.70	--
	S ₃	1115.90	1148.71	1076.92	--		S ₃	944.22	971.98	911.24	--
Source	S.Em ±			C.D at 5%	S.Em ±			C.D at 5%			
V	10.49			29.28	8.95			24.99			
S	9.08			25.36	7.75			21.64			
G	9.08			25.36	7.75			21.64			
VxS	18.17			50.72	15.51			43.29			
VxG	18.17			50.72	15.51			43.29			
SxG	15.74			NS	13.43			NS			
VxSxG	31.48			87.86	26.86			74.99			

Varieties (V) **Dates of sowing (S)** **Growth Regulators (G)**
V₁ - Arka Jay S₁ - December 15th G₁ - NAA 25 ppm
V₂ - ArkaAmog S₂ - January 1st G₂ - Triacantanol 2 ppm
V₃ - ArkaSambhram S₃ - January 15th G₃ - Control
V₄ - ArkaSowmya

Table 2: Performance of field bean varieties with different dates of sowing, growth regulators and their interaction on green pod yield per hectare in open field and under shadenet

Varieties (V)	Pod yield (q/ ha) in open field				Pod yield (q/ ha) under shadenet						
	Dates of sowing (S)				Dates of sowing (S)						
	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃	Mean	Varieties (V)	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃	Mean		
V ₁	131.53	169.90	132.53	144.66	V ₁	98.07	91.05	98.92	96.02		
V ₂	155.04	203.34	182.94	180.44	V ₂	103.37	134.77	97.22	111.79		
V ₃	169.18	217.14	168.02	184.78	V ₃	109.75	137.69	113.62	120.36		
V ₄	153.46	227.36	211.25	197.36	V ₄	119.49	153.52	123.19	132.06		
Mean	152.30	204.43	173.69		Mean	107.67	129.26	108.54	--		
Varieties (V)	Growth Regulators (G)				Varieties (V)	Growth Regulators (G)					
	G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		
V ₁	145.43	158.12	130.42	144.66	V ₁	94.12	106.00	87.93	96.02		
V ₂	181.68	191.57	168.06	180.44	V ₂	112.45	116.99	105.92	111.79		
V ₃	186.77	189.36	178.21	184.78	V ₃	117.56	134.55	108.96	120.36		
V ₄	192.77	221.34	177.96	197.36	V ₄	139.74	145.34	111.10	132.06		
Mean	176.66	190.10	163.66		Mean	115.97	125.72	103.48			
Dates of sowing(S)	Growth Regulators (G)				Dates of sowing (S)	Growth Regulators (G)					
	G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		
S ₁	151.22	164.33	141.35	152.30	S ₁	108.24	118.67	96.10	107.67		
S ₂	204.52	216.78	192.01	204.43	S ₂	129.02	139.08	119.68	129.26		
S ₃	174.24	189.19	157.62	173.69	S ₃	110.65	119.42	94.65	108.54		
Mean	176.66	190.10	163.66	--	Mean	115.97	125.72	103.48	--		
Interaction (VxSxG)	Growth Regulators (G)				Interaction (VxSxG)	Growth Regulators (G)					
	G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	Mean		
V ₁	S ₁	128.35	153.99	112.26	--	V ₁	S ₁	92.92	112.16	89.15	--
	S ₂	168.87	174.17	166.66	--		S ₂	93.06	100.25	79.85	--
	S ₃	139.06	146.20	112.34	--		S ₃	96.39	105.58	94.78	--
V ₂	S ₁	154.80	166.31	143.99	--	V ₂	S ₁	103.91	103.93	102.28	--
	S ₂	207.83	209.41	192.77	--		S ₂	131.80	141.50	131.02	--
	S ₃	182.41	198.98	167.41	--		S ₃	101.66	105.55	84.47	--
V ₃	S ₁	170.74	173.06	163.74	--	V ₃	S ₁	107.18	121.30	100.78	--

V ₄	S ₂	226.46	221.40	203.55	--	V ₄	S ₂	136.38	151.28	125.43	--
	S ₃	163.11	173.63	167.32	--		S ₃	109.14	131.06	100.66	--
	S ₁	151.00	163.97	145.41	--		S ₁	128.96	137.30	92.20	--
	S ₂	214.90	262.12	205.06	--		S ₂	154.86	163.27	142.42	--
	S ₃	212.40	237.94	183.41	--		S ₃	135.41	135.47	98.68	--
Source	S.Em ±			C.D at 5%		S.Em ±			C.D at 5%		
V	2.45			6.83		2.09			5.84		
S	2.12			5.92		1.81			5.05		
G	2.12			5.92		1.81			5.05		
VxS	4.24			11.84		3.62			10.11		
VxG	4.24			NS		3.62			NS		
SxG	3.67			NS		3.13			NS		
VxSxG	7.35			20.51		6.27			17.52		

Varieties (V)	Dates of sowing (S)	Growth Regulators (G)
V ₁ - Arka Jay	S ₁ - December 15 th	G ₁ - NAA 25 ppm
V ₂ - Arka Amog	S ₂ - January 1 st	G ₂ - Triacantanol 2 ppm
V ₃ - Arka Sambhram	S ₃ - January 15 th	G ₃ - Control
V ₄ - Arka Sowmya		

Conclusion

Arka Sowmya (V₄) recorded the significantly greatest leaf area per plant (1065.9 cm² and 770.02 cm², respectively). In open field and under shade net, the January 1st planting recorded leaf areas of 1028.3 cm² and 870.1 cm², respectively, whereas Triacantanol 2 ppm recorded leaf areas of 1077.0 cm² and 911.0 cm², respectively, in open field and under shade net. When sowed on January 1st and the plants were sprayed with Triacantanol 2 ppm (V₄S₂G₂) in open field and under shade net (262.12 q and 163.27 q, respectively), Arka Sowmya recorded the highest pod production per ha. Being a crop that prefers light, the field bean responded well in open field as opposed to shade net, producing greater leaf area and pod yield per hectare.

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