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# Studies on phenology, oil and protein yield along with carbon sequestration of oilseed *Brassicas* under irrigated conditions

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## ABSTRACT

Due to population increase, the oil requirements have gone up in India and to meet the domestic requirements each year we are importing 8.43 million tones edible oil from other countries paying huge foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 46,242 crores. The average productivity of the crops is only 750 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> in eastern Uttar Pradesh compared to national average of 1145 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and global average of 1950 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. The highest productivity of the crop is however recorded by UK (3,322 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>). In the main plots six combinations of N, P, K and S (F<sub>1</sub>-N<sub>40</sub>P<sub>20</sub>K<sub>20</sub>S<sub>0</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>40</sub>P<sub>20</sub>K<sub>20</sub>S<sub>40</sub>, F<sub>3</sub>-N<sub>80</sub>P<sub>40</sub>K<sub>40</sub>S<sub>0</sub>, F<sub>4</sub>-N<sub>80</sub>P<sub>40</sub>K<sub>40</sub>S<sub>40</sub>, F<sub>5</sub>-N<sub>120</sub>P<sub>60</sub>K<sub>60</sub>S<sub>0</sub> and F<sub>6</sub>-N<sub>120</sub>P<sub>60</sub>K<sub>60</sub>S<sub>40</sub>) were taken and in sub plots four brassica species (*B. Juncea* var Pusa Jaikissan, *B. napus* var Hyola-401, *B. Carinata* var Kiran Rai and *B. campestris* var YST-151) were grown. Among various brassica species, Kiran Rai (*Brassica carinata*) produced a seed yield of 18.90 q ha<sup>-1</sup> with the treatment N<sub>120</sub>P<sub>60</sub>K<sub>60</sub>S<sub>40</sub> and at the same nutrient levels Pusa Jaikissan (*Brassica juncea*) produced a seed yield of 16.56 q ha<sup>-1</sup> after harvest of kharif rice.

**Key words :** Oil and protein yield, carbon sequestration, oilseed *Brassicas*.

## INTRODUCTION

Due to population increase, the oil requirements have gone up in India and to meet the domestic requirements each year we are importing 8.43 million tones edible oil from other countries paying huge foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 46,242 crores (Anonymous, 2012). Rapeseed mustard groups or oil seed *Brassicas* are one of the important oil seed crops of India, occupying a cultivated area of 5.92 million hectares with a total production of 6.78 million tons (Anonymous, 2012). The average productivity of the crops is only 750kg ha<sup>-1</sup> in eastern Uttar Pradesh compared to national figure of 1,145 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and global average of 1,950 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. The highest productivity of the crop is however recorded by UK (3322 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>). Hence, there is a scope to enhance the production and productivity by identifying suitable genotypes with required agro techniques. An attempts was made to evaluate four *Brassica* species for getting higher oil yield with

optimum application of the major nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulphur and irrigation with scientific plant protection measures. If the production and productivity of rape seed mustard is increased, it would definitely reduce the import bill.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experiment was conducted in the research farm of Institute of Agricultural sciences, BHU, Varanasi (25° 18' N latitude, 83° 03' E longitude and an altitude of 75.7 meter above mean sea level) for two consecutive years under split plot design with three replications. The soil of the experimental site was sandy clay loam with 7.4 pH and 0.38% organic carbon. The available N, P, K and S were 208.7, 15.8, 177.3 and 18.82 kg of N, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O and S per hectare, respectively. The main plot treatments comprised of six combinations of N, P, K and S (F<sub>1</sub>-N<sub>40</sub>P<sub>20</sub>K<sub>20</sub>S<sub>0</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>40</sub>P<sub>20</sub>K<sub>20</sub>S<sub>40</sub>, F<sub>3</sub>-N<sub>80</sub>P<sub>40</sub>K<sub>40</sub>S<sub>0</sub>,

F<sub>4</sub>-N<sub>80</sub>P<sub>40</sub>K<sub>40</sub>S<sub>40</sub>, F<sub>5</sub>-N<sub>120</sub>P<sub>60</sub>K<sub>60</sub>S<sub>0</sub> and F<sub>6</sub>-N<sub>120</sub>P<sub>60</sub>K<sub>60</sub>S<sub>40</sub> and in sub plots four brassica species (*B. Juncea* var Pusa Jaikissan, *B. napus* var Hyola-401, *B. Carinata* var Kiran Rai and *B. campestris* var YST-151) were assigned. The row to row and plant to plant spacing was kept as 45 cm and 15 cm, respectively. Recommended agro techniques were followed under irrigated condition to access the yield and other parameters. All chemical analysis was done following standard procedure (Jackson, 1973). The statistical analysis was done as per scientific procedure (Gomez and Gomez, 1984). Following formulas were used for calculating various parameters under study.

### Growing degree days (GDD)

Growing degree days, also called as heat units, effective heat units or growth units indicates relationship of plant growth, development and maturity to air temperature is calculated using following equation.

$$GDD = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{T_i + t_i}{2} - T_b \right)$$

Where  $T_i$  and  $t_i$  are the maximum and minimum air temperature in degree Celsius (°C) on  $i^{th}$  day and  $T_b$  is the base temperature or threshold temperature (Chakraborty *et al.*, 1994). 5 °C is used as base temperature for computing growing degree days of mustard (Niwas *et al.*, 1990 and Singh *et al.*, 1995).

### Photo-thermal units (PTU)

It was computed as per the following formulae:

$$PTU = \sum_{i=1}^n GDD \times BSH$$

where BSH = Bright sunshine hours (hours/day)

Oil yield(q/ha) = Seed yield(q/ha) X oil content(%)

Protein yield (q/ha) = Seed yield (q/ha) × protein content (%)

Above ground carbon storage (AGCS-ton/ha) = Stover yield (t/ha) × 0.5 (Anon.,2001)

CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration by the stover (ton/ha) = AGCS X 3.67 (Anon., 2003)

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Growing degree days required for attaining 50% flowering and physiological maturity as affected by various treatments are presented in table1. Scrutiny of the data revealed that GDD requirement increased significantly with progressive increase in rate of NPK from N<sub>40</sub>P<sub>20</sub>K<sub>20</sub> to N<sub>120</sub>P<sub>60</sub>K<sub>60</sub> for attaining 50% flowering and physiological maturity and sulphur application reduced it slightly. Early acquisition GDD may result in early occurrence of 50% flowering in the first year. Delayed sowing exposed to lower temperature and hence increased GDD requirement in second year. Brassica species differed considerably among themselves with respect to occurrence of 50% flowering and physiological maturity mainly due to variation in GDD requirements (Singh *et al.*, 1995). PTU requirement for 50% flowering and physiological maturity increased with increase in doses of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium and sulphur application reduced it in both the years. Availability of higher quantity of major nutrient like NPK might have triggered growth better by supporting higher photosynthesis for longer duration and hence recorded higher values. During winter season little delayed sowing in second year registered relatively lower PTU both at 50% flowering and physiological maturity due to lower sunshine duration. Brassica species exhibited differential behavior due to genetic nature of the individual. Individual figures can be seen from the table. Interaction effect of different experimental variables proved ineffective during both the years.

Seed, oil and protein yield along with above ground carbon sequestration as influenced by various treatments are presented in Table 2. In general, seed, oil and protein yield and above ground carbon sequestration significantly increase with increase of NPK dose from N<sub>40</sub>P<sub>20</sub>K<sub>20</sub> to N<sub>120</sub>P<sub>60</sub>K<sub>60</sub>. Application of sulphur to respective dose of NPK also significantly increase seed, oil, protein yield and above ground carbon sequestration. Highest seed, oil, protein and carbon sequestration

**Table 1.** Effects of N,P, K and S applications on GDD and PTU required for attaining 50% flowering and physiological maturity

| Treatments                            | First year       |                                |                       |                                | Second year      |                                |                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                       | GDD              |                                | PTU ( $\times 10^3$ ) |                                | GDD              |                                | PTU ( $\times 10^3$ ) |                                |
|                                       | 50%<br>flowering | Physio-<br>logical<br>maturity | 50%<br>flowering      | Physio-<br>logical<br>maturity | 50%<br>flowering | Physio-<br>logical<br>maturity | 50%<br>flowering      | Physio-<br>logical<br>maturity |
| Fertility status and S                |                  |                                |                       |                                |                  |                                |                       |                                |
| $N_{40}P_{20}K_{20}S_0$ ( $F_1$ )     | 892              | 1648                           | 7.21                  | 13.41                          | 894              | 1668                           | 5.76                  | 11.86                          |
| $N_{40}P_{20}K_{20}S_{40}$ ( $F_2$ )  | 887              | 1641                           | 7.2                   | 13.35                          | 885              | 1662                           | 5.71                  | 11.8                           |
| $N_{80}P_{40}K_{40}S_0$ ( $F_3$ )     | 908              | 1751                           | 7.31                  | 14.3                           | 920              | 1737                           | 5.91                  | 12.46                          |
| $N_{80}P_{40}K_{40}S_{40}$ ( $F_4$ )  | 903              | 1744                           | 7.29                  | 14.24                          | 916              | 1736                           | 5.87                  | 12.43                          |
| $N_{120}P_{60}K_{60}S_0$ ( $F_5$ )    | 923              | 1825                           | 7.4                   | 14.9                           | 933              | 1817                           | 5.98                  | 13.08                          |
| $N_{120}P_{60}K_{60}S_{40}$ ( $F_6$ ) | 915              | 1818                           | 7.36                  | 14.85                          | 923              | 1812                           | 5.95                  | 13.03                          |
| CD (P=0.05)                           | 5.34             | 10.5                           | 0.04                  | 0.11                           | 9.8              | 12.18                          | 0.05                  | 0.08                           |
| <i>Brassica</i> species               |                  |                                |                       |                                |                  |                                |                       |                                |
| PusaJaikisan ( $V_1$ )                | 769              | 1559                           | 6.27                  | 12.7                           | 737              | 1575                           | 4.81                  | 11.04                          |
| Hyola-401 ( $V_2$ )                   | 823              | 1599                           | 6.52                  | 13.03                          | 810              | 1612                           | 5.01                  | 11.32                          |
| KiranRai ( $V_3$ )                    | 1206             | 2288                           | 9.85                  | 18.72                          | 1298             | 2246                           | 8.65                  | 16.82                          |
| YST-151 ( $V_4$ )                     | 819              | 1505                           | 6.5                   | 12.25                          | 800              | 1522                           | 4.99                  | 10.6                           |
| CD (P=0.05)                           | 5.12             | 7.81                           | 0.04                  | 0.07                           | 5.93             | 7.6                            | 0.03                  | 0.06                           |
| Interaction (Ax B)                    | NS               | NS                             | NS                    | NS                             | NS               | NS                             | NS                    | NS                             |

yield of 18.90 q ha<sup>-1</sup>, 7.45 q ha<sup>-1</sup>, 3.90 q ha<sup>-1</sup> and 9.8 ton ha<sup>-1</sup> were recorded by  $N_{120}P_{60}K_{60}S_{40}$  during first year. This may be attributed to the availability of optimum quantity of N, P, K and S for plant growth and translocation of photosynthates towards reproductive sink i.e. seed. Under higher dose of N, P and K application, rapid conversion of carbohydrate to protein is expected and hence protein content is also increased. In case of oilseed *Brassicas*, sulphur is required for formation of glucosides. Higher glucosides on hydrolysis might have produced higher amount of oil. These are in agreement with the finding of Kachoo and Kumar (1999) and Sarmah and Debnath (1999). Among the brassica species, Kiaran Rai produced significantly higher seed yield (17.16 q ha<sup>-1</sup>), oil yield

(6.84 q ha<sup>-1</sup>), protein yield 3.45 q ha<sup>-1</sup>) and above ground carbon sequestration (9.94 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) compared to other varieties in first year which found to be higher to second year with similar trend. This is due to higher vegetative and reproductive infrastructure of Kiran Rai with relatively longer duration which resulted in production of higher quantities of photosynthates and translocation of the same to the reproductive sink i.e. seed. The above findings are in accordance with the earlier findings of Kachroo and Kuwar (1999) and Tharkral *et al.* (1999).

## CONCLUSION

Under irrigated conditions of Varanasi, a seed yield of 18.90 q ha<sup>-1</sup> can be produced by Kiran Rai of *Brassica carinata* with application of  $N_{120}$



**Table 2.** Effects of N, P, K and S applications on seed, oil and protein yield and carbon dioxide sequestration

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$P_{60}K_{60}S_{40}$  per ha and at the same nutrient levels Pusa Jaikissan of *Brassica juncea* can produce a seed yield of 16.56 q ha<sup>-1</sup> after harvest of *kharif* rice.

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