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A study was undertaken to estimate genetic variability, heritability and genetic advance for yield and yield contributing characters in finger millet. The study based on 29 genotypes from different agro-climatic regions of India revealed significant genotypic and phenotypic variability for days to 50% flowering, plant height, number of fingers/ ear, number of productive tillers/plant, days to maturity, 1000 seed weight and yield per plant. Heritability and genetic advance was high for 50% flowering and maturity indicating the role of additive genes in the control of these characters. Higher heritability was also observed in respect of grain yield/plant, fingers/ear, 1000 grain weight, plant height and productive tillers/plant.