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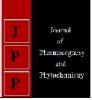
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## Effect of integrated weed management on biological properties of soil, crop growth and productivity of soybean

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## Abstract

A Field experiment was conducted during *kharif* season of 2010 at Research cum Instructional farm, IGKV, Raipur (C.G.) to know the effect of district weed management practices growth, productivity of soil. Result reveals that hand weeding twice at 20 and 40 DAS was equally effective with wheel hoeing to productivity of soybean. Rhizobial population was also found comparable in hand weeding and wheel hoeing at 50 DAS.

Keywords: Rhizobium, yield, soybean, hoe

## Introduction

The present investigation entitled "Effect of integrated weed management on biological properties of soil, crop growth and productivity of Soybean" was carried out during *kharif* season of 2010 at the Research cum Instructional Farm, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur (C.G.). The soil of experimental field was clayey in texture, low in nitrogen, Medium in phosphorus and high in potassium contents with neutral in pH.

The experiment was laid in randomized block design with three replications. The treatment comprised of thirteen integrated weed management practices, *viz.*, T<sub>1</sub>- quizalofop ethyl 10 EC @ 37.5 g ha<sup>-1</sup>, T<sub>2</sub>- chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP @ 9 g ha<sup>-1</sup>, T<sub>3</sub>- chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP @ 9 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + surfactant @ 0.2%, T<sub>4</sub>- quizalofop ethyl 10 EC @ 37.5 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP @ 9 g ha<sup>-1</sup>, T<sub>5</sub>- quizalofop ethyl 10 EC @ 37.5 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP @ 9 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + surfactant @ 0.2%, T<sub>6</sub>- quizalofop ethyl 10 EC @ 37.5 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP @ 9 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + surfactant @ 0.2% fb HW at 35 DAS, T<sub>7</sub>- imazethapyr 10 SL @ 100 g ha<sup>-1</sup>, T<sub>8</sub>- imazethapyr 10 SL @ 100 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP @ 9 g ha<sup>-1</sup> hoeing twice (by wheel hoe) at 35 DAS, T<sub>12</sub>- farmer's practice (hand weeding twice) at 20 DAS and 40 DAS, T<sub>13</sub>- control (weedy check). Soybean variety 'JS-335' was sown as a test crop on July 06<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Sowing was done with a seed-rate of 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at a spacing of 30 x 10 cm. the crop was harvested on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The number of nodules, dry weight of nodules and rhizobial population were maximum under hoeing twice (by wheel hoe) at 15 DAS and 35 DAS ( $T_{11}$ ) followed by farmer's practices (hand weeding twice) at 20 DAS and 40 DAS ( $T_{12}$ ), imazethapyr 10 SL @ 100 g ha<sup>-1</sup> fb hoeing (by wheel hoe) at 35 DAS ( $T_{10}$ ), imazethapyr 10 SL @ 100 g ha<sup>-1</sup> fb HW at 35 DAS ( $T_9$ ), imazethapyr 10 SL @ 100 g ha<sup>-1</sup> ( $T_7$ ) and quizalofop ethyl 10 EC @ 37.5 g ha<sup>-1</sup> ( $T_1$ ). They did not find phytotoxicity effect on the vegetative growth of soybean.

The treatment farmer's practice (hand weeding twice) at 20 DAS and 40 DAS ( $T_{12}$ ) was observed significantly highest seed yield (21.13 q ha<sup>-1</sup>) as compared to others, but it was at par to hoeing twice (by wheel hoe) at 15 DAS and 35 DAS ( $T_{11}$ ), imazethapyr 10 SL @ 100 g ha<sup>-1</sup> fb hoeing (by wheel hoe) at 35 DAS ( $T_{10}$ ), imazethapyr 10 SL @ 100 g ha<sup>-1</sup> fb HW at 35 DAS ( $T_9$ ) and quizalofop ethyl 10 EC @ 37.5 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP @ 9 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + surfactant @ 0.2% fb HW at 35 DAS ( $T_6$ ).

| <b>Table 1</b> :No. of nodules plant <sup>-1</sup> , Dry weight of nodules (mg plant <sup>-1</sup> ), Rhizobial population(x 10 <sup>5</sup> cfu g <sup>-1</sup> soil) and Seed yield of soybean as affected |
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| by integrated weed management practices  |

|                       | Integrated weed management<br>practices                                | Dose<br>(a.i. ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | Time of<br>applica- tion | No. of<br>nodules<br>plant <sup>-1</sup><br>60 DAS | Dry weight<br>of nodules<br>(mg plant <sup>-1</sup> )<br>60 DAS | Rhizobial<br>population<br>(x 10 <sup>5</sup> cfu g <sup>-1</sup> soil)<br>50 DAS | Seed<br>yield<br>(q ha <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| $T_1$                 | Quizalofop ethyl 10 EC   | 37.5g                            | 15 DAS                   | 62.53  | 118.83  | 24.3  | 14.40                                  |
| $T_2$                 | Chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP  | 9g                               | 15 DAS                   | 54.13  | 115.62  | 22.2  | 10.30                                  |
| <b>T</b> <sub>3</sub> | Chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP + Surfactant                                   | 9g + 0.2%                        | 15 DAS                   | 52.75  | 113.38  | 20.9  | 10.53                                  |
| $T_4$                 | Quizalofop ethyl 10 EC + Chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP                       | 37.5g + 9g                       | 15 DAS                   | 51.29  | 112.36  | 20.0  | 15.25                                  |
| <b>T</b> <sub>5</sub> | Quizalofop ethyl 10 EC + Chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP +<br>Surfactant       | 37.5g + 9g + 0.2%                | 15 DAS                   | 50.03  | 107.75  | 19.2  | 15.42                                  |
| $T_6$                 | Quizalofop ethyl 10 EC + Chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP +<br>Surfactant fb HW | 37.5g + 9g + 0.2%                | 15 DAS fb 35 DAS         | 50.60  | 108.29  | 19.4  | 17.66                                  |
| <b>T</b> <sub>7</sub> | Imazethapyr 10 SL  | 100g                             | 15 DAS                   | 61.76  | 126.69  | 24.8  | 16.56                                  |
| $T_8$                 | Imazethapyr 10 SL + Chlorimuron ethyl 25 WP                            | 100g + 9g                        | 15 DAS                   | 52.93  | 117.36  | 21.4  | 16.76                                  |
| <b>T</b> <sub>9</sub> | Imazethapyr 10 SL fb HW  | 100g                             | 15 DAS fb 35 DAS         | 63.05  | 127.82  | 25.1  | 19.88                                  |
| $T_{10} \\$           | Imazethapyr 10 SL fb Hoeing (by wheel hoe)                             | 100g                             | 15 DAS fb 35 DAS         | 66.42  | 128.58  | 25.3  | 19.56                                  |
| $T_{11}$              | Hoeing (by wheel hoe)  | -                                | 15 DAS and 35 DAS        | 71.33  | 138.42  | 27.6  | 20.81                                  |
| $T_{12}$              | Farmer's practice(hand weeding twice)                                  | -                                | 20 DAS and 40 DAS        | 68.83  | 136.63  | 27.2  | 21.13                                  |
| T <sub>13</sub>       | Control (Weedy check)  | -                                | -                        | 45.65  | 103.46  | 19.0  | 9.15                                   |
|                       | SEm±   |                                  |                          | 4.56   | 6.74  | 1.1   | 1.1                                    |
|                       | CD (P=0.05)  |                                  |                          | 13.31  | 19.66   | 3.3   | 3.3                                    |

## Conclusion

The present study has been conducted for one season; hence definite conclusion could not be drawn. However, on the basis of results obtained, it can be concluded that application of farmer's practice (hand weeding twice) at 20 and 40 DAS ( $T_{12}$ ) and hoeing (by wheel hoe) found comparable to each other and proved better in respect of attaining the higher growth, yield, maximum rhizobial population and nodulation of *Kharif* soybean under *Vertisols* condition of Chhattisgarh plain as compared to other integrated weed management practices.

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