

INFLUENCE OF SEED PRIMING ON RESULTANT SEEDS OF SOYBEAN [GLYCINE MAX (L.) MERILL] VARIETIES

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Abstract: The beneficial effects of seed priming have been demonstrated for many field crops. The objective of this study was to study the effect of seed priming on harvested seeds of soybean (*Glycine max* L.) varieties. The present investigation was carried out in the Seed Technology Research Unit laboratory and field experiment at PGI farm, Department of Agricultural Botany, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Dist. Ahmednagar (M.S) during December 2010 to November 2012. There were two varieties viz., Phule Kalyani and JS-335 while six priming treatments viz., Control (unprimed seeds), Hydropriming, KCl @10 ppm, CaCl₂.2H₂O @ 0.5 %, KH₂PO₄ @ 50 ppm and GA₃ @ 20 ppm. The variety Phule Kalyani primed with CaCl₂.2H₂O (0.5%) were superior in 100 seed weight, germination percentage, root length, shoot length, vigour index and electric conductivity of harvested seeds over those raised from the variety JS-335.

Keywords: Soybean, hydroprimng, electric conductivity, vigour index.

Introduction: Seed pretreatment increased seed germination and vigour index (8). The few studies available using the chemical seed priming in soybean seeds are promising, but their use as routine in seed quality enhancement and commercial application depends on getting more detailed information about the storability, biochemical changes, their performance in the field and also on resultant seeds. According to published results of different studies, osmo-priming improved seedling establishment in the field. This plant is an ecological advantage. At the beginning of the growing season competition between crop and weed has not been serious forms. In addition to environmental inputs such as water and light is abundance for the new established plant. In such a case, rapid germination, early establishment and uniform field of green can make better use of inputs are available (16). The harvested yield from such farms would be better in terms of quality and quantity. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effect of seed priming on harvested seed vigor of soybean.

Soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merrill] is one of the most important protein and oil seed crop throughout the world. Its oil is the largest component of the world's edible oils. The world production of edible oils consists of 30 per cent soybean. It is an ingredient of more than 50% of the world's high protein meal. The native of soybean is Eastern Asia. Soybean was introduced to India during 1880.

Seed priming is basically a pre-sowing seed treatment. Primed and dried seeds normally have a more rapid and uniform germination when subsequently re-hydrated, especially under adverse environmental conditions (6). The mechanism of seed drying after chemical priming is known as the hydration-dehydration process or dry back and is used to reduce the degree of moisture in seeds to levels compatible with storage and maintaining the

beneficial effects of the treatment, without quality loss caused by rapid seed deterioration. Park reported that the priming aged seeds of soybean resulted in good germination and stand Seed pretreatment establishment in the field trials (13).

Material and methods: Samples of 500 grams of soybean seeds Cv. JS- 335 (V₁) and Phule Kalyani (V₂) were placed between germination towels wetted with tap water of pH 6.5 for 14 hour. Afterwards, primed seeds were allowed to dry back to their original moisture content under the shade for one day and in the sun for two days then stored and same seed used for sowing in kharif. The harvested primed seeds were evaluated for seed quality parameters as below.

Hundred seed weight: Hundred seed in each treatment was counted manually and the weight was recorded as per the procedure given by ISTA rules (Anon., 1999). The average hundred seed weight was recorded in grams.

Germination percentage: Four replications each of 100 seeds from respective treatments were used for germination by using between paper method (BP). The seed was germinated at 25 ± 20C in germinator for 8 days (2). The seeds were categorized into normal seedling, abnormal seedling, hard seed and dead seed. The germination percentage was recorded on the basis of normal seedlings only.

Root length: Ten normal seedlings were selected randomly in each treatment from all the replications on eighth day from germination test. The root length was measured from the tip of the primary root to base of hypocotyle with the help of a scale and mean root length was expressed in centimeters.

Shoot length: The ten normal seedlings used for root length measurement, were also used for the measurement of shoot length. The shoot length was measured from the tip of the primary leaf to the base of the hypocotyle and mean shoot length was expressed in centimeter.

Seedling dry weight: The ten normal seedlings used for root and shoot length measurements were put in butter paper pocket and kept in hot air oven at $70 \pm 10^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 hour. The dry weight of the seedlings was recorded and expressed in grams.

Vigour index: The seeding vigour index was calculated by adopting the method suggested by Abdul Baki and Anderson (1973) and expressed in number by using below formula.

Vigour index I = Seedling length (cm) x Germination percentage

Vigour index II = Dry matter (g) x Germination percentage

Electrical conductivity: Five grams of seeds from each treatment in three replications were weighed and soaked in 25 ml distilled water in a beaker and kept at $25 \pm 10^\circ\text{C}$ temperature. After 24 hour of soaking the solution was decanted and the volume was made up to 25 ml by adding distilled water. The electrical conductivity of the leachate was measured d Sm^{-1} (14).

Statistical analysis: The data were statistically analyzed using analysis of variance appropriate completely randomized design. Main and interaction effects were compared using LSD test at 0.05 level of probability, when the F-values were significant (17).

Results and discussion: Quality parameters assessed on the resultant seeds differ significantly due to the difference in varieties. Higher germination (96.71%), root length (20.54cm), shoot length (16.87cm), seedling dry weight (1.398 g), vigour index I (3611.7), vigour index II (135.16) leachate of electrolytes (0.284 dSm^{-1}) were recorded in the seed harvested from the plots sown with the seeds of JS-335 variety over (95.58%, 19.74cm, 16.39cm, 1.212 g, 3459.3, 115.90 and 0.302 dSm^{-1} , respectively) seeds harvested from plots sown with Phule Kalyani (V2) recorded significantly high 100 seed weight (13.53 g) over those raised from the JS-335 variety seeds (V1) (13.33 g). The better performance of seeds obtained from JS-335 variety tested for seed quality parameters after harvest, is presumably due to the genetic characters of that variety.

The priming treatments had significant influence in the resultant seed across all the parameters tested but not in germination percentage. Higher germination percentage was recorded in seeds obtained from plots having seed primed with $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.5%) (T4) (97.00%), followed by the resultant seeds harvested from plots having seeds primed with GA_3 (20 ppm) (T6) (96.63%) and KH_2PO_4 (50 ppm) (T5) (96.31%), however the results were non-significant. The lowest was observed in plots having unprimed seeds (95.06%). However, root length, shoot length, seedling dry weight, vigour index I, vigour index II and electrical conductivity were significantly affected. These tested seed quality parameters were all in

favour of the resultant seeds obtained from plots sown with seed having primed with $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.5%) (T4), (20.56 cm, 17.03 cm, 1.322 g, 3644.4, 128.32 and 0.273 dSm^{-1} , respectively), followed by those obtained from plots sown with GA_3 (20 ppm) (T6) (20.23 cm, 16.95 cm, 1.310 g, 3593.7, 126.62 and 0.276 dSm^{-1} , respectively) primed seeds as judged against the least favoured resultant seeds obtained from plots sown with unprimed seeds, control (T1) (19.74 cm, 16.23 cm, 1.294 g, 3426.2, 123.06 and 0.320 dSm^{-1} , respectively). The plots having seed primed with $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.5%) (T4) showed significantly highest 100 seed weight (13.63 g). The possible reason for such differences in quality of the resultant seeds may be ascribed to significant carry over effect of the chemicals on the vigour and viability of seeds produced by plants from the pre-primed seeds.

The higher germination noticed in $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.5%) (T4), primed seeds might be due to the role of calcium in membrane integrity. Christiansen and Foy and Hecht-Buchholz reported seed calcium concentration and germination percentage were positively related suggesting the role of calcium as an important component in membrane stabilization and as an enzyme cofactor (7). Kathiresan, Kulkarni and Eshanna, Nagappa reported similar beneficial results on germination and field emergence of sunflower by osmopriming in calcium chloride (7,10,11).

According to Salisbury and Ross, gibberellic acid is the growth regulator that truly acts on seed germination, showing a favourable action on the breaking of dormancy (16). Furthermore, Bradford et al. (2000) proposed that the endogenous GA_3 control germination through two processes: a decrease in the mechanical resistance of the tissues surrounding the embryo and promotion of the growth potential of the embryo.

KH_2PO_4 also showed a relatively positive effect presumably because phosphorous activates the respiratory enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of seed. Beneficial effects of KCl have been reported by (20) in black gram, Rajandran in red gram, Basha in green gram and (19) in black gram and green gram. Hydroprimed seeds also showed better seed quality parameter when compared with the unprimed seeds (control). The beneficial effects of soaking soybean seeds in water were also reported by (4, 12).

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Conclusion: On the basis of these observations, it may be concluded that soybean seeds positively responded to treatments of priming. Overall, osmopriming performed better than hydropriming.

Calcium chloride primed seeds, however, showed better performance than the other treatments. There are variations between soybean varieties in response to priming. Nevertheless, priming generally improves the most parameters of soybean varieties through

improving 100 seed weight, germination percentage, root length, shoot length, vigour index and electric conductivity of harvested seeds. The highest benefit of priming can be obtained from seeds primed with $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.5%) treatment.

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| Table 1: 100 seed weight (g) and germination (%) of resultant soybean seeds as affected by varieties (V), seed priming treatments (T) and their interactions (VXT) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Treatments | 100 seed weight (g) | | | Germination (%) | | | | | |
| Varieties | 2011 | 2012 | Pooled | 2011 | | 2012 | | Pooled | |
| V ₁ : JS-335 | 13.85 | 13.70 | 13.77 | 96.92 | 80.21 | 96.50 | 79.49 | 96.71 | 79.60 |
| V ₂ : DS-228 | 14.05 | 13.89 | 13.97 | 95.88 | 78.48 | 95.29 | 77.62 | 95.58 | 78.29 |
| S.E. ± | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.01 | | 0.47 | | 0.47 | | 0.12 |
| C. D. at 5% | 0.18 | 0.14 | 0.03 | | 1.36 | | 1.35 | | 0.35 |
| Priming treatments | | | | | | | | | |
| T ₁ : Control | 13.49 | 13.34 | 13.42 | 95.25 | 83.25 | 94.88 | 82.73 | 95.06 | 82.92 |
| T ₂ : Water | 13.81 | 13.70 | 13.75 | 96.00 | 84.28 | 95.38 | 83.54 | 95.69 | 83.78 |
| T ₃ : Potassium Chloride | 14.03 | 13.87 | 13.95 | 96.38 | 84.76 | 96.00 | 84.24 | 96.19 | 84.39 |
| T ₄ : Calcium Chloride | 14.15 | 13.99 | 14.07 | 97.13 | 85.92 | 96.75 | 85.28 | 96.94 | 85.41 |
| T ₅ : Pot.di-hy.phosphate | 14.12 | 13.98 | 14.05 | 97.00 | 85.67 | 96.25 | 84.63 | 96.63 | 85.01 |
| T ₆ : Gibberlic acid | 14.08 | 13.89 | 13.99 | 96.63 | 85.12 | 96.13 | 84.37 | 96.38 | 84.66 |
| S.E. ± | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.02 | | 0.82 | | 0.82 | | 0.21 |
| C. D. at 5% | 0.30 | 0.24 | 0.05 | | NS | | NS | | 0.61 |
| Interactions | | | | | | | | | |
| V ₁ T ₁ : JS-335+ Control | 13.45 | 13.25 | 13.35 | 95.75 | 78.19 | 95.75 | 78.31 | 95.75 | 78.10 |
| V ₁ T ₂ : JS-335+ Water | 13.73 | 13.57 | 13.65 | 96.50 | 79.36 | 95.75 | 78.38 | 96.13 | 78.66 |
| V ₁ T ₃ : JS-335+ Potassium Chloride | 13.94 | 13.79 | 13.87 | 97.00 | 80.21 | 96.50 | 79.36 | 96.75 | 79.62 |
| V ₁ T ₄ : JS-335+ Calcium Chloride | 14.01 | 13.87 | 13.94 | 97.75 | 81.75 | 97.50 | 81.15 | 97.63 | 81.14 |
| V ₁ T ₅ : JS-335+ Pot.di-hy.phosphate | 13.99 | 13.88 | 13.93 | 97.50 | 81.15 | 96.75 | 79.96 | 97.13 | 80.26 |
| V ₁ T ₆ : JS-335+ Gibberlic acid | 13.97 | 13.83 | 13.90 | 97.00 | 80.21 | 96.75 | 79.75 | 96.88 | 79.82 |
| V ₂ T ₁ : DS-228+ Control | 13.53 | 13.43 | 13.48 | 94.75 | 76.82 | 94.00 | 75.89 | 94.38 | 76.29 |
| V ₂ T ₂ : DS-228+ Water | 13.88 | 13.82 | 13.85 | 95.50 | 77.99 | 95.00 | 77.24 | 95.25 | 77.42 |
| V ₂ T ₃ : DS-228+ Potassium Chloride | 14.12 | 13.94 | 14.03 | 95.75 | 78.31 | 95.50 | 77.85 | 95.63 | 77.93 |
| V ₂ T ₄ : DS-228+ Calcium Chloride | 14.29 | 14.11 | 14.20 | 96.50 | 79.51 | 96.00 | 78.70 | 96.25 | 78.84 |
| V ₂ T ₅ : DS-228+ Pot.di-hy.phosphate | 14.26 | 14.08 | 14.17 | 96.50 | 79.36 | 95.75 | 78.19 | 96.13 | 78.66 |
| V ₂ T ₆ : DS-228+ Gibberlic acid | 14.19 | 13.95 | 14.07 | 96.25 | 78.90 | 95.50 | 77.85 | 95.88 | 78.29 |
| Mean | 13.95 | 13.79 | 13.87 | 96.40 | 84.83 | 95.90 | 84.13 | 96.15 | 84.36 |

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|-------------|------|------|------|--|------|--|------|--|------|
| S.E. ± | 0.15 | 0.12 | 0.02 | | 1.16 | | 1.16 | | 0.30 |
| C. D. at 5% | NS | NS | NS | | NS | | NS | | NS |

Table 2: Root length (cm), shoot length (cm) and dry weight (g) of resultant soybean seedlings as affected by varieties (V), seed priming treatments (T) and their interactions (VXT)

| Treatments | Root length (cm) | | | Shoot length (cm) | | | Dry weight (g) | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Varieties | 2011 | 2012 | Pooled | 2011 | 2012 | Pooled | 2011 | 2012 | Pooled |
| V ₁ : JS-335 | 20.84 | 20.12 | 20.48 | 17.09 | 16.63 | 16.86 | 1.405 | 1.390 | 1.398 |
| V ₂ : DS-228 | 20.07 | 19.54 | 19.81 | 16.59 | 16.16 | 16.38 | 1.220 | 1.205 | 1.212 |
| S.E. ± | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.003 |
| C. D. at 5% | 0.15 | 0.27 | 0.43 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.30 | 0.008 | 0.012 | 0.011 |
| Priming treatments | | | | | | | | | |
| T ₁ : Control | 20.17 | 19.46 | 19.81 | 16.48 | 15.98 | 16.23 | 1.305 | 1.282 | 1.294 |
| T ₂ : Water | 20.30 | 19.65 | 19.97 | 16.56 | 16.05 | 16.30 | 1.309 | 1.286 | 1.298 |
| T ₃ : Potacium Chloride | 20.46 | 19.73 | 20.09 | 16.84 | 16.28 | 16.56 | 1.314 | 1.293 | 1.304 |
| T ₄ : Calcium Chloride | 20.67 | 20.48 | 20.57 | 17.17 | 16.83 | 17.00 | 1.326 | 1.319 | 1.322 |
| T ₅ : Pot.di-hy.phosphate | 20.63 | 19.84 | 20.24 | 17.11 | 16.57 | 16.84 | 1.314 | 1.301 | 1.307 |
| T ₆ : Gibrelic acid | 20.53 | 19.86 | 20.19 | 16.90 | 16.68 | 16.79 | 1.308 | 1.303 | 1.306 |
| S.E. ± | 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.24 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.17 | 0.005 | 0.007 | 0.006 |
| C. D. at 5% | 0.25 | 0.47 | 0.73 | 0.28 | 0.27 | 0.52 | 0.13 | 0.020 | 0.19 |
| Interactions | | | | | | | | | |
| V ₁ T ₁ : JS-335+ Control | 20.56 | 19.79 | 20.17 | 16.83 | 16.19 | 16.51 | 1.399 | 1.373 | 1.386 |
| V ₁ T ₂ : JS-335+ Water | 20.70 | 20.01 | 20.36 | 16.94 | 16.32 | 16.63 | 1.399 | 1.377 | 1.388 |
| V ₁ T ₃ : JS-335+ Potacium Chloride | 20.84 | 20.15 | 20.49 | 17.06 | 16.48 | 16.77 | 1.404 | 1.385 | 1.395 |
| V ₁ T ₄ : JS-335+ Calcium Chloride | 21.02 | 20.36 | 20.69 | 17.33 | 17.04 | 17.19 | 1.419 | 1.411 | 1.415 |
| V ₁ T ₅ : JS-335+ Pot.di-hy.phosphate | 21.00 | 20.22 | 20.61 | 17.29 | 16.96 | 17.13 | 1.408 | 1.400 | 1.404 |
| V ₁ T ₆ : JS-335+ Gibrelic acid | 20.92 | 20.21 | 20.57 | 17.11 | 16.79 | 16.95 | 1.401 | 1.395 | 1.398 |
| V ₂ T ₁ : DS-228+ Control | 19.77 | 19.12 | 19.45 | 16.12 | 15.76 | 15.94 | 1.211 | 1.192 | 1.202 |
| V ₂ T ₂ : DS-228+ Water | 19.89 | 19.28 | 19.59 | 16.19 | 15.77 | 15.98 | 1.219 | 1.195 | 1.207 |
| V ₂ T ₃ : DS-228+ Potacium Chloride | 20.07 | 19.31 | 19.69 | 16.61 | 16.07 | 16.34 | 1.223 | 1.201 | 1.212 |
| V ₂ T ₄ : DS-228+ Calcium Chloride | 20.31 | 20.59 | 20.45 | 17.02 | 16.61 | 16.81 | 1.232 | 1.227 | 1.230 |
| V ₂ T ₅ : DS-228+ Pot.di-hy.phosphate | 20.26 | 19.46 | 19.86 | 16.94 | 16.18 | 16.56 | 1.220 | 1.202 | 1.211 |
| V ₂ T ₆ : DS-228+ Gibrelic acid | 20.14 | 19.50 | 19.82 | 16.70 | 16.58 | 16.64 | 1.215 | 1.212 | 1.214 |
| Mean | 20.46 | 19.83 | 20.15 | 16.84 | 16.40 | 16.62 | 1.313 | 1.297 | 1.305 |
| S.E. ± | 0.12 | 0.23 | 0.34 | 0.14 | 0.13 | 0.24 | 0.006 | 0.010 | 0.009 |
| C. D. at 5% | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS |

| Table 3: Electric conductivity (dSm⁻¹), vigour index I and vigour index II of resultant soybean seeds As affected by varieties (V), seed priming treatments (T) and their interactions (VX). | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| Treatments | Vigour index I | | | Vigour index II | | | Electric conductivity (dSm⁻¹) | | |
| Varieties | 2011 | 2012 | Pooled | 2011 | 2012 | Pooled | 2011 | 2012 | Pooled |
| V ₁ : JS-335 | 3676.5 | 3547.0 | 3611.7 | 136.18 | 134.14 | 135.16 | 0.265 | 0.303 | 0.284 |
| V ₂ : DS-228 | 3515.9 | 3402.6 | 3459.3 | 116.98 | 114.83 | 115.90 | 0.279 | 0.325 | 0.302 |
| S.E. ± | 12.1 | 13.8 | 25.8 | 0.44 | 0.55 | 0.46 | 0.003 | 0.006 | 0.001 |
| C. D. at 5% | 34.6 | 39.5 | 79.5 | 1.26 | 1.59 | 1.42 | 0.009 | 0.018 | 0.004 |
| Priming treatments | | | | | | | | | |
| T ₁ : Control | 3490.3 | 3362.1 | 3426.2 | 124.37 | 121.75 | 123.06 | 0.298 | 0.343 | 0.320 |
| T ₂ : Water | 3538.8 | 3404.4 | 3471.6 | 125.71 | 122.70 | 124.21 | 0.290 | 0.338 | 0.314 |
| T ₃ : Potassium Chloride | 3594.1 | 3456.6 | 3525.3 | 126.67 | 124.21 | 125.44 | 0.268 | 0.312 | 0.290 |
| T ₄ : Calcium Chloride | 3680.0 | 3608.9 | 3644.4 | 128.97 | 127.67 | 128.32 | 0.253 | 0.293 | 0.273 |
| T ₅ : Pot.di-hy.phosphate | 3661.6 | 3500.1 | 3580.9 | 127.50 | 125.07 | 126.29 | 0.255 | 0.297 | 0.276 |
| T ₆ : Gibberic acid | 3612.3 | 3516.9 | 3564.6 | 126.26 | 125.48 | 125.87 | 0.267 | 0.304 | 0.285 |
| S.E. ± | 20.9 | 23.8 | 44.7 | 0.76 | 0.96 | 0.80 | 0.005 | 0.011 | 0.002 |
| C. D. at 5% | 60.0 | 68.4 | NS | 2.19 | 2.74 | 2.46 | 0.016 | 0.031 | 0.007 |
| Interactions | | | | | | | | | |
| V ₁ T ₁ : JS-335+ Control | 3579.8 | 3445.6 | 3512.7 | 133.97 | 131.48 | 132.72 | 0.287 | 0.334 | 0.311 |
| V ₁ T ₂ : JS-335+ Water | 3631.7 | 3479.0 | 3555.4 | 135.05 | 131.84 | 133.45 | 0.284 | 0.328 | 0.306 |
| V ₁ T ₃ : JS-335+ Potassium Chloride | 3676.2 | 3534.0 | 3605.1 | 136.20 | 133.67 | 134.93 | 0.263 | 0.301 | 0.282 |
| V ₁ T ₄ : JS-335+ Calcium Chloride | 3749.0 | 3646.7 | 3697.8 | 138.72 | 137.56 | 138.14 | 0.246 | 0.281 | 0.264 |
| V ₁ T ₅ : JS-335+ Pot.di-hy.phosphate | 3734.1 | 3597.3 | 3665.7 | 137.30 | 135.39 | 136.35 | 0.246 | 0.284 | 0.265 |
| V ₁ T ₆ : JS-335+ Gibberic acid | 3688.3 | 3579.4 | 3633.8 | 135.84 | 134.91 | 135.38 | 0.264 | 0.293 | 0.278 |
| V ₂ T ₁ : DS-228+ Control | 3400.9 | 3278.7 | 3339.8 | 114.77 | 112.03 | 113.40 | 0.309 | 0.352 | 0.330 |
| V ₂ T ₂ : DS-228+ Water | 3445.9 | 3329.7 | 3387.8 | 116.37 | 113.57 | 114.97 | 0.297 | 0.348 | 0.323 |
| V ₂ T ₃ : DS-228+ Potassium Chloride | 3512.0 | 3379.1 | 3445.6 | 117.14 | 114.75 | 115.95 | 0.272 | 0.324 | 0.298 |
| V ₂ T ₄ : DS-228+ Calcium Chloride | 3610.9 | 3571.1 | 3591.0 | 119.23 | 117.79 | 118.51 | 0.261 | 0.305 | 0.283 |
| V ₂ T ₅ : DS-228+ Pot.di-hy.phosphate | 3589.1 | 3402.9 | 3496.0 | 117.70 | 114.76 | 116.23 | 0.264 | 0.310 | 0.287 |
| V ₂ T ₆ : DS-228+ Gibberic acid | 3536.4 | 3454.4 | 3495.4 | 116.67 | 116.06 | 116.37 | 0.270 | 0.314 | 0.292 |
| Mean | 3596.2 | 3474.8 | 3535.5 | 126.58 | 124.48 | 125.53 | 0.272 | 0.314 | 0.293 |
| S.E. ± | 29.6 | 33.7 | 63.2 | 1.08 | 1.36 | 1.13 | 0.007 | 0.015 | 0.003 |
| C. D. at 5% | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS |