

DIFFERENTIAL IMPACT OF TENANCY ON MODERN RICE CULTIVATION IN AN AREA OF BANGLADESH.

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Abstract

The study was aimed to analyse the impact of tenancy on inputs use and their productivity, factors shared output as well as income shared by production participants. Two output sharing arrangements, 50 : 50 and 67: 33, were observed between owner and tenant farmers. Majority tenant farmers reported that the 67: 33 arrangements were prominent. In case of input sharing, 50 : 50 and 100 : 0 arrangements were prevailed. Input sharing arrangement varied. Regardless of the nature of output sharing, the majority of the pure tenant farmers reported that 50% of the cost of input like seeds, fertilizers, insecticides but none for bullock, irrigation and labour were shared by the land owners, while the majority of the owner-cum-share croppers reported that no cost of inputs was shared by the land owners. In terms of income earned, the owner farmers were more beneficiaries than the pure tenant farmers and owner-cum-share croppers. Of the factors used in the production processes, land earned the highest share of output followed by human labour. The contribution of human labour and fertilizers to production were found significant under all types of tenurial classes. Farm size has significantly negative contribution to production.

EFFECT OF CULTIVAR AND TIME OF NITROGEN APPLICATION ON GRAIN YIELD AND GRAIN PROTEIN CONTENT OF RICE

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Abstract

The effect of N application at different growth stages of BR14, BR15, and BR16 cultivars of rice as direct seeded aus crops was studied to determine the growth stage (s) most sensitive to N application in terms of grain yield and grain protein content. Although the cultivars were similar with respect to grain yield and grain protein content, BR14 had the tallest plants (100cm) with the shortest growth duration (135 days). Nitrogen fertilization at late tillering stage gave higher grain yield (2.8t/ha) which resulted from higher tillering ability, higher percentage of tiller survival and greater grain bearing capacity than when N was applied at any other growth stage. Grain protein increased significantly with a delay in N fertilization. Grain protein content was the highest, 7.82%, when N was applied at the anthesis stage.

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CRITICAL CROP-WEED COMPETITION PERIOD IN WET SEASON TRANSPLANTED RICE

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Abstract

Rice-weed competition, dominant weed species and their impact on the yield of transplant aman rice were studied in two field experiments. The critical rice-weed competition period varied from 30 to 40 days depending on weed species and their abundance. The total number of weeds removed and their dry weight increased gradually and increase in the frequency of weeding. The highest number of weed removed was 169/m² weighing 52 g/m² only. Sedges were the major weed group and *Cyperus difformis* was the dominant species followed by *Cynodon dactylon* and *Mnochoria va. GTna/is*, respectively, in 1987. Grass was the major weed group in 1988 and the dominant species was *Cynodon dactylon*. The other major weeds were *Fimbristylis linora/is* and *Cyperus difformis*.

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VARIATIONS AND INTERRELATIONSHIP IN ROOT AND SHOOT CHARACTERS OF SELECTED RICES UNDER AEROPONIC CULTURE

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Abstract

The root and shoot characteristics of 17 aus rices of Bangladesh and 3 upland rice varieties of the Philippines were studied under aeroponic culture. Plant characteristics contributing to drought resistance, namely thick radicle, deep and thick root, high root:shoot ratio, low tiller number and tall plant are present in the traditional aus and upland rice varieties which have high or moderately high levels of drought resistance.

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IMPACT OF FURROW IRRIGATION ON RICE PRODUCTION

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Abstract

Field experiments were conducted in the boro seasons of 1981, 1982 and 1983 to determine the impact of furrow irrigation on rice production. Among the different furrow irrigation methods, such as, 3, 5 and plant rows in between furrows, the highest grain yield and water use efficiency were observed with the 3-row design. The yield difference between normal flooding and 3-row irrigation in between furrows was not significant. About 40-

60% irrigation water could be saved by using the 3-row furrow irrigation method compared with the conventional flooding method of irrigation.

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INFLUENCE OF VARIETY, SEEDLING AGE AND NITROGEN LEVEL ON THE GROWTH AND YIELD OF RICE GROWN ON SALINE SOIL

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Abstract

An experiment was conducted during the dry season (January to May) in a farmer's field in sto. Tomas, Pampanga, Philippines, to study the effects of seedling age and N level on the performance of IR26, IR42 and IR9764-45-2-2 grown on a saline soil. The average E_Ce of the soil during the first four weeks of crop growth ranged from 4.76 to 8 ds/m.

the 40 and 60d old seedlings of the three rice varieties had a higher survival rate than had the 20d old seedlings. The 40d old seedlings gave higher grain and straw yields regardless of N level and variety. This higher grain yield with the 40d old seedling was due to relatively low mortality rate at the early stage, and greater tiller and panicle production.

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EFFECT OF NITROGEN FERTILIZER MANAGEMENT AND PLANT POPULATION DENSITY ON NITROGEN FERTILIZER USE EFFICIENCY IN IRRIGATED (BORO) RICE

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Abstract

A field experiment was conducted at the BRRI farm, Joydebpur (Grey Terrace soil) during the Boro seasons of 1981 and 1983 using BR3 as the test crop to study the effect of N fertilizer application schedule and plant population density on crop Performance, N use efficiency, N uptake and apparent N recovery of the added N fertilizer under irrigated rice culture. Three N fertilizer application schedules were tested with two plant population densities, 25 hills/m² and 50 hills/m².

Plant population density did not influence grain and straw yields although the panicle number per unit area was significantly increased due to an increase in population density. The application of N fertilizer at the rate of 60 kg/ha, irrespective of the application schedule produced more panicles per unit area than when no N was applied, and significantly increased grain and straw yields over control. The three-split application of N fertilizer excluding a basal dose was more effective than the two-split, basal inclusive method or the all-basal application method in terms of the yield of wetland rice, and N fertilizer efficiency. It was concluded that it may not be necessary to increase plant population density to achieve the desired yield level provided a proper N fertilizer application schedule is maintained, specially on soils having moderate to high level of total N.

STORAGE OF SEEDLINGS FOR TRANSPLANT AMAN RICE

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Key words : Rice seedling, Storage

Abstract

Seedling storage materials and methods was tested as a contingency means of preserving seedlings for transplant Aman rice after the recession of flood water in flood-prone areas. Twenty and 40 d old seedlings of BR11 were stored in mud and in water. The seedlings were transplanted after 1 to 4 weeks of storage. Seedling survival after transplanting was 85% irrespective of age when stored in mud. In case of storage in water, seedling survival decreased with the increase in storage period and grain yield decreased to zero when the seedlings were stored for 3 to 4 weeks. Yield of 3-4 t/ha was obtained with 40 d old seedlings stored for 1 week. With seedlings stored in mud, yield varied from 2.8 to 3.5 t/ha among the storage period treatments. The results indicated that 20 to 40 d old seedlings stored in mud for 4 weeks and 40 d day old seedlings stored in water for 1 week would be appropriate for transplant aman after the recession of flood water to achieve reasonable yield.

XYLEM VESSEL VARIABILITY AT THREE POSITIONS OF RICE ROOT (*Oryza sativa* L.)

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Key Words : Variability, Xylem vessel.

Abstract

Root xylem vessel numbers and areas at different positions of the roots of one African upland rice *variety*, Moroberekan and one semidwarf modern lowland *variety*, IR20 were studied. The plants were grown in hydroponic culture in a phytotron glasshouse under controlled conditions. Samples were taken from the base, middle and tip of roots from randomly selected plants. Within a root, the lowland *variety* produced both a higher number as well as a larger area of xylem vessels at the base; the xylem vessel number and area gradually decreased at the middle and tip of the root. This trend was not observed in the upland *variety*. There were no significant differences among the plants and roots within plants in Moroberekan in respect of xylem vessel number or area. However, the IR20 plants showed significant differences in root xylem vessel number. The

smallest contribution to the total variation was due to root while the greatest contribution in cases of both the characters and both the varieties came from the sampling position within root. Thus, sampling should be from a certain section of the root, preferably from the tip.

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INHERITANCE OF SPIKELET AND PRIMARY BRANCH NUMBER IN A SIX-PARENT DIALLEL CROSS OF RICE

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Abstract

The inheritance of spikelet number and primary branch number per panicle was studied in a six-parent diallel cross of rice. In case of spikelet number per panicle, overdominance was observed whereas partial dominance was found for primary branch number per panicle. The presence of nonallelic interaction of the complementary type was indicated for both the characters. Correlation coefficient values for the characters showed the presence of an equal proportion of positive and negative dominant genes in the parents. Symmetrical distribution of genes with plus and minus effects at loci showing dominance was observed in the parents for spikelet number per panicle. Only one group of dominant genes was observed to condition both the traits. Heritability for spikelet number per panicle was estimated at 33.23% in the narrow sense and 93.91 % in the broad sense.

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Short Communication

GENETICS OF BACTERIAL LEAF BIGHT RESISTANCE IN RICE

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Abstract

The genetics of resistance to bacterial leaf blight (BLB) of three breeding lines, namely, BR161-2B-25, RP633-76-1 AND BR319-1-HRH was studied against the bacterial isolate BX05. Susceptible varieties used for crossing were Dharijal, Marichbati and Panbira.

Hybrid populations (F1-F3) were clip-inoculated at booting stage using 2-day-old culture of BX05. Disease evaluation 2 weeks after inoculation indicated that bacterial leaf blight resistance in the test materials is controlled by a single recessive gene.