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## Effect of Climatic Factor and Date of Sowing on Wheat Crop in Allahabad Condition, Uttar Pradesh, India

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### ABSTRACT

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Field experiment was conducted on “Effect of climatic factor and date of sowing on wheat crop in Allahabad condition, Uttar Pradesh” at Forest Nursery, College of Forestry, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad, (U.P.). The objective of this research was to find out the role of date of sowing and climatic factors on different stages in wheat crop. The result of study indicated that after date of sowing, the maximum germination of seed was observed within 1-7 days and total 78 % of germination achieved. The increasing trends of plant height were observed in period of 7-70 days and average 7.47 number of tiller per spike. The observed length of spike 4.81 to 13.86 and number of grain spike<sup>-1</sup> varied between 23.22 and 93.51 date after sowing. Correlation study were conducted on climatic factor with plant height and number of tillers, results showed that positive correlation between temperature, rainfall and negative correlation with humidity for plant height and number of tillers.

### Introduction

Climate change is not a new phenomenon in the world. The rise in temperature of the earth surface and in atmosphere, fluctuation in rainfall, declining ground water, flooding due to high rainfall, drought, soil erosion, heavy wind, rising sea level due to melting of glacier, cyclone, wind speed, hail storm, fog, earthquake and landslide etc., are all the clear evidence of climate change phenomenon (Ahmad *et al.*, 2011). Climate and its variability impact all sectors of economy in several ways like abnormality in rainfall, results in severity and frequency of floods. Any increment in maximum temperature may

increase mean sea levels and it would affect large populations in peninsular and coastal areas. It may increase 15 to 40% rainfall there and raise the annual mean temperature by 3 to 6 degree (Zhai and Zhuang, 2009). Minimum temperature increased about twice as fast as maximum temperature over global land areas since 1950, resulting in a broad decline in the diurnal temperature range (Folland *et al.*, 2001).

The mean surface air temperature over land areas increased at a rate of about 0.9°C per century over the 1950–1993 periods (IPCC, 2001). Climate change is no more a distant problem. The changes in climatic variables,

such as rising temperature, variable rainfall, frequent droughts, hurricane and typhoons (Lobell *et al.*, 2012; Auffhammer *et al.*, 2011), and have almost failed to reach a global consensus on the mitigation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (Sharma 2015). Indian agriculture is facing challenges due to several factors such as increased competition for land, water and labour from non-agricultural sectors and increasing climatic variability. The latter associated with global warming will result in considerable seasonal/annual fluctuations in food production. All agricultural commodities even today are sensitive to such variability.

Droughts, floods, tropical cyclones, heavy precipitation events, hot extremes and heat waves are known to negatively impact agricultural production, and farmers' livelihood. It is also predicted that a rise in temperature may reduce yields of rice, wheat and other cereals crops (ICRIER *et al.*, 2009). Changes in global climate are likely to influence spatial and temporal trends of temperature and rainfall, which will affect crop phenology and yield (Jalota and Vashisht, 2016).

## **Materials and Methods**

### **Experimental Site**

The experiment was carried out during Rabi season 2017-18 at Forest Nursery, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (SHUATS), Allahabad. U.P., which is, located at 25.57° N latitude, 81.50° E longitude and 98 m altitude above the mean sea level. All the facilities, which are required for crop cultivation met out from the Department.

### **Soil of the experimental field**

Physico-chemical characteristics of the soil, before sowing, soil sample were collected

randomly from 0-30 cm depth from different place in the plots. A representative homogenous composite sample was drawn by mixing these entire soil samples together. This composite soil sample was analyzed to determine the physico-chemical properties of the soil.

### **Climatic conditions**

Allahabad is located in the south-eastern part of Uttar Pradesh and has tropical to subtropical climate with extremes of summer and winter. During winter months especially Dec-Jan temperature drops down to as low as 5°C while in summer temperature reaches above 45°C.

Hot scorching winds (commonly known as Loo) is regular feature during the summer whereas there may be an occasional spell of frost during the winter. The annual rainfall is 1100 mm mostly during the monsoon autumn i.e. July-Sept with a few occasional showers during winter months.

The experiment was conducted in one fixed plot with 6 sub-plots and 20 Dec. The plot size of the experimental plot was 2.0 x 2.0 m and wheat was shown with spacing of 22.5 cm.

### **Fertilizer application**

Recommended dose of fertilizer was applied through chemical fertilizers at the time of sowing. The nutrients were applied in the form of urea, Di-ammonium phosphate and Muriate of potash. Nitrogen was applied in three split doses with 50 per cent as basal application, 25 % at 21 days after sowing and remaining 25 % at 45 days after sowing.

### **Date of sowing**

Date of sowing (20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017) for present research.

## Results and Discussion

### Germination percentage (%)

From the perusal of Table 1, it indicated that the germination percentage of wheat in all sub plots (1-6) under plot 1. The 100 seeds were taken per sub plots as easy to calculate in germination percentage in 1-7 DAS.

After date of sowing, the maximum germination of seed in subplots 6 and total germination in 1-7 DAS was 9, 11, 12, 12, 13, 10 and 11 % and total percentage of germination after 7 DAS is 78 %. It is concluded that the cause of higher germination rate was climate and the active factors are responsible. Similar results were reported by (Sawant *et al.*, 2012; Nadew, 2018)

### Plant height

The change of plant height with the interval of one week is reported in Table 2. Mean value of plant height (centimetre) for the subplot after date of sowing started from 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56, 63, 70, 77, 84, 91, 98 and 105 days and corresponding height of plant are 8.34, 17.91, 24.36, 31.49, 38.33, 44.51, 52.57, 60.97, 69.12, 76.23, 81.15, 85.41, 87.04, 87.12 and 87.14cm respectively.

The increasing trends were observed from day 7 to 70 then slightly decreasing trend were observed upto 105 days. The result of present research indicated that wheat crop height increases with time, slightly increasing trends were observed after 70 day of sowing and possible influencing factor for plant growth are solar radiation, temperature, atmosphere condition, rainfall, humidity and soil moisture the region.

Similar research trends was observed by (Nadew, 2018; Suleiman *et al.*, 2014; Maurya *et al.*, 2015).

### Number of tillers

The observation of no. of tillers in the subplots after day of sowing with the interval of one week started from day 7 to 19, 26, 33, 40, 47, 54, 61, 68, 75, 82, 89, 96 and 105 days. There is no growth observed in tillers during the period 7 to 19 DAS. The average 2.71 number of tillers per spike observed after 26 DAS. Then vigorously growth of no. tillers recorded during 26 to 40 DAS then number of tillers/ spike remains same on or after 40 to 105 DAS reported in (Table 2). The major influencing factors for growth of tillers is solar radiation, temperature, atmosphere condition, rainfall, humidity and soil moisture of the region. Similar results finding were reported by (Suleiman *et al.*, 2014)

### Length of spike (cm)

There is no growth in length of spike in 7-55 DAS afterwards 62, 69, 76 83, 90, 97 and 105 DAS length of spike 4.81, 6.80, 8.84, 10.79, 12.56, 13.68, 13.86 respectively (Table 3). Slightly increasing trends observed up to 62 DAS then the growth of spikes was increasing weakly, till 105 days after sowing.

The influencing factor for growth of length of spikes is solar radiation, temperature, atmospheric condition, rainfall, humidity and soil moisture the region. Similar results were reported (Vashisht *et al.*, 2018.)

### No. of grains spike<sup>-1</sup>

Table 3 indicated that effect of date of sowing on number of grain/ spike. From the observation it's clearly indicated that after of date sowing to 57 days, there is no grain was observed in spike afterward grain appeared in the spike after 64, 71, 78, 85, 92, 99 and 105 DAS the observed grain in spike is 23.22, 43.39, 54.30, 63.77, 72.74, 85.07, 93.51 grains /spike/plants respectively.

**Table.1** Germination percentage of seed in Subplots after date of sowing (20Dec, 2017)

Sub Plot	Total no. of seeds sown	1-7 DAS	8 DAS	9 DAS	10 DAS	11 DAS	12 DAS	13 DAS	14 DAS	Total Per cent germination
S1P1	100	0	09	12	14	12	16	09	11	
S2P2	100	0	11	9	15	13	15	10	13	
S3P3	100	0	10	12	13	12	14	09	11	
S4P4	100	0	9	13	12	14	14	10	12	
S5P5	100	0	08	11	13	10	12	13	13	
S6P6	100	0	12	14	09	16	12	11	09	
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>	
<b>Germination percentage</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>78%</b>

**Table.2** Effect of date of sowing on plant height and no. of tillers

DAS	Plant height	DAS	No. of tillers spike <sup>-1</sup>
7	8.34		
14	17.91		
21	24.36	7 to 19	0
28	31.49	26	2.71
35	38.33	33	5.50
42	44.51	40	7.43
49	52.57	47	7.47
56	60.97	54	7.47
63	69.12	61	7.47
70	76.23	68	7.47
77	81.15	75	7.47
84	85.41	82	7.47
91	87.04	89	7.47
98	87.12	96	7.47
105	87.14	105	7.47

**Table.3** Effect of date of sowing on length of spike and no. of grain spike<sup>-1</sup>

DAS	Length of spike	DAS	No. of grain spike <sup>-1</sup>
7 to 55	0	7 to 57	0
62	4.81	64	23.22
69	6.80	71	43.39
76	8.84	78	54.30
83	10.79	85	63.77
90	12.56	92	72.74
97	13.68	99	85.07
105	13.86	105	93.51

**Table.4** Effect of date of sowing on yield q/ha

Sub- Plots	DAS
S1P1	38.36
S2P2	40.57
S3P3	36.23
S4P4	41.13
S5P5	39.14
S6P6	43.24
<b>Total yields</b>	<b>39.77</b>

**Table.5** Correlations between climatic factors and plant height

Parameters		Plant H.	T. max	T. min	Hum. Mornng.	Hum. Eveng.	Rainfall
<b>Plant H.</b>	Pearson Correlation	1					
	Sig. (2-tailed)						
<b>T. max</b>	Pearson Correlation	.976**	1				
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000					
<b>T. min</b>	Pearson Correlation	.944**	.962**	1			
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000				
<b>Hum. Mornng.</b>	Pearson Correlation	-.985**	-.968**	-.916**	1		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000			
<b>Hum. Eveng.</b>	Pearson Correlation	-.857**	-.837**	-.732**	.891**	1	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.002	.000		
<b>Rainfall</b>	Pearson Correlation	.326	.293	.436	-.210	.002	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.235	.289	.104	.452	.995	

**Table.6** Correlations between active factors and no. of tiller on date of sowing

Parameters		No. Tiller	T. max	T. min	Hum. Mornng.	Hum. Eveng.	Rainfall
<b>No. Tiller</b>	Pearson Correlation	1					
	Sig. (2-tailed)						
<b>T. max</b>	Pearson Correlation	.534	1				
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.074					
<b>T. min</b>	Pearson Correlation	.481	.950**	1			
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.114	.000				
<b>Hum. Mornng.</b>	Pearson Correlation	-.645*	-.961**	-.874**	1		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.024	.000	.000			
<b>Hum. Eveng.</b>	Pearson Correlation	-.323	-.690*	-.561	.761**	1	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.306	.013	.058	.004		
<b>Rainfall</b>	Pearson Correlation	.219	.261	.442	-.131	.277	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.494	.412	.150	.686	.383	

Slightly increasing trends observed upto 64 DAS then the growth of no. of grains spikes<sup>-1</sup> was increasing weakly, till 105 DAS similar research was conducted by other authors (Suleiman *et al.*, 2014; Neenu *et al.*, 2013)

### **Grain yield (q/ha)**

The observation of grains yield in plots under subplot presented in Table 4. Variation of yield in subplots reported in Table 4, the yield were observed (36.23-43.24 q/ha) and average yield 39.77 q/ha for date of sowing 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Yield in wheat crop is influence by soil characteristics, irrigation scheduling, time of sowing, solar radiation, temperature, rainfall, irrigation, humidity and soil moisture. Similar finding were observed by Nadew (2018), Kaur (2017) and Andarzian *et al.*, (2015).

### **Correlations studies between plant height and climatic factor**

Temperature, humidity and rainfall are the active factor for growth of plant or crops. Correlation studies were performed on Plant height with other climatic factors minimum temperature, maximum temperature, humidity morning, humidity evening and rainfall. The study results indicate that positive correlation between temperature maximum (0.976), temperature minimum (.944\*\*), rainfall with weak positive correlation (.326) and strong negative correlation (-0.985) humidity morning and (-0.857) and positive correlation with rainfall (0.326) for number of tillers for humidity evening reported in Table 5.

### **Correlation studies between number of tiller and climatic factor**

The temperature, humidity and rainfall are the active factor for growth of plant crops, Perusal of Table 6, Correlation study results showed that positive correlation between

temperature maximum (0.534), temperature minimum (.481), rainfall with weak positive correlation(.219) and strong negative correlation (-.645) humidity morning and (.306) for humidity evening and positive correlation with rainfall (0.494) for number of tillers. The similar study was performed by (Khandaker *et al.*, 2009 and Tao *et al.*, 2012).

From the present study it is concluded that date of sowing and climatic factor play a important role on growth of plant or crop from every stages. Result of present study indicated that the percent of germination, plant height, number of tiller, length of spike, number of grain and yields are highly influence on climatic factor and date of sowing. Correlation study also confers that climatic attributes temperature, humidity and rainfall are the active factor for the growth of crops and number tillers in the wheat crop.

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