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Evaluation of French Bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) Genotypes for Growth, Pod Yield and Quality under Sub-Tropical Condition of Garhwal Hills

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation was carried out to study the evaluation of French Bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) Genotypes for Growth, Pod Yield and Quality under Sub-tropical Condition of Garhwal Hills at Horticultural Research Centre and Department of Horticulture, H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal, (Uttarakhand), India during summer season, 2017. The experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design with three replications of 15 genotypes viz., Aishwarya, Anupam, Arka Komal, Durga Pencil Bean, Nirmala 101, Nitara Green, Pant Anupama, Pauri Local, Pencil 66, Rudraprayag Local, Shaguni, Srinagar Local, Somani, Selection-9 and Contender (Check cultivar). During the investigation different growth, yield and quality parameters were recorded. The result of analysis of variance revealed that the mean sum of square due to treatment were significant at 5% level for all the traits. The result showed that, the genotype Rudraprayag Local responded superior for number of pods per plant (21.10), yield of green pods per plant (249.92 g), yield of green pods per ha.(499.75 q/ha) and number of pickings (5.00). The genotype Anupam recorded best for plant height (63.61 cm), number of nodules per plant (14.5), fresh weight of nodules per plant (150.27 mg) and the number of primary branches per plant (8.29). On the other hand, the average weight of the pod (13.52 g) was estimated in genotype Pant Anupama. Thus, it can be concluded that, the genotype Rudraprayag Local was recorded the best performer over check cultivar Contender with respect to yield parameters. Hence, the genotypes Rudraprayag Local could be recommended to enhance the production of french bean under subtropical condition of Garhwal Hills.

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Introduction

French bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) belonging to the family leguminaceae is also known by various names such as common bean, snap bean, green bean, kidney bean, haricot bean and dwarf bean (George, 1985). The primary center of origin is Southern Mexico and Central America while Peruvian-Ecuadorian- Bolivian area is the secondary centre of origin. It is originated from wild

species *Phaseolus aborigineus* L. and domesticated in Mexico, Peru and Colombia about 8000 years ago. There are four cultivated species of *Phaseolus*, viz. *P. vulgaris*, *P. coccineus*, *P. lunatus* and *P. acutifolius* var. *latifolius*.

All the species are self-pollinated, except *P. coccineus* which is generally cross pollinated. Besides, adding atmospheric nitrogen with the help of symbiotic bacteria in the root nodules,

it also adds considerable amount of organic matter in the form of sufficient foliage. The foliage of the crop also provides hay, silage and green manure. The development of new varieties is the long and expensive process which also need expert scientist especially, plant breeders. However, the evaluation of the existing and available french bean varieties for their adoption and productivity in the climatic condition of Garhwal hills is a faster way to improve french bean production. The french bean varieties selected for sowing by the farmers depends on several factors, which include production ability, regional adaptability and availability of seeds and their prices. The availability of seeds and the cost of seeds affect the adoption of the varieties by the farmer. If the seeds are expensive and difficult to obtain, the farmer find other available cheaper varieties in the local market which are usually of low productivity. Although several high yielding varieties and hybrids have been introduced during the last decades, there is a potential need for them to be evaluated in the agro-climatic condition of Garhwal. Most vegetable varieties trials including french bean focus on yield and quality attributes. The purpose of varieties evaluation trials was to identify promising french bean varieties and thus to provide up-to-date variety recommendations for french bean growers.

Materials and Methods

The present experiment was conducted at Department of Horticulture, Horticulture Research Centre, Chauras H.N.B. Garhwal central University, Srinagar, Uttarakhand India, during summer season, 2017 titled, "Evaluation of French bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) genotypes for growth, pod yield and quality under sub-tropical condition of Garhwal Hills." The experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design with three replications consisting 15 genotypes *viz.*,

Aishwarya, Anupam, Arka Komal, Durga Pencil Bean, Nirmala 101, Nitara Green, Pant Anupama, Pauri Local, Pencil 66, Rudraprayag Local, Shaguni, Srinagar Local, Somani, Selection-9 and Contender (Check cultivar). French bean seeds were sown in the field at a spacing of 45 cm x 10 cm in plots of 2 x 2 m size. During the investigation different growth, pod yield and quality parameters were recorded. The result of analysis of variance revealed that the mean sum of square due to treatment were significant at 5% level for all the traits.

The growth and yield parameters like, days taken to first germination, plant height (cm), number of primary branches per plant, number of nodules per plant, fresh weight of nodules per plant (g), dry weight of nodules per plant (mg), days taken to first flowering, days taken to first pod set, days taken to first pod picking, number of pods per plant, pod length (cm), pod diameter (cm), pod weight (g), yield of green pods per plant (g), yield of green pods per plot (kg), yield of green pods per hectare (q/ha), number of picking and total soluble solid ($^{\circ}$ Brix) were recorded.

Results and Discussion

The representations of mean data of various growth, yield and quality characters of French bean genotypes in Table 1 and 2 are showing significant variations.

Growth characters

With respect to first seed germination the minimum (8.59 days) days was observed in Rudraprayag Local and the maximum (14.91 days) was noticed in Pauri Local. This may be due to the combine effect of soil temperature, moisture, texture and ability to germinate. The maximum (63.61 cm) plant height at harvest was recorded in Anupam showed superiority over check cultivar Contender

(52.04 cm), whereas the minimum (37.11 cm) plant height at harvest was found in Somani. Basically plant height respond to several factors, like genetic constitution, adaptability, environmental condition, availability of nutrients and other management factors. The cumulative effect of these key factors showed in the form of plant height of crop. Similar results have also been reported by Anjanappa *et al.*, (2000), Pawar *et al.*, (2007), Rana and Kumar (2008), Das *et al.*, (2014), Yadav (2015) and Das (2017) in french bean.

The maximum (8.29) number of primary branches per plant was recorded in genotype Anupam, whereas the minimum (3.71) number of primary branches per plant was recorded under the genotype Somani. The minimum (35.66 days) days taken to first flowering was recorded in genotype Arka Komal. On other hand the maximum (43.53 days) days taken to first flowering was recorded in the genotype Shaguni.

The maximum (14.59) number of nodules per plant was recorded in genotype Anupam while the minimum (7.78) was recorded under the genotype Somani. The number of nodules per plant is depends on the number of lateral root that in the plant and the nodulation is controlled by a variety of process, both external (heat, soil conditions, drought and nitrate) and internal factors (auto-regulation of nodulation and ethylene). These factors regulate the number of nodules per plant. The maximum (150.27 mg) fresh weight of nodules per plant was recorded in Anupam and minimum (75.05 mg) fresh weight of nodules per plant was recorded in Somani. The fresh weight of nodules is directly correlated with the number of active nodules and their size. Dry weight of nodules per plant was recorded in Anupam which was found to be significantly superior over other genotypes, whereas the minimum (12.67 mg) dry weight of nodules per plant was observed

in the Somani. The dry weight is directly correlated with the fresh weight and nodules size in crop. Similar observations have been reported by Muthal (2013) and Das (2017) in french bean.

Yield and quality characters

The minimum (40.85 days) days taken to first pod set was recorded in Pant Anupama, which was found to be significantly superior over other genotypes but statistically at par with Rudraprayag Local (41.22 days) and Arka Komal (41.96 days). On the other hand, maximum (49.46 days) days taken to first pod set was found in Shaguni. The minimum days (55.56 days) taken to first pod picking was recorded in Rudraprayag Local, followed by Pant Anupama (56.49 days) and Arka Komal (57.69 days), which was found to be significantly superior over other genotypes. On the other hand, the maximum (62.70 days) days taken to first pod picking was noticed in Pauri Local. The maximum number of pods per plant (21.10) was recorded in Rudraprayag Local, followed by Arka Komal (18.56) and Durga Pencil Bean (17.26), which was found to be significantly superior over the other genotypes, whereas minimum (9.66) number of pods per plant was found in Pauri Local. The maximum (13.52 g) average weight of the pod was recorded in Rudraprayag Local, which was found to be significantly superior over other genotypes but statistically at par with Arka Komal (12.78 g) and Pant Anupama (11.39), while the minimum (7.61 g) was found in Pauri Local. The maximum (15.76 cm) length of pod was observed in Rudraprayag Local which was found to be significantly superior over other genotypes but statistically at par with Pant Anupama (15.71 cm) and Arka Komal (15.66 cm). The minimum (10.53 cm) length of pod was found in Pencil 66. The maximum (1.81 cm) diameter of pod was recorded in Pant Anupama, which was found

to be significantly superior over other genotypes but statistically at par with Rudraprayag Local (1.73 cm) and Arka Komal (1.25 cm). On the other hand, the minimum (0.56 cm) diameter of pod was found in genotype Nitara Green. Significantly maximum (5.00) number of pickings were observed in genotype Rudraprayag Local, followed by Pant Anupama (4.67) and Arka Komal (3.67), while the minimum (2.00) number of pickings were observed in Pencil 66 and Somani.

The maximum (249.92 g) yield of green pods per plant was recorded in the genotype Rudraprayag Local, followed by Arka Komal (192.90 g) and Pant Anupama (180.44 g), whereas the minimum yield of green pods per plant was observed in Pauri Local (91.68 g). The maximum (19.99 kg) yield of green pods per plot (kg) was recorded in Rudraprayag Local, which was found to be significantly

superior over other genotypes but statistically at par with Arka Komal (15.40 kg) and Nitara Green (14.43 kg), whereas the minimum (7.33 kg) yield of green pods per plot (kg) was found in Pauri Local. The maximum (499.75 q/ha) yield per hectare was recorded in Rudraprayag local, which was found to be significantly superior over other genotypes but statistically at par with Arka komal (385.08 q/ha) and Pant Anupama (360.75 q/ha). On the other hand, minimum (183.17 q/ha) yield was found in Pauri local. Yield is nothing but it is a cumulative effect of several factors like plant height, number of branches, pod length, pod diameter, pod weight.

Yield of green pod per hectare is directly correlated with the yield of green pods per plant and yield of green pods per plot. Singh *et al.*, (2009) Patel *et al.*, (2011), and Prakash and Ram (2014) reported similar findings in french bean.

Table.1 Mean performance of french bean genotypes for growth parameters

Genotypes	Days taken to first seed germination	Plant height (cm)	No. of primary branch	Days taken to first flowering	No. of nodules per plant	Fresh weight of nodules per plant (mg)	Dry weight of nodules per plant (mg)
Aishwarya	13.56	47.15	6.90	41.09	11.18	86.10	18.02
Anupam	9.13	63.61	8.29	36.83	14.59	150.27	45.89
ArkaKomal	11.03	54.59	7.41	35.66	13.68	144.30	42.54
Durga Pencil Bean	11.91	49.06	5.22	39.88	12.17	131.75	35.11
Nirmala 101	13.24	46.92	6.57	40.03	11.87	81.10	15.40
Nitara Green	13.98	40.25	4.89	38.86	12.14	120.67	34.42
Pant Anupama	12.16	44.77	5.32	37.54	11.72	86.56	18.44
Pauri Local	14.91	46.15	5.47	40.26	12.30	132.99	36.44
Pencil 66	11.58	53.07	6.58	39.33	10.74	80.82	15.40
Rudraprayag Local	8.59	46.48	5.12	36.93	11.92	88.69	19.56
Shaguni	13.40	44.27	6.19	43.53	12.14	129.46	34.25
Srinagar Local	11.98	45.68	6.23	39.69	11.93	126.39	33.60
Somani	12.13	37.11	3.71	40.18	7.78	75.05	12.67
Selection-9	11.54	49.87	5.40	39.65	12.78	134.71	41.69
Contender (Check)	8.58	52.04	7.39	35.80	12.49	133.20	40.31
S.Em±	1.31	2.2	0.65	1.15	0.99	0.42	0.29
CD at 5%	3.81	5.84	1.89	3.34	2.85	1.22	0.85

Table.2 Mean performance of french bean genotypes for yield and quality parameters

Genotypes	Days taken to first pod set	Days taken to first pod picking	Number of pods per plant	Pod weight (g)	Pod length (cm)	Pod diameter (cm)	Yield of green pods per plant (g)	Yield of green pods per plot (kg)	Number of picking	Yield of green pod per hectare (q/ha)	Total soluble solid (^o Brix)
Aishwarya	46.32	58.18	15.97	9.35	13.32	0.63	149.79	11.98	3.00	299.42	5.53
Anupam	42.57	60.91	12.12	11.29	15.62	1.06	101.42	8.11	3.33	202.75	6.50
ArkaKomal	41.96	57.69	18.56	12.78	15.66	1.25	192.90	15.40	3.67	385.08	7.02
Durga Pencil Bean	46.49	58.64	17.26	9.97	12.62	1.04	173.13	13.85	2.33	346.17	5.57
Nirmala 101	47.48	61.64	11.22	10.32	15.13	0.88	100.72	8.05	3.00	201.25	5.06
Nitara Green	44.41	57.86	14.03	8.66	15.46	0.56	107.27	8.58	3.00	214.42	5.73
Pant Anupama	40.85	56.49	13.31	11.39	15.71	1.81	180.44	14.43	4.67	360.75	6.60
Pauri Local	47.64	62.70	9.66	7.61	11.15	1.07	91.68	7.33	2.33	183.17	5.64
Pencil 66	45.83	59.02	10.01	10.87	10.53	1.13	109.18	8.73	2.00	218.25	5.20
Rudraprayag Local	41.22	55.56	21.10	13.52	15.76	1.73	249.92	19.99	5.00	499.75	5.59
Shaguni	49.46	58.72	17.09	8.23	14.19	1.04	160.30	12.82	3.00	320.50	5.51
Srinagar Local	44.53	57.71	16.52	8.42	13.50	0.76	168.87	13.51	3.33	338.17	5.58
Somani	48.34	58.03	15.63	8.40	12.32	1.03	179.62	14.37	2.00	359.17	5.30
Selection-9	46.97	60.20	14.54	10.34	12.03	1.23	165.88	13.27	3.33	331.67	5.44
Contender (Check)	40.36	55.83	19.59	13.31	15.59	1.33	208.33	16.66	3.33	416.58	6.65
S.Em±	0.67	0.42	0.58	0.95	1.02	0.14	17.32	1.39	0.33	34.66	0.29
CD at 5%	1.95	1.21	1.69	2.76	3.98	0.40	50.17	4.02	0.96	100.41	0.83

Maximum (7.02⁰Brix) total soluble solid was recorded in Arka komal, which was found to be significantly superior over other genotypes but statistically at par with Pant Anupama (6.60⁰Brix) and Anupam (6.50⁰Brix), whereas the minimum (5.06⁰Brix) total soluble solid was found in Nirmala 101. The similar findings were reported by Sarangi and De (2010) in French bean and Bhutia *et al.*, (2017) in Pea.

On the basis of results obtained from the present investigation, it may be concluded that, the genotype Rudraprayag Local recorded best performer over check cultivar Contender with respect to yield parameters. Hence, the genotypes Rudraprayag Local could be recommended to enhance the production of french bean under subtropical condition of Garhwal Hills.

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