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Factors Contributing for High Yielding of Cauliflower and to Find out the Constraints Faced by the Farmers in Khagaria District of Bihar, India

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation entitled “factors contributing for high yielding of cauliflower and to find out the constraints faced by the farmers in Khagaria District of Bihar” was carried out during 2017-18 120 respondents from 10 villages were randomly selected and data were collected and analysed by using appropriate statistical methods. From the study it was found that the factors contributing for increasing yield of cauliflower were sowing at proper time (90.00%), applying organic manure (81.60%), taking plant protection measures from time to time (78.30%) following blanching practice (70.00%) following irrigation schedule at proper intervals (66.60%) and using high yielding varieties 63.60 per cent. There is a need for providing guidance on market avenues and price fluctuations from time to time to farmers. Through mass Medias like newspaper, radio and televisions, for controlling pests and diseases. Hence, there is a scope for creating awareness about the use of bio pesticides by organizing educational activities.

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Introduction

Cauliflower is rich in vitamin C and mostly cultivated in northern India as it requires cooler climate to grow. Its annual output in India ranges at around 10 lakh tones from an area of more than 2 lakh hectares. At present, Bengal and Bihar are the largest producers of cauliflower in India followed by Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Gujarat. The

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scientists of the national research Centre on plant Biotechnology and University of Hyderabad and Banaras Hindu University introduced a gene into a popular variety of cauliflower, pusa snowball K-1 and produced a variety which is resistant to diamond back moth attack. Khagaria district was selected purposively. The total net crop sown area is 1, 33902 hectares in khagaria District out of which 8, 3393 hectares under irrigation. Use of biofertilizers is mostly done in the vegetable crops. The cropping intensity being 141.49%. The khagaria district comprises 7 blocks out of which the study was conducted

in chautham block which is selected purposively, due to being more progressive farmers of Block. A study entitled “Adoption of farmers regarding recommended cultivation practices of cauliflower cultivation in Khagaria district of Bihar” has been conducted.

Results and Discussion

The results obtained of the study and relevant discussion has been presented under following heads.

Table.1 Factors contributing for high yielding as perceived by cauliflower growers

	Particulars	Frequency	Percentage
1	Taking sowing at proper time	108	90.0
2	Applying organic manure in sufficient quantity	98	81.60
3	Taking plant protection measures from time to time	94	78.30
4	Blanching	84	70.00
5	Following irrigation schedules at proper intervals	80	66.60
6	Following high yielding varieties/hybrids	76	63.30
7	Following recommended fertilizer dose	50	41.60

Table.2 Problems in production and marketing of cauliflower

	Particulars	Frequency	Percentage	Rank
1	Problem of pests	102	85.00	I
2	Problem of diseases	96	80.00	II
3	High cost of fertilizers	94	78.30	III
4	High cost of plant protection chemicals	46	38.30	VI
5	Limited and irregular power supply	46	38.30	VII
6	Poor transportation facilities	94	36.60	VIII
7	Fluctuations in the prices	92	76.66	IV
8	Exploitation by the middleman.	86	71.66	V

A perusal of Table 4.4 and reveals the factors contributing for increasing yield of cauliflower were sowing at proper time (90.00%), applying organic manure (81.60%), taking plant protection measures from time to time (78.30%) following blanching practice (70.00%) following irrigation schedule at proper intervals (66.60%) and using high yielding varieties 63.60 per cent.

Above table shows that the problem of pests Problem of diseases was the foremost problem followed by High cost of fertilizers followed by Fluctuations in the prices followed by Exploitation by the middle man. Followed by High cost of plant protection chemicals followed by Limited and irregular power followed by supply Poor transportation facilities.

It can be concluded from above study that majority of the factors contributing for increasing yield of cauliflower were sowing at proper time (90.00%), applying organic manure (81.60%), taking plant protection measures from time to time (78.30%) following blanching practice (70.00%) following irrigation schedule at proper intervals (66.60%) and using high yielding varieties 63.60 per cent. Problem of pests Problem of diseases was the foremost problem followed by High cost of fertilizers followed by Fluctuations in the prices followed by Exploitation by the middleman. Followed by High cost of plant protection chemicals followed by Limited and irregular power followed by supply Poor transportation facilities.

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