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A CASE STUDY

Evaluation of different methods of turmeric (Curcuma longa L.) plantation

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Abstract : A study on different methods of turmeric (Curcuma longa L.) planting was carried out at farmers' field of district Hoshiarpur to evaluate the growth and yield of turmeric. The mean length of turmeric rhizomes for T₁ (planting of turmeric manually at $30 \text{cm} \times 20 \text{cm}$ spacing), T, (planting of turmeric manually at 45cm × 15cm spacing) and T₃ (planting of turmeric with semi-automatic potato planter at a spacing of 60 cm \times 15 cm) after uprooting was 7.85 cm, 7.91 cm and 8.20 cm, respectively while the mean diameter of turmeric rhizomes for T₁, T, and T, after uprooting was 3.05cm, 2.64cm and 3.45cm, respectively. The number of rhizomes per kg for T₁, T, and T₃ were 34, 30 and 24, respectively. The yield of turmeric rhizome was highest (130.0 q/acre) in T₃ which was 17.65 per cent and 8.33 per cent more as compared to T₂ and T₁, respectively because the rhizomes were grown on ridges and the overall size of rhizomes was bigger.

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