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Impact of liquid and carrier based biofertilizers on fruit and quality traits in tomato (Solanum lycopersicum L.)

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Abstract: The present investigation "Influence of liquid and carrier based biofertilizers on growth, yield and quality of tomato (Solanum lycopersicum L.)" was laid out in randomized block design with two factors and three levels comprising of nine treatment combinations in three replications at Horticultural Research Station, Dr. Y.S.R. Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari during Rabi, 2018. The application of 80 % recommended dose of fertilizers along with liquid biofertilizers resulted in significant higher differences in number of fruits per cluster (4.90), number of fruits per plant (60.0), fruit set % (98.34), fruit length (5.83 cm), fruit width (5.45 cm), average fruit weight (96.96 g), fruit yield per plant (7.27 kg), TSS (4.67 ^oBrix), ascorbic acid content (16.53 mg/100 g), lycopene content (31.72 mg/100g) and titrable acidity (0.53 %) when compared to other treatment combinations.

Key Words: Titrable acidity, Factors, Liquid biofertilizers, Recommended dose of fertilizers, Treatment combinations

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