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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Evaluation of promising pre-release interspecific cotton hybrids

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SUMMARY

Field experiment was conducted at Agricultural Research Station, Borwat Farm, Banswara during Kharif -2012 to find out the optimum plant geometry and fertility levels for inter specific cotton hybrids. Sowing of RAHB-189 cotton hybrid gave significantly higher seed cotton yield (1798 kg ha⁻¹) over DCH-32. The maximum seed cotton yield (1976 kg ha⁻¹) was observed under plant geometry of 90 x 60 cm than closer plant geometry of 90 x 45 cm and wider plant spacing 90 x 90 cm. Though, yield attributing parameters such as bolls plant and boll weight were statically improved in wider as compared to closer spacing it could be increase the seed cotton yield under sowing at 90 x 60 cm plant spacing. Among fertility levels, similar seed cotton yield was recorded with the application of 100 % RDF (1983 kg ha⁻¹) and 125 % RDF (2018 kg ha⁻¹) but both were significantly better than that of 75 % RDF and plant geometry 90 x 60 cm seemed to be ideal for inter specific hybrid cotton for realizing higher productivity under the specific agro climatic zone IV b.

Key Words: Inter specific cotton, Plant geometry, Seed cotton yield, Fertility levels

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