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# Effect of organic nutrients on growth and yield of vegetable cowpea

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**ABSTRACT :** An investigation was carried out to find out the effect of organic nutrients in vegetable cowpea [*Vigna unguiculata* (L) Walp.] var. Ankur Gomathi during season I (Jan-April 2012) and season II (Aug-Nov 2012) at the Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, Annamalai University. The results indicated that plant height, was favourably enhanced by the treatment of FYM @ 25 t ha<sup>-1</sup> + neem cake @ 5 t ha<sup>-1</sup> + panchagavya 3 %, whereas number of branches per plant, was favourably enhanced by the treatment FYM @ 25 t ha<sup>-1</sup> + vermicompost @ 5 t ha<sup>-1</sup> + panchagavya 3%. The yield per ha showed that FYM @ 25 t ha<sup>-1</sup> + vermicompost @ 5 t ha<sup>-1</sup> + panchagavya 3 % recorded highest yield of 6.75 t ha<sup>-1</sup> in season I and 6.22 t ha<sup>-1</sup> in season II as compared to 3.64 t ha<sup>-1</sup> and 3.59 t ha<sup>-1</sup> in the control during season I and season II, respectively. Thus the FYM @ 25 t ha<sup>-1</sup> + vermicompost @ 5 t ha<sup>-1</sup> + panchagavya 3 % was observed to be best treatment in both the seasons.

**KEY WORDS :** Vermicompost, Panchagavya, FYM, Growth, Yield, Cowpea

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