

## RESEARCH PAPER

# Success of shield budding in Nagpur mandarin in shade net and open field condition

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## ABSTRACT

Studies were carried out at experimental orchard of AICRP (Tropical Fruits) Dr. PDKV, Akola Maharashtra on shield budding in Nagpur mandarin in shade net and open field conditions at 15 days interval from 15<sup>th</sup> November to 30 January. Height of bud graft, length of scion and number of leaves on scion were best under open field conditions similarly maximum bud take per cent, bud survival per cent, leaf area and chlorophyll content were better under open field condition than shade net condition. Budding done at 15<sup>th</sup> December under open field condition gave the maximum height of bud graft, length of scion, number of leaves on scion, bud take per cent, bud survival per cent, leaf area and chlorophyll content than all other treatments.

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Citrus is the third largest fruit production industry of the country after banana and mango and occupies 13 per cent of total area under fruit cultivation with about 11.9 per cent of annual fruit production of the country (Anonymous, 2008). Among the various types of citrus fruit grown, mandarin (*Citrus reticulata* Blanco) occupies about 3.9 per cent of the total area and 2.4 per cent of the total fruit production throughout the country (Anonymous, 2008). In Maharashtra Vidarbha alone covers more than 86 per cent area under mandarin. In Vidarbha it is grown on an area of 65,000 ha with annual production of 4.25 lac tones. It is grown mostly in Amravati, Nagpur and Wardha districts where more than 80 lac of Nagpur mandarin nursery plants are raised and sold through 325 to 350 governments and private nursery (Anonymous, 2000). So by providing genuine planting material which is disease and pest free, productivity level of mandarin in this area can be increased to a considerable extent. This is only possible in greenhouse nursery but at present there is no standardized time for budding in Nagpur mandarin under

greenhouse

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The present investigation was carried out using Nagpur mandarin scion at experimental orchard of AICRP (Tropical Fruits) Dr. P.D.K.V., Akola during 2009-2010. The experiment was laid down in Completely Randomized Design comprising twelve treatments, three replications with 50 bud grafts under each treatment. The rootstocks selected for experimental purpose were of pencil thickness, straight in growth and in good sap flow condition having longitudinal white streak on the bark. Bud wood for budding operation was selected from fairly well mature non bearing current year shoot having longitudinal white streak on the bark and swollen buds which were ready to grow after budding. Shield budding operation was done at 15 days interval from 15<sup>th</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> January under open field and shade net condition. The experimental area was provided with uniform cultural practices. Data on

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height of bud graft, length of scion, number of leaves on scion, bud survival per cent, leaf area and chlorophyll content were recorded 90 days after budding operation. Whereas data on bud take per cent was recorded 30 days after budding. The data were analyzed as per the method suggested by Gomez and Gomez (1984).

## RESEARCH AND REMONSTRATION FINDINGS

Different dates of budding and environment had

significant influence on height of bud graft, length of scion, number of leaves on scion, bud take per cent, bud survival per cent, leaf area and chlorophyll content in Nagpur mandarin (Table 1 and 2). Shield budding performed at 15<sup>th</sup> December under open field condition gave maximum height of bud graft (25.27 cm), length of scion (12.32 cm), number of leaves on scion (20.26), leaf area (16.01 cm<sup>2</sup>) and chlorophyll content in leaves (0.61 mg/g) followed by 30<sup>th</sup> December under open field condition. This might be due budding done during this period received fairly long period of favourable temperature, relative humidity, light intensity for vegetative growth. The minimum

Date of budding	Environmental condition	Height of bud graft (cm)	Length of scion(cm)	Number of leaves on scion	Leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Open field	20.75	7.36	12.74	11.22
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Open field	23.1	8.61	16.43	12.41
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Open field	25.27	12.32	20.26	16.01
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Open field	24.18	11.93	16.69	15.62
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Open field	22.9	7.49	12.82	9.84
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Open field	19.78	6.54	11.68	7.10
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Shade net	17.18	4.82	6.67	9.88
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Shade net	18.92	5.57	10.74	11.55
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Shade net	19.12	9.18	12.03	15.12
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Shade net	18.47	5.97	10.94	10.44
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Shade net	17.36	3.23	10.36	7.43
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Shade net	17.11	2.9	6.52	6.99
F test		Sig	Sig	Sig	Sig
S.E. (m)±		0.82	1.96	2.59	0.78
C.D. (P=0.05)		2.39	5.71	7.57	2.27

Sig. = Significant

Date of budding	Environmental condition	Chlorophyll content(mg/g)	Bud- take per cent	Bud survival per cent
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Open field	0.53	57.67	48.00
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Open field	0.54	62.67	57.33
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Open field	0.61	83.67	77.33
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Open field	0.56	73.67	63.00
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Open field	0.52	65.00	52.00
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Open field	0.47	52.00	32.00
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Shade net	0.5	41.33	25.33
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Shade net	0.53	54.67	25.33
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Shade net	0.56	66.33	34.33
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Shade net	0.54	46.67	30.67
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Shade net	0.47	34.67	24.00
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Shade net	0.46	32.67	21.33
F test		Sig	Sig	Sig
S.E.(m)±		0.04	2.69	4.66
C.D. (P=0.05)		0.13	7.66	13.62

Sig. = Significant

height of bud graft (17.11 cm), length of scion (2.9 cm), number of leaves on scion (6.52), leaf area (6.99 cm<sup>2</sup>) and chlorophyll content in leaves (0.46 mg/g) was observed in 30<sup>th</sup> January in shade net condition which might be due to increase in temperature and decrease in relative humidity in shade net. Similar results were also observed for bud take per cent and bud survival per cent. Maximum bud survival per cent (77.33 %) and bud take per cent (83.67 %) was observed by budding under open field condition on 15<sup>th</sup> December followed by budding 30<sup>th</sup> December under open field condition. These might be due to the fact that congenial climatic condition, suitable temperature, relative humidity and light intensity that caused high cell activity and suitable humidity level of atmosphere showed favourable effect on bud take per cent and bud survival per cent. Whereas the minimum bud take (32.67%) and bud survival per cent (21.33 %) was observed by budding on 30<sup>th</sup> January under shade net condition. Which might be due to fact that unfavourable weather condition with high temperature and lower relative humidity which may interfered with the bud union healing process, unavailability of scion with active buds.

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