



## Research Article

### Time of sowing affect the yield attributes, yield and Economics of wheat (*Triticum aestivum L.*)

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#### ABSTRACT

The field experiment was carried out at KrishiVigyan Kendra, Aurangabad and at farmers' field during rabi seasons of 2013-14 and 2014-15, to response of time of sowing affect the yield attributes, Yield and Economics of wheat (*Triticum aestivum L.*). Experiment was laid out in a completely randomized block design with 4date of sowing i.e5<sup>th</sup> November, 15<sup>th</sup> November 25<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup>Decemberin a total of five replications duringrabi 2013-14 and 2014-15. Significantly maximum grain yield (44.64 q/ha) recorded with wheat sown at 5<sup>th</sup> November being at par with 15<sup>th</sup> November both were significantly more over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. 6.13%, 3.70% more grain yield recorded with at 5<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> November produces over sowing of wheat at 25<sup>th</sup> November and 33.65% and30.59% more grain yield over 5<sup>th</sup> December, respectively. Sowing of wheat at 5<sup>th</sup> November produced more straw yield (52.90q/ha) being at par with 15<sup>th</sup> November and they were significantly more over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. Straw yield recorded 8.49%, 7.51% more with at 5<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> November produces more straw yield over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 15.96% and14.91% more straw yield over 5<sup>th</sup> December Sowing of wheat. Significantly highest B-C ratio was also recorded with 5<sup>th</sup>November and statically at par with 15<sup>th</sup> November over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. Highest return 6.13 and 3.71% & by 33.65% & 30.60%, respectively higher returns by were recorded when wheat sown at 5<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> November over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December respectively.

**Keywords:** Terminal heat stress, wheat, Time of sowing

#### INTRODUCTION

Wheat is one of the most staple foods of the humanity (Meena *et al.*, 2013). Its area and productivity is increasing rapidly adopting across the globe, due to its wider adaptability sustainability under divers agro climatic conditions (Kumar *et al.*, 2014). However, considerable portion of the wheat grown in South Asia is considered to be affected by heat stress, of which the majority is present in India (Joshi *et al.*, 2007a). Joshi *et al.*, 2007a reported that terminal heat stress is a major reason of yield decline in wheat due to delayed planting in India. Singh *et al.*, 2008 also state that selection of suitable crop varieties according to the agro climatic conditions may play crucial role in realizing the optimum production of any crop commodity. The most heat-stressed locations of South Asia are the Eastern Gangetic Plains (EGP), central and peninsular India, whereas heat stress is considered moderate in north western parts of the

Indio-Gangetic Plains (IGP) (Joshi *et al.*, 2007b). Late planting of wheat suffers drastic yield losses which

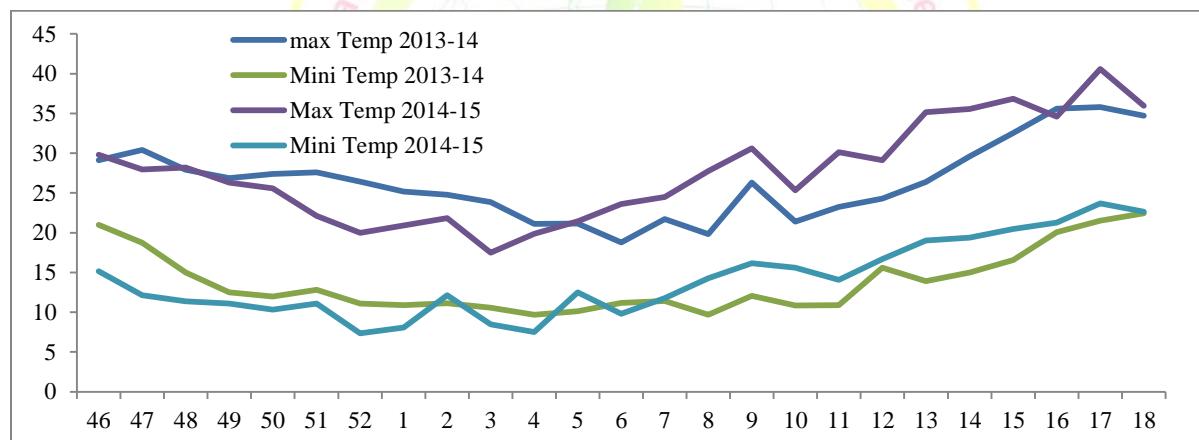
may exceed to 40-50%. Global climate models reported that increase in mean ambient temperature between 1.8 and 5.8°C ) by end of this century (IPCC, 2007. Grain yield was negatively related to the thermal time accumulated above the base temperature of 310C (Mianet *et al.*, 2007). High temperature above 32 °C has been reported reducing grain yield and grain weight (Wardlawet *et al.*, 2002). Shriveled small grains are produced and different yield associated traits such as tillering, grain weight and grains numbers/spike are reduced. Using this factor (3–4 % loss per 10C above 15–20 °C), it can be calculated that most commercially sown wheat cultivars in India would lose approximately 50 % of their yield potential when exposed to 32–38°C temperature at the crucial grain formation stage. The experiment was conducted

at the KrishiVigyan Kendra, Aurangabad and farmers of Aurangabad district during the years *rabi* 2013-14 and 2014-15. By the late sowing the varieties were given high temperature stress during grain filling stage in comparison to timely sown condition.

## MATERIALS AND METHOD

The field experiment was conducted at KrishiVigyan Kendra and farmers' field in Aurangabad district of Bihar during the two consecutive rabi seasons of 2013-14 and 2014-15. The experimental site was allocated at Aurangabad district at 332' above mean sea level and 24°.50' N and 84°.70' E. The maximum temperature remained above 35.60°C and 35.97°C during 2013-14 and 2014-15, respectively. At crop period total rainfall received was 10.77 and 13.25 mm during 2013-14 and 2014-15, respectively. The soil was clay-loam having normal soil reaction (pH 7.5), low in organic carbon (0.51%) and available nitrogen (205.7 kg/ha), and medium in available phosphorus (19.3 kg/ha) and available potassium (198.5 kg/ha). The experiment was laid out in completely randomized block design with 5 replications comprising of 4 date of sowing i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> November, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December. In experimental plots, wheat was

established by zero-till drill (ZTD). The wheat variety HD-2733 was tested in different dates of sowing. To allow drill to place seeds at a uniform distance and proper depth the fields were leveled with leveler at the time of sowing of all the replications. Before sowing with zero-till drill the experimental plots meant for zero-till drill (ZTD) sowing were subjected to two ploughing followed by harrowing and planking (ZTD). Experimental field was fertilized at the rate of 120:60:40 kg NPK/ha. Nitrogen was applied in three splits (1/2 dose of N at basal rest 1/2 dose each equal at 1st irrigation and 2<sup>nd</sup> irrigation), while the entire P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>O were applied as basal application. Pendimethalin was sprayed within 1 days after sowing, by knap-sack sprayer using 800 litres/ha water in all treatment plots in all replications. Metsulfuron @ 33g/ha as Post-emergence herbicides was applied with knap-sack sprayer fitted with flat-fan nozzle using 500 l/ha of water at 25-30 days after sowing (DAS) in all treatment plots in each replications. The data on plant height, number of tillers, crop biomass and number of grains/spike were recorded. The crop was harvested manually in the second week of April. Variable cost of cultivation and gross returns were calculated on the basis of existing price of the inputs and outputs.



**Fig1: Maximum and Minimum Temperature during crop period 2013-14 and 2014-15**

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Number of effective tillers/m<sup>2</sup>, spike length, grains/spike and test-weight was significantly influenced by different date of sowing. Number of effective tillers/m<sup>2</sup> at harvest stage recorded maximum with wheat sown at 5<sup>th</sup> November being at par with 15<sup>th</sup> November both were significantly higher over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. Spike length was recorded significantly higher with wheat sown at 5<sup>th</sup> November over other treatment. Number of grain significantly influenced by date of sowing maximum number of grain/spike was recorded with when wheat was sown at 5<sup>th</sup> November over 15<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. 1000 grain weight was also significantly influenced by date of sowing. Maximum 1000 grain weight recorded with wheat sown at 5<sup>th</sup> November being at par with 15<sup>th</sup>

November they were significantly higher over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December (Table1).

**Table1: Effect of date of sowing on yield and yield attributes and yield on wheat (Pooled data of two years)**

Treatment	No. of effective tillers/m <sup>2</sup>	Length of Spike (cm)	No of grain/spike	1000 grain Weight (g)	Grain yield (q/ha)	Straw yield (q/ha)
T <sub>1</sub> - 5 November	334.20	9.54	48.40	44.56	44.64	52.90
T <sub>2</sub> -15 November	318.20	9.13	44.80	45.06	43.62	52.42
T <sub>3</sub> -25 November	276.40	8.79	43.80	43.80	42.06	48.76
T <sub>4</sub> -5 December	235.00	8.25	40.20	41.50	33.40	45.62
LSD (P=0.05)	22.97	0.37	2.98	0.91	2.32	2.85

Sowing of wheat at 5<sup>th</sup> November produce significantly maximum grain yield (44.64 q/ha) being at par with 15<sup>th</sup> November both were significantly more over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. Early sowing of wheat at 5<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> November produced significantly 6.13%, 3.70% more grain yield over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 33.65% and 30.59% more grain yield over 5<sup>th</sup> December, respectively. Straw yield (52.90q/ha) recorded maximum with 5<sup>th</sup> November being at par with 15<sup>th</sup> November both were significantly more over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. Sowing of wheat at 5<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> November produces 8.49%, 7.51% more straw yield over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 15.96% and 14.91% more straw yield over 5<sup>th</sup> December, respectively (Table 1). Similar findings was also reported by Dwivedi et al. 2015.

The benefit accrued was more in wheat sowing at 5<sup>th</sup> November and statically at par with 15<sup>th</sup> November over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. Net return (Rs 39228/ha) recorded significantly higher with 5<sup>th</sup> November and statically at par with 15<sup>th</sup> November over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. The B-C ratio also recorded significantly higher with 5<sup>th</sup> November and statically at par with 15<sup>th</sup> November over 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. The higher returns by 6.13 and 3.71% & by 33.65% & 30.60%, respectively were recorded when wheat sown at 5<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> November than 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December (Table 2).

**Table2: Effect of date of sowing on economics on wheat (Pooled data of two years)**

Treatment	Cost of cultivation (Rs/ha)	Gross return (Rs/ha)	Net return (Rs/ha)	B:C Ratio
T <sub>1</sub> - 5 November	25500	64,728	39,228	2.54
T <sub>2</sub> -15 November	25500	63,249	37,749	2.48
T <sub>3</sub> -25 November	25500	60,987	35,487	2.39
T <sub>4</sub> -5 December	25500	48,430	22,930	1.90
LSD (P=0.05)	-	3,367	3,367	0.13

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