MEAN PERFORMANCE AND RANGE FOR QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE TRAITS IN GARLIC (Allium sativum L.)

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ABSTRACT

An experiment was conducted to assess the mean performance and range value in 156 genotypes and 4 checks of garlic grown in Augmented Randomized Block Design at Vegetable Research Station, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh during rabi 2015-2016. The observations were recorded on 21 characters viz., plant height (cm), number of leaves per plant, leaf length (cm), leaf width at middle portion (cm), days to maturity (days), pseudostem height (cm), collar thickness (cm), bulb collar diameter (cm), bulb equatorial diameter (cm), bulb polar diameter (cm), bulb weight (g), number of cloves per bulb, clove weight (g), clove length (cm), clove polar diameter (cm), clove equatorial diameter (cm), total soluble solids (%), bulb yield (kg/ha), anthocyanin pigmentation, bulb shape and bulb colour. Based on mean values with respect to characters, the genotype RGP 447 was the higher yielder followed by RGP 108, RGP 56, JGP 183 and RGP 384. The genotype RGP 447 was the top genotypes for the economic trait such as bulb weight. These genotypes might be utilized in further breeding programme for improvement in bulb yield.

KEY WORDS: Bulb, Clove, Garlic, Range

INTRODUCTION

Garlic (Allium sativum L.) is one of the most important remunerative bulbous and medicinal spice crop grown commercially. It is the second most widely used spice after onion. It belongs to family Alliaceae because of its superior ovary and scapose umbellate inflorescence. The name garlic is derived from the old English word "gar" meaning spear presumably referring to clove. Allium longicupis is considered to be its wild ancestor, which is extensively found in Central Asia. Garlic (Allium sativum L.) has 2n=2x=16 chromosome number. Garlic is a perennial plant, cultivated mainly for

bulbs. The edible underground stem is the composite bulb made up of numerous smaller bulbs called clove. Leaves had solid thin blades. Some varieties produce flowers but these flowers do not set seeds. There are some varieties which produce vegetative bulbs on the top called bulbils used also for propagation in some cases. Garlic is rich in protein, phosphorus, potash, calcium. magnesium and carbohydrates. uninjured bulb contains a colourless. odourless water soluble amino acid Allin. On crushing the garlic bulb the enzyme allinase breaks down Allin to produce allicin of which the principle ingredient is the

odoriferous diallyl disulphide. Garlic contains about 0.1 per cent volatile oil. The chief constituents of the oil are diallyl disulphide (60%), dially ltrisulphide (20%), allylpropyl disulphide (6%), a small quantity of a diethyl disulphide and probably diallyl polysulphide (Pandey and Bhonde, 1997). In any crop improvement programme, basic information with respect to variability present in the crop is essential. Yield being a complex trait, is collectively influenced by various component characters, which are polygenically inherited and highly influenced by environmental variations.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

One hundred and fifty six genotypes and four checks of garlic were sown in Augmented Randomized Block Design (ARBD) (Federer, 1956) during rabi 2015-16. The cloves were planted at a distance of 15 cm row to row and 10 cm plant to plant per spacing. Other recommended agronomical practices and plant protection measures were followed for the successful raising of the crop. The observations were recorded on various quantitative characters viz., plant height (cm), number of leaves per plant, leaf length (cm), leaf width at middle portion (cm), days to maturity (days), pseudostem height (cm), collar thickness (cm), bulb collar diameter (cm), bulb equatorial diameter (cm), bulb polar diameter (cm), bulb weight (g), number of cloves per bulb, clove weight (g), clove length (cm), clove polar diameter (cm), clove equatorial diameter (cm), total soluble solids (%) and bulb yield (kg/ha), and qualitative characters viz., anthocyanin pigmentation, bulb shape and bulb colour were recorded on five randomly selected competitive plants per genotype in each plot for the purpose of recording observations on different characters (except days to maturity) and their averages were used in the statistical analysis. Days to maturity was measured on plot basis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the present investigation, based on range wise grouping of garlic genotypes are made for 16 characters (Table 1 and Figure 1). Out of 160 genotypes, 33 genotypes were short, 126 genotypes were medium and remaining one genotype was tall in plant height. Among the 160 genotypes, 88 had few leaves, 68 genotypes had medium leaves and 4 genotypes had many leaves. Among the 160 genotypes, 30 genotypes had short, while 83 genotypes had medium, and 47 genotypes had longer leaf length. Out of 160 genotypes, 44 genotypes were early, 87 genotypes were medium and remaining 29 genotypes were late in maturity. Out of 160 genotypes, 78 genotypes had short, 73 genotypes had medium and 9 genotypes had long pseudostem height. Out of 160 genotypes, 20 genotypes had short, 123 genotypes had medium and 17 genotypes had long bulb collar diameter. Among all the 160 genotypes, 19 genotypes had short, while 107 genotypes had medium and 34 genotypes had long bulb equatorial diameter. Out of 160 genotypes, 4 genotypes were short, 105 genotypes were medium and remaining 51 genotypes were tall in bulb polar diameter. Out of 160 genotypes, 48 genotypes had low, 100 genotypes had medium and remaining 12 genotypes were high in bulb weight. 57 genotypes had few cloves, 94 genotypes had medium and remaining 9 genotypes had many cloves per bulb. With respect to clove weight, 159 genotypes had low clove weight and one genotype was high in clove weight. Out of 160 genotypes, 39 genotypes had low, 99 genotypes had medium and 22 genotypes had high total soluble solids. Out of 160 genotypes, 61 genotypes had low, 90 genotypes had medium and remaining 9 genotypes were high bulb yield. Out of 160 genotypes, 101 genotypes were strong in pigmentation, 54 genotypes were weak in pigmentation and remaining 5 genotypes

(RGP 300, RGP 302, RGP 428, RGP 436 diameter, respectively. The genotypes RGP and JGP 257) had no pigmentation. In bulb 384 and JGP 152 (38.90 %) had the highest

shape, 99 genotypes were recessed in shape, 2 genotypes (RGP-518, JGP-21) were flat in shape and remaining 59 genotypes were round in shape. Of total genotypes, 115 genotypes were white, 26 genotypes were yellowish white, 15 genotypes were reddish white and remaining 4 genotypes (RGP 103, RGP 487, RGP 495 and JGP 58) were purple in bulb colour. The range in mean values, an indicator of variability revealed high variation for bulb yield, plant height, number of cloves per bulb, clove weight,

and weight of bulb.

Based on the highest mean values with respect to different characters (Table 2), the genotype RGP 447 (6920.00 kg/ha) was the higher in bulb yield. The genotype RGP 447 (13.80 g) was also among the top genotypes for the economic trait such as bulb weight. The genotype RGP 495 (54.60 cm) had the highest plant height. The genotypes RGP 365 (11.80) and RGP 384 (11.80) had the highest number of leaves per plant. The genotype JGP 172 (35.60 cm) had the highest leaf length. RGP 224 (1.62 cm) genotype had highest leaf width at middle portion. The genotype RGP 230 (102.80 days) was the top genotypes for the days to maturity. The genotype RGP 56 (8.50 cm) had the highest pseudostem height. The genotypes JGP 148 (0.74 cm) had the highest collar thickness. The genotypes RGP 230 and RGP 447 (0.77 cm) were the top genotypes in bulb collar diameter. The genotypes RGP 52 (3.42 cm), RGP 197 (3.06 cm), JGP 185 (15.40) were the top genotypes in bulb equatorial diameter, bulb polar diameter and number of cloves per bulb, respectively, while the genotypes RGP 52 (2.02 g), RGP 405 (2.44 cm), RGP 405 (2.50 cm) and RGP 108 (1.50 cm) were among the top genotypes for the economic traits such as clove weight, clove length, clove polar diameter and clove equatorial

diameter, respectively. The genotypes RGP 384 and JGP 152 (38.90 %) had the highest total soluble solids. These results are in broad conformity to earlier researchers Vijay (1990), Thakur et al. (1997), Agrawal and Tiwari (2004), Singh and Chand (2004), Futane et al. (2006), Zahedi et al. (2007), Singh et al. (2012), Mishra et al. (2013), Esho (2015), Kumar et al. (2015) and Sharma et al. (2016) These genotypes might be utilized as potent parents in a breeding programme for improving bulb yield and its components.

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CONCLUSION

Based on mean values with respect to different characters, the genotype RGP 447 was the higher yielder followed by RGP 108, RGP 56, JGP 183 and RGP 384. The genotype RGP 447 was the top genotypes for the economic trait such as bulb weight. These genotypes might be utilized in further breeding programme for improvement in bulb yield.

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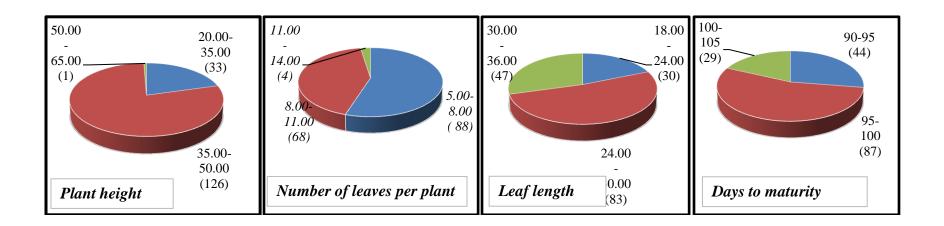
Table 1: Range wise grouping of garlic genotypes of sixteen characters

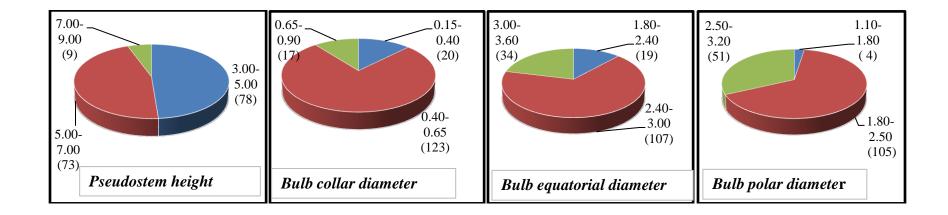
Sr. No.	Characters	Range	States*	Number of Genotypes
	Plant height (cm)	20.00-35.00	Short	33
1		35.00-50.00	Medium	126
		50.00-65.00	Tall	1
		5.00-8.00	Few	88
2	No. of leaves per plant	8.00-11.00	Medium	68
		11.00-14.00	Many	4
	Leaf length (cm)	18.00-24.00	Short	30
3		24.00-30.00	Medium	83
		30.00-36.00	Long	47
	Days to maturity (days)	90-95	Early	44
4			Medium	87
			Late	29
			Small	78
5	Pseudostem height (cm)		Medium	73
			Long	9
	Bulb collar diameter (cm)		Small	20
6			Medium	123
U			Large	17
			Small	19
7	Bulb equatorial diameter (cm)		Medium	107
7				34
		20.00-35.00 35.00-50.00 50.00-65.00 5.00-8.00 8.00-11.00 11.00-14.00 18.00-24.00 24.00-30.00 30.00-36.00	Large Small	4
8	Bulb polar diameter (cm)		Medium	105
ð				51
			Large	
	Bulb weight (g)		Low	48
9			Medium	100
	No. of cloves per bulb		High	12
10			Few	57
10			Medium	94
			Many	9
11	Clove weight (g)		Low	159
11			Medium	0
			High	1
	T		Low	39
12	Total soluble solids (%)		Medium	99
			High	22
			Low	61
13	Bulb yield (kg/ha)		Medium	90
		5150.00-7450.00	High	9
	Anthocyanin pigmentation		Strong	101
14			Weak	54
			No	5
	Bulb shape		Recessed	99
15			Flat	2
			Round	59
16	Bulb colour		White	115
			Yellowish white	26
			Reddish white	15
			Purple	4

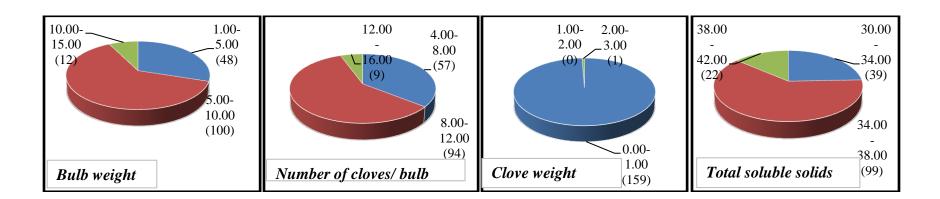
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Table 2: Best five genotypes with respect to different characters compared with check

Characters	Genotypes	Check	
	RGP 447 (6920.00 kg/ha)	G 282 (2493.85 kg/ha)	
	RGP 108 (6520.00 kg/ha)		
Bulb yield (kg/ha)	RGP 56 (6210.00 kg/ha)		
• (3)	JGP 183 (5850.00 kg/ha)		
	RGP 384 (5760.00 kg/ha)		
	RGP 447 (13.80 g)		
	JGP 185 (12.80 g)		
Bulb weight (g)	RGP 405 (12.20 g)	G 282 (5.63 g)	
	RGP 475 (12.00 g)		
	RGP 56 (11.80 g)		
	RGP 495 (54.60 cm)		
	JGP 265 (49.20 cm)	G 282 (38.81 cm)	
Plant height (cm)	RGP 538 (48.80 cm)		
rant height (cm)	RGP 119 (47.40 cm)		
	RGP 384 (47.00 cm)		
	RGP 365 & RGP 384 (11.80)		
	JGP 70 & RGP 108 (11.60)		
Number of leaves now plant	1	G 282 (8.25)	
Number of leaves per plant	JGP 71 (11.00)	G 282 (8.23)	
	RGP 447 (11.00)		
	RGP 337 (11.00)		
	JGP 172 (35.60 cm)		
- A	JGP 265 (3468 cm)	G 202 (27 50)	
Leaf length (cm)	JGP 70 (34.10 cm)	G 282 (27.60 cm)	
	JGP 183 (33.80 cm)		
	JGP 72 (33.60 cm)		
	RGP 224 (1.62 cm)		
Leaf width at middle portion	JGP 143 (1.58 cm)		
(cm)	JGP 148 (1.54 cm)	G 282 (1.13 cm)	
(CIII)	JGP 183 (1.50 cm)		
	JGP 96 (1.48 cm)		
	RGP 230 (102.80 days)		
Dave to motunity (dave)	JGP 12 & RGP 222 (102.40 days)	GG 4 & GJG 5 (95.08	
Days to maturity (days)	RGP 518 (102.20 days)	days)	
	JGP 183 (102.00days)		
	RGP 56 (8.50 cm)		
	RGP 538 (8.06 cm)		
Pseudostem height (cm)	RGP 35 (7.94 cm)	G 282 (5.36 cm)	
g : (;)	RGP 108 (7.70 cm)		
	RGP 165 (7.50 cm)		
	JGP 148 (0.74 cm)		
	RGP 538 (0.73 cm)		
	JGP 144 (0.72 cm)		
Collar thickness (cm)	RGP 173 (0.71 cm)	G 282 (0.53 cm)	
Conai unicances (CIII)	JGP 183 (0.70 cm)	G 262 (0.33 CIII)	
	JOI 103 (0.70 cm)		







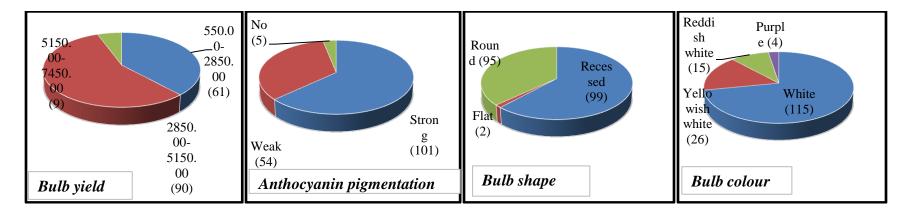


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