EFFECT OF SOAKING TREATMENT ON ENGINEERING PROPERTIES OF DIFFERENT RICE CULTIVAR

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Abstract: Some engineering properties of rice seeds were evaluated as the function of soaking treatment i.e. dry, one day soaked and two day soaked with four different rice cultivars i.e. Rajeshwari, Swarna, Mahamaya and MTU-1010. The study showed that the engineering properties such as geometric mean diameter, thousand seed weight, bulk density and angle of repose increased as the number of soaking days increased and the values considering all the cultivar and soaking treatments were falls in the range of 3.30 to 4.11, 19.46 to 38.01 g, 571.9 to 635.08 kg m⁻³ and 21.48 to 32.40 degree respectively. The values for Sphericity and true density were found to be in the range of 0.38 to 0.45 and 1102.66 to 1264.30 kg m⁻³ respectively. Also study showed that the values of geometric mean diameter, thousand seed weight, bulk density and angle of repose varied significantly at 5 per cent level of significance for different rice cultivar.

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