

YIELD ATTRIBUTING CHARACTERS AND YIELD OF SAFFLOWER UNDER RICE BASED CROPPING SYSTEM

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Abstract : A field experiment was conducted during 2013 at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur under *Alfisol* soil. Three tillage practices, zero tillage (T₁), minimum tillage (T₂) and conventional tillage (T₃) in main plot along with six irrigation and mulching treatments, no irrigation (I₁), no irrigation + mulch (I₂), irrigation at critical growth stage (branching + flowering) (I₃), irrigation at critical growth stage (branching + flowering) + mulch (I₄), two irrigation at 30 days interval (I₅) and two irrigation at 30 days interval + mulch (I₆) in sub-plot were used. Maximum yield attributing characters and yield was obtained under conventional tillage (T₃) as compared to minimum tillage (T₂) and zero tillage (T₁). The irrigation at critical growth stage (branching + flowering) + mulch (I₄) treatment was found to be the best with 1670 kg ha⁻¹ and 1756 kg ha⁻¹ seed yield and stover yield followed by irrigation at critical growth stage (branching and flowering) (I₃) and two irrigation at 30 days interval + mulch (rice straw) (I₆). The mulching treatments gave higher yields as compared to non-mulch treatments.

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