SHORT COMMUNICATION

STUDY OF ECONOMICS ON MAIZE (*ZEA MAYS* L.) INFLUENCED BY WEED MANAGEMENT

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Abstract: A field investigation was conducted at BAU experimental Farm, Ranchi during *kharif* season 2015 on sandy clay loam soil. The experiment was laid out in a RBD with 13 treatments: pretilachlor 1.0 kgha^{-1} PE (T_1),atrazine 1.0 kgha^{-1} PE (T_2),pendimethalin 1.0 kgha^{-1} PE (T_3), metribuzin 0.35 kgha^{-1} PE (T_4),pretilachlor 0.5 + metribuzin 0.175 kgha^{-1} PE (T_5), atrazine 0.5 + pendimethalin 0.5 kgha^{-1} PE (T_6), pretilachlor 1.0 kgha^{-1} at 15 DAS (T_7), metribuzin 0.35 kgha^{-1} at 15 DAS (T_8), atrazine 1.0 kgha^{-1} at 15 DAS (T_9), green manuring by *Sesbania* @ 80 kgha^{-1} *fb* 2,4-D 0.625 kgha^{-1} at 30 DAS (T_{10}), two mechanical weeding at 20 and 40 DAS (T_{11}), two hand weeding at 20 and 40 DAS (T_{12}),and weedy Check (T_{13}), replicated thrice. Results revealed that gross return (70591Rs.ha^{-1}), net return (44623Rs.ha^{-1}) and B: C ratio (1.72) were observed maximum due to application of same treatment (atrazine 0.5 + pendimethalin 0.5 Rs.ha^{-1}PE). The cost of treatment (atrazine 0.5 + pendimethalin 0.5 kg ha^{-1}PE) is much lower (1768 Rs.ha^{-1}) against mechanical weedings (3749 Rs.ha^{-1}) and hand weedings (9372 Kg.ha^{-1}).

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