IMPACT OF SUPPLEMENTAL UV-B RADIATION ON NUMBER OF TILLERS IN BARLEY (*HORDEUM VULGARE* LINN.)

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Abstract: Sun is the basic source of energy on the planet earth. It emits UV rays along with solar radiation. These UV rays increase the average temperature of the earth and harmful for living beings. Ultraviolet radiation was given by UV lamps. The number of tillers in *Hordeum vulgare* was increased when plants are irradiated with longer duration in comparison to control. In all the observations, the number of tillers was recorded highest in T_3 (2 hour) then T_4 (3 hour) and T_2 (1 hour) treatments. This increase in the number of tillers is helpful in yielding the higher amount of seeds, grains and a good amount of fodder.

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