RESEARCH ARTICLE

EFFECT OF ORGANIC AND INTEGRATED SOURCES OF NUTRIENT ON GROWTH AND FLOWERING OF FRENCH MARIGOLD (*TAGETES PATULA* L.) UNDER NORTH WESTERN PLAIN ZONE OF UTTER PRADESH

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Abstract: An experiment was conducted at Horticultural Research Canter, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture &Technology, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, India during 2019-2020, to evaluate the performance of French Marigold var. 'Pusa Arpita' with organic and integrated sources of nutrients. The results revealed that maximum plant height(57.47 cm), diameter of stem(18.21 mm), number of primary branches per plant (21.96), number of flowers per plant(143.89), spread of plant (41.17 cm), circumference of flower (12.64cm), minimum days took to first flowering (41.39 days), maximum number of flowers per plant (38.56), flower yield per plant(133.58g), flower yield per plot (5.98 kg), yield of flower per ha (402.09q), flowering duration (60.68 days), number of florets per flower (136.55), length of flower stalk (6.44cm) and vase life of flowers(7.47days) were recorded with half recommended dose of 150:60:60 kg/ha(N:P:K) with half dose of PSB and half dose of vermicompost which was significantly superior to the other treatments and control

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