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FIELD PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT CULTIVARS OF TUBEROSE (*POLIANTHES TUBEROSA* L.) UNDER AGRO-CLIMATIC CONDITIONS OF PUNE

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Abstract: Adaptation and acclimatization of different tuberose cultivars under agro-climatic conditions of Pune are to be confirmed for obtaining better performance. The present investigation was conducted to evaluate the performance of tuberose cultivars during 2018- 2019. Thirteen single and eight double cultivars of tuberose were evaluated at the research farm of ICAR - DFR, Pune. Among the single cultivars evaluated highest plant height (121.33 cm), spike length (110.45 cm), plant spread (108.63 cm), number of leaves (16.52), leaf length (68.57 cm), number of spikes (6.3), number of florets per spike (41.863) and floret length (7.56 cm) was recorded in cv. Prajwal.Whereas, rachis length was found maximum in cv. Phule Rajani (37.63 cm) among single type varieties. Among the double cultivars, highest number of florets per spike (39.75), number of leaves (17.32), and floret length (7.65 cm) were recorded in cv. Suvasini. While number of spikes (6.62) and leaf length (58.32 cm) was superior in cv. Vaibhav. Plant height (121.70 cm) and spike length (110.56) was highest in cv. Swarna Rekha. Whereas cv. Hyderabad Double recorded highest rachis length (42.56 cm) and cv. Phule Rajat recorded highest plant spread (102.49 cm). Considering all the floral qualities and yield, cv. Prajwal and Phule Rajani among single types and cv. Suvasini, Vaibhav, Phule Rajat and Hyderabad double among double types could be recommended for commercial cultivation under agro-climatic conditions of Pune.

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