

Vegavathi (VR 929): High yielding and multiple disease resistant finger millet variety suitable for India

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ABSTRACT

Vegavathi (VR 929) is a fertilizer responsive high grain (3610 kg/ha) and fodder (7190 kg/ha) yielding finger millet variety suitable for growing in India. It is also characterized by its high resistance towards banded blight, brown spot and cercospora leaf spot. Grains are rich in zinc (33 mg/kg) and protein content (9.8%). It was developed by Agricultural Research Station, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh. The variety was identified and notified by the Central Sub Committee on Crop Standards, India vide notification No. S.O. 3220(E) dated 6th September.

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