Phenotypic Stability Analysis in Blackgram [*Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper] Using Eberhart and Russell and AMMI Models

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ABSTRACT

Twelve blackgram genotypes were evaluated for several characters over six environments (3 sowing dates with 2 fertility levels). The analysis of variance of Eberhart and Russell (1966) indicated that GXE (linear) was significant for characters *viz.*, days to maturity, pod length, number of seeds per pod and seed yield per plant under study and that genotypes differed significantly. AMMI is a useful tool for interpreting genotype x environment interaction in multi-environment trials. Among the AMMI components first four IPCA axes were explained most of the portion of G X E interaction than other IPCA axis for the five characters under study. According to AMMI analysis the genotypes like the genotypes 1 and 6 (plant height); 5, 11, 12 and 8 (number of pods per plant); 5, 9 and 10 (number of seeds per pod); 2, 5 and 3 (for 1000 seed weight); 1, 3 and 7 (seed yield per plant); 12,5 and 3 (protein content) are more stable because they are having IPCA score near zero i.e. they show less interaction with environments. According to Eberhart and Russell the genotypes like 6 and 7 (plant height); 2, 4 and 10 (number of pods per plant); 6 and 7 (number of seeds per pod); 4, 5,11 and 12 (1000 seed weight); 6 and 10 (seed yield per plant); 4,5,9 and 10 (protein content) showed desirable performance.

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