

Influence of Sowing Dates and Hybrids on Growth and Yield of *Rabi* Maize in Coastal Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

A field experiment was conducted at Agricultural College Farm, Bapatla on sandy clayloam soil during the *rabi* 2012-13, to study the effects of sowing dates (from 15th November to 31st January at weekly interval) and hybrids (30V92, 900M and Sandhya) on maize growth and yield. Results indicated that higher growth and yield were observed with early date of sowing (15th November to 13th December), whereas among hybrids, higher grain yield of 5848 kg ha⁻¹ was recorded with hybrid 30V92 followed by 5818 and 5445 kg ha⁻¹ with Sandhya and 900 M, respectively.

Key words : Grain yield, Hybrids, Sowing dates.