Heterosis studies in Dual Purpose Sorghum [Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench]

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ABSTRACT

Thirty hybrids of sorghum derived from 10 lines and 3 testers, their parents and checks were grown in randomized block design with three replications. Analysis of variance revealed highly significant differences among the genotypes viz., parents, crosses and parents *Vs* crosses for all the characters. SPV 1714 x HC 308 recorded highest significant relative heterosis and heterobeltiosis and SPV 1782 x HC 308 recorded the highest standard heterosis for grain yield. For stover yield SPV 1782 x HC 308 recorded highest relative heterosis and heterobeltiosis, while SPV 1754 x CSV 15 and SPV 1730 x HC 308 recorded the highest standard heterosis. Among the crosses SPV 1782 x HC 308 and SPV 1754 x HC 308 recorded significant standard heterosis for 9 and 8 characters respectively.

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