

Table 2 Effect of mulching treatments on number of leaves per plant of onion (*Allium cepa* L.) at 30, 60, 90, and 120 days after transplanting (DAT)

Treatments	Number of leaves per plant			
	30 DAT	60 DAT	90 DAT	120 DAT
Control	4.13b	5.67c	7.13c	7.47b
Banana leaf mulch	4.27ab	6.00bc	7.87bc	7.93ab
Sawdust mulch	4.20b	6.13b	8.07b	8.20ab
Rice straw mulch	4.53ab	6.67ab	8.80ab	8.73a
Plastic mulch	4.73a	7.00a	9.27a	9.00a
LSD ($p\leq0.05$)	0.51	0.57**	0.75**	0.84**
CV (%)	6.32	5.14	5.51	6.87
Grand mean	4.37	6.29	8.23	8.27

Note: Means in a column followed by different lowercase letters differ significantly at $p \leq 0.05$ (DMRT). ** $p \leq 0.01$. DAT: days after transplanting; LSD: least significant difference; CV: coefficient of variation