Table 4 Effect of mulching treatments on yield and yield-related parameters of onion (*Allium cepa* L.) at harvest

Treatments	Stem Dia. (cm)	Bulb Wt. (g)	Bulb length (cm)	Bulb Dia. (cm)	Root length (cm)	Total yield (t/ha)
Control	0.89c	61.72e	4.28c	5.21d	10.38a	18.42d
Banana leaf mulch	1.11b	80.93cd	4.73bc	5.79cd	9.76a	22.14c
Sawdust mulch	1.06b	76.58d	5.19a	5.91bc	10.09a	23.87c
Rice straw mulch	1.28a	95.84b	4.97ab	6.53ab	10.68a	29.54b
Plastic mulch	1.41a	111.47a	4.83b	7.08a	11.14a	35.27a
LSD ($p \leq 0.05$)	0.19***	9.7***	0.33***	0.61*	1.97 ns	2.9***
CV (%)	5.92	6.24	3.82	5.17	10.91	5.86
Grand mean	1.15	85.31	4.80	6.10	10.41	25.85

Note: Means in a column followed by different lowercase letters differ significantly at $p \leqslant 0.05$ (DMRT). * $p \leqslant 0.05$; *** $p \leqslant 0.001$; ns: not significant. LSD: least significant difference; CV: coefficient of variation; Stem Dia.: stem diameter; Bulb Wt.: bulb weight; Bulb Dia.: bulb diameter