

Table 2 Effect of mulching on number of leaves

Treatments	60 DAT	100 DAT
Control	4 <sup>bc</sup>	9 <sup>c</sup>
Sawdust mulch	4 <sup>bc</sup>	8 <sup>c</sup>
Straw mulch	5 <sup>ab</sup>	11 <sup>a</sup>
Banana leaves mulch	4 <sup>abc</sup>	11 <sup>bc</sup>
Neem mulch	5 <sup>a</sup>	9 <sup>bc</sup>
White polythene mulch	4 <sup>c</sup>	9 <sup>c</sup>
Rice husk mulch	4 <sup>bc</sup>	11 <sup>a</sup>
P value	0.102	0.013
LSD	NS	1.61
CV (%)	10.72	9.1
Grand mean	4.67	10.01
SEM ( $\pm$ )	0.13	0.30

Note: LSD= Least significant difference, SEM= Standard error of mean, CV= Coefficient of variation, NS= Non-significant, P value= Probability value