

Table 2 Effect of mulching material on leaf number of okra at East Rukum, Nepal, 2024

Treatments	25 DAS	40 DAS	60 DAS
Black plastic mulch	5.4750 ^a	19.600 ^a	27.58 ^a
Control	4.9500 ^b	14.58 ^{ab}	20.58 ^{ab}
Mustard straw	4.8000 ^b	13.48 ^{ab}	19.68 ^b
Banmara	4.5125 ^b	14.28 ^{ab}	20.78 ^{ab}
Sawdust	4.7125 ^b	9.98 ^b	17.40 ^b
Leaf litter	4.6750 ^b	11.58 ^b	15.88 ^b
LSD (0.05)	0.4837	5.962	7.091
SEM ($\pm$)	0.162	0.818	0.974
F-probability	0.0097*	0.05*	0.0449*
CV%	6.708	28.84	23.498
Grand Mean	4.85	13.91	20.31

Note: LSD = Least Significant Difference; CV (%) = Coefficient of Variation; DAS = Days after sowing; SEM = Standard Error of the mean; Means followed by the same letter(s) within each column are not significantly different at 5% level of significance by DMRT, ** and * indicate significance at <0.01 level and significance at <0.05 level respectively