

Table 5 Effect of mulching on neck thickness

Treatments	30 DAT	60 DAT	100 DAT
Control	0.4 ^b	0.6 ^e	1.5 ^e
Sawdust mulch	0.4 ^b	0.9 ^{cd}	2.2 ^d
Straw mulch	0.4 ^b	0.8 ^d	2.6 ^b
Banana leaves mulch	0.4 ^b	0.9 ^c	2.6 ^{bc}
Neem leaves mulch	0.5 ^a	1.1 ^b	2.2 ^d
White polythene mulch	0.5 ^a	1.2 ^a	3.03 ^a
Rice husk mulch	0.5 ^a	0.9 ^d	2.4 ^{cd}
P value	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
LSD	0.03	0.06	0.3
CV (%)	3.3	3.6	6.2
Grand mean	0.4	0.9	2.4
SEM (\pm)	0.01	0.04	0.10

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