

Trial 6

Chickpea Time of Sowing Trial

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Aim: over a number of years and different seasons determine the optimum sowing time for chickpeas (Desavic).

Results:

time of sowing	yield (t/ha)
May 8	1.56
June 12	1.57
July 7	0.64
Significant difference	P<0.05 LSD=0.28

Interpretation: the optimum time for sowing Desavic chickpeas, for the 1996 season, was from early May to mid June. A similar result was obtained in the 1995 season, although, in that year, the early sowing time did produce the highest yield. It is possible that sowing chickpeas in June, because they flower late in the season has less of an effect on yield compared to some of the other pulse crops. The frosts around flowering time in the 1996 season may also have affected the yield of the early sown crop.