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## EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT WEED CONTROL METHODS IN COTTON FIELD



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# INTRODUCTION



## BANGLADESH COTTON: CURRENT SCENARIO

- **2nd** largest apparel producer in the world
- **2nd** largest cotton fibre consumer in the world
- **Highest** Raw cotton importer in the world with **6.25 million bales** annual requirement-**10.30%** of world import
- **Fibre Imports** from-India, Uzbekistan, USA, Egypt, CIS and some African countries
- **31.50 billion** US dollar business in 2016 expected creep up to **50 billion dollar** in 2021

# COTTON SECTOR IN BANGLADESH

<b>A. READYMADE GARMENTS</b>	<b>Garments unit</b>	<b>5000</b>
	<b>Total Work Force</b>	<b>5.5 million</b>
<b>B. TEXTILE</b>	<b>Knit wear industries</b>	<b>1700</b>
	<b>Weaving mills</b>	<b>1343</b>
	<b>Hand loom</b>	<b>0.3 million</b>
<b>C. SPINNING</b>	<b>Spinning mill</b>	<b>407</b>
<b>D. GINNING</b>	<b>Ginning Centres</b>	<b>Private-20, CDB-12</b>
	<b>Saw ginning</b>	<b>104</b>
	<b>Roller ginning</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>E. OIL EXTRACTION</b>	<b>Crude oil expeller</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Oil refinery</b>	<b>01</b>



# Growing Season of Upland Cotton (Kharif-2)



	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Land Preparation & Sowing						
Crop Management						
Harvesting						

# Growing Season of Upland Cotton (Rabi)



	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
<b>Land Preparation &amp; Sowing</b>							
<b>Crop Management</b>							
<b>Harvesting</b>							

# Major weeds commonly found in the cotton field

Weed species	Common Name	Local Name	Family
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda grass	Durba	Gramineae
<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Nut Sedge	Mutha	Cyperaceae
<i>Eleusine indica</i>	Goose grass	Chapra	Gramineae
<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i>	Goat weed	Chaglagacha	Compositae
<i>Panicum repens</i>	Torpedo grass	Banchina	Gramineae
<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	Scrab grass	Angulighash	Gramineae
<i>Cyanotis axillaris</i>	Kanainala	Kanainala	Commelinaceae
<i>Commelina benghalensis</i>	Spider wort	Kanaibashi	Commelinaceae
<i>Axonopus compressus</i>	Carpet grass	Karpetghash	

# Farmers Practice - Manual Weed Control

1. Increase production cost due to high labour price.
2. Unavailability of agricultural labour force.
3. Doesn't perform timely weed control due to unfavourable weather condition.



# Farmers Practice - Chemical Weed Control

1. Glyphosate base weed control.
2. High crop injury and seedling mortality.
3. Not feasible during seedling stage of cotton plant.



# OBJECTIVES

- To select economical and suitable weed control method for controlling weeds in cotton field.
- To evaluate the weed control efficiency of different weed control methods.

# **Experiment-1**

## **Efficacy of Different Herbicides Over Manual Weeding in Controlling Cotton Weed**

# METHODS AND MATERIALS

**Design : RCBD**

**No. of replication: 3**

**Treatments:**

**T<sub>1</sub>= Weedy control**

**T<sub>2</sub>= Hand weeding**

**T<sub>3</sub>= Glyphosate @ 3.5 L ha<sup>-1</sup> 14 DBS of cotton**

**T<sub>4</sub>= Paraquat @ 2.8 L ha<sup>-1</sup> 14 DBS of cotton**

**T<sub>5</sub>= Glyphosate @ 3.5 L+ Paraquat @ 2.8 L ha<sup>-1</sup> 14 DBS of cotton**

**T<sub>6</sub>= Orthosulfamuron @ 0.15 g ha<sup>-1</sup> 14 DAS of cotton (Protective spray)**

**T<sub>7</sub>= Indazifalam @ 0.15 L ha<sup>-1</sup> 14 DBS of cotton**

**T<sub>8</sub>= Phenoxyprop-P-Ethyle @ 0.75 L ha<sup>-1</sup> 14 DAS of cotton  
(Protective spray)**

**T<sub>9</sub>= Cyhalophob-butayl @ 1.0 L ha<sup>-1</sup> 14 DAS of cotton (protective spray)**

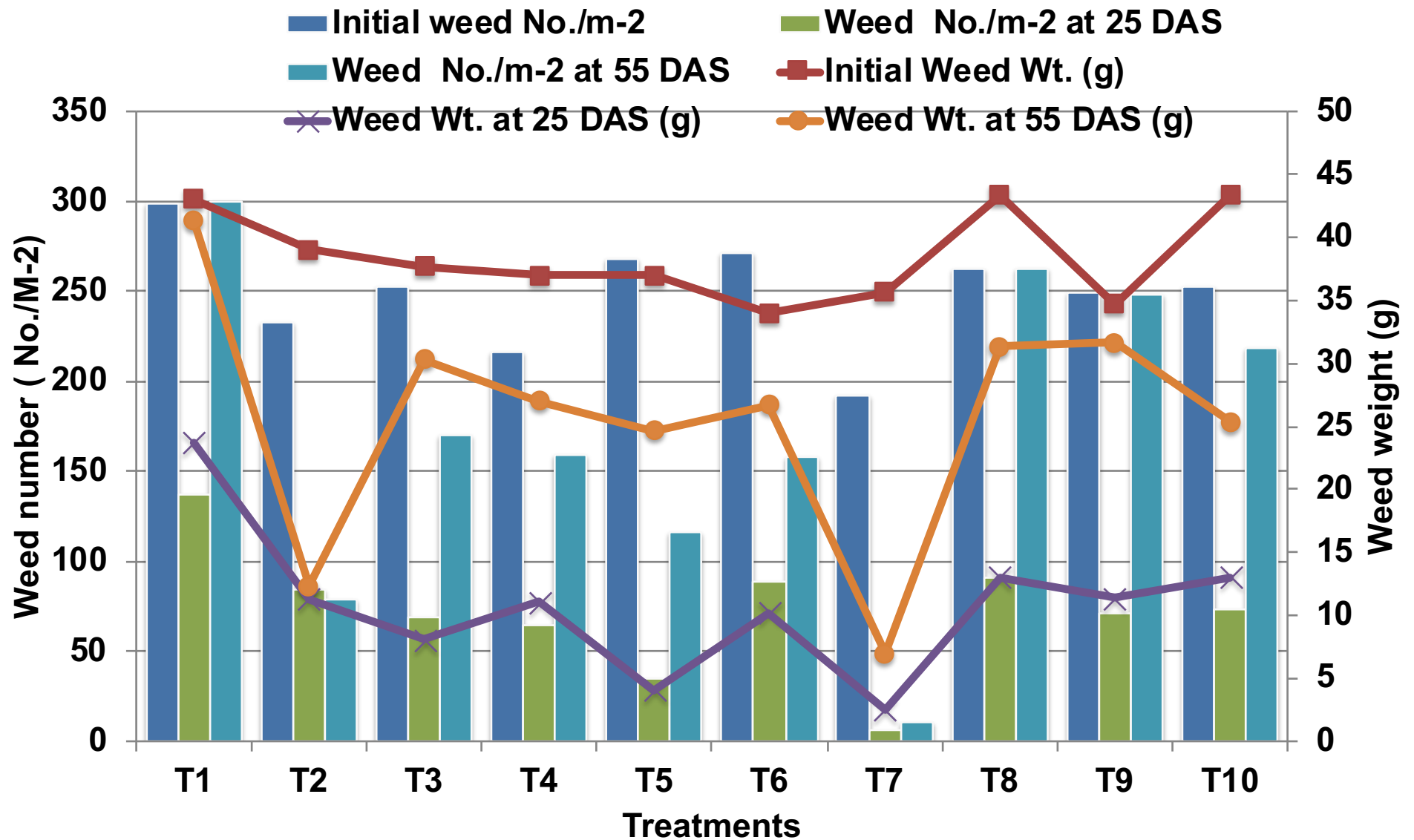
**T<sub>10</sub>= Bispyribac sodium @ 0.15 g ha<sup>-1</sup> 14 DAS of cotton(protective spray)**

**Date of sowing: 01 September, 2013**

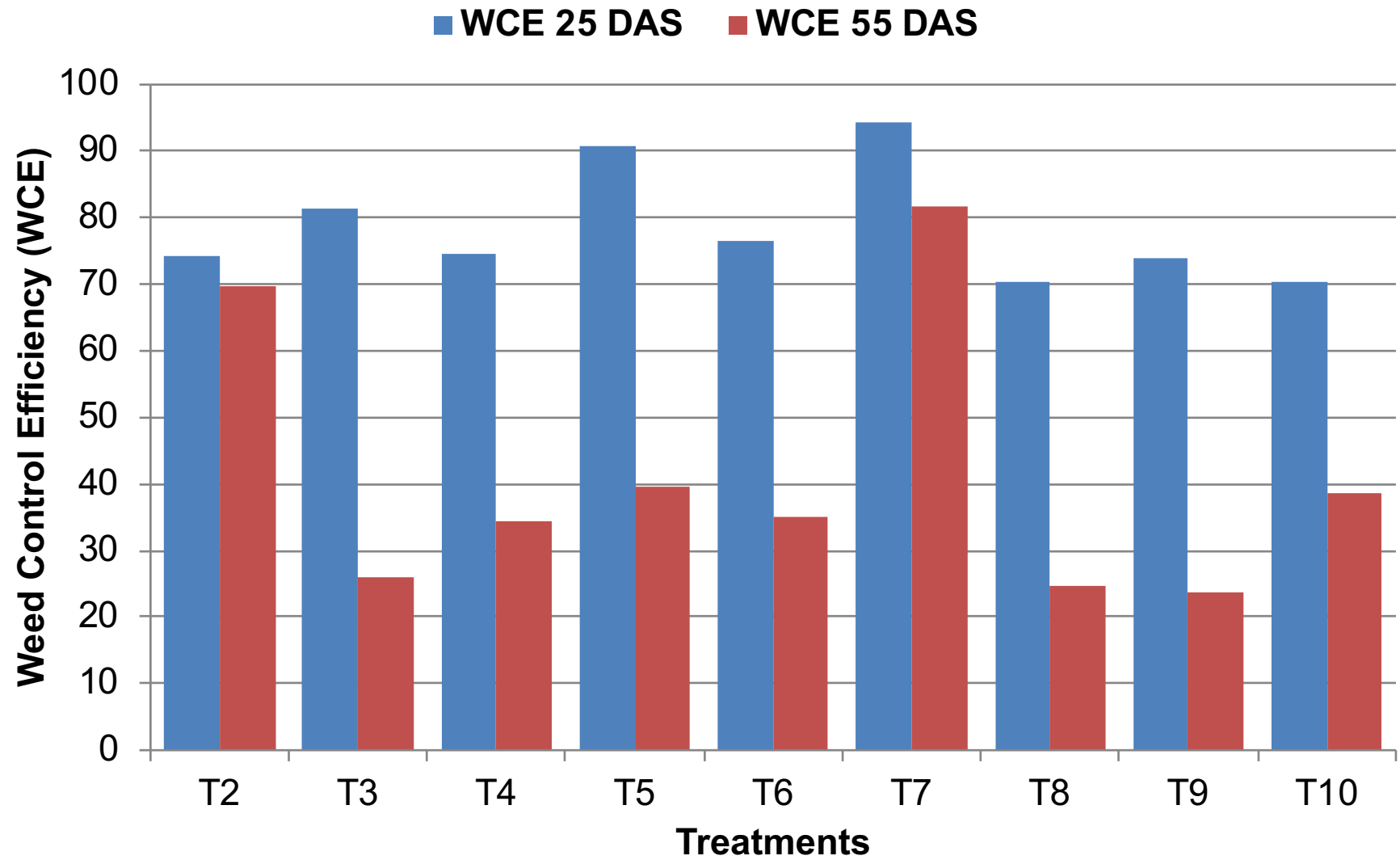
**Cotton variety : CB-9**



# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**



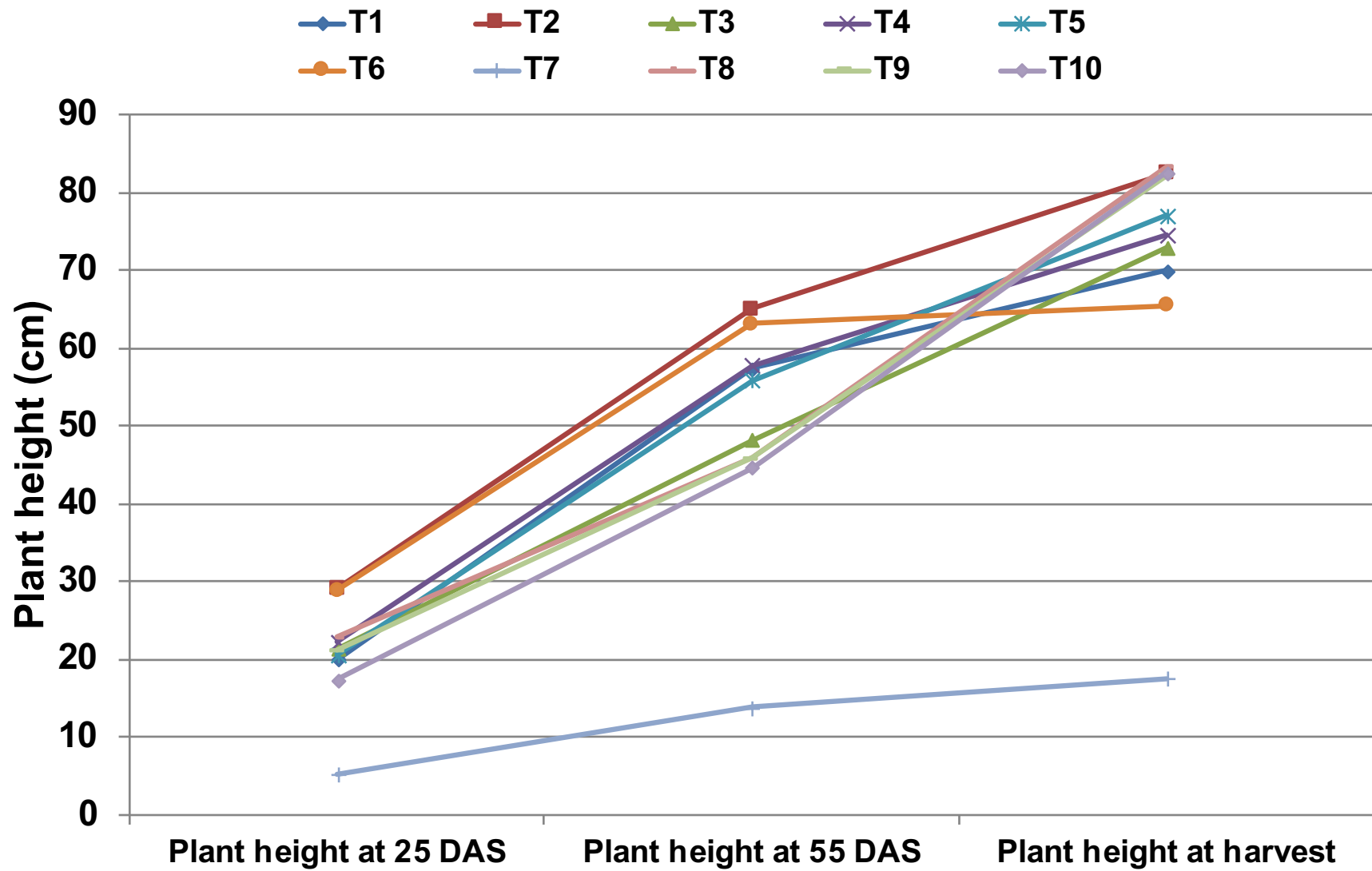
**Fig 1.1: Weed abundance as influenced by different herbicide application and manual weed control**



**Fig. 1.2: Weed control efficiency of different herbicides and manual weeding**

**Table 1.1: Plant count and morphological characters of cotton as influenced by different herbicide application and manual weeding**

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>No. of plant/ha</b>	<b>Sympodial br/ plant</b>	<b>Monopodial br/ plant</b>
<b>T<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>22500</b>	<b>7.33</b>	<b>1.30</b>
<b>T<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>24550</b>	<b>7.80</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>T<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>23180</b>	<b>8.10</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>T<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>23320</b>	<b>7.23</b>	<b>0.87</b>
<b>T<sub>5</sub></b>	<b>24280</b>	<b>8.46</b>	<b>0.90</b>
<b>T<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>19070</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>1.03</b>
<b>T<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>3429</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>0.37</b>
<b>T<sub>8</sub></b>	<b>21260</b>	<b>7.30</b>	<b>1.70</b>
<b>T<sub>9</sub></b>	<b>17830</b>	<b>7.63</b>	<b>1.07</b>
<b>T<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>18110</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>1.10</b>
<b>LSD<sub>0.05</sub></b>	<b>3375</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>0.395</b>
<b>CV%</b>	<b>9.96</b>	<b>14.45</b>	<b>21.49</b>



**Fig 1.3: Plant height of cotton as influenced by different herbicide application and manual weed control**

**Table 1.2: Yield and yield components of cotton as influenced by different herbicide application and manual weeding**

Treatment	Seed Cotton Yield Kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	No. of boll plant <sup>-1</sup>	Single boll wt (g)
T <sub>1</sub>	384.1	13.60	5.30
T <sub>2</sub>	<b>1289.0</b>	17.23	5.96
T <sub>3</sub>	1207.0	16.40	5.80
T <sub>4</sub>	1008.0	17.00	4.53
T <sub>5</sub>	1211.0	<b>19.60</b>	<b>6.27</b>
T <sub>6</sub>	912.2	16.30	5.60
T <sub>7</sub>	<b>144.0</b>	<b>3.633</b>	<b>1.67</b>
T <sub>8</sub>	761.3	16.37	6.13
T <sub>9</sub>	925.9	16.50	5.87
T <sub>10</sub>	939.6	14.30	5.77
<b>LSD</b> <sub>0.05</sub>	<b>173.00</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>1.63</b>
<b>CV%</b>	<b>11.48</b>	<b>14.86</b>	<b>17.91</b>

**Table 1.3: Economic return as influenced by different herbicide application and manual weeding**

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Variable cost (Tk ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Gross return (Tk ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Net return (Tk ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>BCR</b>
<b>T<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>55575</b>	<b>24698</b>	<b>-30877</b>	<b>0.44</b>
<b>T<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>68075</b>	<b>82207</b>	<b>14132</b>	<b>1.21</b>
<b>T<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>56275</b>	<b>76641</b>	<b>20366</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>T<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>56135</b>	<b>64104</b>	<b>7969</b>	<b>1.14</b>
<b>T<sub>5</sub></b>	<b>56205</b>	<b>77043</b>	<b>20838</b>	<b>1.37</b>
<b>T<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>55800</b>	<b>57969</b>	<b>2169</b>	<b>1.04</b>
<b>T<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>55875</b>	<b>9172</b>	<b>-46703</b>	<b>0.16</b>
<b>T<sub>8</sub></b>	<b>55950</b>	<b>48537</b>	<b>-7413</b>	<b>0.87</b>
<b>T<sub>9</sub></b>	<b>55875</b>	<b>58982</b>	<b>3107</b>	<b>1.06</b>
<b>T<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>55800</b>	<b>59795</b>	<b>3995</b>	<b>1.07</b>

## **Experiment-2**

**Evaluation of Chemical, Mechanical  
and Manual Weed Control in Cotton**

# METHODS AND MATERIALS

**Design : RCBD**

**No. of replication: 3**

**Treatments:**

**T<sub>1</sub> = Manual weeding (three hand weeding at 20, 35 and 50 DAS)**

**T<sub>2</sub> = Mechanical weeding (culturing by power tiller at 20, 35 and 50 DAS)**

**T<sub>3</sub> = Post-emergent herbicide (Glyphosate @ 4.7 lit ha<sup>-1</sup>) at 20 DAS**

**T<sub>4</sub> = Pre-emergent herbicide (Pendimethalin @) 3.75 lit ha<sup>-1</sup>) at sowing**

**T<sub>5</sub> = Pre-emergent (Pendimethalin @) 3.75 lit ha<sup>-1</sup>) at sowing+ Post-emergent (Glyphosate @ 4.7 lit ha<sup>-1</sup>) at 35 DAS**

**T<sub>6</sub> = Post-emergent herbicide (Glyphosate @ 4.7 lit ha<sup>-1</sup>) at 20 DAS+ mechanical weeding at 50 DAS**

**T<sub>7</sub> = Pre-emergent herbicide (Pendimethalin @) 3.75 lit ha<sup>-1</sup>) at sowing+ mechanical weeding at 35 DAS**

**T<sub>8</sub> = Weedy check (untreated)**

**Date of sowing: 22 July 2014**

**Cotton variety : CB-12**



T1



T1



T2



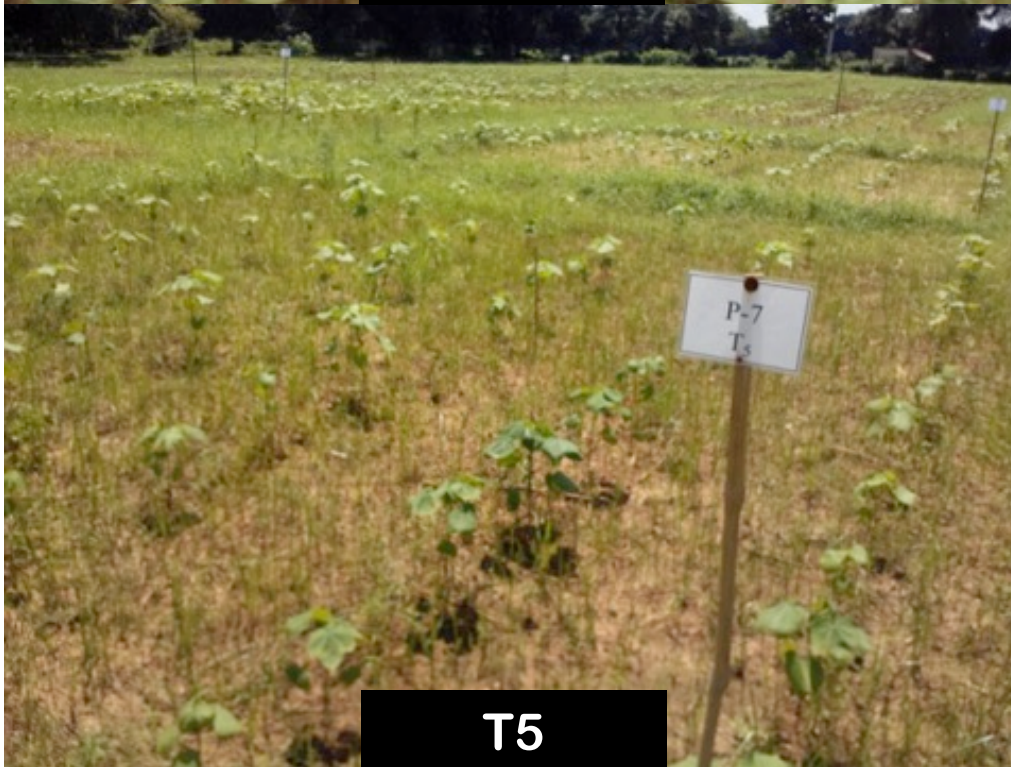
T2



**T3**



**T4**



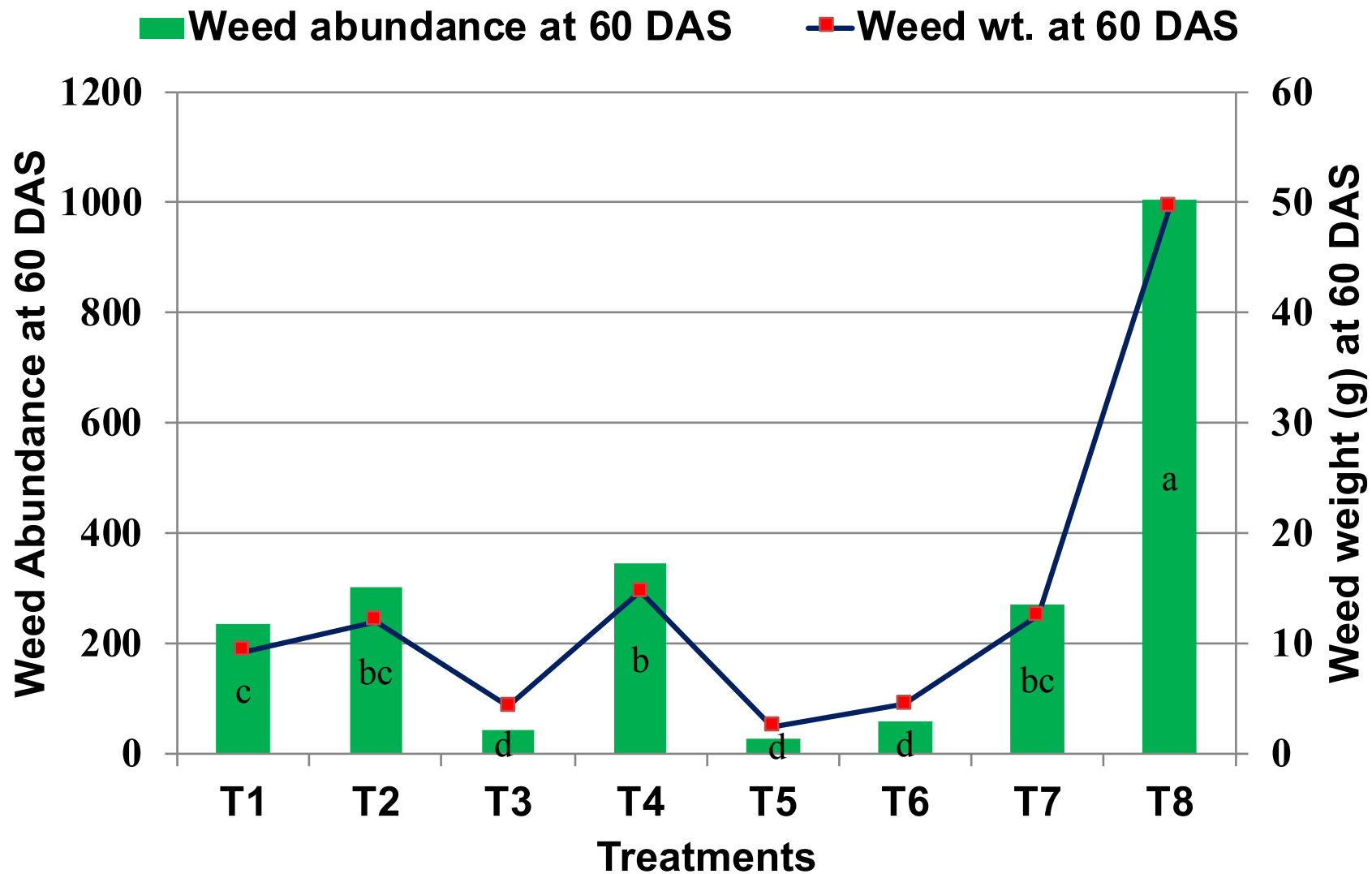
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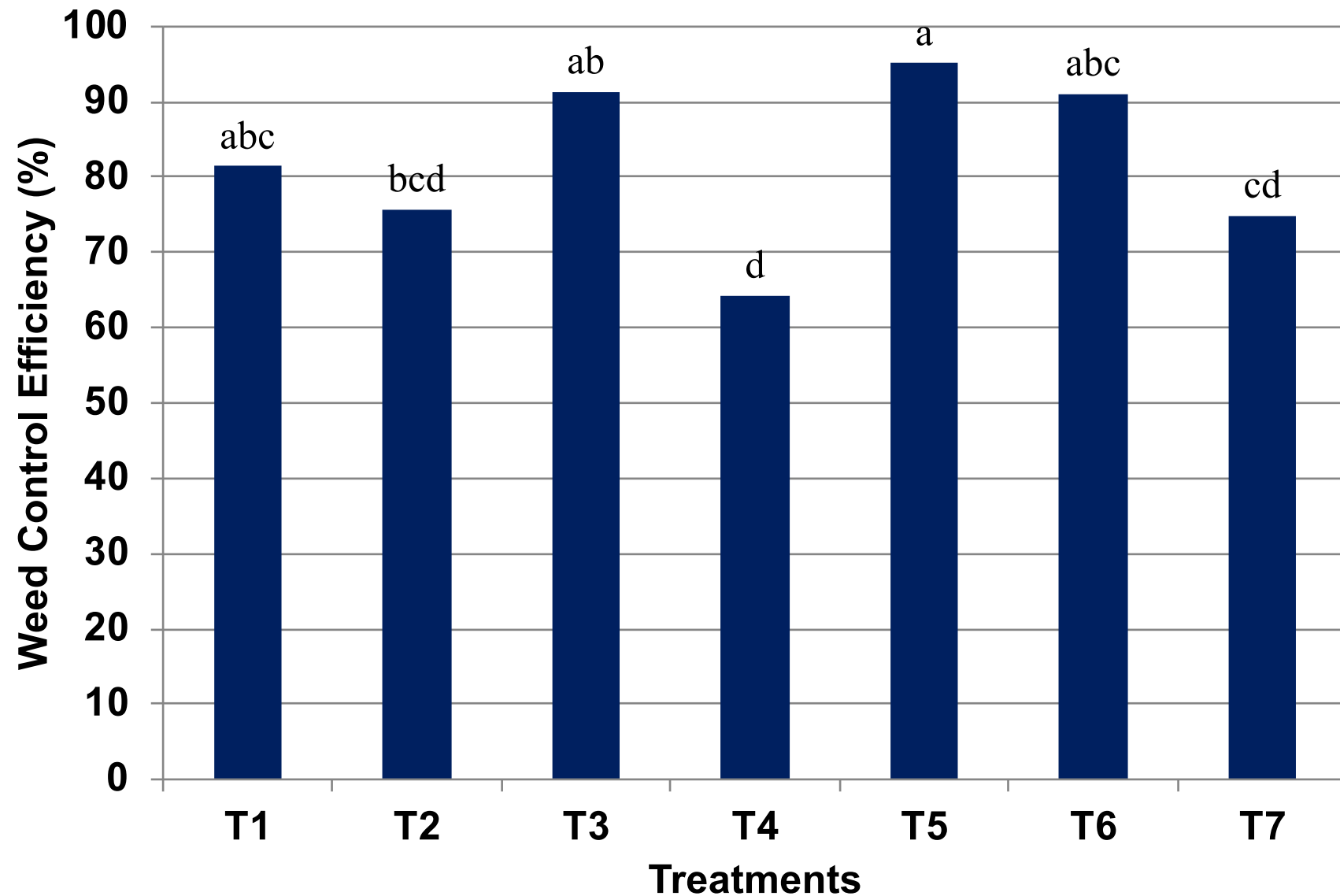
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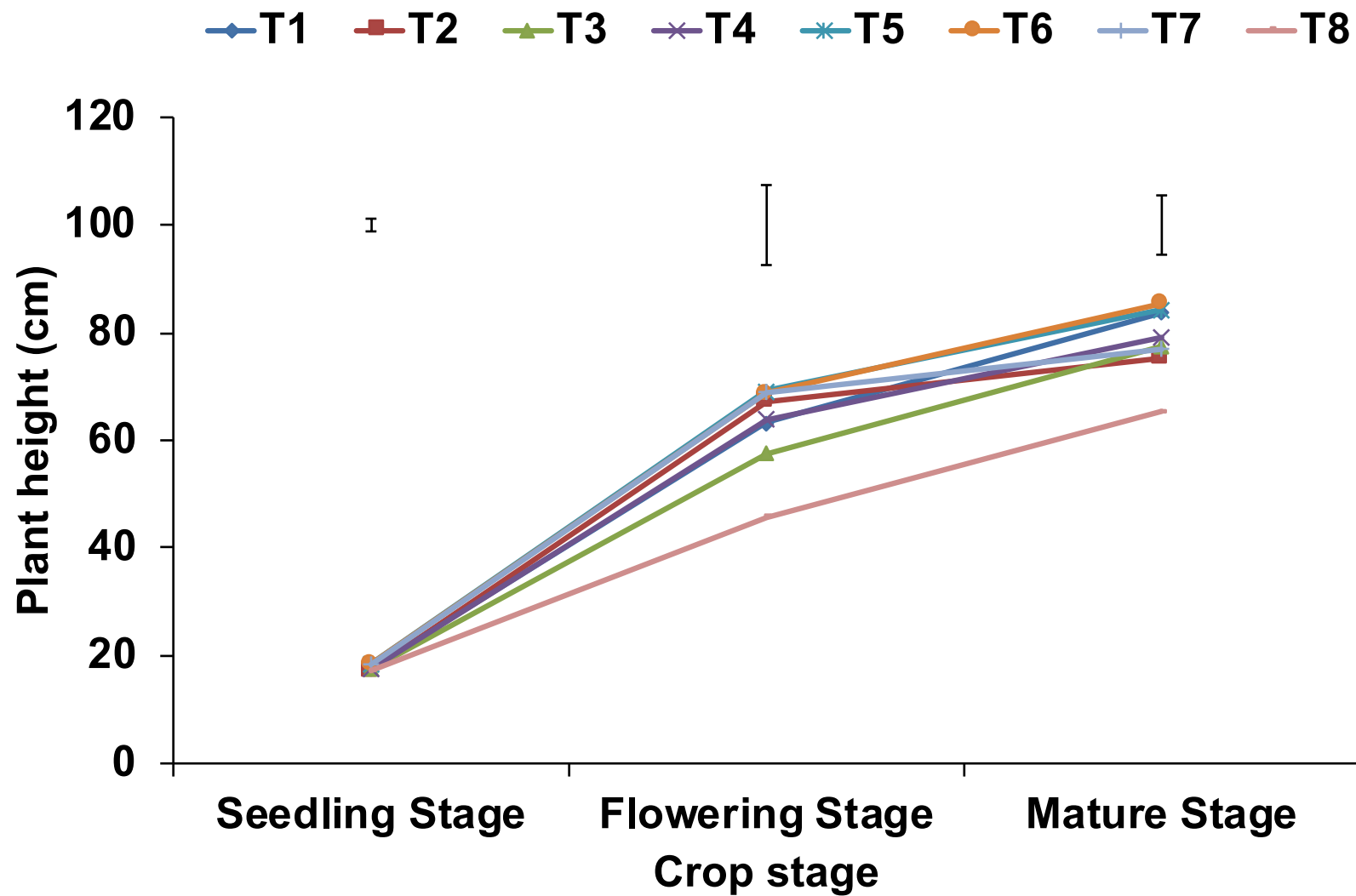
# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**



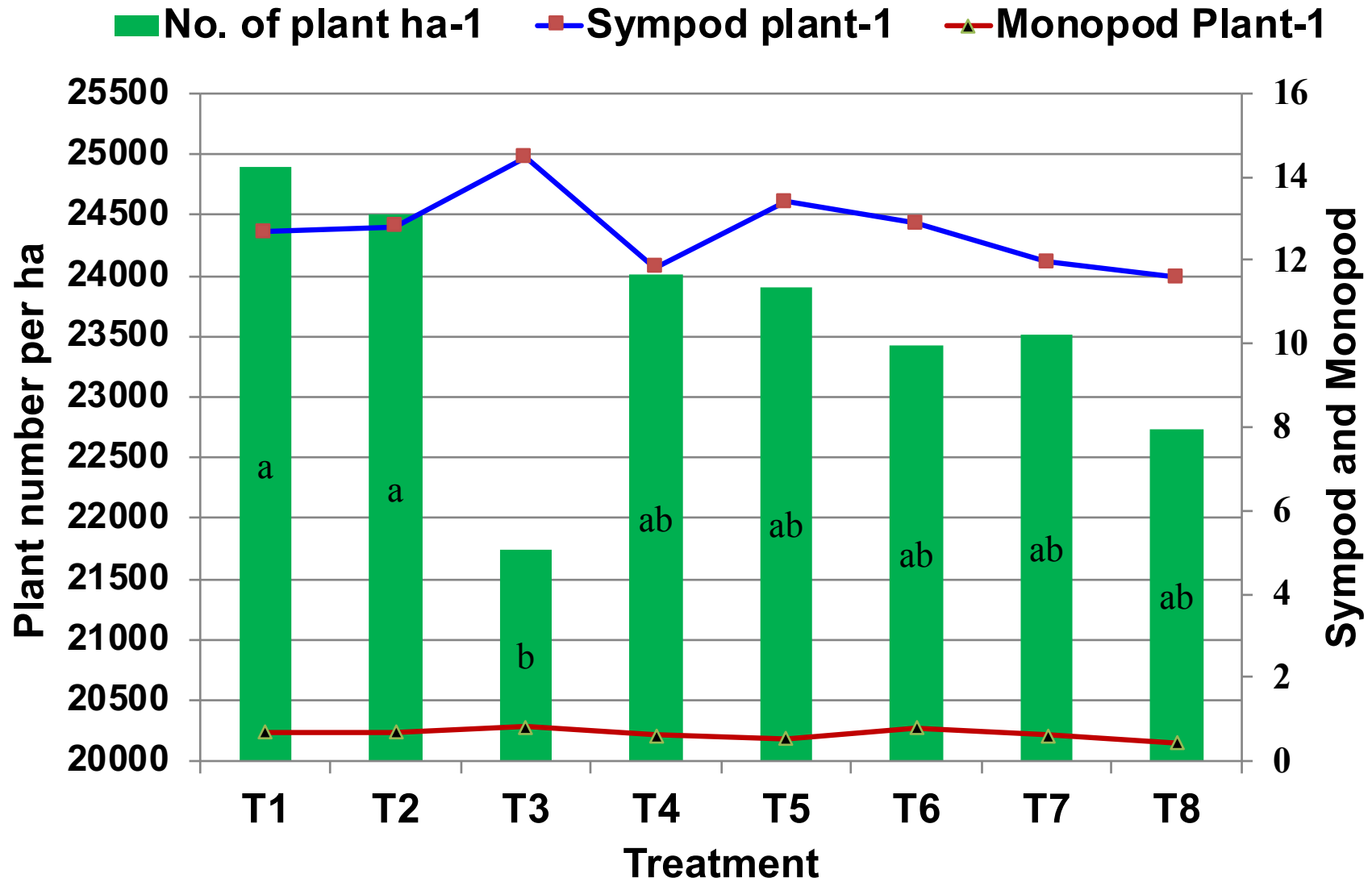
**Fig. 2.1: Weed abundance and weed weight as influenced by chemical, mechanical and manual weeding**



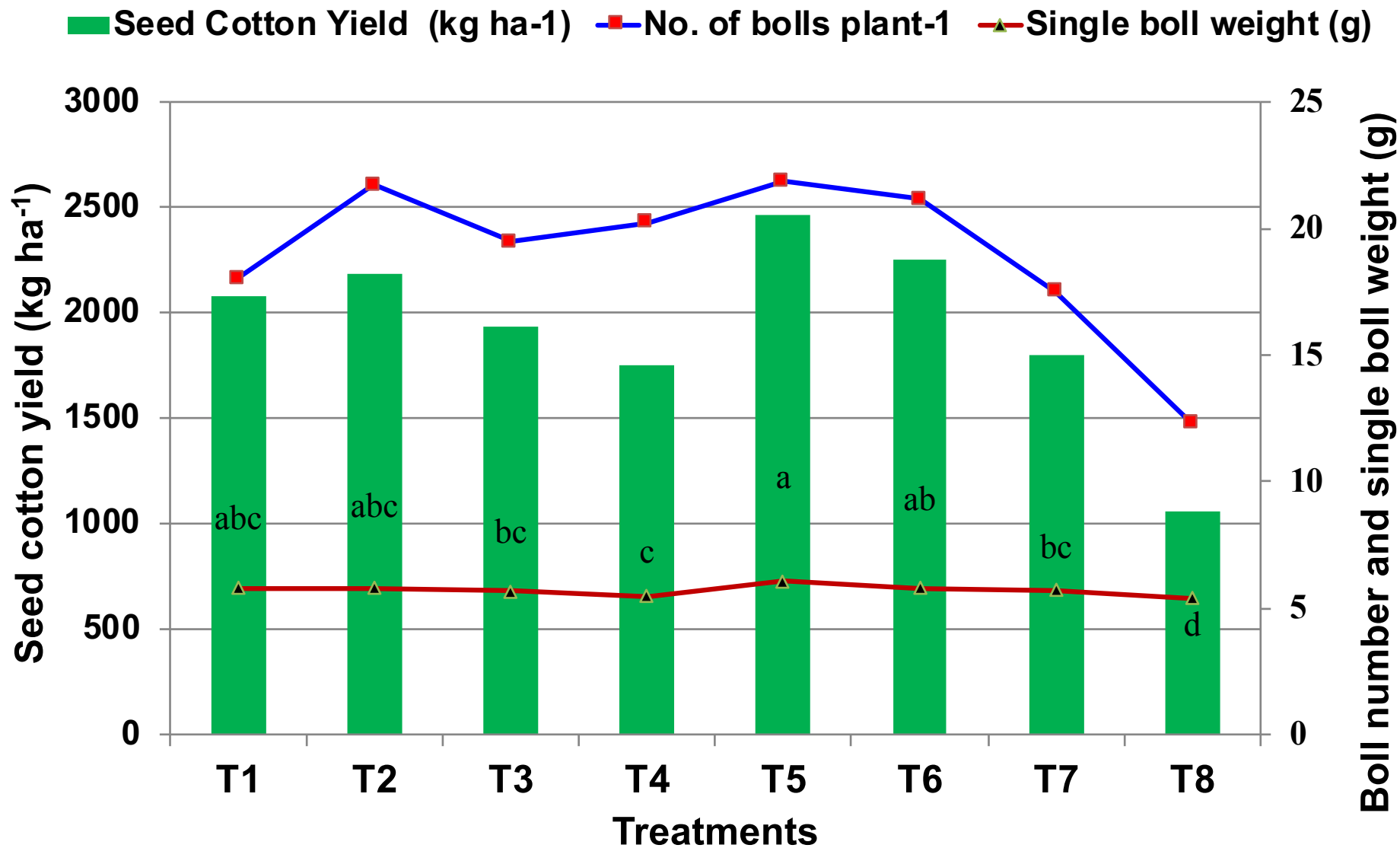
**Fig. 2.2: Weed control efficiency of different chemical, mechanical and manual weeding**



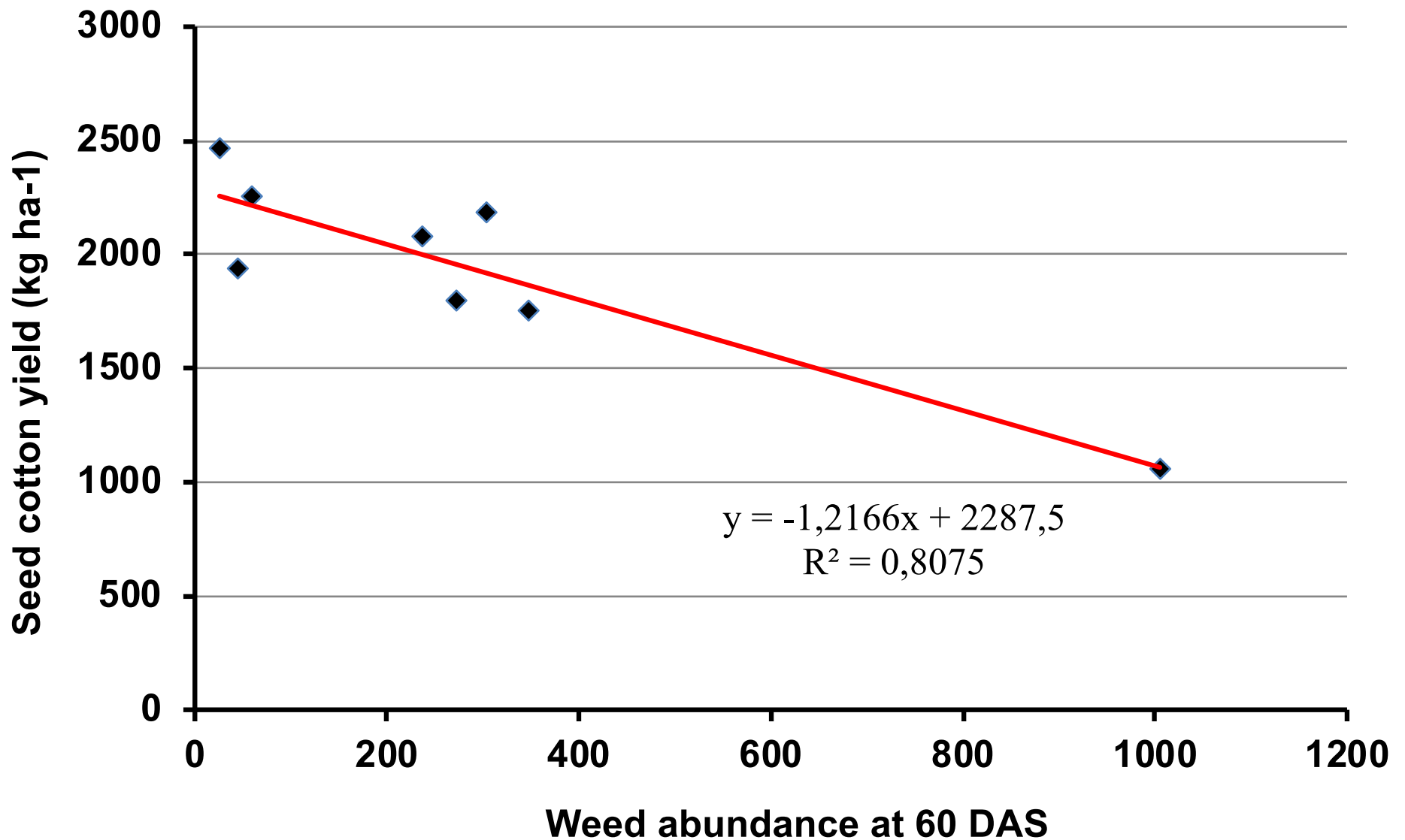
**Fig. 2.3: Plant height of cotton as influenced by chemical, mechanical and manual weeding**



**Fig. 2.4: Plant number, Sympodial and Monopodial br. as influenced by chemical, mechanical and manual weeding**



**Fig. 2.5: Seed cotton yield, boll number and weight as influenced by chemical, mechanical and manual weeding**



**Fig. 2. 6: Functional relationship between Seed cotton yield and weed abundance in different chemical, mechanical and manual weeding**

**Table 2.1: Gin properties of cotton as influenced by different chemical, mechanical and manual weed control method in cotton**

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Lint % (GOT)</b>	<b>Seed %</b>	<b>Lint Index</b>	<b>Seed Index</b>
<b>T<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>40.50</b>	<b>59.00</b>	<b>6.71</b>	<b>9.77</b>
<b>T<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>40.63</b>	<b>58.87</b>	<b>6.77</b>	<b>9.80</b>
<b>T<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>40.93</b>	<b>58.57</b>	<b>6.69</b>	<b>9.57</b>
<b>T<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>40.20</b>	<b>59.30</b>	<b>6.65</b>	<b>9.80</b>
<b>T<sub>5</sub></b>	<b>40.57</b>	<b>58.93</b>	<b>6.86</b>	<b>9.97</b>
<b>T<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>40.57</b>	<b>58.93</b>	<b>6.77</b>	<b>9.83</b>
<b>T<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>40.93</b>	<b>58.57</b>	<b>6.76</b>	<b>9.67</b>
<b>T<sub>8</sub></b>	<b>40.33</b>	<b>59.17</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>9.50</b>
<b>LSD<sub>0.05</sub></b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.34</b>
<b>CV%</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>4.01</b>	<b>1.99</b>

**Table 2.2: Economic return as influenced by different chemical, mechanical and manual weed control method in cotton**

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Variable cost (Tk ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Gross return (Tk ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Net return (Tk ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>BCR</b>
<b>T<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>94375</b>	<b>101070</b>	<b>6695</b>	<b>1.07</b>
<b>T<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>80815</b>	<b>106355</b>	<b>25540</b>	<b>1.32</b>
<b>T<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>82300</b>	<b>93794</b>	<b>11494</b>	<b>1.14</b>
<b>T<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>82150</b>	<b>85344</b>	<b>3194</b>	<b>1.04</b>
<b>T<sub>5</sub></b>	<b>85675</b>	<b>119554</b>	<b>33879</b>	<b>1.40</b>
<b>T<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>82980</b>	<b>109316</b>	<b>26336</b>	<b>1.32</b>
<b>T<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>82830</b>	<b>87579</b>	<b>4749</b>	<b>1.06</b>
<b>T<sub>8</sub></b>	<b>78775</b>	<b>51549</b>	<b>-27226</b>	<b>0.65</b>

## **Experiment-3**

# **Efficacy of Different Herbicides Over Manual Weeding in Controlling Cotton Weed**

# METHODS AND MATERIALS

**Design : Split plot**

**No. of replication: 3**

**Treatments:**

**Factor-A: Variety**

**V<sub>1</sub>=CDB variety CB-14**

**V<sub>2</sub>=Hybrid Variety Rupali-1**

**Factor-B: Weed Control Method**

**WC<sub>1</sub>= Panida (Pendimethalin) @ 3.75 lit ha<sup>-1</sup> at cotton sowing+  
Glyfocel (Glyphosate) @ 4.7 lit ha<sup>-1</sup> at 35 DAS**

**WC<sub>2</sub>= Panida (Pendimethalin) @ 3.75 lit ha<sup>-1</sup> 3 days after cotton sowing  
+ Glyfocel (Glyphosate) @ 4.7 lit ha<sup>-1</sup> at 35 DAS**

**WC<sub>3</sub>= Panida (Pendimethalin) @ 3.75 lit ha<sup>-1</sup>+ Glyfocel (Glyphosate) @  
4.7 lit ha<sup>-1</sup> before cotton emergence**

**WC<sub>4</sub>= Panida (Pendimethalin)@3.75 lit ha<sup>-1</sup> at cotton sowing+ Paraquat  
@ 4.7 lit ha<sup>-1</sup> & Glyfocel (Glyphosate) @ 4.7 lit ha<sup>-1</sup> at 35 DAS**

**WC<sub>5</sub>= Panida (Pendimethalin) @ 3.75 lit ha<sup>-1</sup> at sowing followed by  
water hyacinth mulch at 15 DAS**

**WC<sub>6</sub>= Weed free plot**

**WC<sub>7</sub>= Weedy check (untreated)**

**Date of sowing: 10 August, 2015**

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

A person wearing a white cap, a white face mask, and a striped shirt is standing in a field of tall grass. They are holding a long-handled spray wand with a white, cone-shaped shield at the end. The shield is positioned over a small green plant. The person is also wearing a patterned sarong. In the background, there are trees and a utility pole.

**Application  
of Post  
Emergent  
Herbicide**

**LOCALLY  
MADE SPRAY  
SHIELD FOR  
HERBICIDE  
APPLICATION**

A photograph of a farmer in a field, wearing a red headscarf and a blue shirt, applying a substance to the soil. The field is brown and appears to be recently tilled. In the background, there are trees and other people working in the field. A green speech bubble with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Application of  
Pre- Emergent  
Herbicide**



**Cotton plant and weed abundance after application of pre emergent herbicide**



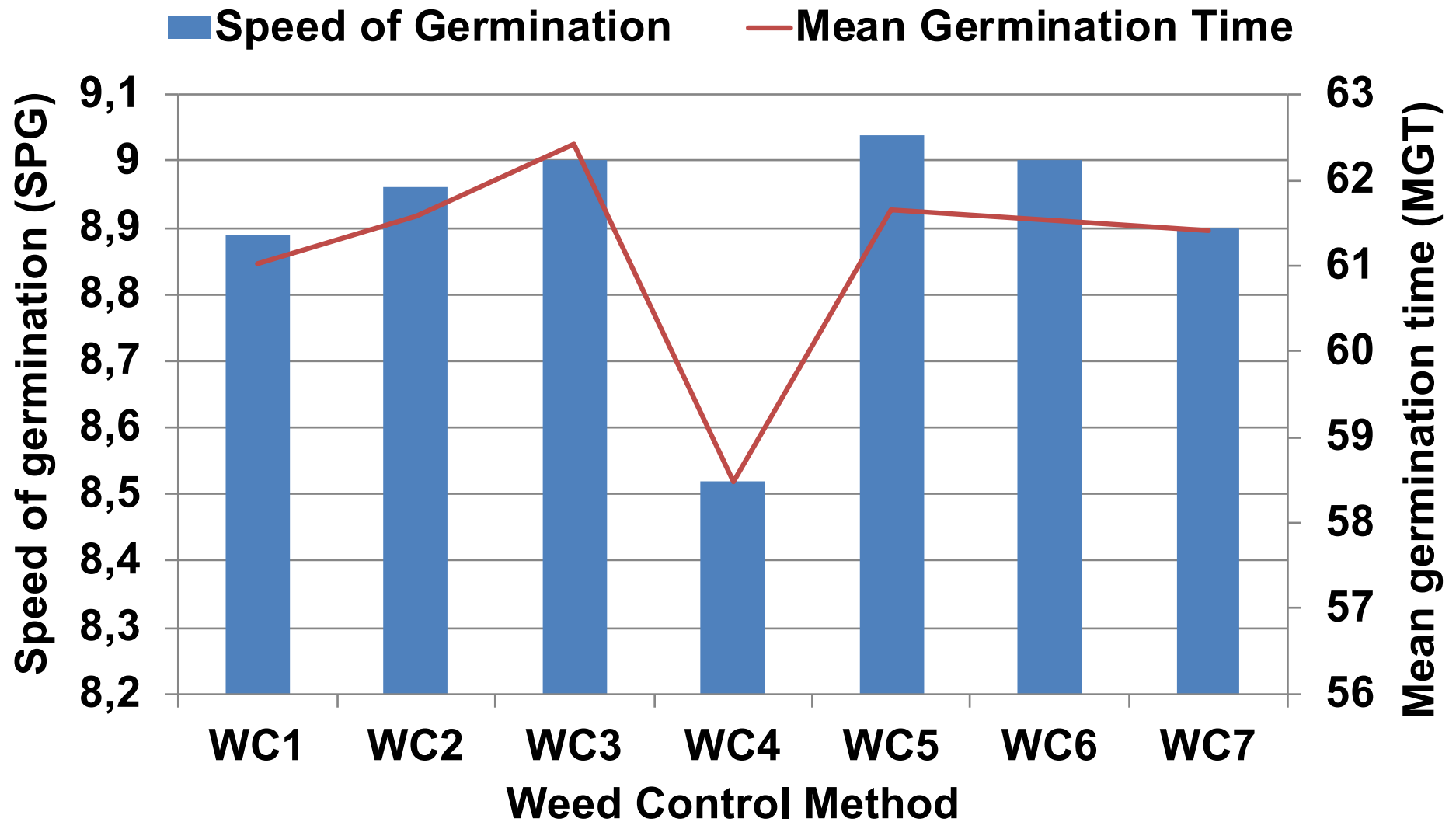
**Weedy Checked Plot**



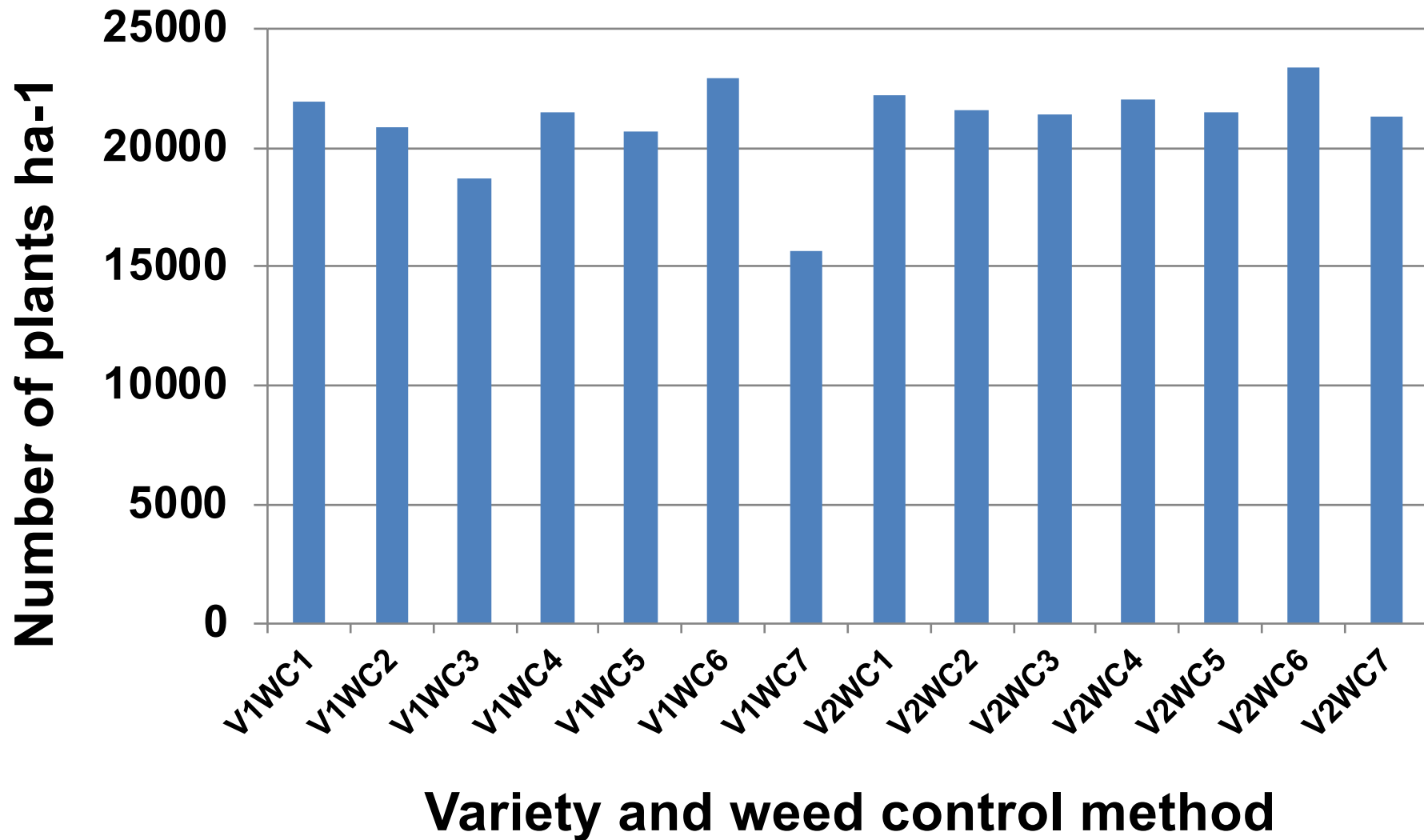
**Weed Free Plot**



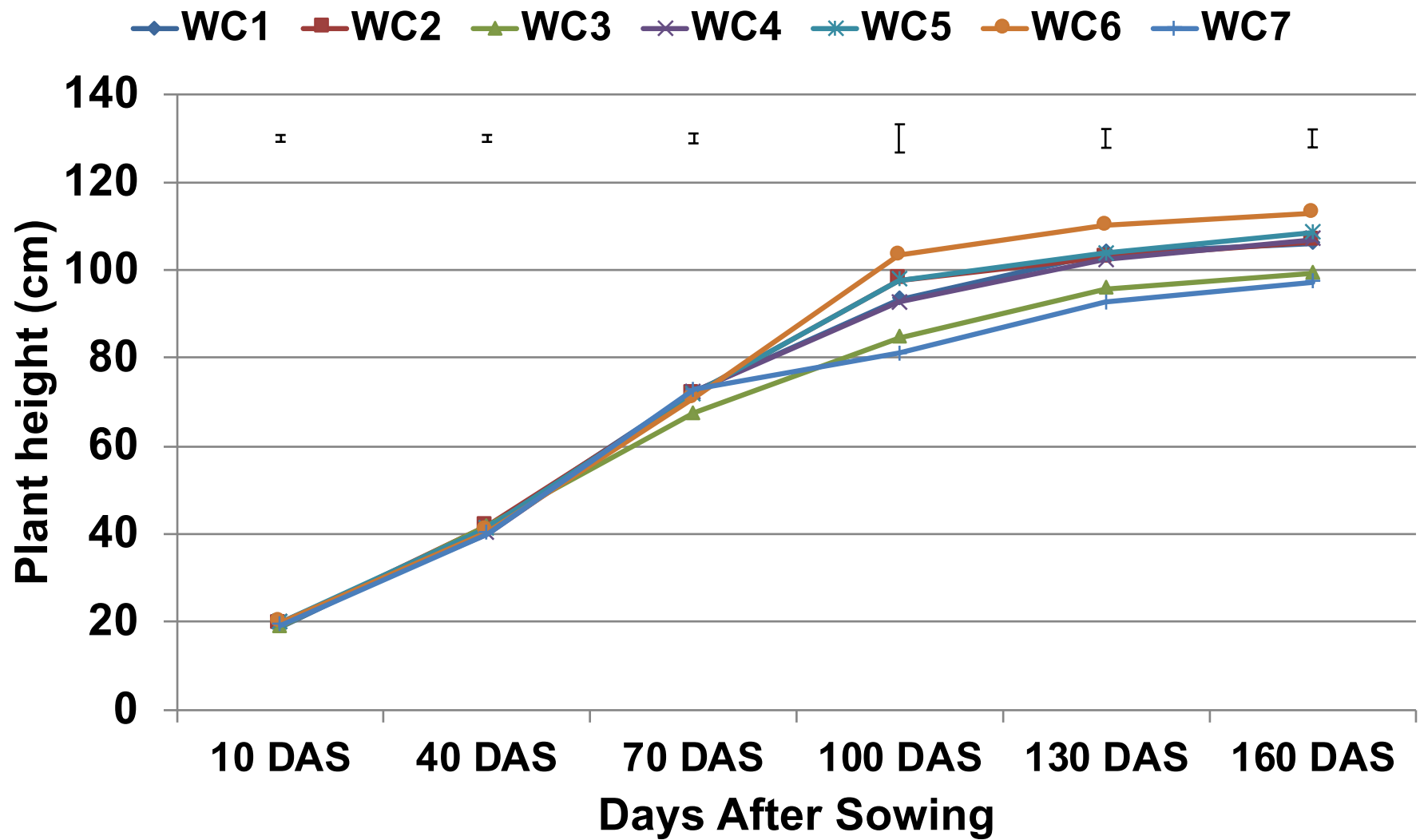
**Experimental plot: pre emergent herbicide at sowing  
and post emergent herbicide at 35 DAS**



**Fig 3.1: Speed of germination (SPG) and Mean germination time (MGT) as influenced by different weed control methods.**



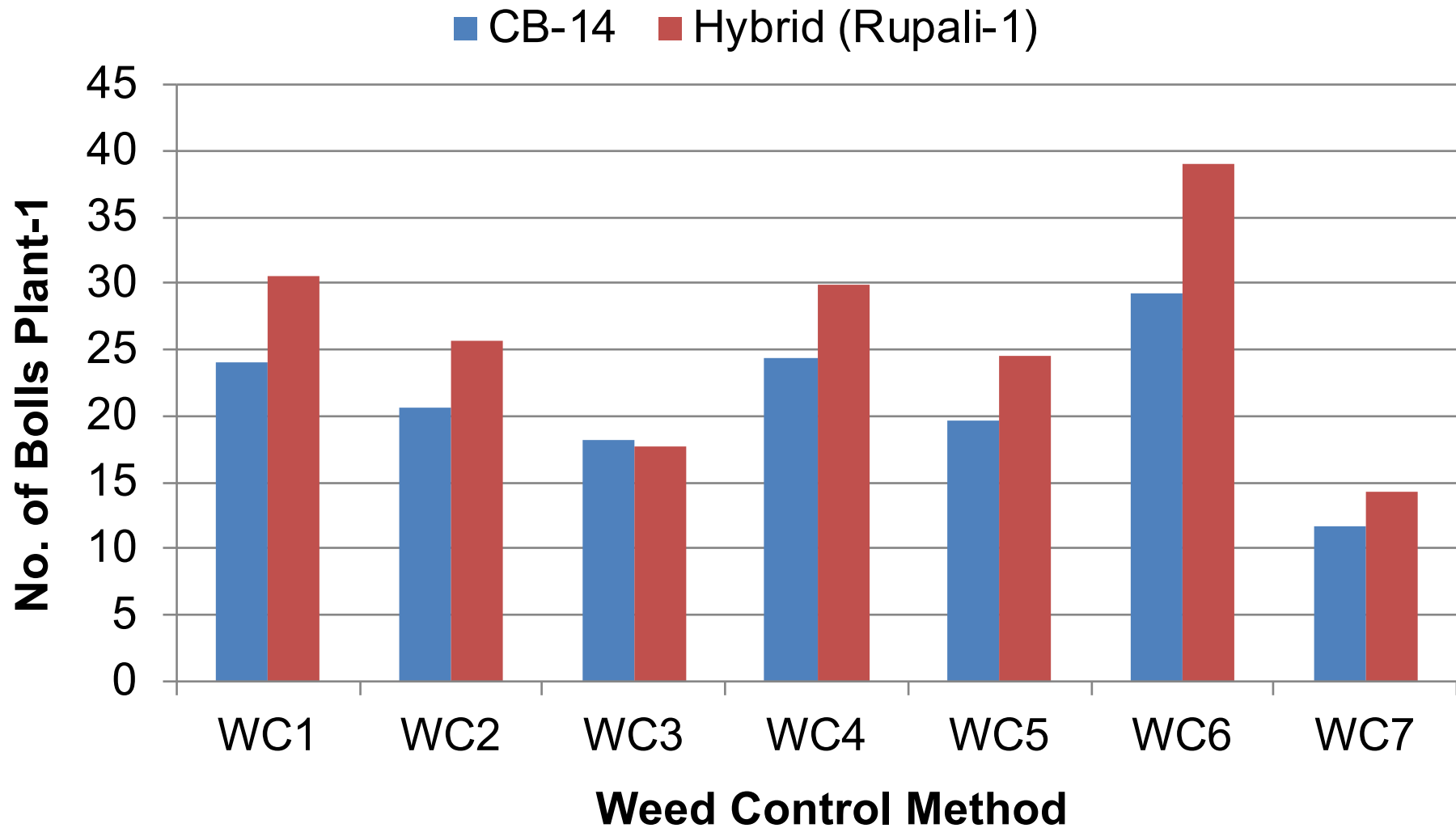
**Fig 3.2: Number of plants ha<sup>-1</sup> as influenced by variety and weed control methods.**



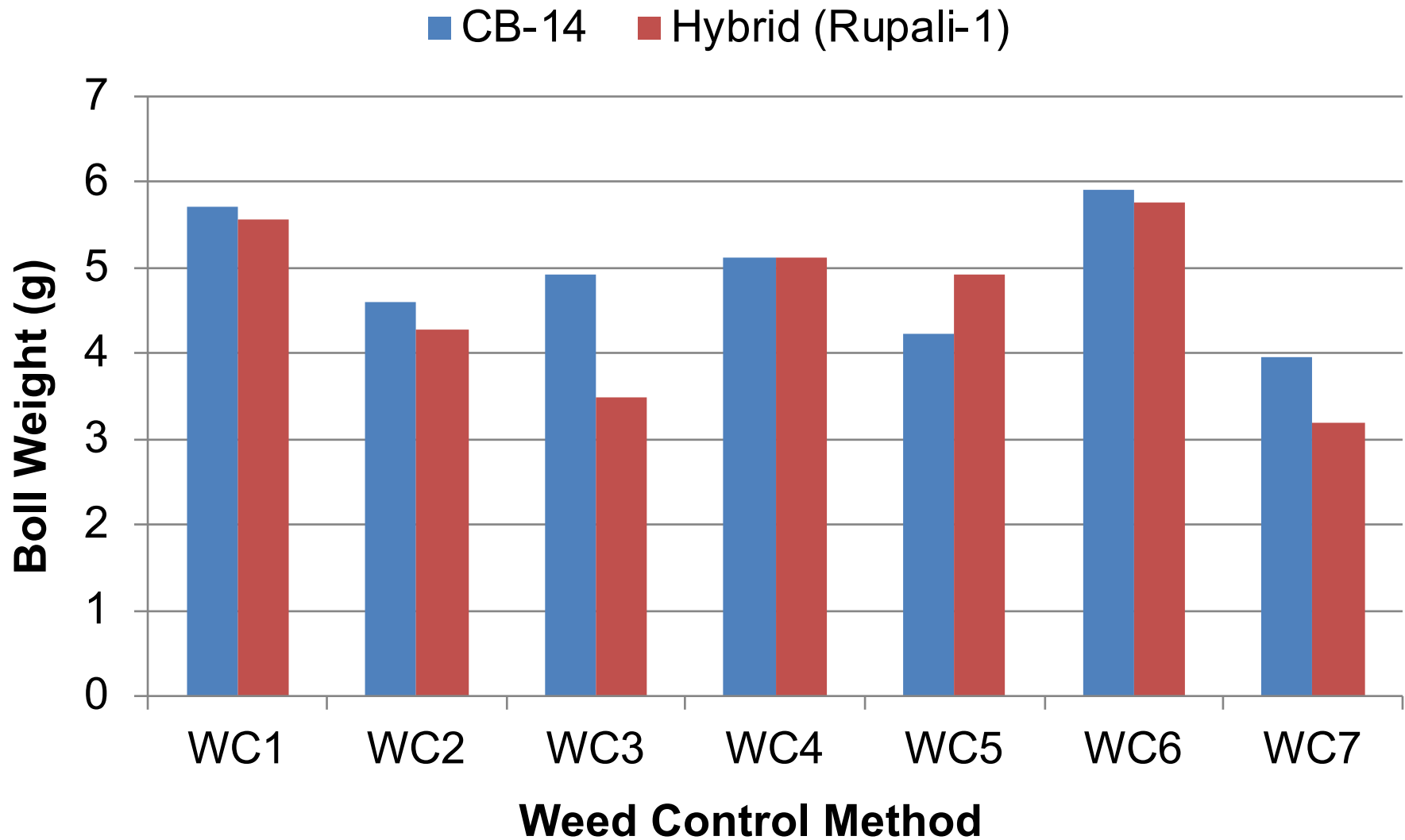
**Fig 3.3: Plant height of cotton at different days after sowing as influenced by different weed control methods.**

**Table 3.1: Yield and yield components of cotton as influenced by different weed control methods.**

<b>Weed control methods</b>	<b>No of sympodial br. plant<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>No of monopodial br. plant<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>No. of bolls plant<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>Single boll weight (g)</b>	<b>Seed Cotton Yield (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>
<b>WC<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>14.40</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>27.32</b>	<b>5.64</b>	<b>2175.14</b>
<b>WC<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>12.08</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>23.12</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>1885.84</b>
<b>WC<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>9.080</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>17.98</b>	<b>4.20</b>	<b>1239.34</b>
<b>WC<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>12.08</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>27.16</b>	<b>5.12</b>	<b>1713.00</b>
<b>WC<sub>5</sub></b>	<b>11.32</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>22.12</b>	<b>4.58</b>	<b>1633.09</b>
<b>WC<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>15.18</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>34.14</b>	<b>5.84</b>	<b>3213.74</b>
<b>WC<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>7.800</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>666.58</b>
<b>LSD<sub>0.05</sub></b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>102.05</b>
<b>CV%</b>	<b>26.22</b>	<b>66.01</b>	<b>30.53</b>	<b>18.91</b>	<b>42.71</b>



**Fig 3.4: Number of bolls plant<sup>-1</sup> as influenced by variety and weed control methods**



**Fig 3.5: Cotton single boll weight (g) as influenced by variety and weed control methods.**

**Table 3.2: Economic return as influenced by variety and weed control method in cotton**

<b>Weed control methods</b>	<b>Variable cost (Tk ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Gross return (Tk ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Net return (Tk ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>BCR</b>
<b>V<sub>1</sub>WC<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>76880</b>	<b>113695</b>	<b>36815</b>	<b>1.48</b>
<b>V<sub>1</sub>WC<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>77660</b>	<b>92711</b>	<b>15051</b>	<b>1.19</b>
<b>V<sub>1</sub>WC<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>78180</b>	<b>62497</b>	<b>-15683</b>	<b>0.80</b>
<b>V<sub>1</sub>WC<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>77920</b>	<b>88973</b>	<b>11053</b>	<b>1.14</b>
<b>V<sub>1</sub>WC<sub>5</sub></b>	<b>78960</b>	<b>87424</b>	<b>8464</b>	<b>1.11</b>
<b>V<sub>1</sub>WC<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>81230</b>	<b>150469</b>	<b>69239</b>	<b>1.85</b>
<b>V<sub>1</sub>WC<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>70830</b>	<b>38663</b>	<b>-32167</b>	<b>0.55</b>
<b>V<sub>2</sub>WC<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>91695</b>	<b>117986</b>	<b>26291</b>	<b>1.29</b>
<b>V<sub>2</sub>WC<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>92475</b>	<b>108278</b>	<b>15803</b>	<b>1.17</b>
<b>V<sub>2</sub>WC<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>92995</b>	<b>70364</b>	<b>-22631</b>	<b>0.76</b>
<b>V<sub>2</sub>WC<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>92735</b>	<b>93545</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1.01</b>
<b>V<sub>2</sub>WC<sub>5</sub></b>	<b>93775</b>	<b>86626</b>	<b>-7149</b>	<b>0.92</b>
<b>V<sub>2</sub>WC<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>96045</b>	<b>190615</b>	<b>94569</b>	<b>1.98</b>
<b>V<sub>2</sub>WC<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>85645</b>	<b>32798</b>	<b>-52847</b>	<b>0.38</b>

# CONCLUSION

- Chemical weed control method in combination with pre-emergent herbicide at sowing and post emergent herbicide at 35 DAS effectively control cotton weed.
- The result of the experiment can be forwarded to on farm trial and demonstration at different locations in the country to control cotton weed.

A photograph of cotton plants with several large, fluffy white cotton bolls in the foreground. The background shows more cotton plants and green leaves. The text is overlaid on the image.

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