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Improved varieties of Small Millets released by HMRS, NAU, Waghai for Gujarat state:

Crop	Variety	Grain Yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	Year of Release	Special attributes
Finger millet (Nagli)	Guj. Nagli-1	2000	1976	Red seedNon lodgingSuitable for rainfed cultivation
	Guj. Nagli-2	2200	1982	Red seedNon shatteringMore numbers of fingersMedium duration
	Guj. Nagli-3	2365	1990	 Red seed Long well filled and more numbers of fingers Medium duration Moderately resistant to blast
	Guj. Nagli-4	2900	2006	 Red seed Non shattering More numbers of fingers Medium duration Moderately resistant to blast Non lodging
	Guj. Nagli-5 (White)	3200	2009	White seeded Medium durationStable and moderately resistance to blast
	Guj. Navsari Nagli-6	2536	2014	 Brown seed, Early to medium duration Compact large ear head Moderately resistant to blast and foot rot
	Guj. Navsari Nagli-7	2477	2016	 White seeded bold grain size Medium duration and non lodging type Moderately resistance to blast and foot rot
	Guj. Nagli-8	3065	2018	 Red seeded bold grain size Early duration with erect and non-lodging plant type Moderately resistance to blast and foot rot

Vari (Little millet)	Guj. Vari-1	1300	1978	Long duration.Yellow grain colour.Non lodging
	Guj.Vari-2	1700	2006	 Medium duration. Yellow grain colour. Long panicle with more number of grains. Tolerant to lodging and shattering.
	Guj. Navsari Vari-3	2864	2016	 Multi-tillering and non lodging type Medium gain size Early maturity
Barnyard millet (Banti)	Guj. Banti-1	2200	1984	 Draught tolerant Non lodging
Kodra	Guj. Kodra-1	1800	1976	Medium duration
(Kodo millet)	Guj. Kodra-2	2200	1993	 Medium duration Resistance to Pest and diseases
	Guj. Kodra-3	2450	2016	High yieldingEarly maturing and resistance to pest and Disease

Most popular improved varieties

Finger millet GN-4 (Red seeded)

Duration : 125-130 days

Average grain yield : 2900 kg ha⁻¹

% increase over GN-3 $$: $$ 20.9 %

Popping percentage 77.2 %



Salient features

- ➤ Non shattering nature on staking
- Attractive grain colour with more numbers of fingers and grains per earhead
- Medium duration and tolerant to lodging
- > Stable and resistance to blast
- ➤ High yielding and input responsive
- ➤ Palatable straw

Finger millet GN-5 (White seeded)

Duration : 120-125 days

Average grain yield : 3200 kg ha⁻¹

% increase over GN-3 : 24.9 %

% increase over GN-4 : 18.9 %



- ➤ Bold attractive white seeded and having more numbers of fingers per earheads.
- Medium duration, high yielding and input responsive.
- Stable and moderately resistance to blast
- > Palatable straw

Finger millet GNN-6 (Brown seeded)

Duration : 125 days

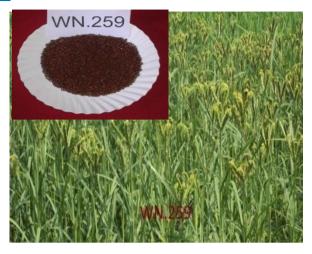
Average grain yield : 2536 kg ha⁻¹.

% increase over : 17.8 %

GN-4

% increase over : 30.5 %

VR-708



Salient features

- ➤ Bold attractive dark brown seeded
- Early to medium maturing, high yielding potential and input responsive.
- ➤ Have good nutritional properties particularly
- > Stable and moderately resistance to blast and foot rot diseases
- ➤ Palatable straw

Finger millet GNN-7 (White seeded)

Duration : 125 days

Average grain yield : 2477 kg ha⁻¹.

% increase over : 19.5 %

GN-5

% increase over : 18.4 %

VL-149



- ➤ Bold attractive white seeded
- > Medium maturing, high yielding potential and input responsive.
- ➤ Have good nutritional properties particularly mineral matter, Ca and Fe
- ➤ Moderately resistance to blast and foot rot diseases
- ➤ Palatable straw

Finger millet GN-8 (Red seeded)

Duration : 105 days

Average grain : 3065 kg ha⁻¹.

yield

% increase over : 13.7 %

VL-352 National

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% increase over : 21.3 %

VL-149 National

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Salient features

- > Red coloured and bold attractive seeded
- > Erect and non-lodging plant type
- Early maturing, high yield potential and input responsive.
- ➤ Have good nutritional properties particularly mineral matter, Ca and Fe
- ➤ Moderately resistance to blast and foot rot diseases
- Palatable straw

Little millet GV-2

Parentage : Mutant from GV-1

Duration : 115-130 days

Average grain yield : 1700 kg ha⁻¹

% increase over GV-1 : 32.6 %



- Medium duration.
- ➤ Bold attractive yellow grain colour.
- ➤ Long panicle with more number of grains.
- > Tolerant to lodging and shattering.
- > Grains quality suitable for value addition.
- > Palatable straw

Little millet GNV-3

Parentage : Pure line selection

Duration : 120 days

Average grain yield : 2864 kg ha⁻¹

% increase over GV-1 : 8.77%



- > Early maturing and multi tillering
- > Bold attractive yellow grain colour.
- > Tolerant to lodging and shattering.
- > Grains quality suitable for value addition and Palatable straw
- > Resistance to pest and disease.

Research Recommendations:

- 1. To get more yields from ragi crop, it is recommended to use seedling of 20 days old and transplant them by keeping the distance 30 cm between two rows and 7.5 cm between two plants ultimately it gives a population of 6 lakhs plants per hectare.
- 2. In The Dangs district, seed treatment of Nagli (Ragi) with 3 gm of Azospirilum per Kg of seed and 20 Kg nitrogen gives more benefit of Rs. 1552/-.
- **3.** The farmers of AES I of South Gujarat heavy rainfall agroclimatic zone growing Nagli (Ragi) (GN-3) are advised to apply N @ 40 kg/ha along with bio-fertilizers 4.0 kg/ha soil application (*Azospirillum+Phosphobacteria* or *Azospirillum* alone or *Phosphobacteria* alone) for getting about 45 % more net income than application of N alone. In the soils with high available P status, its application was not found beneficial. (**2009**)
- **4.** The farmers of AES-I of South Gujarat Heavy Rainfall Zone growing Nagli (Ragi) GN-4 (WN-228) are advised to apply N @ 40 kg ha⁻¹ + FYM @ 10 t ha⁻¹ along with Azotobacter @ 4 kg ha⁻¹ besides basal application of P_2O_5 @ 20 kg ha⁻¹ for higher production. (**2010**)
- 5. Finger millet (Nagli) growing farmers of south Gujarat (AES I) are advised three spray of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Rambhas Strain 2 x 10⁹ cfu/ml 0.6% (60ml/10lit of water) or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Navsari Strain 2 x 10⁹ cfu/ml 0.6% (60ml/10lit of water) at 15 days interval, starting at 21 days of transplanting for effective and economical management of the leaf blast. (2012)
- 6. Nagli (Finger millet) growing farmers of South Gujarat (SGHRZ-I AES-I) are recommended to treat seedlings with 200 ml/ha liquid biofertilizer of native *Azotobacter chroococcum* ABN-1 (N.A.U.) (1 x 10⁸ cfu/ml) or AAU commercial strain (1 x 10⁸ cfu/ml) mixed in 1 % jaggery solution for 30 minutes and soil application of 1000 ml/ha bio-fertilizer of liquid native *Azotobacter chroococcum* ABN-1 (N.A.U.) or AAU commercial strain mixed with pulverized soil (20 Kg/ha) as spot application at the time of transplanting to save 50 % nitrogen fertilizer and get higher yield. (2012)
- 7. The farmers of South Gujarat heavy rain fall zone (AES-III) growing Paddy are advise to adopt SRI method (10-12 days) old seedling per hill at 25 cm X 25cm spacing to realize higher grain yield and net income (42,383 Rs/ha.) with CBR of 1:2.47) Alternatively from soils and water saving (40%) point of view, they are advised to adopt aerobic sowing (irrigated drill) of rice at a row spacing of 30 cm to get higher cost benefit ratio (1:2.30) as compared to conventional paddy cultivation. (2012)
- **8.** Finger millet growing farmers of South Gujarat are advised for three sprays of Tricyclazole 75 WP @ 0.6 g/litre (0.045%; 225 g a.i./ha) of water starting from initiation of disease and two subsequent sprays at an interval of 15 days for effective and economical management of blast disease. PHI for this fungicide is 35 days. **(2014)**
- **9.** The farmers of South Gujarat heavy rain fall zone I (AES-I) growing finger millet variety GN-5 during *kharif* season are recommended to fertilized the crop with 75%

- RDF (40:20:00 NPK kg/ha) + vermicompost @ 2 t/ha for getting higher yield and net income. (2017)
- 10. The farmers of South Gujarat heavy rain fall zone I (AES-I) growing little millet (GV-2) during *kharif* season are advised grow their crop with application of 40 kg N/ha and 20 kg P₂O₅/ha for getting higher yield and net income. (2017)
- 11. Finger millet growers of south Gujarat (AES I) are advised to treat the seed with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (CFU- 10⁸/ml), 10 ml/kg and two sprays of *P. fluorescence* @ 6ml/l first at initiation of disease and second after 15 days after the first spray for effective management of blast. (2017)
- 12. Seed treatment with Carbendazim 50 WP @ 2g/kg seed and two sprays of Tricyclazole 75 WP @ 0.6g/l of water or Tebuconazole 25.9 EC @ 1ml/l first immediately after the appearance of disease and second 15 days after the first spray is suggested for the management of finger millet blast. (2017)
- 13. The finger millet genotypes/varieties viz; GN-5, GPU-28, GPU-48, KOPN-235, KMR-204 and MR-6 having maximum amount of total phenols were found resistant to the blast disease. (2017)
- 14. Farmers of South Gujarat heavy rainfall zone I (AES I & III) and South Gujarat Zone II (AES I) growing finger millet are advised to adopt integrated nutrient management system for getting higher yield and net profit. (2018)

Component of Integrated Nutrient Management are:

- Seed treated with Thirum @ 3-4 g/kg seeds + seedling dipping in bio-fertilizer (*Azotobacter*) for 30 minutes.
- Hand weeding/ use weedicide Pretilachlor @ 1.0 kg a.i./ha.
- 30 kg N, 20 kg P2O5 and bio compost 2 t/ha.
- Apply *Azotobacter* 2 kg/ha + PSB 2 kg/ha as soil application.
- Use chemical insecticides-pesticides
- 15. The farmers of South Gujarat heavy rainfall zone (AES-I) growing finger millet are advised to seed treatment with 30 % ZnO @ 10 ml/ kg seed and root dipping @ 0.5% ZnSO₄ with recommendation dose of NPK. However, in case of unavailability of ZnO they are also advised to go for soil application of ZnSO₄ @ 25 kg/ha. (2018)
- 16. The farmers of South Gujarat heavy rain fall zone I (AES-I) growing finger millet variety GN-4 during *kharif* season are recommended to fertilize the crop with 50 % Nitrogen through FYM + 25 % Nitrogen through biocompost + 25 % Nitrogen through castor cake + Azotobacter @ 2 l/ha + PSB @ 2 l/ha for getting higher yield and net income. (2018)

PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY OF FINGER MILLET

(Eleusine coracana (L.) Gaertn)

Finger millet also known as ragi in India is one of the important minor millets occupies highest area under cultivation. It is a staple food crop in many hilly regions of the country. It requires small quantity of water, matured early and well suited for cultivation under scarcity conditions. In Gujarat, it is cultivated over an area of 14161 ha. Major finger millet growing districts are The Dangs, Valsad, Navsari and Panchmahal.

Finger millet is known for their unique nutritional properties particularly high fibre content, quality protein and mineral composition. It is a rich source of dietary calcium (300-350 mg/ 100 g). Ragi is a suitable diet for diabetic and obese people. In this way, ragi has enormous health benefit and also a good source of valuable micro-nutrients along with the major food components. Certain value added food products from ragi i.e. chapatti, papad, puffing or popping, bakery product- *i.e.* biscuits, extruded products *i.e.* kurkure etc. are being produced.

Recommended varieties of Finger Millet for Gujarat State

Name of	Days to	Grain	Production	Salient features
variety	maturity	colour	(kg/acre)	
GN-4	125-130	Red	1200	Large earhead size with more number of
				grains, medium duration, blast
				resistant
GN-5	120-125	White	1250	Incurved larger earhead, blast resistant
GNN-6	120-130	Brown	1100	Compact earhead and moderately
				resistant to blast and foot rot disease
GNN-7	125	White	1100	Semi Compact earhead, Medium
				Duration and non lodging type.
				Moderately resistant to blast and foot
				rot.
GN-8	105	Red	1225	Semi compact earhead
				Early durational, erect and non-lodging
				plant type
				Moderately resistant to blast and foot
				rot.

Cultivation Practices of Finger Millet

1	Recommended	Guj. Nagli - 4 (Red seeded)	
	variety	Guj. Nagli - 5 (White seeded)	
	-	Guj. Navsari Nagli -6 (Brown seeded)	
		Guj. Navsari Nagli -7 (White seeded)	
		Guj. Nagli - 8 (Red seeded)	
2	Climatic requirement	➤ Tropical and subtropical climate	
		Can be grown hilly areas as well as in plains.	
3	Soil	> Grown on a wide variety of soils ranging from very poor to	
		fertile soil.	
		➤ It thrives best on well drained loam or clay loam soils.	

4	Field preparation	Ploughing should be done immediately after the harvest of previous crop. Seed bed for ragi is thoroughly prepared, which should be free of weeds, friable and smooth for better		
		germination and crop growth.		
5	Seed and sowing			
	(a) Time of sowing	Onset of monsoon.		
	(b) Seed rate	4 to 5 kg ha ⁻¹ .		
	(c) Seed treatment	Seed should be treated with Thirum @ 2.5 g / kg of seed		
		+ bio-fertilizer Azospirillium 3 gm / 1 kg of seed.		
	(d) Method of sowing	Nursery bed :- 10 x 1 m (raised bed)		
		Age of seedling :- 3 to 4 weeks old seedling		
		Transplant spacing :- 22.5 cm x 7.5 cm		
6	Manures and	F.Y.M or Compost: - 5 to 10 tones / ha.		
	fertilizers	Fertilizer:- 40:20:00 NPK kg ha ⁻¹ (Basal- 20:20:00 NPK kg		
		ha ⁻¹ + Azatobacter @ 4 kg ha ⁻¹ at the time of puddling,		
		Remaining 20 kg N at 30 days after transplanting		
7	Water management	Rainfed crop		
		If rains stop for a long spell, then irrigation would be required to		
		obtain good yield.		
8	Weed control	2 to 3 hand weeding.		
9	Plant protection & their	r control measures.		
	(a) Diseases	The main disease of finger millet is blast.		
		(i) Blast:-		
		➤ Grow blast resistance variety		
		➤ Treat seed with Thirum @ 2.5 g/kg of seed		
		Spray Tricyclazole 75% WP (Doze:-0.6g/lit. of water)		
		or Carbendazim 50% WP (Doze: 1g/1lit of water)		
	(b) Pest	Stem borer :-		
		Spray the crop with Phosphomidon 0.0.3% or Trizophos		
4.0	-	0.04 %		
10	Harvesting &	The crop matures in about 120-135 days.		
	Threshing	Mature earheads are harvested.		
		> Dry three to four days & threshed with hand or bullocks.		
11	W: -1.1	Cleaning, packaging and stored.		
11	Yield	Grain yield: - 28 to 32 quintals/ha		
		Fodder yield :- 60 to 80 quintals/ha		

PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY OF LITTLE MILLET

(Panicum miliare L.)

Little millet (*Panicum miliare* L.) is important small millet cultivated both in the tropics and subtropics. The seeds of little millet are smaller than those of other small millets. The straw is good for cattle. Little millet is well known for its drought tolerance and is considered as one of the least water demanding crops. Being the first crop to be harvested in the season, it produces the much needed food grain among the tribal and is staple food for millions in many parts of India. It is a good source of protein, minerals and vitamins.

Recommended varieties of Little Millet for Gujarat State

Name of	Days to	Grain	Production	Salient features
variety	maturity	colour	(kg/ha.)	
GV-1	125-130	Brown	1050	 Panicle is medium, semi compact and branched with medium bold grains. More number of grains per earhead and productive tillers. Moderately resistant to lodging and shattering. Long duration.
GV- 2	120-125	Attractive yellow	1100	 Panicle is long, semi compact and branched with bold grains. More number of grains per earhead and productive tillers. Resistant to lodging and shattering. Long duration,
GNV-3	110-115	Attractive yellow	1200	 Multi-tillering and non lodging type Medium gain size Early maturity, high yielding.

Cultivation Practices of Little Millet

1	Recommended	Guj. Vari - 1 (Brown seeded)		
	variety	Guj. Vari - 2 (Attractive yellow)		
		Guj. Navsari Vari - 3 (Attractive yellow)		
2	Climatic requirement	Tropical and subtropical climate.		
		Can be grown in hilly areas as well as in plains.		
3	Soil	> Grown on a wide variety of soils ranging from very poor to		
		fertile soil.		
		➤ It thrives best on well drained loam or clay loam soils.		
4	Field preparation	Ploughing should be done immediately after the harvest of		
		previous crop. Seed bed for ragi is thoroughly prepared, which		
		should be free of weeds, friable and smooth for better		
		germination and crop growth.		

5	Seed and sowing			
	(a) Time of sowing	On set of monsoon.		
	(b) Seed rate	3 to 4 kg ha ⁻¹		
	(c) Seed treatment	Seed should be treated with Thirum @ 2.5 g / kg of seed		
	(d) Method of sowing	Nursery bed :- 10 x 1 m (raised bed)		
		Age of seedling :- 3 to 4 weeks old seedling		
		Transplant spacing: - 30 x 10 cm		
6	Manures and	F.Y.M or Compost:- 5 tones / ha.		
	fertilizers	Fertilizer :- 40:20:00 NPK kg ha ⁻¹ (seed inoculation with		
		Agrobacterium radiobacter and Aspergillus awamouri improves		
		the seed yield)		
7	Water management	Rainfed crop		
		If rains stop for a long spell, then irrigation would be required to		
		obtain good yield.		
8	Weed control	2 to 3 hand weeding.		
9	Plant protection & their			
	(a) Diseases	The main disease of little millet is blast.		
		(i) Grain smut :-		
		➤ Treat seed with Thirum or Carbendazim or Carboxin ©		
		2 kg ha ⁻¹ of seed		
	(b) Pest	Shootfly:-		
		Early sowing with the onset of monsoon is an effective and		
		cheapest method of control.		
		> Sowing early in the season, reducing nitrogenous fertilizer		
		application by about 25 per cent and replacing it with farm		
		yard manure or compost or green manuring.		
		Use disease free seeds.		
10	Harvesting &	➤ The crop matures in about 120 days.		
	Threshing	Mature panicles are harvested.		
		Dry three to four days & threshed with hand or bullocks.		
		Cleaning , packaging and stored.		
11	Yield	Grain yield :- 17 to 20 quintals/ha		
		Fodder yield :- 50 to 60 quintals/ha		

PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY OF KODO MILLET

(Paspalum scrobiculatum L.)

Kodo millet is a highly drought resistant crop. It is the coarsest of all food grains. The grain is covered with a horny seed coat which should be removed before cooking. Immature and molded grains are supposed to be poisonous. Kodo grain is easily preserved and proves as a good famine reserve. The grain is recommended as a substitute for rice to patients suffering from diabetes disease. The grain contains 8.3 per cent protein, 1.4 per cent fat, 65.6 per cent carbohydrates and 2.9 per cent ash. Straw is very poor in quality and harmful to horses.

Kodra is cultivated in the eastern district of Gujarat. It is mostly grown as mix crop with pulses in *kharif*. In India it is grown in AP, Maharashtra, Karnataka, TN and UP states.

Recommended varieties of Kodo Millet for Gujarat State

Name of	Days to	Production	Salient features
variety	maturity	(q/ha)	
G. Kodra - 1	110-115	12-15	➤ Selection from local germplasm
			➤ Highly adaptable to hilly areas
			➤ Early maturing and gives 27% higher yield than
			local.
G. Kodra - 2	100-105	16-18	➤ Tolerant to head smut
			➤ Wide adaption.
G. Kodra - 3	100-105	18-20	➤ High yielding
			➤ Early maturing

Cultivation Practices of Kodo Millet

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1	Recommended	Guj. Kodra- 1		
	variety	Guj. Kodra - 2		
		Guj. Anand Kodra – 3		
2	Climatic requirement	For Grown in warm and dry climate.		
		➤ Highly drought tolerant and therefore, can be grown in areas		
		where rainfall is scanty and erratic.		
3	Soil	Figure Grown on a wide variety of soils ranging from very poor to		
		fertile soil.		
		➤ It thrives best on sandy loam to loam soils.		
4	Field preparation	Land should be prepared properly by ploughing and harrowing.		
5	Seed and sowing			
	(a) Time of sowing	Onset of monsoon.		
	(b) Seed rate	10 kg ha ⁻¹		
	(c) Seed treatment	Seed should be treated with Thirum or Ceresan@ 2.5 g / kg of		
		seed		
	(d) Method of sowing	Nursery bed :- 10 x 1 m (raised bed)		
		Age of seedling :- 3 to 4 weeks old seedling		
		Transplant spacing: 45 x 10 cm		
6	Manures and	F.Y.M or Compost :- 5 to 10 tones / ha.		

	fertilizers	NPK kg ha ⁻¹ :- 40:20:20	
7	Water management	Kodo sown in Kharif season generally does not require any	
		irrigation. It is mostly grown as a rainfed crop.	
		If rains stop for a long spell, then irrigation would be required to	
		obtain good yield.	
8	Weed control	2 to 3 hand weeding.	
9	Plant protection & their	r control measures.	
	(a) Diseases	The main disease of kodo millet are Ergot, Smut and Rust	
		Control measures	
		Use healthy seeds of improved variety	
		➤ Treat seed with Thirum or Ceresan@ 2.5 g/kg of seed	
		> Spraying of 0.2% solution of Mancozeb 75 WP for rust	
	(b) Pest	The main pests of kodo millet are White ants and stem borer	
		Control measures	
		➤ White ants- 5% Malathion @ 20-25 kg ha ⁻¹ in the soil	
		before sowing	
		> Stem borer- Phorate (Thimet) 10 per cent granules @ 15 kg	
		ha ⁻¹	
10	Harvesting &	➤ The crop matures in about 110-115 days.	
	Threshing	> Mature plants are cut close to the ground, bundled and	
		stacked.	
		> Dry stacks for three to four days & threshed with hand or	
		bullocks.	
		Cleaning , packaging and stored.	
11	Yield	Grain yield :- 12 to 15 quintals/ha	
		Fodder yield :- 30 to 40 quintals/ha	