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Physiological Basis of Growth, Yield and Quality of Vegetable Influenced by Chemicals or PGRs

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Summary

Physiological basis of plants which refers to which increase or stimulate the growth of the plant as well as increasing the yield with the quality. By these bases, regulate the all over the plant's growth and development. Application of PGRs increases and decreases the plant process, stimulating the favourable growth of the plant.

Significance of Chemicals or PGRs on Physiological Basis

1. Application of chemicals on plants,
2. Increase or decrease the leaf area, leaf size, leaf thickness, fruit setting, fruit weight, fruit size, increase the branches, increase the node number by reduce the internodal length, increase the root uptake, quality of fruit, increase the shelf life of commodity, etc.
3. Lastly, increase the yield of plants with the quality of fruits.

Plant Growth Regulators (Plant Hormones)

1. An organic compound and small in quantity.
2. Can be natural or synthetic.
3. It modifies or controls one or more specific physiological processes within a plant.
4. But, the sites of action and production are different.
5. If the compound is produced within the plant it is called a phytohormone
6. Substances applied externally also can bring about modifications.
7. A large number of chemicals tend to increase the yield of certain plants such as corn and sugarcane.
8. Both internal plant hormones and lab created hormones are called plant growth regulators.
9. Hormones usually move within plant from a site of production to site of action.

Role of Plant Growth Hormone in Vegetable Production

The role of plant regulators in various physiological and biochemical processes in plants is well known. Growth regulators are known to affect, Seed germination, Seed dormancy, Vegetative growth, Nodulation, Tuberation, Fruit ripening and yield, Hybrid seed production, Fruit setting and fruit size:

1. Auxin- Agricultural Uses: Rooting of the cuttings, Prevention of pre-harvest fruit drop, Parthenocarpic fruit, Fruit setting, Controls of flowering, Defoliation of the plants, Prevention of abscission, Thinning of compact fruits and Selective weed killers.

2. Gibberellins applications: Germination, Rooting, Leaf expansion, Hyponasty of leaves, Flowering, Parthenocarpy, Fruit setting & size, Fruit drop, Stem elongation, Pollen germination and Break the dormancy.

3. Cytokinins application: Cell division, Increase the Shelf life of fruits, quickening of root induction, Increasing the yield and oil content in groundnut, breaking dormancy and Delaying the senescence.

4. Application of ABA: Bud dormancy, Senescence, Abscission, Flower initiation, Stomatal physiology, Release of ethylene, Counteract GA and Stress hormone.

5. Ethylene A ripening hormone: Abscission, Natural ripening and climacteric rise, de-greening of citrus and banana, Ripening, Sex expression in cucurbits, Floral development and Mechanical harvesting.

6. Other known hormones:

a. Brassinolides: Found in the rapeseed. They promote cell elongation and cell division, differentiation of xylem tissues, and inhibit leaf abscission. Plants that are deficient in brassinolides suffer from dwarfism.

b. Salicylic acid: Activates genes in some plants that produce chemicals that aid in the defense against pathogenic invaders.

c. Jasmonates: Are produced from fatty acids and seem to promote the production of defense proteins that are used to fend off invading organisms. They are believed to also have a role in seed germination, and affect the storage of protein in seeds, and seem to affect root growth.

d. Batasins: They have been isolated from yam plants (*Dioscorea batatus*) that cause dormancy in bulbils.

7. Morphactins:

a. Which are also a group of plant growth regulators but it's not naturally.

b. Like, chlfluron, chlorflurenol, dichlorflurenol, flurelol, etc.

Use of PGRS in Vegetables

| No | Name of PGRs | Conc. (mg/l) | Mode of application | Vegetable crop | Mode of action |
|----|---|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | Cycocel (CCC) | 250-500 | Foliar application | Cucurbits, Tomato, Okra | Setting of Flowering, Sex modification, Increase Yield. |
| | | 250 | Seed treatment | Okra | Increase Yield, Salinity tolerant. |
| | | 250 | Seedling treatment | Tomato | Resistance to virus, Fruit setting, Increase yield. |
| 2 | CIPC | 5000 | Storage spray | Potato | Increase shelf life. |
| 3 | PCPA | 40-50 | Foliar spray | Brinjal, Chilli | Promote growth, increase yield, Increase flowering and fruit setting, Retard fruit drop. |
| | | 30 | Open flower dipping | Tomato | Increase fruit set during rainy season in NVPH. |
| 4 | 2-4, D | 2-5 | Foliar spray | Tomato | Increase fruit setting and yield. |
| | | 20-50 | Foliar Spray | Tomato, Brinjal | Increase growth, increase flowering and Fruit setting, Increase yield. |
| | | 2-5 | Foliar spray | Brinjal | Increase flowering, Fruit setting & yield. |
| 5 | 2 chloro ethyl phosphonic acid (Ethaphon, Ethrel) | 100-200 | Foliar spray | Cucurbits, Okra, Tomato | Increase female flowering, fruit setting, Sex modification. |
| | | 100-200 | Foliar spray | Okra, Tomato | Increase Growth and yield. |
| | | 1000 | Foliar spray | Tomato, Chilli | Ripening of fruit, Increase yield, control ripening. |

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| | | 20 | Seed treatment | Bitter gourd | Increase female flower and Yield. |
| 6 | Ethylene chloro Hydrin | 20 g | Steam treatment | Potato, EFY, Sweet potato | Breaking Dormancy. |
| 7 | GA3 | 1 | Dipping (for 1 hour) | Potato | Breaking dormancy. |
| | | 10 | Foliar Spray | Water melon, Tomato | Sex modification, Fruit setting, Increase yield. |
| | | 20 | Dipping (for 10 min) | Parwal | Increase storage life upto 8 days. |
| | | 25 | Foliar spray | Capsicum | For Fruit setting. |
| | | 400 | Seed treatment | Okra | Germination. |
| | | 40-100 | Seed treatment or Foliar spray | Okra, Tomato, Brinjal | Seed germination, Increase Fruit setting and yield. |
| 8 | IAA | 10-15 | Seed treatment or Foliar spray | Fenugreek, Palak, Okra, Tomato, Brinjal, Cow pea, Onion | Increase seed germination, Fruit setting and yield. |
| 9 | IBA | 0.2% | Seedling dipping | Cabbage, Cauli - flower | Setting of seedling and better growth and development. |
| | | 25-100 | Foliar spray | Lettuce, Chinese cabbage | Increase growth and Yield. |
| | | 250 | Foliar spray | Cow pea | Increase Pod setting and yield. |
| 10 | MH | 25 | Foliar spray | Pea | Increase growth and development. |
| | | 50-150 | Foliar spray | Cucurbits | Increase flowering and fruit setting, Modification of sex and Increase yield. |
| | | 2500-3000 | Foliar spray | Onion, Garlic | Increase storage life. |
| | | 50-200 | Foliar spray | Cow pea | Setting of pod and Increase Yield. |
| | | 0.1 % | Dipping for 10 min. | Yam | Sustain the dormancy. |
| 11 | Mixtalol | 2 | Foliar spray | Tomato, Brinjal, Chilli, Potato | Increase Flowering, fruit setting and yield. |
| 12 | MENA (Methyl Ester of Nephthalin Acetic Acid) | 5000 | Tuber dipping | Potato | Increase storage life. |
| 13 | NAA | 0.2% | Seedling dipping | Cabbage, Cauli-flower Tomato, Brinjal, Onion | Setting of seedlings, increase growth and yield. |
| | | 20 | Seed treatment | Okra | Seed germination. |
| | | 50 | Foliar spray(3 spray) 1st March, | Parwal | Increase fruit setting and yield. |

| | | | 1st April, 1st May | | |
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| | | 50 | Foliar spray | Capsicum | Fruit setting. |
| | | 50-75 | Seed treatment or Foliar spray | Okra, Brinjal, tomato, Chilli, Onion, Cucurbits | Increase seed germination, growth, yield, increase flowering and fruit setting, retard flower drop. |
| | | 100 | Foliar spray | Cabbage, Cauliflower | Increase growth and yield. |
| 14 | Napthoxy Acetic acid (NOAA) | 25-100 | Seed treatment or foliar spray | Okra, Tomato | Increase seed germination, growth and Yield. |
| 15 | 2-4-5, T | 75-125 | Foliar spray | Potato | Increase storage life |
| 16 | AgNO ₃ | 500 | Foliar spray | Cucumber | Increase male flower in female line. |
| 17 | Silver thiosulphate | 400 | Foliar spray | Musk melon | Increase male flower in female line. |
| 18 | 2-3-5, Tri lo Benzoic Acid (TIBA) | 25-50 | Foliar spray | Cucurbits | Flower setting and sex modification. |
| 19 | Tri contenole | 20 | Foliar spray | All vegetables | Increase flowering, growth and development. |
| 20 | Thiourea | 1000 | Tuber dipping (for 1 hour) | Potato, EFY | Breaking dormancy. |
| 21 | Zeatin | 1-2 | Foliar spray | All vegetables | Increase fruit setting, growth and development. |
| 22 | Thai diajuron | 2-5 | Foliar spray | Brinjal, Tomato, Chilli, Okra | Increase growth and development and fruit setting. |
| 23 | Kinetin | 50 | Fruit dipping (for 10 min) | Parwal | Increase storage life upto 8 days. |
| 24 | ABA | 20-50 | Foliar spray | Brinjal, Tomato, Okra | Tolerant to drought. |
| | | 10-20 | Foliar spray | Cucurbits | Sex modification and increase yield. |

Conclusion

Lastly concluded that, by the applications of plant growth regulators and other chemicals stimulate the expecting growth of the plants. Also increase or decrease the plant growth as per the demand of the markets. Also increase the shelf life of fruits and its physical appearance. Regulate the plant processes as per our needs. But, time of applications, methods of application and concentration of PGRs are appropriate for the plants.

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