| Agronomic evaluation of promising sugarcane genotypes  |
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| 2012-13  |
| FRBD   |
| 4 varieties from AVT   |
| V <sub>1</sub> : Co C 07336; V <sub>2</sub> : Co A 08324; V <sub>3</sub> : Co OR 08346; V <sub>4</sub> : Co 6907 |
| 3 fertilizer levels : 75, 100 and 125 % RDN  |
| 3  |
| 250:100:60 N :P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> : K <sub>2</sub> O kg /ha  |
| 6 x 4.8 m <sup>2</sup>   |
| 27.12.12   |
| 15.11.13   |
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# AS 42.1 Effect of genotypes and fertility levels on germination, tiller count, yield and juice quality of sugarcane

| Treatments       | Germination % | No of tillers<br>(000/ha) at | No of tillers<br>(000/ha) at | NMC<br>(000/ha) | Cane<br>yield | Juice<br>Brix % | Juice<br>Sucrose% | CCS<br>% | CCS<br>yield |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|
|                  | at 45 DAP     | 90 DAP                       | 120 DAP                      |                 | (t/ha)        |                 |                   |          | (t/ha)       |
| Genotypes        |               |                              | r                            |                 |               |                 |                   |          |              |
| CoC 07336        | 44.17         | 64.97                        | 62.43                        | 60.61           | 72.34         | 18.11           | 15.32             | 10.37    | 7.51         |
| CoA 08324        | 51.79         | 75.00                        | 72.46                        | 68.44           | 80.82         | 18.59           | 15.64             | 10.55    | 8.54         |
| Co Or 8346       | 60.31         | 81.83                        | 79.29                        | 73.76           | 83.91         | 18.86           | 15.90             | 10.75    | 9.06         |
| Co 6907          | 50.83         | 79.90                        | 77.36                        | 72.26           | 82.59         | 18.77           | 15.41             | 10.27    | 8.50         |
| SEm <u>+</u>     | 2.346         | 3.479                        | 3.512                        | 2.713           | 2.221         | 0.141           | 0.145             | 0.136    | 0.279        |
| <b>CD at 5 %</b> | 6.881         | 10.202                       | 9.202                        | 7.958           | 6.514         | 0.413           | 0.425             | NS       | 0.818        |
| N levels         |               |                              | -                            |                 |               |                 |                   |          |              |
| 75 %             | 51.00         | 79.40                        | 76.86                        | 71.87           | 80.56         | 18.68           | 15.83             | 10.73    | 8.69         |
| 100 %            | 52.98         | 77.98                        | 75.44                        | 70.76           | 84.05         | 18.80           | 15.62             | 10.47    | 8.81         |
| 125 %            | 51.36         | 68.89                        | 66.35                        | 63.68           | 75.03         | 18.27           | 15.25             | 10.25    | 7.70         |
| SEm <u>+</u>     | 2.032         | 3.013                        | 3.113                        | 2.350           | 1.924         | 0.122           | 0.126             | 0.118    | 0.242        |
| CD at 5 %        | NS            | 8.83                         | 8.840                        | 6.891           | 5.642         | 0.357           | 0.368             | 0.346    | 0.708        |

| AS 42.1 I | Interaction effect of | f different gen | otypes at various | fertility level | on cane yield |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
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| Construngs |       | Mean tab | ble    |       |
|------------|-------|----------|--------|-------|
| Genotypes  | N1    | N2       | N3     | Mean  |
| CoC 07336  | 61.03 | 83.52    | 72.47  | 72.34 |
| CoA 08324  | 84.73 | 77.41    | 80.34  | 80.82 |
| Co Or 8346 | 91.70 | 89.24    | 70.80  | 83.91 |
| Co 6907    | 84.79 | 86.45    | 76.52  | 82.59 |
| Mean       | 80.56 | 84.15    | 75.03  | 79.92 |
|            | V     | Ν        | V x N  |       |
| Sem        | 2.221 | 1.924    | 3.848  |       |
| CD 5%      | 6.514 | 5.642    | 11.283 |       |
| CV %       | 8.34  |          |        |       |

The experiment was laid out in factorial randomized block design with three genotypes from AVT namely CoC 07336, Co A 08324 and Co Or 8346 along with one standard check *i.e.* Co 6907 on red laterite soil of the experimental farm of Sugarcane Research Station, Nayagarh. The soil was acidic (pH 5.12) in reaction with electrical conductivity of 0.178 dsm<sup>-1</sup>. Available N content was in lower range

(159 kg/ha), but the soil was medium in available P (19.8 kg/ha) and (K 148 kg/ha) content. The genotype Co Or 8346 produced the highest average cane yield of 83.91 t/ha with application of 100 % RDN and was closely followed by Co 6907 (82.59 t/ha) and Co A 08324 (80.82 t/ha). All the three varieties were statistically superior to CoC 07336 which produced an average cane yield of 72.34 t/ha. All the sugarcane varieties exhibited higher response to either 75 or 100 % RDN which declined at 125 % RDN level except CoA 08324 which exhibited higher response to 125 % RDN. Among the four genotypes tried in the said experiment CoC 07336 produced the lowest average cane and CCS (7.51 t/ ha) yield. Moreover this variety flowers profusely during 6the month of October – November, hence found unsuitable for local situation.

| AS 64:                      | <b>Response of sugarcane crop to different plant nutrients in varied agro- climatic situations</b> |
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| Year of initiation          | 2012-13  |
| Design                      | RBD  |
| Treatments                  | 13   |
| Replication                 | 3  |
| Variety                     | Co Or 03151 (Sabita)   |
| Recommended fertilizer dose | 250:100:60 N: P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> : K <sub>2</sub> O kg /ha                              |
| Plot size                   | 8x 4.8 m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Date of planting            | 29.12.12   |
| Date of harvest             | 18.11.13   |

## **Treatment details:**

| $T_1$                 | Control ( no fertilizers or manures)  |
|-----------------------|---|
| $T_2$                 | N   |
| <b>T</b> <sub>3</sub> | NP  |
| $T_4$                 | NPK   |
| T <sub>5</sub>        | NPK+S (60 kg elemental S/ha)  |
| $T_6$                 | NPK+Zn (50 kg ZnSO <sub>4</sub> /ha)  |
| $T_7$                 | NPK+ Fe (1 % FeSO <sub>4</sub> foliar spray thrice in 1 week interval i.e. at 120, 127 and 135 DAP)                               |
| $T_8$                 | NPK+ Mn (10 kg MnSO <sub>4</sub> /ha)   |
| <b>T</b> 9            | NPK+ S+ Zn  |
| T <sub>10</sub>       | NPK+ S+ Zn+ Fe  |
| T <sub>11</sub>       | NPK+ S+ Zn+ Fe+ Mn  |
| T <sub>12</sub>       | Soil test based fertilizer application (315:100:60 kg N: P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> : K <sub>2</sub> O + 60 kg elemental S/ha) |
| T <sub>13</sub>       | FYM @ 20 t/ha   |
|                       |   |

| Treatments            |                            | Germinat<br>ion% at | No of til | lers (000  | /ha)       | Leng       | th of cane | ( <b>cm</b> ) | Girth of cane at |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
|                       |                            | 35 DAP              | 90 DAP    | 120<br>DAP | 180<br>DAP | 120<br>DAP | 180<br>DAP | Harvest       | harvest<br>(cm)  |
| $T_1$                 | Control                    | 29.03               | 53.65     | 62.76      | 51.74      | 89.0       | 162.0      | 174.3         | 1.97             |
| $T_2$                 | Ν                          | 46.78               | 63.98     | 74.22      | 63.54      | 124.0      | 208.3      | 228.5         | 2.33             |
| T <sub>3</sub>        | NP                         | 54.21               | 65.10     | 78.47      | 68.58      | 128.0      | 229.3      | 238.8         | 2.43             |
| $T_4$                 | NPK                        | 57.87               | 82.55     | 85.50      | 81.94      | 142.3      | 252.3      | 261.5         | 2.57             |
| <b>T</b> <sub>5</sub> | NPK+S                      | 56.23               | 85.42     | 88.02      | 84.38      | 142.7      | 261.0      | 264.3         | 2.60             |
| $T_6$                 | NPK+ Zn                    | 57.39               | 83.07     | 88.89      | 86.20      | 139.3      | 279.7      | 289.5         | 2.50             |
| <b>T</b> <sub>7</sub> | NPK+ Fe                    | 57.68               | 86.98     | 89.50      | 85.85      | 146.7      | 282.7      | 294.3         | 2.43             |
| T <sub>8</sub>        | NPK+ Mn                    | 54.49               | 80.47     | 86.89      | 81.08      | 136.3      | 274.0      | 288.6         | 2.40             |
| T9                    | NPK+ S+ Zn                 | 56.33               | 85.42     | 91.49      | 84.64      | 157.3      | 279.7      | 284.3         | 2.73             |
| T <sub>10</sub>       | NPK+ S+ Zn+ Fe             | 57.10               | 86.28     | 92.19      | 86.95      | 173.3      | 286.7      | 298.2         | 2.97             |
| T <sub>11</sub>       | NPK+ S+ Zn+ Fe+ Mn         | 53.82               | 79.95     | 92.01      | 84.14      | 163.7      | 268.3      | 277.3         | 2.57             |
| T <sub>12</sub>       | Soil test based fert appln | 59.80               | 87.15     | 92.71      | 88.37      | 177.3      | 275.0      | 301.2         | 2.93             |
| T <sub>13</sub>       | FYM @ 20 t/ha              | 50.54               | 60.85     | 70.57      | 63.80      | 128.3      | 228.0      | 239.5         | 2.43             |
|                       | SEm <u>+</u>               | 4.19                | 3.47      | 4.58       | 4.88       | 10.58      | 10.74      | 11.72         | 0.16             |
|                       | CD at 5 %                  | 12.22               | 10.14     | 13.37      | 14.23      | 30.87      | 31.33      | 33.51         | 0.47             |
|                       | CV%                        | 12.59               | 7.21      | 8.71       | 10.01      | 11.89      | 6.79       | 9.56          | 10.27            |

AS 64.1 Effect of different plant nutrients on yield parameters of sugarcane crop

AS 64.2 Effect of different plant nutrients on juice quality and yield of sugarcane

|                       | 1                          | Brix % 1    | Brix %  | CCS %   | NMC      | Cane   | CCS    |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
|                       | Treatments                 | month prior | at      | at      | (000/ha) | yield  | (t/ha) |
|                       |                            | to harvest  | harvest | harvest |          | (t/ha) |        |
| $T_1$                 | Control                    | 15.47       | 18.73   | 10.42   | 48.24    | 43.42  | 4.52   |
| $T_2$                 | Ν                          | 16.13       | 18.91   | 10.27   | 60.04    | 67.00  | 6.90   |
| T <sub>3</sub>        | NP                         | 15.73       | 18.81   | 9.89    | 64.78    | 73.65  | 7.33   |
| $T_4$                 | NPK                        | 15.77       | 19.16   | 10.80   | 78.14    | 75.53  | 8.15   |
| T <sub>5</sub>        | NPK+S                      | 16.23       | 19.58   | 11.04   | 79.06    | 76.82  | 8.50   |
| T <sub>6</sub>        | NPK+Zn                     | 15.53       | 18.63   | 9.38    | 78.88    | 78.34  | 7.34   |
| <b>T</b> <sub>7</sub> | NPK+ Fe                    | 15.67       | 19.07   | 10.94   | 81.95    | 82.36  | 9.01   |
| $T_8$                 | NPK+ Mn                    | 16.13       | 19.28   | 11.04   | 77.18    | 76.10  | 8.40   |
| T <sub>9</sub>        | NPK+ S+ Zn                 | 15.37       | 18.72   | 9.95    | 83.22    | 84.02  | 8.35   |
| T <sub>10</sub>       | NPK+ S+ Zn+ Fe             | 15.90       | 19.14   | 10.18   | 84.24    | 85.36  | 8.68   |
| T <sub>11</sub>       | NPK+ S+ Zn+ Fe+ Mn         | 15.80       | 19.16   | 10.34   | 83.08    | 83.83  | 8.66   |
| T <sub>12</sub>       | Soil test based fert appln | 16.03       | 19.26   | 10.33   | 84.47    | 85.65  | 8.84   |
| T <sub>13</sub>       | FYM @ 20 t/ha              | 15.37       | 18.79   | 10.42   | 59.90    | 57.23  | 6.00   |
|                       | SEm <u>+</u>               | 0.35        | 0.19    | 0.04    | 4.26     | 7.17   | 0.06   |
|                       | CD at 5 %                  | NS          | 0.55    | 0.12    | 12.43    | 8.92   | 0.11   |
|                       | CV%                        | 3.54        | 1.58    | 0.63    | 9.19     | 10.47  | 5.67   |

Application of soil test based fertilizer dose *i.e.*315:100:60 kg N: P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: K<sub>2</sub>O + 60 kg elemental S/ha resulted in higher number of tillers at different growth stages of sugarcane genotype "Sabita" leading to higher cane (85.65 t/ha) and CCS yield (8.84 t/ha). The length (301.2 cm) and girth (2.93 cm) of the canes at harvest were also the higher as compared to all other treatment combinations. This was closely followed by  $T_{10}$  *i.e.* RDF 250:100:60 N: P2O5: K<sub>2</sub>O kg /ha along with sulphur (60 kg elemental S/ha),

zinc (50 kg ZnSO<sub>4</sub>/ha) and iron (1 % FeSO<sub>4</sub> foliar spray thrice in 1 week interval i.e. at 120, 127 and 135 DAP) with cane and CCS yield of 85.36 & 8.68 t/ha, respectively. Application of NPK+ S+ Zn (cane yield of 84.02 and CCS yield of 8.35 t/ha) and combined use of NPK+ S+ Zn+ Fe+ Mn (cane yield of 83.83and CCS yield of 8.66 t/ha) were next in order. NPK+ Fe recorded cane yield of 82.36 and CCS yield of 9.01 t/ha. All the above treatments were at par with the best treatment indicating the obvious influence of micronutrient application on cane and CCS yield.

|                       | Treatments                 |      | EC                           | OC    | Α     | vailable | (Kg/ha) | 0   | Ava   | ilable(ppn | n)   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------|------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-----|-------|------------|------|
|                       |                            |      | ( <b>dsm</b> <sup>-1</sup> ) | (%)   | N     | Р        | К       | S   | Fe    | Mn         | Zn   |
| $T_1$                 | Control                    | 5.20 | 0.241                        | 0.463 | 116.3 | 16.5     | 135.4   | 2.1 | 23.27 | 55.36      | 0.61 |
| T <sub>2</sub>        | Ν                          | 5.31 | 0.225                        | 0.501 | 146.6 | 22.6     | 143.6   | 2.5 | 22.00 | 58.21      | 0.55 |
| T <sub>3</sub>        | NP                         | 5.32 | 0.251                        | 0.472 | 140.3 | 26.4     | 148.4   | 2.0 | 23.20 | 69.85      | 0.52 |
| $T_4$                 | NPK                        | 5.24 | 0.209                        | 0.436 | 141.7 | 25.4     | 137.2   | 2.2 | 26.60 | 75.69      | 0.69 |
| T <sub>5</sub>        | NPK+S                      | 5.12 | 0.201                        | 0.448 | 153.0 | 23.6     | 149.2   | 2.9 | 22.25 | 57.30      | 0.76 |
| T <sub>6</sub>        | NPK+ Zn                    | 5.16 | 0.189                        | 0.511 | 145.0 | 24.3     | 165.9   | 2.3 | 25.01 | 55.61      | 0.84 |
| <b>T</b> <sub>7</sub> | NPK+ Fe                    | 5.20 | 0.212                        | 0.466 | 150.6 | 28.6     | 158.3   | 1.6 | 24.80 | 61.23      | 0.76 |
| T <sub>8</sub>        | NPK+ Mn                    | 5.28 | 0.186                        | 0.501 | 149.3 | 27.6     | 153.8   | 1.9 | 24.11 | 67.56      | 0.81 |
| T <sub>9</sub>        | NPK+ S+ Zn                 | 5.17 | 0.194                        | 0.523 | 139.0 | 26.5     | 154.6   | 2.8 | 22.40 | 56.56      | 0.92 |
| T <sub>10</sub>       | NPK+ S+ Zn+ Fe             | 5.25 | 0.208                        | 0.466 | 141.6 | 18.6     | 156.8   | 2.7 | 23.75 | 56.33      | 0.91 |
| T <sub>11</sub>       | NPK+ S+ Zn+ Fe+ Mn         | 5.21 | 0.183                        | 0.420 | 145.5 | 22.6     | 166.2   | 2.5 | 25.30 | 60.38      | 0.88 |
| T <sub>12</sub>       | Soil test based fert appln | 5.23 | 0.197                        | 0.429 | 185.5 | 25.6     | 177.5   | 2.8 | 26.75 | 56.33      | 0.72 |
| T <sub>13</sub>       | FYM @ 20 t/ha              | 5.28 | 0.208                        | 0.431 | 130.7 | 18.8     | 139.6   | 2.0 | 24.61 | 50.33      | 0.68 |
|                       | Initial                    | 5.26 | 0.226                        | 0.451 | 190.7 | 29       | 239.3   | 3.6 | 28.03 | 67.59      | 0.59 |

AS 64.3 Effect of different plant nutrients on soil fertility status after harvest of sugarcane crop

The experimental soil was acidic in reaction with the soil pH ranging from 5.12 to 5.32 with the initial value of 5.26. The soil was low in organic carbon (0.420 to 0.523%), available N (116.3 kg/ha in control plot to 185.5 kg/ha with soil test based fertilizer application), S (1.6 to 2.9 kg/ha) and Zn (0.52 to 0.92 ppm). Available P and K were in medium range of soil fertility, whereas available Fe and Mn content of the soil were in higher range.

| AS 66:                      | Priming of cane nodes for accelerating germination                |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Year of initiation          | 2012-13   |
| Design                      | RBD   |
| Treatments                  | 6   |
| Replication                 | 4   |
| Variety                     | Co Or 04152 (Raghunath)   |
| Recommended fertilizer dose | 250-100-60 kg N P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> K <sub>2</sub> O/ha |
| Plot size                   | 6 x 4.8 m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Date of sowing              | 30.12.12  |
| Date of harvest             | 28.11.13  |

## AS 66.1 Effect of priming of cane nodes on germination and shoot count at various stages of cane growth

| Treatments            |  |           | rmination | <b>1%</b> ) | No of shoots (000/ha) |           |            | )          |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                       |  | 20<br>DAP | 30<br>DAP | 40<br>DAP   | 60<br>DAP             | 90<br>DAP | 120<br>DAP | 150<br>DAP |
| <b>T</b> <sub>1</sub> | Unprimed cane node   | 8.19      | 27.25     | 37.50       | 24.84                 | 48.75     | 52.52      | 49.52      |
| T <sub>2</sub>        | Treating cane nodes in 50°C hot water for 2 hrs                                  | 8.31      | 31.25     | 46.75       | 26.49                 | 54.84     | 61.50      | 52.48      |
| T <sub>3</sub>        | Treating cane nodes in $(50^{\circ}C)$ hot water urea solution $(3\%)$ for 2 hrs | 8.65      | 31.20     | 47.07       | 34.83                 | 60.87     | 65.25      | 59.75      |
| $T_4$                 | Priming of nodes in cattle dung (1):<br>cattle urine (2) : water(5) ratio        | 8.45      | 36.15     | 47.13       | 36.39                 | 61.48     | 66.25      | 59.75      |
| T <sub>5</sub>        | Conventional 3 bud sett planting   | 10.18     | 38.83     | 53.50       | 49.43                 | 66.73     | 75.00      | 69.00      |
| $T_6$                 | Primed and sprouted cane nodes   | 9.90      | 37.45     | 51.25       | 46.02                 | 59.90     | 72.67      | 66.25      |
|                       | SEm <u>+</u>   | 0.464     | 1.407     | 2.575       | 3.949                 | 2.962     | 2.413      | 2.796      |
|                       | CD at 5 %  | 1.400     | 4.239     | 7.758       | 11.899                | 8.924     | 7.271      | 8.426      |
|                       | CV%  | 10.38     | 8.35      | 10.91       | 11.74                 | 10.08     | 7.36       | 9.41       |

## AS 66.2 Effect of priming of cane nodes on yield parameters of cane

|                       |   |           | No of sh  | oots/clum  | р          | Length          | Girth           | Weight of |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
|                       | Treatments  | 60<br>DAP | 90<br>DAP | 120<br>DAP | 150<br>DAP | of cane<br>(cm) | of cane<br>(cm) | cane (kg) |
| <b>T</b> <sub>1</sub> | Unprimed cane node  | 1.00      | 2.00      | 4.50       | 3.25       | 2.3             | 2.2             | 1.67      |
| T <sub>2</sub>        | Treating cane nodes in 50 <sup>o</sup> C hot water for 2 hrs                        | 1.00      | 2.00      | 5.50       | 3.75       | 2.3             | 2.3             | 1.80      |
| T <sub>3</sub>        | Treating cane nodes in (50 <sup>0</sup> C) hot<br>water urea solution(3%) for 2 hrs | 1.00      | 3.00      | 5.75       | 4.00       | 2.3             | 2.4             | 1.79      |
| T <sub>4</sub>        | Priming of nodes in cattle dung (1):<br>cattle urine (2) : water(5) ratio           | 1.75      | 3.00      | 5.75       | 3.75       | 2.5             | 2.6             | 1.82      |
| T <sub>5</sub>        | Conventional 3 bud sett planting  | 2.00      | 4.25      | 6.50       | 5.25       | 2.6             | 2.9             | 1.83      |
| $T_6$                 | Primed and sprouted cane nodes  | 2.00      | 4.00      | 6.00       | 4.50       | 2.5             | 2.8             | 1.85      |
|                       | SEm <u>+</u>  | 0.102     | 0.195     | 0.321      | 0.230      | 0.078           | 0.124           | 0.079     |
|                       | CD at 5 %   | 0.308     | 0.589     | 0.966      | 0.692      | 0.235           | 0.375           | NS        |
|                       | CV%   | 14.00     | 12.85     | 11.31      | 11.25      | 6.67            | 9.98            | 8.88      |

### AS 66.3 Effect of priming of cane nodes on juice quality and yield of cane

|                       | Treatments   | Brix % | Pol % | Purity % | NMC<br>(000/ha) | Cane<br>yield<br>(t/ha) | CCS<br>(t/ha) |
|-----------------------|--|--------|-------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| $T_1$                 | Unprimed cane node   | 18.51  | 15.25 | 82.39    | 38.00           | 45.05                   | 9.09          |
| T <sub>2</sub>        | Treating cane nodes in 50°C hot water for 2 hrs                                  | 17.11  | 13.78 | 80.54    | 49.81           | 58.03                   | 9.75          |
| <b>T</b> <sub>3</sub> | Treating cane nodes in $(50^{\circ}C)$ hot water urea solution $(3\%)$ for 2 hrs | 18.55  | 15.52 | 83.67    | 50.25           | 63.75                   | 10.44         |
| $T_4$                 | Priming of nodes in cattle dung (1):<br>cattle urine (2) : water(5) ratio        | 19.01  | 15.98 | 84.06    | 64.00           | 76.75                   | 10.78         |
| T <sub>5</sub>        | Conventional 3 bud sett planting   | 18.67  | 14.87 | 79.65    | 67.50           | 81.28                   | 10.18         |
| $T_6$                 | Primed and sprouted cane nodes   | 19.17  | 15.79 | 82.37    | 65.50           | 77.00                   | 10.54         |
| SEm <u>+</u>          |  | 0.105  | 0.429 | 2.110    | 1.953           | 2.873                   | 0.330         |
| CD at 5 %             |  | 0.317  | NS    | NS       | 5.886           | 8.656                   | NS            |
| CV%                   |  | 1.14   | 5.20  | 4.118    | 6.93            | 10.61                   | 8.112         |

Out of the six treatments, conventional method of planting three budded sugarcane setts proved to be the best with highest number of net millable canes (67.50 th/ha), cane (81.28 t/ha) and CCS yield

(10.18 t/ha). The treatment next in order was  $T_6$  where primed and sprouted cane nodes were planted which could produce NMC of 65.50 ('000 /ha) with cane and CCS yield of 77.00 and 10.54 t/ha, respectively. Planting of primed cane nodes in cattle dung (1): cattle urine (2): water (5) ratio could produce NMC of 64.00 ('000 /ha) cane and CCS yield of 76.75 and 10.78 t/ha, respectively. These three treatments were at par and significantly superior to other treatment combinations. The higher yield parameters i.e. number of shoots/ha, number of shoots per clump, length and girth of cane in the above mentioned treatments were the factors of higher cane and CCS yield. However, the juice quality was not affected by various priming effects. Planting of unprimed cane nodes (T<sub>1</sub>) was the lowest yielder (cane and CCS yield of 45.05 and 9.09 t/ha, respectively).