



Impact of Different Planting Dates and Plant Spacing on Vegetative and Floral Characteristics of *Zinnia elegans* in Kashmir Valley

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Abstract: A study was undertaken to evaluate the impact of different planting dates viz., 2nd week of May, 4nd week of May, 2nd week of June and 4th week of May, and different plant spacing viz., 30 × 30 cm, 30 × 40 cm and 30 × 50 cm on *Zinnia* in Kashmir valley. Results revealed that early sown crop, 2nd week of May took higher number of days to attain various phenophases, whereas, wider plant spacing of 30 × 50 cm proved to be best for almost all vegetative and flowering characteristics, whereas, closer spacing 30 × 30 cm resulted in maximum plant height.

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