



## **Evaluation of the Performance of Parental Lines and their F1 Hybrids for Yield and Attributing Traits in Vegetable Pea [*Pisum sativum* (L.) var. *hortense*]**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The present investigation was carried out to obtain information based on *per se* performances of parents and their combinations for genetic improvement in vegetable pea. Ten promising genotypes were crossed in a diallel manner (excluding reciprocals). Half diallel set of 45 F<sub>1</sub>'s in vegetable pea was evaluated in Randomized Complete Block Design (RBD) with three replications for eighteen yield and yield attributing traits during *Rabi* 2020-21 (Y<sub>1</sub>) and 2021-22 (Y<sub>2</sub>) at the Main Experimental Station (MES), Department of Vegetable Science, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Narendra Nagar, Kumarganj, Ayodhya (U.P.) India. The study evident that highly significant differences were observed for most of the traits under study. Based on *per se* performance, parent P<sub>10</sub> (60.84 g) exhibited the highest green pod yield per plant followed by P<sub>5</sub> (55.80 g). The *per se* performance of crosses *i.e.* P<sub>7</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> (81.88 g) followed by P<sub>6</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> (81.87 g), P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> (79.66 g) and P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>7</sub> (78.89 g) produced significantly higher green pod yield per plant than the general mean. These hybrids may be exploited as a new variety after selection and subjected to multi-locational trials for their release as cultivation on a commercial scale.

**Keywords:** *Evaluated; exhibited; reciprocals; significant.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Garden pea [*Pisum sativum* (L.) var. *hortense*] is an important legume vegetable crop grown in temperate and subtropical regions of the world. After *Phaseolus vulgaris*, it is the second-most important legume crop globally [1]. Near East and Ethiopia are regarded as secondary habitats, with the Mediterranean serving as the garden pea's primary source of origin [2].

India is second in the world for vegetable production behind China, and it contributes 10.80 million hectares and 196.26 million tonnes of vegetables to the world's production overall. Vegetable peas are grown with average productivity of 10.04 tonnes per hectare in India, where they cover 0.573 million hectares and produce 5.823 million tonnes [3]. In India, it is grown extensively in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Bihar, and Karnataka, contributing to 67% of the total production. Uttar Pradesh is the highest-producing state in India. This crop is grown on 0.218 million hectares in Uttar Pradesh, producing 2.481 million tonnes and productivity was 11.360 tonnes per hectare [4].

Vegetable pea seeds are consumed fresh, frozen, canned, or dehydrated and are highly tasty and nourishing for human nutrition. There is growing interest in this crop as a cheap source of protein because of its high protein content (20-30 %) and the increased demand for protein-rich raw materials for animal feed or intermediate products for human nutrition [5]. The anti-oxidant flavonoids carotenes, lutein, and zeaxanthin, which assist to prevent lung and oral cavity malignancies, are present in sufficient amounts [6].

Hybridization is a crucial breeding strategy for overcoming yield limitations. Crosses between the parents having good *per se* performance are expected to yield desirable recombinants in further segregating generations and the potentialities of such genotypes could be seen in the performance of the hybrids. Utilizing natural sources of germplasm through selection or hybridization followed by selection is the basic foundation for the development of varieties [7]. The only feasible option to integrate the favorable horticultural qualities of two or more types, hybridization offers more chances for crop development than any other breeding technique [8]. The important factor that reduces the

vegetable pea production is the low-yielding potential of old varieties and the lack of stability for yield. Keeping this objective in view, ten parents and their resultant hybrids were evaluated based on mean *per se* performance for yield and its attributing traits.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present investigation was carried out at the Main Experimental Station, Department of Vegetable Science, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Narendra Nagar (Kumarganj), Ayodhya (UP), India, during *Rabi*, 2020-21 ( $Y_1$ ) and 2021-22 ( $Y_2$ ). The experimental farm falls under a humid subtropical climate and is located between 24.47° and 26.54°N latitude and 81.84° and 83.58°E longitude at an altitude of 98 m above mean sea level.

The experimental materials comprised ten promising varieties of pea selected based on genetic variability from the germplasm stock maintained in the Department of Vegetable Science. The selected parental lines *i.e.*, Azad Pea-1 ( $P_1$ ), Azad Pea-2 ( $P_2$ ), Azad Pea-4 ( $P_3$ ), Kashi Samridhi ( $P_4$ ), Kashi Nandini ( $P_5$ ), Kashi Mukti ( $P_6$ ), Kashi Udai ( $P_7$ ), NDVP-2 ( $P_8$ ), NDVP-4 ( $P_9$ ) and Azad Pea-3 ( $P_{10}$ ) were crossed in all possible cross combinations (excluding reciprocal) during *Rabi* season of 2019-20 to get 45  $F_1$  s for the study of the mean performance of parental line and their resultant  $F_1$ .

The experiments were grown in a Randomized Complete Block Design (RBD) with three replications to evaluate the performance of 45  $F_1$  hybrids and their 10 parental lines of vegetable pea. The crop was sown in single row spaced 30 cm apart with a plant-to-plant spacing of 10 cm.

Observations were recorded for eighteen economic and quality traits, *viz.* days to 50% flowering, days to first picking, plant height (cm), node to first pod appearance, nodes per plant, pod length (cm), pod girth (cm), number of seed per pod, number of pods per plant, shelling percentage, number of pods per 100 g, 100 green seed weight (g), protein content (%), total soluble solids, reducing sugars (%), non-reducing sugar (%), total sugars (%) and green pod yield per plant (g). *Per se* performance was evaluated for parents and hybrids following the method suggested by Panse and Sukhatme [9] for analysis of variance of experimental for eighteen yield and yield contributing traits.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Selection of suitable parents and proper breeding methodology are basic steps for the improvement of yield and attributing traits. The selection of parents having high *per se* performance would be of merit in producing better hybrids and hence the parents selected for the crossing program were evaluated based on their *per se* performances. The most important trait green pod yield per plant and other quality traits results for pooled data are discussed.

A perusal of Table 1 revealed that the mean squares due to genotypes, parents, and hybrids were found highly significant for all the traits. The mean squares due to parents vs. hybrids were also found significant for all the traits studied except for days to 50% flowering, days to first picking and number of pods per 100g.

A perusal of Table 2 revealed that days to 50% flowering varied from 39.00 to 56.00 days for parents and 32.50 to 55 days for  $F_1$  hybrids with an overall mean of 47.89 days for parents and  $F_1$  hybrids. Among the parents,  $P_5$  and  $P_6$  (39.00) exhibited minimum days to 50 % flowering while  $P_4$  (56.00) took maximum days to 50 % flowering. Out of 45 crosses, hybrids that exhibited early days to 50% flowering were  $P_5 \times P_6$  (32.50) followed by  $P_5 \times P_7$  (32.83) while cross  $P_4 \times P_9$  (55.00) took maximum days to 50 % flowering. Similar findings were reported by Sharma et al. [10], Kumar et al. [11].

Days to first picking varied from 65.17 to 84.67 days for parents and 56.00 to 83.83 days for  $F_1$  hybrids with overall mean of 75.63 days for parents and  $F_1$  hybrids (Table-2). Among the parents,  $P_5$  (65.17 days) exhibited early days to first picking and  $P_4$  (56.00) took maximum days for first picking. Out of 45 crosses top three crosses which exhibited minimum days to first picking were  $P_5 \times P_6$  (56.00) followed by  $P_5 \times P_7$  (56.33) and  $P_6 \times P_7$  (57.00). Cross  $P_2 \times P_4$  (83.83) took maximum days to first picking. The superiority of *per se* performance and  $F_1$  for this trait have also been reported by Kumar et al. [11], Suman et al. [12].

Plant height ranged from 63.65 cm to 126.26 cm for parents and 68.6 to 126.05 cm for  $F_1$  hybrids with an overall mean of 82.68 cm for parents and  $F_1$  hybrids (Table-2). Among the parents,  $P_5$  (63.65 cm) exhibited minimum while parent  $P_3$  (126.26 cm) exhibited maximum plant height. Out of 45 crosses,  $F_1$  hybrids which exhibited minimum plant height were  $P_5 \times P_8$  (68.6 cm) and

$P_6 \times P_8$  (70.01 cm) while, maximum plant height was exhibited by crosses  $P_2 \times P_3$  (126.05 cm) followed by  $P_2 \times P_{10}$  (122.76 cm). The same results for this trait were also reported by Suman et al. [12], Kumar et al. [11].

Node to first pod appearance ranged from 9.93 to 13.88 for parents and 7.72 to 13.95 for  $F_1$  hybrids with an overall mean 12.08 of for parents and  $F_1$  hybrids (Table-2). Among the parents,  $P_7$  (9.93) recorded a minimum value for the node to first pod appearance while  $P_4$  (13.88) exhibited a maximum mean value. Out of 45 crosses  $P_5 \times P_7$  (7.72) followed by  $P_5 \times P_6$  (7.97) recorded minimum,  $P_2 \times P_3$  (13.95) followed by  $P_3 \times P_6$  (13.80) recorded maximum mean value for the node to first pod appearance. Similar findings were also reported by Shubh and Dhar [8], Ceyhan et al. [5].

Pod length ranged from 6.28 cm to 8.84 cm for parents and 6.22 to 10.32 cm for  $F_1$  hybrids with an overall mean of 8.03 cm for parents and  $F_1$  hybrids (Table-2). Among the parents  $P_7$  (8.84 cm) exhibited maximum pod length and  $P_2$  exhibited minimum pod length (6.28 cm). Among  $F_1$  hybrids, cross  $P_7 \times P_{10}$  (10.32 cm) followed by  $P_6 \times P_{10}$  (10.14 cm) recorded maximum pod length and cross  $P_2 \times P_4$  (6.22 cm) recorded minimum pod length. Observation for this trait is in close agreement with the results of Shubh and Dhar [8], Kumar et al. [11].

The number of pods per plant ranged from 8.52 to 11.32 for parents whereas, 8.12 to 13.25 for  $F_1$  hybrids with an overall mean 10.62 of for parents and  $F_1$  hybrids (Table-2). Among the parents, the maximum number of pods per plant was recorded in  $P_3$  (11.32) and the minimum by  $P_1$  (8.52). In the case of  $F_1$  hybrids, crosses  $P_5 \times P_7$  (13.25) followed by  $P_5 \times P_6$  (13.23) exhibited the maximum number of pods per plant and cross  $P_1 \times P_9$  (8.12) recorded the minimum number of pods per plant. Similar findings were also reported by Suman et al. [12], Sharma et al. [10].

Protein content ranged from 17.96 to 23.24 % for parents while 17.88 to 26.14 % for  $F_1$  hybrids with an overall mean of 21.11% for parents and  $F_1$  hybrids (Table-2). Among the parents, maximum protein content was recorded in  $P_5$  (23.24 %) while minimum in  $P_3$  (17.96%). Among the 45  $F_1$  hybrids, crosses  $P_5 \times P_{10}$  (26.14 %) followed by  $P_5 \times P_6$  (25.61 %) recorded maximum protein content and cross  $P_3 \times P_8$  (17.88 %) recorded minimum protein content. It has been also reported by earlier workers Daheriya [13], Singh et al. [14].

Table 1. ANOVA (mean squares) for a set of 10 x 10 diallel crosses for different traits in vegetable pea during over season pooled

Source of variation	d.f	Days to 50% flowering	Days to first picking	Plant height	Node to first pod appearance	Nodes per plant	Pod length	Pod girth	Number of seeds/pod	Number of pods/plant	Shelling percentage
Replications	2	0.26	9.15*	34.39*	0.053	5.59**	0.31 **	0.003	0.25 *	1.31*	3.62*
Genotypes	54	129.62**	205.41**	1422.38**	9.33 **	16.89**	3.55 **	0.31 **	4.69 **	7.46 **	35.30 **
Parents	9	158.10**	184.88**	1611.93**	9.23 **	33.02**	2.53 **	0.24 **	4.33 **	3.19 **	8.21 **
Hybrids	44	126.17 **	214.20**	1345.38**	9.54 **	12.41**	3.83 **	0.33 **	4.81 **	7.76 **	39.38 **
Parents vs. Hybrids	1	1.37	3.64	3104.28**	0.82 *	68.79**	0.72 **	0.37 **	2.85 **	32.75 **	99.31 **
Error	108	1.64	2.85	7.58	0.16	0.90	0.03	0.012	0.070	0.39	0.97

  

Source of variation	d.f	Number of pods/100 g	100 green seed weight	Protein content	Total soluble solids	Reducing sugars	Non reducing sugar	Total sugars	Green pod yield per plant
Replications	2	0.46	11.48 *	0.023	0.141	0.001 *	0.021	0.03	8.22
Genotypes	54	17.69**	54.27 **	12.16**	6.33**	0.005 **	1.47 **	1.62 **	290.47 **
Parents	9	19.21**	23.54 **	8.71 **	3.26 **	0.002 **	0.85 **	0.92 **	53.74 **
Hybrids	44	17.76 **	61.26 **	12.86 **	6.74 **	0.005 **	1.60 **	1.76 **	296.32 **
Parents vs. Hybrids	1	0.92	23.02 **	12.71 **	16.06 **	0.042 **	1.68 **	2.26 **	2163.72 **
Error	108	0.44	2.43	0.069	0.135	0.0001	0.013	0.012	7.27

\*, \*\* significant at 5% and 1% level, respectively

**Table 2. Mean performance, general mean, range, coefficient of variation and critical difference for Eighteen characters of diallel set of 45 F<sub>1</sub>'s and their 10 parents in vegetable pea during overseason pooled**

Sr. No.	Genotypes	Days to 50% flowering	Days to first picking	Plant height (cm)	Node to first pod appearance	Nodes per plant	Pod length(cm)	Pod girth (cm)	Number of seeds/pod	Number pods/plant
1	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>2</sub>	49.67	79.33	108.32	12.88	22.79	8.12	4.03	7.70	8.24
2	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>3</sub>	50.33	79.17	109.18	13.30	22.29	8.19	4.07	7.67	8.29
3	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>4</sub>	51.67	80.17	92.99	13.58	24.17	8.21	4.06	8.15	8.37
4	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>5</sub>	45.50	73.83	81.19	11.22	21.24	9.42	4.48	9.22	11.67
5	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	45.17	73.83	82.69	11.18	22.17	9.34	4.47	9.18	12.14
6	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	45.50	73.67	85.42	11.22	21.98	9.23	4.47	9.02	11.26
7	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	49.67	78.67	80.32	13.45	22.70	8.15	4.06	8.17	8.16
8	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	50.00	79.17	81.92	12.73	22.10	8.20	4.05	8.15	8.12
9	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	45.50	74.00	80.57	11.23	20.85	9.45	4.48	9.22	11.59
10	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>3</sub>	53.33	82.50	126.05	13.95	23.87	6.33	3.70	6.15	10.34
11	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>4</sub>	54.33	83.83	121.44	13.45	23.82	6.22	3.76	6.15	11.12
12	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>5</sub>	50.83	79.83	120.21	13.02	21.78	6.95	3.81	7.25	12.01
13	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	51.33	80.17	119.61	12.87	21.27	6.85	3.82	7.30	11.10
14	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	50.67	79.67	121.38	12.88	22.70	6.89	3.82	7.28	11.93
15	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	54.17	83.17	121.17	13.60	23.67	6.25	3.63	6.23	10.15
16	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	53.17	81.83	120.65	13.37	24.14	6.30	3.68	6.07	10.17
17	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	49.33	80.33	122.76	12.93	22.40	6.87	3.76	7.30	12.02
18	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>4</sub>	54.33	83.50	118.60	13.38	25.40	7.08	3.58	6.38	11.68
19	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>5</sub>	50.17	80.17	121.23	12.93	23.14	7.66	3.81	7.27	11.99
20	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	50.33	79.83	119.00	13.80	22.67	7.74	3.82	7.20	11.38
21	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	50.17	79.17	120.05	12.87	24.24	7.84	3.82	7.12	11.97
22	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	53.67	83.00	118.89	13.35	23.87	7.16	3.67	6.08	10.48
23	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	53.50	82.50	120.30	13.27	24.54	7.18	3.68	6.12	10.73
24	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	50.33	78.83	118.84	12.87	23.64	7.74	3.84	7.25	11.77
25	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>5</sub>	53.17	82.17	91.21	12.95	23.60	7.66	3.76	7.68	12.08
26	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	52.83	82.17	89.30	13.00	23.07	7.69	3.79	7.63	12.00
27	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	52.00	82.00	93.57	12.90	24.57	7.83	3.83	7.82	11.87
28	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	54.50	83.50	86.87	13.52	24.04	7.21	3.66	6.52	11.28
29	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	55.00	83.33	88.95	13.37	23.14	7.20	3.73	6.45	11.38
30	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	51.83	81.67	89.35	12.77	24.27	7.76	3.81	7.87	12.03

Sr. No.	Genotypes	Days to 50% flowering	Days to first picking	Plant height (cm)	Node to first pod appearance	Nodes per plant	Pod length(cm)	Pod girth (cm)	Number of seeds/pod	Number pods/plant
31	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	32.50	56.00	75.34	7.97	19.45	9.96	4.61	9.93	13.23
32	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	32.83	56.33	73.28	7.72	19.03	9.98	4.56	9.95	13.25
33	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	43.67	70.83	68.60	11.58	18.18	8.41	4.11	8.30	9.19
34	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	43.33	71.17	70.42	11.17	18.47	8.38	4.12	8.28	9.30
35	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	34.83	57.17	73.61	8.07	19.17	9.99	4.59	10.02	13.16
36	P <sub>6</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	33.67	57.00	74.02	8.05	19.04	10.13	4.58	10.18	13.15
37	P <sub>6</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	44.50	72.00	70.01	11.88	19.40	8.38	4.08	8.38	8.77
38	P <sub>6</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	43.67	72.00	70.82	11.77	19.54	8.43	4.03	8.26	8.57
39	P <sub>6</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	34.83	57.50	73.11	8.05	20.40	10.14	4.59	10.17	12.87
40	P <sub>7</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	44.33	72.00	70.83	11.97	19.41	8.48	4.10	8.35	8.87
41	P <sub>7</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	44.67	72.17	72.26	11.82	18.24	8.50	4.18	8.38	8.90
42	P <sub>7</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	35.17	58.17	74.09	8.33	19.88	10.32	4.62	10.27	12.86
43	P <sub>8</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	54.33	83.17	68.68	12.93	19.91	7.38	3.65	6.08	8.91
44	P <sub>8</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	52.00	80.67	70.57	13.00	21.70	7.56	3.62	6.55	9.01
45	P <sub>9</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	50.83	79.67	71.30	12.85	21.90	8.01	3.66	7.07	9.65
<b>F<sub>1</sub> Hybrid mean</b>		<b>47.94</b>	<b>76.02</b>	<b>93.93</b>	<b>12.11</b>	<b>21.95</b>	<b>8.06</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>7.82</b>	<b>10.82</b>
<b>Parents</b>										
1	P <sub>1</sub>	47.00	76.00	82.32	11.94	20.72	8.50	4.17	8.55	8.52
2	P <sub>2</sub>	53.50	81.67	119.54	13.74	23.23	6.28	3.62	6.03	10.24
3	P <sub>3</sub>	54.17	82.67	126.26	13.68	24.00	7.11	3.70	6.07	11.32
4	P <sub>4</sub>	56.00	84.67	93.63	13.88	22.97	7.21	3.58	7.10	11.08
5	P <sub>5</sub>	39.00	65.17	63.65	10.02	16.70	8.66	4.11	8.28	9.14
6	P <sub>6</sub>	39.00	66.33	64.93	10.10	15.53	8.73	4.16	8.53	8.99
7	P <sub>7</sub>	39.33	66.17	64.77	9.93	16.80	8.84	4.16	8.73	9.20
8	P <sub>8</sub>	54.17	82.17	67.29	12.67	21.45	7.12	3.58	6.00	8.57
9	P <sub>9</sub>	53.17	81.17	73.72	13.37	23.78	7.71	3.57	6.72	9.10
10	P <sub>10</sub>	41.67	70.33	70.72	9.95	17.45	8.73	4.12	8.72	10.52
<b>Parental mean</b>		<b>47.70</b>	<b>75.63</b>	<b>82.68</b>	<b>11.93</b>	<b>20.26</b>	<b>7.89</b>	<b>3.88</b>	<b>7.47</b>	<b>9.67</b>
<b>Grand mean</b>		47.89	75.95	91.88	12.08	21.65	8.03	3.98	7.75	10.62
<b>CV</b>		2.67	2.22	3.01	3.39	4.39	2.40	2.17	3.41	5.95
<b>CD 5%</b>		2.05	2.70	4.40	0.65	1.51	0.30	0.17	0.42	1.01
<b>Range</b>		<b>32.50</b>	<b>56.00</b>	<b>63.65</b>	<b>7.72</b>	<b>15.53</b>	<b>6.22</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>8.24</b>
<b>Lowest</b>		<b>32.50</b>	<b>56.00</b>	<b>63.65</b>	<b>7.72</b>	<b>15.53</b>	<b>6.22</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>8.24</b>
<b>Highest</b>		<b>56.00</b>	<b>84.67</b>	<b>126.26</b>	<b>13.95</b>	<b>25.40</b>	<b>10.32</b>	<b>4.62</b>	<b>10.27</b>	<b>13.25</b>

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1	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>2</sub>	43.91	18.58	42.25	19.95	12.77	0.21	3.81	4.02	49.11
2	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>3</sub>	44.50	18.73	43.06	19.15	12.20	0.19	3.88	4.07	49.58
3	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>4</sub>	44.03	19.02	43.23	20.51	12.75	0.21	3.54	3.75	54.12
4	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>5</sub>	46.66	15.69	46.54	22.42	14.48	0.25	4.66	4.91	72.55
5	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	45.61	15.70	46.90	20.40	14.65	0.21	4.50	4.71	73.47
6	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	46.09	15.67	47.89	21.16	13.78	0.28	4.37	4.65	72.49
7	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	44.04	18.61	43.15	19.04	12.57	0.23	3.98	4.20	50.97
8	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	44.39	17.88	42.88	19.17	12.75	0.23	4.09	4.32	52.88
9	P <sub>1</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	46.42	15.86	46.85	22.38	14.95	0.27	4.33	4.60	69.82
10	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>3</sub>	45.01	21.53	40.75	18.87	12.58	0.20	3.39	3.59	50.73
11	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>4</sub>	43.62	21.43	41.29	20.46	12.57	0.21	3.20	3.41	52.73
12	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>5</sub>	45.87	20.11	43.54	21.57	14.05	0.23	3.50	3.73	63.62
13	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	45.73	20.05	43.91	20.22	14.57	0.21	3.52	3.72	62.15
14	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	45.92	19.99	43.72	20.74	13.65	0.24	3.87	4.11	63.23
15	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	44.90	21.56	42.69	18.66	12.22	0.21	3.33	3.54	51.98
16	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	45.62	20.78	41.90	19.11	12.68	0.22	3.13	3.35	51.99
17	P <sub>2</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	45.59	20.08	43.20	21.58	13.27	0.24	3.59	3.83	63.73
18	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>4</sub>	43.80	20.97	40.35	19.07	12.42	0.21	3.42	3.63	59.15
19	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>5</sub>	44.59	20.07	42.76	19.47	14.18	0.22	3.71	3.93	63.39
20	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	44.98	20.08	43.03	19.09	13.92	0.22	3.74	3.95	60.61
21	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	45.04	20.12	43.33	20.21	13.27	0.24	3.68	3.92	63.70
22	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	44.97	21.54	42.21	17.88	12.95	0.22	3.35	3.57	51.12
23	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	44.69	21.40	42.75	18.48	13.40	0.23	3.25	3.48	53.54
24	P <sub>3</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	45.85	20.11	43.57	20.57	13.70	0.24	3.78	4.02	64.01
25	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>5</sub>	45.07	20.88	42.87	23.06	14.13	0.27	3.77	4.03	63.97
26	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	45.73	20.96	43.70	21.19	13.93	0.27	3.68	3.94	62.99
27	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	45.22	20.89	43.37	22.22	13.35	0.27	3.78	4.04	63.38
28	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	43.55	21.80	42.37	21.19	12.55	0.25	3.26	3.50	52.90
29	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	44.53	21.61	42.52	20.81	12.82	0.23	3.39	3.62	56.25
30	P <sub>4</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	45.43	20.86	42.92	22.37	13.27	0.28	3.77	4.05	63.52
31	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>6</sub>	50.63	14.37	54.87	25.61	17.30	0.33	5.63	5.96	78.71
32	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	51.88	14.08	55.72	25.13	17.03	0.35	5.56	5.90	78.89

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33	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	48.68	17.41	47.21	22.99	14.38	0.27	4.19	4.46	63.61
34	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	48.33	16.91	47.65	23.23	14.42	0.25	4.19	4.44	64.23
35	P <sub>5</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	52.92	14.33	56.22	26.14	17.25	0.35	5.70	6.05	79.66
36	P <sub>6</sub> × P <sub>7</sub>	52.93	14.89	55.38	24.36	17.23	0.33	5.58	5.91	78.09
37	P <sub>6</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	48.13	18.43	47.80	20.80	14.82	0.25	4.12	4.37	64.68
38	P <sub>6</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	47.80	17.56	48.34	20.49	15.62	0.25	4.20	4.45	63.64
39	P <sub>6</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	52.95	14.67	56.07	24.73	17.07	0.33	5.56	5.88	81.87
40	P <sub>7</sub> × P <sub>8</sub>	48.14	18.03	48.09	22.35	13.47	0.27	4.11	4.37	64.38
41	P <sub>7</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	48.11	18.09	46.69	21.99	14.53	0.26	4.12	4.38	61.33
42	P <sub>7</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	52.71	15.03	56.08	25.37	17.03	0.34	5.68	6.02	81.88
43	P <sub>8</sub> × P <sub>9</sub>	42.12	21.19	42.86	19.00	12.17	0.23	3.33	3.62	49.60
44	P <sub>8</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	42.76	20.62	44.74	20.99	13.10	0.22	3.38	3.78	51.44
45	P <sub>9</sub> × P <sub>10</sub>	43.32	20.80	43.05	21.69	13.57	0.23	3.50	3.88	52.99
<b>F<sub>1</sub> Hybrid mean</b>		<b>46.28</b>	<b>18.87</b>	<b>45.56</b>	<b>21.24</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>62.19</b>
<b>Parents</b>										
1	P <sub>1</sub>	43.29	16.95	45.38	20.18	11.80	0.20	4.08	4.28	52.59
2	P <sub>2</sub>	44.62	21.20	42.01	19.09	12.93	0.18	3.30	3.48	50.73
3	P <sub>3</sub>	43.47	21.28	41.00	17.96	12.38	0.17	3.28	3.45	52.32
4	P <sub>4</sub>	42.82	21.93	40.93	21.43	12.30	0.19	3.37	3.55	53.30
5	P <sub>5</sub>	45.88	16.65	47.88	23.24	14.48	0.24	4.31	4.55	55.80
6	P <sub>6</sub>	45.61	16.74	47.06	20.95	14.42	0.22	4.28	4.49	55.04
7	P <sub>7</sub>	47.15	16.34	47.12	22.01	14.12	0.24	4.17	4.41	55.55
8	P <sub>8</sub>	43.12	21.63	43.73	18.90	11.97	0.20	3.25	3.44	46.94
9	P <sub>9</sub>	43.36	21.21	43.00	19.30	13.27	0.22	3.06	3.28	46.78
10	P <sub>10</sub>	46.97	16.67	47.82	22.15	14.10	0.23	4.39	4.62	60.84
<b>Parental mean</b>		<b>44.63</b>	<b>19.06</b>	<b>44.59</b>	<b>20.52</b>	<b>13.18</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>52.99</b>
<b>Grand mean</b>		<b>45.98</b>	<b>18.91</b>	<b>45.39</b>	<b>21.11</b>	<b>13.83</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>3.96</b>	<b>4.20</b>	<b>60.52</b>
CV		2.13	3.52	3.43	1.24	2.66	5.35	2.82	2.65	4.44
CD 5%		1.58	1.06	2.49	0.42	0.58	0.02	0.17	0.17	4.31
Range		42.12	40.35	40.35	17.96	11.80	0.17	3.06	3.28	46.94
Highest		52.95	56.22	56.22	26.14	17.30	0.35	5.70	6.05	81.88



Total soluble solids ranged from 11.80 to 14.48 °Brix for parents while 12.17 to 17.30 °Brix for F<sub>1</sub> hybrids with an overall mean of 13.83 °Brix for parents and F<sub>1</sub> hybrids (Table-2). Among the parents, the highest total soluble solids were found in P<sub>5</sub> (14.48 °Brix) and the lowest in P<sub>1</sub> (11.80 °Brix). Among F<sub>1</sub>'s crosses P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>6</sub> (17.30 °Brix) followed by P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> (17.25 °Brix) exhibited maximum total soluble solids and cross P<sub>8</sub> x P<sub>9</sub> (12.17 °Brix) recorded a minimum mean value. Similar findings were also reported by Daheriya [13], Bisht and Singh [15].

Total sugars ranged from 3.28 to 4.62 % for parents while 3.35 to 6.05% for F<sub>1</sub> hybrids with an overall mean of 4.2 % for parents and F<sub>1</sub> hybrids (Table-2). Among the parents, P<sub>10</sub> (4.62%) exhibited maximum total sugars and P<sub>9</sub> (3.28 %) recorded a minimum mean value for total sugars. In the case of F<sub>1</sub> hybrids, crosses P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> (6.05%) followed by P<sub>7</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> (6.02%) and P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>6</sub> (5.96%) exhibited higher total sugars than the general mean and cross P<sub>2</sub> x P<sub>9</sub> (3.35 %) recorded minimum total sugars. Similar findings were also reported by Singh and Dhillon [16], Kumari and sharma [17].

Green pod yield per plant is the most important trait for vegetable pea the range of parents was 46.78 to 60.84 g while 49.11 to 81.88 g for F<sub>1</sub> hybrids with an overall mean of 60.52 g for parents and F<sub>1</sub> hybrid (Table-2). Among the parents, P<sub>10</sub> produced the highest green pod yield per plant and P<sub>9</sub> produced the minimum green pod yield per plant. Among F<sub>1</sub> hybrids, crosses P<sub>7</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> (81.88 g) followed by P<sub>6</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> (81.87 g) and P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> (79.66 g) produced the highest green pod yield per plant than the general mean. Cross P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>6</sub> (49.11 g) recorded minimum green pod yield per plant. Observation for this trait is in close agreement with the results of Kumar et al. [11], Shubha and dhar [8].

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The main objective of this experiment was to evaluate the parents and their F<sub>1</sub> progenies based on *per se* performance for green pod yield per plant and other attributing traits which could be utilized in future breeding programs. Based on present study, it may be concluded that based on *per se* performance Parents, P<sub>5</sub>, P<sub>6</sub> P<sub>7</sub> and P<sub>10</sub> were identified as superior parents while five crosses *viz.* P<sub>7</sub> x P<sub>10</sub>, P<sub>6</sub> x P<sub>10</sub>, P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>6</sub>, P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>7</sub> and P<sub>5</sub> x P<sub>10</sub> were identified as superior crosses for green pod yield per plant as well as for earliness also. The best performing crosses may

be utilized for multi-locational trials for selection and utilization as variety. Best performing parents may be used in future breeding programs for the improvement of yield and its attributing traits.

#### COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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