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Dear Norman,

I will deposit some written material with you as soon as I get the soft copy from the publisher/printer. But the most interesting study I have done on the 'Principles of SRI' applied to other crops is on aubergine (eggplant). Aubergine under SRI management produces 1.5 to 2 times more per unit area. Aubergine can address nutrition security of the world as it is the most prolific and probably the highest-yielding vegetable crop.

Aubergine is traditionally planted 0.3 meter x 0.3 meter to 0.66 meter x 0.45 maximum, whereas in SRI, aubergine is planted 1 meter x 1 meter or even 1.5 meters x 1.5 meters . The yield is 2 x normal, and 1.5 times as against the best-managed practices. The yield is 750 kg/hectare and upward with SRI [SAI].

This vegetable plant has the best potential to address the nutrition security of the world. It has been clinically tested to cure scurvy and other nutritional deficiency among the indigenous tribal people of Orissa by a physician who thought twice before prescribing a pill. Orissa has no scurvy now. I will keep in touch.

Sincerely

Jayanta

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FOLLOW-UP

Date: September 11, 2009

Dear Norman,

The result for our System of Aubergine Intensification has been encouraging, although no systematic statistics were kept. The yield increase can only be corroborated by farmers' reports. There was a yield increase of 20% to 50% with the plants planted 3 to 4.5 ft apart. All farmers cultivated with only organic supplements. Pest and disease incidence were lower, as was the damage thereof. At least one farmer, who used goat manure, claimed nearly a doubled yield as compared to the previous year. ...

Warm regards,

Jayanta

Post at [http://sri.ciifad.cornell.edu/aboutsri/othercrops/otherSCI/InOrAubergine\\_Panda09.pdf](http://sri.ciifad.cornell.edu/aboutsri/othercrops/otherSCI/InOrAubergine_Panda09.pdf)