2020 CBD Hemp Planting Date at Minot

Summary: The trial was set up as a randomized complete block design with 3 replications and planted with two experimental CBD hemp strains that were propagated from feminized seed and planted as 6 inch transplants or propagated as clones from a single mother plant. Clones were 1 to 4 inches tall when planted and many of these did not survive. Planting dates were staggered approximately 10 days apart. Growing conditions were generally mild (avg 64F) and dry (6.6") from June 1 through September 30. The trial was harvested on October 15. Individual plants were weighed for yield and approximately 10 inches of the terminal bud was collected and dried at 80F for 5 days to determine moisture content. A sub-sample of this biomass was collected and will be analyzed for THC, CBD and total cannabinoid content when funds become available. There was a lot of phenotypic variability within the feminized seed transplants as far as plant height and shape. This variability also resulted in inconsistent yields between plants within plots, however, combined analysis showed a consistent decrease in dry plant weight with each delayed planting date. The data for transplant production would indicate significant advantages in biomass production with early planting dates vs. later planting dates. For clonal production, combined data analysis showed a trend, although not statistically significant, for biomass yields to incrementally increase with the first three planting dates followed by significant decreases on subsequent planting dates. In conclusion, it is logical, within reason, for a plant to accumulate biomass the longer it is allowed to grow and that is

	Plant	Total	Total	Total	Harvest	Dry Plant	Dry			
Planting Date	Height	THC	CBD	Cannabinoids	Moisture	Weight	Biomass			
	inches	%	%	%	%	lbs/plant	lbs/A			
May 12	66				59.6	4.65	8095			
May 22	52				51.8	3.61	6281			
June 2	73				66.0	2.99	5202			
June 10	71				68.7	2.73	4761			
June 22	68				66.0	1.72	3004			
July 2	58				67.9	1.00	1749			
Trial Mean	65				63.3	2.78	4849			
C.V. %	19.0				14.7	34.6	34.6			
LSD 0.05	15				11.1	1.15	1997			

Transplant Production

Clonal Production

	Plant	Total	Total	Total	Harvest	Dry Plant	Dry
Planting Date	Height	THC	CBD	Cannabinoids	Moisture	Weight	Biomass
	inches	%	%	%	%	lbs/plant	lbs/A
May 12	52				69.7	3.39	5910
May 22	67				55.3	3.92	6831
June 2	67				52.9	4.23	7375
June 10	53				64.6	1.69	2953
June 22	45				63.0	1.46	2542
July 2	32				70.3	0.49	858
Trial Mean	55				62.1	2.90	5048
C.V. %	14.1				11.6	29.7	29.7
LSD 0.05	10				8.9	1.06	1841

Planting Rate: 5' rows and 5' between plants (1742 plants/A) Production System: Outdoor. No supplemental irrigation. Weed Control: Clipping (lawn mower)