



Genotype season interaction effects on the performance of soybean lines

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to obtain information on yield potential of soybean lines tested in the first dry season (MK1) and the second dry season (MK2). The information was used to select soybean lines which are most stable under the two different seasons to be released as varieties. This research was conducted in two growing seasons from March to September 2014 in Bogor. The genetic materials used were 7 promising lines and 3 national varieties. The design used was a randomized completely block design with genotype as treatment repeated 3 times in each season. Observations were made on agronomic characters of plant height, number of branches, number of nodes, number of pods, number of total pods, days to flowering, days to harvesting, weight of 100 grains, grain weight per plant, and productivity. The results showed that weight per plant and productivity was not affected by the interaction between genotype and season. The average productivity for all genotypes in the first season was 3.1 tons/ha-1 is greater than the second season that is equal to 1.8 tons/ha-1. SC-1-8 was recommended for both seasons.

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Introduction

Soybean (*Glycine max*(L.) Merr.) is one of the major commodities with high demand in Indonesia because it is an important source of vegetable protein to support national food security. According to Truong *et al.* (2013), soybeans are used as raw materials in agroindustries as soybean has protein up to 40%.

Soybean demand continues to increase along with population growth and the needs of industrial raw materials such as tofu, soy sauce, tempeh, soy milk, fermented soy, and snacks (Komalasari, 2008). However, soybean demand is not met because Indonesian national soybean production continues to decrease. One of the reasons of the decline in the national soybean production is reduction in planting areas. In 2012 soybean planting area only reached 570 495 ha with a total production of 851 647 tons much smaller when compared to 1992 which reached 1,151,079 ha. The national soybean needs amounted to 2.2 million tons per year (SCA, 2012). As a result of domestic soybean production is not able to meet the growing need. The cause of the decline of soybean planting areas is land resource competition with other commodities which have a higher economic value than soy and productive due to land conversion.

Another factor causes low productivity of soybean was due to the influence of environmental conditions in the tropics which are less supportive of that growth than in subtropical regions. The use of low-quality seeds, inappropriate planting time and less optimal nutrient management, less effective pest control, and less than optimal post-harvest handling (Sumarno *et al.*, 2007).

Efforts to increase soybean production in Indonesia require the availability of improved varieties which are high yielding, responsive to the improvement of environmental conditions, as well as

having other superior characteristics (Arsyad *et al.*, 2007).

Development of high-yielding varieties through plant breeding could be conducted by selection on the germplasm available in the improvement of yield and crop adaptation (Wirnaset *et al.*, 2012).

Development of new varieties requires a population which has a high genetic variability (Husni *et al.*, 2006; Sihalo *et al.*, 2014). Breeding efforts to obtain high-yielding varieties and adaptive in various environments are now widely performed, one is through hybridization followed by selection.

Yield trial is an important step after selection to determine the promising lines to be released as high-yielding varieties. Soybean varieties are generally developed to have favorable properties, among others: (1) high yield, (2) resistant to pests and diseases, (3) early maturity, and (4) the seed quality suitable for consumer preference (MOA, 2007).

Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, IPB has conducted soybean breeding through hybridization and selection that produces shade-tolerant lines. Development of shade-tolerant lines are breeding efforts to optimize the use of land under plantation stand on the immature phase (TBM) (Yunita *et al.*, 2009). This shade-tolerant lines have been tested in shaded conditions and need further testing in different environments sunshaded and season to determine the stability of yield potential.

In the upland of some parts of Indonesia, soybean can be planted two seasons a year. Soybean production is influenced by season, genotype, and interaction between genotype with these seasons.

The proportion of line phenotype respectively is caused by environmental factors, genotype and genotype x environment interactions.

Genotype by environment interaction is useful for

determining the area of adaptation of a genotype in a particular environment, determine the adaptability and stability of genotypes (Sneller *et al.*, 1997) and to assess the role of environmental factors on the genetic potential of a genotype (Vargas *et al.*, 1998; Rao *et al.*, 2002).

The purpose of this study was to obtain information on yield potential lines evaluated in the dry season one (S1) and the second dry season (S2).

Materials and methods

Locations

The experiment was conducted at the Center for Research and Development of Biotechnology and Agriculture Plant Genetic Resources, Cimanggu experimental garden, Leuwikopo, Bogor, Indonesia. This research was conducted in two growing seasons from March to September 2014.

Genetic materials

The material used was 7 IPB promising lines, namely SC-1-8, CG-22-10, SP-30-4, SC-21-5, SC-56-3,

PG-57-1, SC-54-1, and three national varieties as check, namely Sibayak, Tanggamus, and Wilis.

Experimental design and Statistical analysis

The experimental design used for each growing season was a complete randomized block design (RCBD) with three replications. Crop management was optimal in terms of fertilization, irrigation, and weed and pest control. Observations were made on agronomic characters. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) was carried out to detect significant effects among the genotypes.

Results and discussion

Climate conditions in the growing seasons

There was a difference in rainfall, humidity, and duration of irradiation received by the soybean crops between the two seasons, except for the temperature (Table 1). The average rainfall, humidity, and solar radiation of the first season were higher than the second season.

This is because in the second season, it was peak of the dry season, especially in Bogor.

Table 1. Climatic data from Bogor District in 2014.

Season	Month	Rainfall (mm)	Temperature (°C)	Relative humidity	Solar radiation (%)
Season 1	March	689	25.6	87.0	51.0
	April	677	26.0	85.0	72.0
	May	598	26.0	85.0	71.0
	Mean	655	25.9	85.7	64.7
	July	349	25.8	83.0	70.2
Season 2	August	538	25.7	80.0	91.1
	September	43	28.5	73.0	95.1
	Mean	310	25.8	78.7	80.7

Source: The Agency for Meteorology, Climatology, Geophysics, Bogor (BMKG, 2014).

Effect of genotype, season, and genotype x season interaction to agronomic traits of soybean lines

The combined analysis of variance showed that the seasons significantly affected some agronomic characters such as the number of nodes, the number of branches, number of total pods, days to flowering, days to harvesting, weight of 100 seeds, and productivity (Table 2). This indicated that the promising lines were strongly influenced by seasonal changes caused by differences

in the rainfall (Table 1). Plant height and number of pods per plant were not affected by the seasons.

Table 3 above showed that in the first season, the agronomic characters such as the number of branches, the number of nodes, 100-seed weight, seed weight per plant and yield potential have higher values than the second season, except for the number of total pods (Table 3). This indicated that the characters were strongly influenced by the changing seasons. In

the first season the rainfall is higher than in the second season so that the water in the second season was not sufficient for the growth and development of soybean. Lack of water during the flowering phase results in a reduced number of pods (Desclaux *et al.*, 2000), the number of seeds per pod (Adie, 1992) and seed size (Fattah *et al.*, 2005). Drought stress inhibits carbohydrate distribution from leaves to pods so that the number and size of seeds decreased (Liu *et al.*, 2004). Dogan *et al.* (2007) reported that drought

stress during phase R3, R5 and R6 lowering the yield 33%, 31% and 50%, respectively.

The results of the combined analysis of variance showed that genotype significantly affected plant height on average for the second season. Plant height was highest in line SC-54-1 which was significantly higher than all three lines and the check varieties.

The line CG-22-10, SC-1-8, SC-56-3 and SP-30-4 have plant height were not different from the three check varieties Sibayak, Tanggamus and Willis (Table 4).

Table 2. Combined analysis of two seasons for agronomic characters of soybean lines.

Agronomic Characters	Mean square			
	Season (S)	Genotype (G)	S x G	cv (%)
Plant height	0.05ns	8.35**	1.71	7.61
Number of branches	52.84**	4.30**	4.30**	13.37
Number of nodes	6.50*	3.35**	3.12**	12.15
Number of filled pods	6.50	3.35	3.12	19.12
Number of total pods	12.24**	2.34*	1.83	17.09
Days to flowering	32.22**	14.00**	0.55	2.01
Days to harvesting	94.70**	34.70**	3.83**	0.34
Seed weight per plant	37.60**	1.91	1.88	20.32
Weight of 100 seeds	44.55**	12.06**	0.88	11.19
Productivity	133.58**	1.48	1.95	17.59

Note: * = significant at 5%; ** = significant at 1%.

Table 3. Agronomic traits performance of lines evaluated in the season 1 and season 2.

Agronomic characters	Season 1 (S1)		Season 2 (S2)		Average
Plant height (cm)	79.1	a	78.8	a	78.9
Number of branches	4.8.0	a	3.7	b	4.3
Number of nodes	27.4	a	25.3	b	26.4
Number of filled pods	63.3	b	73.9	a	68.6
Number of total pods	60.0	a	63.4	a	61.7
Days to flowering (das)	85.9	a	85.2	b	85.5
Days to harvesting (das)	8.2	a	6.7	b	7.4
Seed weight per plant (g)	36.8	a	35.7	b	36.3
Weight of 100 seeds (g)	9.7	a	7.0	b	8.4
Productivity (tons/ha)	3.0	a	1.8	b	2.4

Note: number followed by the same letter in the same row are not significantly different at 5% DMRT; das = days after sowing.

Table 4. The effect of genotype against plant height, number of branches, number of nodes, number of filled pods, and number of total pods.

Genotype	Plant height (cm)		Number of branches		Number of nodes		Number of filled pods		Number of total pods	
CG-22-10	79.95	bcd	5.0	a	29.9	a	70.1	80.6	a	
PG-57-1	84.45	b	4.7	ab	29.2	a	66.6	73.9	abc	
SC-1-8	76.10	cde	4.6	ab	26.4	abc	55.5	61.8	bc	
SC-21-5	83.15	bc	4.6	ab	27.3	ab	64.0	73.5	abc	
SC-54-1	94.10	a	4.2	bc	27.4	ab	64.3	71.4	abc	
SC-56-3	80.10	bcd	4.7	ab	25.8	abc	68.5	75.5	ab	

SP-30-4	69.95	e	3.8	cd	22.7	c	52.2	58.4	c
Sibayak	74.85	ed	4.1	bc	27.2	ab	57.7	64.3	bc
Tanggamus	72.45	ed	3.4	d	22.9	c	60.0	64.8	bc
Wilis	74.10	ed	3.8	cd	24.8	bc	58.3	61.7	bc

Note: number followed by the same letter in the same row are not significantly different at 5% DMRT.

Genotypes significantly affected the number of branches and the number of node. The number of branches in lines CG-22-10 was not significantly different from the lines PG-57-1, SC-1-8, SC-21-5 and SC-56-3, but the five lines have the real number of larger branches compared to the two varieties Tanggamus and Wilis. Lines SC-54-1 and SP-30-4 have the same number of branches with a variety Sibayak and Wilis (Table 4).

CG-22-10, PG-57-1, SC-1-8, SC-21-5, SC-54-1, SC-56-3, and Sibayak have similar number of nodes. Both lines CG-22-10 and PG-57-1 have the real number of productive nodes more than the SP-30-4 line and varieties Tanggamus and Wilis.

Table 4 showed that the genotype significantly affected the total number of pods. Highest total number of pods was found in line CG-22-10 which was not significantly different from lines PG-57-1, SC-21-5, SC-54-1 and SC-56-3, but the lines CG-22-10 significantly larger than the line SC-1-8 and SP-30-4 and check varieties Sibayak, Tanggamus and Wilis.

The analysis showed that of significant effects of genotype on days to flowering (Table 5). The longest days to flowering was in the line SP-30-4 which was not different from Tanggamus varieties, but was significantly longer than all other lines and both check varieties Sibayak and Wilis. The line SC-1-8 has shorter days to flowering than line CG-22-10, PG-57-1, SC-21-5, SC-56-3 and SP-30-4 and both varieties Tanggamus and Wilis, but was not much different from the line SC-54-1 and the check varieties Sibayak. Yunita *et al.* (2009) reported that the lines SC-1-8, SC-54-1 and SC-56-3 have shorter days to flowering than that of Sibayak.

Genotypes significantly affected days to harvesting. The mean in these second harvest seasons showed that the days to harvesting of lines CG-22-10, PG-57-1, SC-1-8, SC-21-5, SP-30-4 are similar with Wilis varieties. The line SC-54-1 has shorter days to harvesting than all three check varieties followed by line SC-56-3 (Table 5). The shorter days to harvesting of line SC-54-1 was due to shorter days to flowering. Tanggamus variety has longer days to harvesting of all lines and the other two check varieties.

Seed size is one character that can increase the productivity of soybean. The analysis showed the influence of genotype on the weight of 100 seeds, where the line SC-1-8 and SP-30-4 have seed size larger than the other lines, but was not different with the three check varieties (Table 5). Consumers generally prefer large seeds that increase the size of the seed through the selection should be done simultaneously improve outcomes (Soepandiet *al.*, 2006). Ojoet *al.* (2012) reported that the character number of pods per plant and 100-seed weight have greater contribution than other agronomic character to the yield of soybean line tested. The results of two seasons combined analysis of variance showed that genotype did not significantly affect weight per plant and yield potential. This means that all lines have the weight per plant and yield potential similar to the check varieties.

Plant height was not affected by the interaction of genotype x season. This suggests that the response of all genotype to different climatic conditions of the two seasons is the same, where there is no genotype that is sensitive to the change of seasons (Table 6).

Table 5. The effect of genotype against days to flowering, days to harvesting, weight of 100 seeds, seeds weight per plant, and productivity.

Genotype	Days to flowering (das)	Days to harvesting(das)	Weight of 100 seeds (g)	Seeds weight per plant (g)	Productivity (tons/ha)
CG-22-10	36.8 b	85.5 bc	6.1 b	8.0	2.6
PG-57-1	36.7 b	85.5 bc	6.3 b	7.9	2.4
SC-1-8	34.7 d	85.5 bc	8.8 a	10.8	2.8
SC-21-5	36.7 b	85.5 bc	6.2 b	8.0	2.6
SC-54-1	35.0 cd	84.7 e	7.1 b	8.1	2.6
SC-56-3	35.7 c	85.0 de	6.2 b	7.7	2.5
SP-30-4	38.0 a	85.5 bc	8.2 a	7.6	1.9
Sibayak	35.0 cd	85.7 b	8.8 a	9.3	2.3
Tanggamus	37.2 ab	87.3 a	8.4 a	8.5	2.4
Wilis	37.0 b	85.2 cd	8.6 a	8.2	2.6

Note: Note: number followed by the same letter in the same row are not significantly different at 5% DMRT.

Table 6. The effect of interaction against number of branches, number of nodes, and days to harvesting.

Genotype	Number of nodes		Number of branches				Days to harvesting (das)			
	S1	S1	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2		
CG-22-10	29.3 ab	30.6 a	5.4 ab	5.4 ab	86 c	85 d				
PG-57-1	33.4 a	25.0 c	5.5 a	5.5 a	86 c	85 d				
SC-1-8	30.0 ab	22.9 c	6.1 a	6.1 a	86 c	85 d				
SC-21-5	28.2 abc	26.4 bc	5.2 ab	5.2 ab	86 c	85 d				
SC-54-1	25.6 c	29.3 ab	4.0 cde	4.0 cde	85 e	85 e				
SC-56-3	27.5 abc	24.0 c	5.5 a	5.5 a	85 d	85 d				
SP-30-4	22.0 c	23.4 c	3.9 de	3.9 de	86 c	85 d				
Sibayak	31.6 a	22.8 c	4.9 b	4.9 b	86 c	85 d				
Tanggamus	22.9 c	22.9 c	3.7 def	3.7 def	88 a	87 b				
Wilis	23.6 c	25.9 c	3.9 de	3.9 de	85 d	85 d				

Note: number followed by the same letter in the same row and the same column are not significantly different at 5% DMRT.

Table 6 showed that the effect of the interaction between genotype x season on the number of branches. The effect of this interaction showed that genotype responded differently to the change of seasons, where the first season the average rainfall was higher than the second season (Table 1), so that the vegetative growth in the first season was better than the second season. During the first season almost all lines have the same number of branches with check variety Sibayak, except lines SC-54-1 and SP-30-4. However, line SC-1-8 has a number of branches which were significantly higher than the three check varieties Sibayak, Tanggamus and Wilis. In the second, the line CG-22-10 and SC-54-1 have the number of branches that were not significantly different from Wilis varieties but were significantly higher than both check varieties Sibayak and Tanggamus.

The results of the combined analysis of variance showed that the interaction between genotype x season

affected the number of nodes. In the first season line PG-57-1 have the prolific number of nodes that were not different from other lines such as CG-22-10, SC-1-8, SC-21-5, SC-56-3 and the check variety Sibayak, but markedly higher than that of the two lines SC-54-1 and SP-30-4 and varieties Tanggamus and Wilis (Table 6). In the second season, the lines PG-57-1, nearly all the lines have the number of nodes that were not significantly different from the three check varieties. The line CG-22-10 have the number of branches that were significantly higher than the three varieties and followed by line SC-54-1 which was not different varieties of Wilis, but significantly higher than the two varieties Sibayak and Tanggamus.

Table 7 showed that there is no interaction effect between genotype and season on the characters of number of pods, number of pods and days to flowering. The absence of interaction shows that the

response of all genotypes in the different seasons were the same for the characters.

Days to harvesting is significantly influenced by seasons. This is due to the interaction between genotype and season that resulted in the response to the changing seasons diverse genotypes. In the first season, the line SC-54-1 has the shortest days to harvest compared to all the lines and check varieties, but were not significantly different in the second season. The days to harvest in the first season showed that there were 5 lines and 1 check variety, namely CG-22-10, PG-57-1, SC-1-8, SC-21-5, SP-30-4 and varieties Sibayak that have the same days to harvest (Table 7). The 5 genotypes have the different days to harvest in the second season than the first season. All genotypes have the same days to harvesting in the second season including the check varieties Sibayak and Wilis, except

for Tanggamus variety. The uniform days to harvest of all the soybean promising line in the second season was caused by drought which caused all the pods to dry and cracked.

The analysis showed that there is a lack of effect of the interaction of genotype \times season on seed weight per plant, weight of 100g seeds and productivity (Table 8). This means that all genotypes response to changes in the season were stable. Adaptation ability caused by a combination of properties which can cope with environmental changes so that the genotype is not affected by the change of seasons (Cucolotto *et al.*, 2006). Djaelani *et al.* (2001) revealed that in the absence of interaction, the selection of the best genotypes would be easier, that is by selecting genotypes that have the highest yield average. Generally, farmers are more interested in varieties featuring consistent results over seasons (Tarakan-ovas and Ruzgas, 2006).

Table 7. Performance of genotypes evaluated in different season.

Genotype	Plant height (cm)		Number of filled pods		Number of total pods		Days to flowering (das)	
	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2
CG-22-10	79.2	80.7	70.4	69.7	73.7	87.5	37.3	36.3
PG-57-1	80.7	88.2	71.0	62.2	74.5	73.3	37.3	36.0
SC-1-8	71.3	80.9	54.0	57.1	57.7	65.9	35.3	34.0
SC-21-5	83.3	83.0	63.5	64.5	67.6	79.4	37.7	35.7
SC-54-1	99.0	89.2	54.9	73.6	57.4	85.3	35.3	34.7
SC-56-3	79.8	80.4	73.7	63.3	78.1	72.9	36.0	35.3
SP-30-4	70.6	69.3	44.0	60.5	47.1	69.7	38.3	37.7
Sibayak	75.6	74.1	65.7	49.7	69.7	58.9	35.3	34.7
Tanggamus	77.9	67.0	55.4	64.5	57.7	72.1	37.7	36.7
Wilis	73.5	74.7	47.9	68.8	49.7	73.8	37.7	36.3

Table 8. Performance of seed weight per plant, weight of 100 seeds and productivity of each genotype in different season.

Genotype	Seed weight per plant (g)		Weight of 100 seeds (g)		Productivity (tons/ha)	
	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2
CG-22-10	9.4	6.5	6.7	5.4	3.4	1.7
PG-57-1	9.8	6.0	6.9	5.7	3.3	1.5
SC-1-8	11.3	10.3	9.1	8.5	3.1	2.5
SC-21-5	9.3	6.7	7.3	5.1	3.4	1.8
SC-54-1	8.7	7.4	8.2	5.9	3.3	1.9
SC-56-3	9.8	5.6	6.6	5.8	3.4	1.5
SP-30-4	8.3	6.8	8.8	7.5	2.4	1.3
Sibayak	12.7	5.8	9.9	7.6	2.7	1.8
Tanggamus	9.5	7.5	8.9	7.8	2.8	1.9
Wilis	8.5	7.9	9.1	8.0	2.9	2.2

Conclusion

There is the effect of interaction of genotype \times season on the performance of the agronomic characters of number of productive nodes, the number of productive branches and days to harvest. The yield potential of the soybean lines was higher in the first season than the second season, at 3.1 ton/ha and 1.8 ton/ha, respectively. The line CG-22-10, PG-57-1, SC-21-5, SC-54-1 and SC-56-3 have yield potential higher than the mean across genotypes in the first season.

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