

**SELECTION OF SNAP BEAN GENOTYPES FOR MULTIPLE
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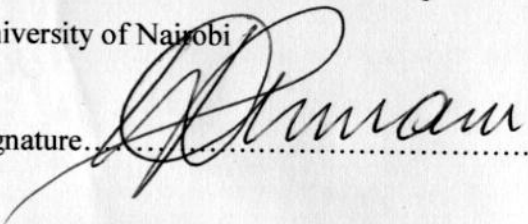
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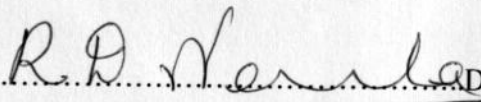
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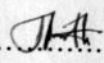
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ALS	Angular leaf spot
ANOVA	Analysis of variance
ANTH	Anthrachnose
BARC	Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
BCMV	Bean common mosaic virus
CBB	Common bacterial blight
CIAT	Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical
ECABREN	East and Central Africa Bean Research Network
GCA	General Combining Ability
HCDA	Horticultural Crops Development Authority
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KARI	Kenya Agricultural Research Institute
KEBS	Kenya Bureau of Standards
PABRA	Pan African Bean Research Alliance
SCA	Specific Combining Ability
USDA-ARS	United States Department of Agriculture – Agriculture Research Service

ABSTRACT

Snap bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) is a major vegetable export crop in Kenya, and it is produced mainly by small scale farmers and multinational companies. Angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust diseases cause crop losses up to 100% on susceptible cultivars of snap bean. Use of chemical is expensive and reduces profitability of snap bean farming and it is not environment and consumer friendly. Therefore, the objective of this study was to select snap bean populations and advanced snap bean lines for multiple disease resistance, pod quality and yield.

Snap beans used in this study included populations developed from BelDakMi, BelMiNeb and Beltigrade lines with resistance to rust, G2333 for resistance to anthracnose, L227 with resistance to angular leaf spot and rust, and the popular varieties that have good pod quality. These populations were advanced by bulk method to F₄, F₅ and F₆ generations. Thirty three bush snap bean lines and six climbing lines were also evaluated. The experiments were conducted at KARI-Thika and Mwea for two seasons during 2009 and 2010. The experiments in both locations laid down in split plot design with three replicates. The populations and lines were artificially inoculated with isolates of angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust at trifoliolate stage. Data collected included disease severity, days to flowering and maturity, pod length and width, number of pods per plant, marketable pod yield, pod quality (extra fine, fine and bobby) and seed yield.

Analysis of variance showed that disease severity was significantly influenced by cropping season, location, fungicide application and genotype. High disease severity was recorded during long rain season at Thika location when genotypes were grown without application of fungicide. The disease with the highest severity was rust followed by angular leaf spot. Among the advanced lines two bush lines KSB 10 W and KSB 10 BR and one climbing line HAV 130 had consistent multiple resistance to angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust at both locations.

Resistant genes in the three lines reduced the mean disease severity by 17%, 16% and 36%, for angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust respectively when compared with commercial varieties. There were significant differences among the genotypes with respect to marketable pod yield, pod quality and seed yield. Star 2053 had the highest pod yield of 11.5 t ha^{-1} among the parents while HAB 428 had the highest pod yield of 8.5 t ha^{-1} among the evaluated lines. Single plants combining resistance to the three diseases and desirable pod characteristics were selected from the segregating populations. Among the advanced snap bean lines selected for having multiple disease resistance, HAB 501 had the highest pod yield of 10.9 t ha^{-1} while KSB 10 BR had the highest extra fine pod yield of 2.0 t ha^{-1} . All climbing lines had thicker pods of 11 mm compared to bush lines with a mean pod diameter of 8 mm when harvested at a regular interval. Among the parent lines Paulista had the highest seed yield of 1.0 t ha^{-1} while HAV 135 had the highest seed yield of 2.4 t ha^{-1} among snap bean lines.

Snap bean genotypes with multiple resistance to angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust were identified. This shows that the parents used to develop the snap bean population and lines have resistance genes that could be exploited in the development of snap bean varieties with disease resistance. Although some of the advanced lines had multiple disease resistance, most did not meet the desired yield and quality of the bush commercial varieties. Therefore, there is need for continued development of snap bean lines with multiple disease resistance and high yields of acceptable quality from the identified single plant selections.

CHAPTER ONE

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background information

French bean, also called snap bean, is a strain of common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris L*) that originated from Andean & Middle American centre of origin (Gepts, 1998). They are principally grown for immature green pods as a protein source, which are consumed fresh but may be processed or canned for both local and overseas consumption (Kibata and Onyango, 1996). Benefits derived from snap beans are also economic since it is grown as a cash crop by large scale and smallholder farmers. More than 90 percent of the crop produced in Eastern Africa is exported to regional and international markets. Snap bean is an important export vegetable crop in East, Central and North Africa (Kimani, 2006). In these areas bush types dominate snap bean production. However, climbing types, which are generally more productive and have a longer harvest period compared with the bush types are not available to growers at present.

In Kenya, snap beans are grown as a monocrop mostly by small scale farmers on farm sizes of between 0.5 to 1 ha (Kimani, 2006). Snap bean in Kenya is mainly grown at Kirinyaga, Embu, Meru, Nyeri, Makueni, Machakos, Murang'a, Kiambu and Naivasha. Other suitable growing areas are Bungoma, Trans- Nzoia, Vihiga and Kericho (Monda, 2003). Production is done throughout the year mainly under irrigation. Most of the agronomic practices of production are similar to those of common bean but more intensive. Large commercial companies also grow snap beans for export to overseas supermarkets and for canning industries. Due to the high pod quality, packaging, and post harvest care required for export produce, smallholder farmers are organized into groups such as Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya, or contracted by

Companies and quasi-government organizations such as the Horticultural Crops Development Authority in Kenya (Kimani, 2006).

Snap bean is the leading contributor to the rapidly growing and highly successful vegetable export sector in Kenya. From 2004 to 2010, Kenya exported in average 19,000 metric tones of snap bean per year with a value of more than Ksh 26.2 billion in total (Appendix 18). This was about 12% of the total volume and 8.7% of the total value of horticultural products exported from Kenya. Almost 100,000 people make an income from French beans and another 500, 000 derive income directly from exports of French beans. Estimates indicate that more than 1 million people benefit from the snap bean sub-sector in Kenya (HCDA, 2011). Snap bean farmers face several constraints, which include pest and disease, stringent quality requirements, lack of capital and/or inaccessibility to capital, low prices of produce, poor roads and inadequate extension services (Monda *et al.*, 2003).

The most economically important diseases include leaf rust (*Uromyces appendiculatus*), angular leaf spot (*Phaeoisariopsis griseola*), anthracnose (*Colletotricum lindemuthianum*), halo blight (*Pseudomonas savastanoi pv. phaseolicola*) and common bacteria blight (*Xanthomonas axonopodis pv phaseoli*) and bean common mosaic virus (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2007). The most widely occurring pest are the red spider mite (*Tetranychus urticae*), bean stem maggot (*Ophiomyia spp*), flower thrips (*Megalurothrips sjostedti* Trybom) and *Frankliniella occidentalis* Pergande), bean aphid (*Aphis fabae* Scopoli), African bollworm (*Helicoverpa armigera* Hurbner), legume pod borer (*Maruca testularis* Geyer) and white fly (*Bemisia tabaci*), (Monda *et al.*, 2003).

Cultural practices such as crop rotation, intercropping, elimination of plant debris, adjustment of planting dates, use of compost, and blending heterogeneous landrace cultivars can reduce

these diseases severity (Deeksha *et al.*, 2009). Use of host plant resistance is cheaper method for controlling bean diseases. Consequently, development of cultivars with improved resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses is a primary goal of bean breeding throughout the world (Miklas *et al.*, 2002).

2 Problem Statement and Justification

Horticulture sector provide food security and offers employment to about two million Kenyans and also provides food (Wasonga *et al.*, 2010). French beans account for more than half of the value of vegetables exports and about one quarter of the total horticultural exports in Kenya (HCD, 2009). The crop takes 9 weeks from planting to harvesting and picking continues for 3 weeks when the weather is dry, allowing a quick return on investment (Monda *et al.*, 2003). Production is dominated by bush types. Climbing types which are generally more productive and have a longer harvest period compared with bush types. Climbing snap beans could be expected to be of particular interest to smallholder farmers wishing to intensify return to use of abundant family labour. However, suitable varieties for eastern Africa are yet to be developed. Yield of snap bean in smallholder farmers' fields is low (Kimani, 2006). Smallholder production is further constrained by high cost of seed. Availability of locally bred varieties will reduce cost of seed and increase access to small-scale farmers (Ndegwa *et al.*, 2009).

Anthraxnose, rust and angular leaf spot are major diseases of the common snap bean. When environmental conditions are favorable, crop loss can be as high as 100% on susceptible cultivars (Monda *et al.*, 2003). Due to the intensive nature and high quality demands, smallholder farmers rely on fungicides and insecticides to reduce both production and post harvest losses associated with diseases and pests. The observance of post harvest interval of the agrochemicals used becomes difficult for farmers since the crop is harvested at least twice per

week. This excessive use of chemicals is no longer a viable option because of recently instituted maximum residue levels of pesticides and development and is also not environmental friendly.

development of resistant pathogens and pests is also possible with the continuous spraying of fungicides and pesticides. An alternative method explored is the use compost extracts from poultry manure and stinging nettle. Although it is not comparable to chemical control, utilization of the compost extract could be useful especially in systems of organic farming and where other methods are unavailable (Deeksha *et al.*, 2009). However, cost of preparing the compost extract and acceptability of the produce by consumers may limit application of the method of control. Use of resistant varieties is a good option but varieties developed by public institutions are often susceptible to any of the three diseases (CIAT, 2006). Little has been done to develop improved snap bean varieties with multiple resistance to one or more of the three diseases, and make them freely accessible to smallholder farmers and informal seed producers (Kimani, 2006).

In Meru Central district, 55%, 30% and 10% of farmers reported marketing, transport and disease and pests as the major constraints in snap bean production respectively (Monda *et al.*, 2003). Most important diseases reported were rust, (83.5%) fusarium wilt, nematodes (23.9%) and blights (25.4%) (Monda *et al.*, 2003). Thirty one percent of the farmers were reported to overuse fungicides by using a spray regime of twice a week for effective disease and pests control. Failure to control diseases and pests and overuse of chemical pesticides led to rejection of their produce. Eight six percent of farmers were aware of it but lacked alternative disease management (Monda *et al.*, 2003).

Development of new snap bean varieties resistant to anthracnose, rust and angular leaf spot would increase the efficiency of farming by reducing or eliminating reliance on fungicide and improve returns to investment. Most importantly, reduced reliance on fungicide will assist farmers to meet the stringent export requirements for residue levels. Use of resistant varieties also reduces use of toxic pesticides and hence environment friendly. Therefore, the overall objective of this study was to select snap bean lines with multiple disease resistance, acceptable pod quality and high yield potential from advanced breeding lines and segregating populations.

The specific objectives of the study are:

1. Select snap bean lines with multiple resistance to angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust from segregating populations and advanced lines.
2. Evaluate advanced snap bean lines and families for pod quality and yield.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Botany, origin and distribution of snap beans

Common beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) ($2n=2x=22$) belong to the family *leguminaceae*, which consists of approximately 600 genera, with about 150 species of annuals and perennials throughout the warm regions of both hemispheres. About 40 species of beans are of economic importance to human consumption (CIAT, 1986). Some species have tuberous roots. Flowers are hermaphrodite and the pollination is 98% autogamous. The standard is reflexed. Wings are of the same length or longer than the standard. The keel is spirally coiled, which is the distinctive mark of the genus. The flower has ten stamens, which are diadelphous with free vexillary stamens of equal length. Anthers are uniform. Style is filiform, twisted, bearded on inner curve (CIAT, 1986).

Hundreds of beans cultivars are cultivated for their immature pods and dry or green seeds. There is no clear distinction between cultivars for immature pod production and those destined for dry grain production seed. The leaves are used as a pot-herb in some parts of the tropics. In Latin America and parts of tropical Africa beans furnish a large part of the protein food of the inhabitants, being grown mainly for the dry pulse. In Europe, the United States and other temperate countries, common bean is grown mainly for the green immature pods which are eaten as a vegetable and are also canned or frozen. However, with few exceptions, modern snap bean cultivars are not used for dry grain production (Kimani, 2008).

There are two major types of snap beans, bush and climbing types. The dwarf or bush cultivars, which are day neutral, early maturing, 20 cm to 60 cm in height, with lateral terminal

inflorescence and determinate growth. These cultivars do not require any support (staking). In contrast, climbing or pole beans have an indeterminate growth and grow up to 3 m in height and require staking. They are both day neutral and short day cultivars within this group. Snap beans differ from field beans in that they possess thicker pods that are relatively free of blast lesions in the early stages of development. The pods are narrow and mostly glabrous, straight or curved with the colour ranging from yellow to dark green. The seeds also vary in colour from white to black. Varieties grown in eastern Africa are small seeded white or black (Muchui and Ndegwa, 2001).

Common bean could have been introduced into the coast of Peru from Central America or may have an independent domestication from the closely related *Phaseolus arborigous* which occurs in wild in the area. Common bean was taken to Europe in the 16th century by Spaniards and Portuguese and it reached England in 1594. They also brought it to Africa and other parts of the world. *Phaseolus vulgaris* L. is now widely cultivated in many parts of the tropics and throughout the temperate regions (Gepts, 1998).

1.2 Snap bean production in Kenya and their ecological requirements

Although snap bean production is a relatively new venture in Kenya, it has grown to be a major contributor to the fresh produce export market. The main export season for the crop is October to May, which coincides with the winter period in Europe. Most growers therefore schedule their production such that the bulk of the produce is ready during the months of October to mid- December and from mid- January to the end of May (HCDA and JICA, 2003). Both large scale and small-scale farmers undertake snap bean production with the latter contributing the larger output. Small-scale production is more prevalent and in most cases the farmers are contracted by export agents or middlemen, who provide inputs such as pesticides, fungicides

and fertilizers, besides giving technical advice. Production of snap bean in Kenya occurs along riverbeds and in irrigated areas. Major production areas include Embu and Meru and in Eastern Province, Naivasha, and Nakuru and Trans-Nzoia in Rift Valley Province, Bungoma, and Siaya in Western Province and Nyeri and Mwea in Central province (Kimani *et al.*, 2002).

In Kenya snap beans can be grown in areas with an average annual rainfall ranging from 900 to 1500 mm, which should be well distributed during the growing season. Under moderate rainfall conditions, supplementary irrigation may be beneficial. In dry conditions irrigation is absolutely necessary. Heavy rainfall adversely affects flower fertilization, resulting in reduced pod set. The ideal altitude ranges between 1500 to 2100 m above sea level (Mbugua *et al.*, 2006). At higher altitude the growth period is prolonged and there is increased incidence of frost disease, because of the colder conditions. Lower altitudes tend to have low rainfall, hence are not ideal for snap bean production unless source of water supply for irrigation is available. The optimum temperature range is 16 to 24°C. Below 10°C bean plants are destroyed by chilling, while at temperatures above 30°C blossom drop is very serious and may hamper pod and /or seed set. Snap beans thrive in a wider range of soil types, ranging from light sand to heavy clays. The best soil for growth should be friable, well drained, loam soils with high organic matter (Ndungu *et al.*, 2004)

3 Time to maturity and harvesting of snap beans

Snap beans produce pods ready for fresh harvest in about 45-65 days and 55-75 days for the bush and pole types. Farmers want a variety that is early maturing and a long harvesting duration (Monda *et al.*, 2003). Picking of pods begins 6 to 8 weeks after planting depending on the area and continues for about one month. The pods are carefully picked and not pulled from the plants. The pods harvested must have the stalk attached to them. Picking should be at regular

harvesting interval, ideally every other day in order to maintain export quality. Harvesting under rain is not recommended (Ndegwa *et al.*, 2009). After harvesting, sorting is done to remove broken, deformed, overgrown off types and insect damaged pods. Healthy pods are then graded into two main grades as defined by Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) specifications. The two main grades are extra fine and fine grades. In both grades the pods must have the characteristics of shape and colour of its variety. After grading the pods are packed in corrugated fibre board boxes or in plastic pre-packs. Before storage or transport pre-cooling is done using forced air coolers at 7°C or 8°C. At 7-8°C and 95-100% relative humidity the pods can be stored for one to two weeks. In Kenya beans for export are not usually stored for more than one day (HCDA and JICA, 2003).

Snap beans quality and yield improvements

Export markets require a uniform, fresh, insect and disease free-pods. Pods should also be clean and safe from both chemicals and microorganism harmful to human. Supplying snap beans with quality characteristics conforming to the market is vital to increasing consumption (Mwambi, 2006). Varietal improvement forms an important means to this end but needs to be combined with agronomic and post harvest practices. Snaps beans are graded as extra fine and fine pods. Extra fine pods should be very tender, seedless with no strings and free from any defects. The width of the pods must be less than 6 mm and a minimum length of 10 cm. The fine pods may have small immature seeds and be short with soft strings. The width of the pods should be between 6 and 9 mm. In both grades, the pods must have characteristic size and colour of the variety concerned. For bobby grade the beans must be of a marketable quality but bigger in size than the fine grade. However, the pods must be reasonably tender and small (HCDA, 2009).

humidity conditions for a period up to at least one week. Desiccation, wrinkling, loss of rigidity, and the appearance of discolorations should be evaluated. If cold storage in the marketing channels is anticipated, beans should be evaluated for reactions to cold storage. In addition to checking the rate of seed development, possible appearance of fiber or string in storage should also be checked (Marita and Trevor, 2009). Storage and shipping moulds can be a problem, especially if beans are wet from rain or condensation due to changes in temperature. There may be some differences in the rate response to storage rots. Pods should have no missing ovules, which can cause misshapen pods or a long, tapered, unfilled neck area. Pods for fresh consumption can be any locally desired cross-sectional shape and thickness. Processing types, especially if are to be size-graded, should preferably be round. Round pods are easier to size-grade accurately (Broughton *et al.*, 2003).

Where labour is readily available, as in many tropical countries, yield increases can be obtained in several ways. The use of mechanical harvesters can result in significant losses of crushed or damaged pods. In addition, mechanical harvesting can only occur once in the life of the crop, whereas hand picking can take place on a daily basis. The extra-fine and fine quality preferred in France can be obtained by picking of immature pods (Silbernagel *et al* 1991). Picking of immature pods can stimulate compensatory increase in pod production because in *Phaseolus vulgaris*, all flowers, given opportunity are capable of producing pod. Thus, daily hand picking in tropical countries where labour is readily available can significantly increase yield potential (ICDA and JICA 2003). Rainey and Griffiths (2005) studied genetic improvement of yield on snap bean. They reported that there was variation for yield under temperature treatments was observed among parents and hybrids, with certain hybrids exceeding parental performance. Significant ($P \leq 0.001$) general combining ability (GCA), and significant ($P \leq 0.05$) specific combining ability (SCA) were observed for yield components including pod number, seed

number, and seeds per pod. They also reported that pod number and seeds per pod under temperature stress are under separate genetic control. Reciprocal effects and heterosis were not significant.

Increased quality during post harvest handling is often associated with water loss, chilling injury, and decay. Water loss is a common post harvest problem with green beans. About 5% weight loss is needed before shrivel and limpness is observed. After 10-12% weight loss, the beans are no longer marketable. Freezing injury occurs at temperatures of -0.7°C (30.7°F) or lower and appears as water-soaked areas which subsequently deteriorate and decay. The typical symptom of chilling injury in beans stored $<5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($<41^{\circ}\text{F}$) for longer than 5-6 days is a general opaque discoloration of the entire bean (Marita and Trevor, 2009).

Major diseases of common bean

Major bean diseases in Eastern Africa include angular leaf spot, anthracnose, rust, root rots, common bacterial blight and bean common mosaic virus. Angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust are foliar fungal diseases that cause extensive yield losses worldwide. The pathogens responsible for these diseases infect leaves, pods and stems. Yield reduction caused by these diseases is due to reduction of photosynthetic area. Yield loss of 80%, 90% and 18-100% have been reported for angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust respectively (Bigirimana and Mwangi, 2001; Stenglein *et al.*, 2003; Pastor-Corrales *et al.*, 2007).

Root rots of common beans are caused by soil borne fungal pathogens such as *Fusarium* spp., *Rhizoctonia* spp. and *Pythium* spp. The pathogens can cause extensive root damage, reduce overall plant growth and destroy much of the hypocotyls and main root system (Schwartz *et al.*, 2001). Common bacterial blight causes lesions on the edges and interveinal

areas of leaves and leads to death of the entire leaf and defoliation of the plant. Severe outbreaks results in reduced yield and poor seed quality (Atilla *et al.*, 2002). Bean common mosaic virus is a seed borne virus transmitted by aphids and cause mosaic patterns and distortions on leaves and stems. The disease can cause necrosis called black root on cultivars that posses the hypersensitive gene (*I gene*). Pod yield losses of 50-64% and seed yield reduction of 53-68% respectively have been reported (Ghorbani *et al.*, 2010).

2.6 Angular leaf spot (*Phaeoisariopsis griseola*)

Angular leaf spot is considered to be the most wide spread and economically important disease of beans in Africa, particularly in Malawi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and the Great Lakes region (Pastor - Corrales *et al.*, 1998). The disease causes severe premature defoliation that results in shriveled pods, shrunken seeds and yield losses of up to 80% (Stenglein *et al.*, 2003). Symptoms include necrotic lesions on all aerial plant parts including leaves, pods, branches and stems. Information collected by Saettler (1991) places *P. griseola* (sacc.) Ferr., in the family of Dematiaceae among the imperfect fungi. It has a conidium of a small number of hyphae growing erect into a sheath-like structure. The base is dark coloured and becomes gradually lighter towards the tip. The conidia ranges in thickness from 20 μ to 40 μ , they are one to three rarely four septate, light grey, cylindrical to spindle shaped shaped, sometimes slightly curved and not constricted. The length ranges from 50 μ to 60 μ and width 8 μ . Mahuku *et al.*, (2009) identified accessions with good levels of resistance to several isolates of *P. griseola* of diverse origin. Among the potential sources of angular leafspot resistance is G5686, germplasm accession of Andean origin from Ecuador.

Studies done by Michael and Celeti (2005) showed that *P. griseola* survived at least one winter on crop debris in Ontario, and survived better on the soil surface in comparison to burial in soil

m. He compared 15 snap bean varieties for susceptibility to angular leaf
n, and nine varieties in a naturally-infested field from 2001-2003. Most
ilarly to *P. griseola* in both environments. Results indicated that an
agement strategy for angular leaf spot in snap bean in Ontario should
sted plant debris through deep plowing, crop rotation for two years,
ceptible varieties, and applying a registered effective fungicide (Michael

Collectotrichum lindemuthianum)

Collectotrichum lindemuthianum) is one of the most important disease
oculum production and dissemination. The pathogen is seed borne and
d from one season to another. Studies have shown that the fungus alters
and can have a negative impact on dry bean yield (Mohammed and
infection occurs early in growth cycle of susceptible cultivars, yield loss
0%. Use of infected seeds has been also reported to cause a crop loss
ernandez *et al.*, 2000).

kill seedlings, emerging from infected cultivated seeds (Mohammed and
rity of bean farmers in East Africa use their own seed from previous
, 2003). Diseased seeds are planted in nutrient deficient soils with poor
s aggravating the problem. Studies conducted by Mohammed (2007)
nted with diseased seeds had more disease and correspondingly more
ted with hand sorted clean seeds. Intercropping of beans with maize has
disease levels (Sharma *et al.*, 2007). Fungicides have been used to
t resistant varieties are viewed as the cheapest and most practical.

Collectotrichum lindemuthianum can also be transmitted through contact by workers while weeding and spraying the crops. In a study carried out to determine survival and transmission of anthracnose from seeds to seedling, bean anthracnose was found to survive in infected seeds but not in the soil, and the primary source of bean anthracnose infection in the field was from infected seeds (Mohammed and Somsiri, 2007). Seed infection of common beans by bean anthracnose resulted in both pre-emergence and post-emergence mortality of bean seedlings. A significant positive relationship was found between the levels of primary seed infection and seedling infection in the field. Further development of bean anthracnose in the field was influenced by weather variables such as rainfall, number of rainy days, humidity and temperature, (Mohammed and Somsiri, 2007).

8 Bean rust (*Uromyces appendiculatus*)

Bean rust which is caused by basidiomycete fungus *Uromyces appendiculatus* is a destructive disease of dry and snap bean. The disease results in reduced bean yield and quality in many parts of the world. It consistently causes yield reductions ranging from 18 to 100% in dry and snap beans in humid and tropical areas (Liebenberg *et al.* 2006). Among the major bean diseases, rust is ranked as the fifth most important constraint. Common bean rust is a destructive disease worldwide and is particularly endemic and severe in eastern and southern Africa (Kimani, 2002). The pathogenic variability of the fungus is broad with over 300 races or pathotypes recognized (Araya *et al.* 2004). A study conducted in Kenya reported 82.5% of farmers considered rust as the major disease on snap beans (Monda, 2003). Most of snap bean cultivars grown in eastern and southern Africa are susceptible to rust (Hillocks *et al.* 2006). Farmers use various fungicides regularly to manage this disease. Dithane M45 is the most popular fungicide. Use of fungicide increases cost of production and reduce profitability

onda *et al.* 2003).

at fungus is an obligate parasite and has an autoecious life cycle. Infection by urediospores is favoured by moderate temperatures and duration of plant surface moisture for 10 to 18 hours. The latent period for the development of uredinial sporulation ranges from 7 days at the optimal temperature of 24°C, to 9 days at 16°C. Abundant urediospore production is favoured by high humidity below the saturation point, long day length and young host tissue. Sporulation increased when plants were exposed to high humidity (Alzate-marín *et al.*, 2004).

Use of genetic resistance in managing bean diseases

In many years research efforts have been directed towards screening for resistance to angular leaf spot and a number of resistant cultivars have been identified. For example work at CIAT in Colombia showed that the cultivar Mexico 54 was resistant to 158 isolates out of the 163 so far characterized in Africa (Mahuku *et al.*, 2009). Inheritance studies have revealed that resistance to *P. griseola* is conditioned by few genes that can either be recessive or dominant depending on the parental cultivar (Mahuku *et al.*, 2009). A study done by Mahuku *et al.* (2003) revealed that the dominant and complementary genes conditioned resistance of G5686 to *P. griseola* in the parental genotype 31-0. Three microsatellite markers, Pv-ag004, Pv-at007 and Pv-ctt001 segregated in the mapping phase with the resistance genes in G5686. Microsatellites Pv-ag004 and Pv-ctt001, located on opposite ends of linkage group B04 segregated with resistance genes Phg_{G5686A}, Phg_{G5686B} at 0.0 and 17.1 cM, respectively, while marker Pv-at007, localized on linkage group B04 segregated with resistance gene Phg_{G5686C} at 12.1 cM.

Genetic surveys showed that these markers were polymorphic in Andean and Mesoamerican genetic backgrounds (Mahuku *et al.*, 2009). A single dominant gene present in MAR 2 was reported to confer resistance to race 63 -19 (Ferreira *et al.*, 2000). A study was carried out to characterize

ce to angular leaf spot and to determine the relationship of the genes in cultivars
, and BAT 332 (Kimani *et al.*, 2002), Result showed that resistance in the two
pathotype 63 – 39 was each controlled by a single dominant gene.

acnose pathogen (*Collectotrichum lindemuthianum*) is known to display pathogenic
and existence of a large number of races has been reported (Sharma *et al.*, 2007).
09) reported four evolutionary groups (WGI-EGIV) based on 29 *Collectotrichum*
anum races. He reported that G2333 and AB 136 were resistant to all the pathotypes.
International de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT) breeding program has developed a
snap beans which are resistant to these diseases (CIAT, 2006).

of new races of rust pathogen was recently reported in Michigan (2007) and North
08) (Markell *et al.*, 2009 and Pastor-Corrales *et al.*, 2010). Genetic variation within
a bean rust pathogen mirrors the genetic variation for resistance in common bean.
Resistance genes that have been identified, characterized, and named (Liebenberg *et*
These rust genes are dominant and are grouped into *Ur-4*, *Ur-6*, *Ur-9*, *Ur-12*, and
h originate from beans of the Andean gene pool and *Ur-3*, *Ur-5*, *Ur-7*, and *Ur-11*
Middle American gene pool, (Pastor Corrales *et al.*, 2007). The *Ur-3*, *Ur-4*, *Ur-5*, *Ur-*
7 genes provide resistance to 44, 30, 70, 22, and 89 races, respectively, of the 90
ined at the U.S. Department of Agriculture– Agriculture Research Service (USDA-
ville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). The *Ur-11* gene is the most effective
resistance genes known and is susceptible only to the Middle American *U.*
tus Race 108 from Honduras (Pastor-Corrales *et al.*, 2007). Deployment of rust
genes to cultivars within different market classes of snap beans to ensure sustainable
of the rust disease has remained a challenge as a result of the high diversity of

Common bean rust races coupled with the lack of information on prevalent races of the pathogen in many locations, including eastern Africa (Kimani *et al.*, 2002).

9.1 Snap bean improvement in Eastern Africa

The primary objective of the national bean program is to develop and disseminate improved snap bean varieties with multiple resistances to major biotic and abiotic stress factors and acceptable pod characteristics for smallholder farmers. Major biotic constraints to productivity include rust, angular leaf spot, anthracnose, root rot and bean common mosaic virus, bean common necrotic virus (BCMV/NV) and common bacterial blight (CBB). Major abiotic stress factors include low soil fertility and drought. Development of resistant bean varieties can reduce losses especially in widespread low input production and adverse environment and poor soil conditions (Kimani, 2008). In 2001, ECABREN initiated a regional programme to stimulate the development of improved snap bean varieties for smallholder production. The program had activities in four institutions located at Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania.

In Kenya the national snap bean program is coordinated by the University of Nairobi with activities at National Horticultural Research Centre at KARI-Thika and at Moi University in Eldoret (Kimani *et al.*, 2009). At University of Nairobi, activities have focused on transfer rust, anthracnose, angular leaf spot and root rots resistance to popular commercial snap bean varieties. Transfer of resistance to root rots, angular leaf spot and common bacterial blight to susceptible commercial varieties was done (Kimani, 2008). At Moi University, crosses were made to develop locally adapted snap bean cultivars with improved pod yield, resistance to anthracnose and rust and marketable pod quality. After six generations of selection, 23 lines were identified and 12 lines were evaluated in national performance trials between 2005 and 2008 (Van Rheen *et al.*, 2003). However, no improved varieties were released from this program due to the departure of the lead scientist. Work at Kawanda in Uganda focused on

an varieties with farmers and developing production packages. In Tanzania, focused on a baseline survey to better understand the major constraints and marketing environment, evaluation of local bush lines and advanced lines development of agronomic and crop protection management (Kimani, 2006).

Resistance to bean diseases

with 103 entries for rust resistance was constituted in 1989 (Kimani *et al.*, was evaluated in Kenya, Uganda, Madagascar, Zambia, Mauritius, DR. Twenty-four lines were rated resistant to rust in Uganda, 40 in Ethiopia. Only PAN 134 was rated resistant in three countries. Cultivars 814, Ecuador 299, Mexico 309, NEP 2, Wurora, 51051 and CNC showed reaction at Ambo, Awassa, Debre, Zeit and Melkassa in Ethiopia for two that deployment of *ur*-genes may be effective against races prevalent in (*et al.*, 2002).

ance to bean rust have been identified (Pastor-Corrales *et al.*, 2007). Several cultivars and breeding lines were developed and released in a collaborative USDA research Centre at Beltsville, Maryland, and the University of North and Nebraska. Each breeding line possesses at least two different rust BelDakMi, BelMiNeb and Beltigrade lines with *ur-3*, *ur-4*, *ur-5*, *ur-6*, and *ur-7* genes for resistance to rust were developed by Stavely (Grafton and Singh, 2000). G2333 *Co-5* and *Co-7* genes for resistance to anthracnose. L227 has resistance to most common bacterial blight (Kelly and Vallejo, 2004). The East and Central bean program was based on populations developed from above sources of local varieties, developed by the University of Nairobi Bean Program and

Advanced lines introduced from CIAT. Susceptible commercial varieties popular in Kenya, include Amy, Paulista, Morelli, Morgan, Julia, Foskelly, Teresa, Vernadon, Kutules and Alexandria (Kimani *et al.*, 2009).

9.3 Methods for breeding bean for diseases resistance

Breeding bean for resistance to diseases has utilized pure-line selection, pedigree, bulk and backcross methods. Backcrossing method follows a procedure of hybridization and repeated backcrossing of the F_1 and the subsequent generations to the recurrent parent. In this method the hybrid and the progenies in the subsequent generation are repeatedly backcrossed to one of the parents. As a result, the genotype of the backcross progenies becomes increasingly similar to that of the parents to which it is backcrossed. Therefore, backcrossing is a breeding method used to transfer useful genes from a genetic stock called the donor to a recurrent parent which is often a well adapted variety. The donor parent can be a population, inbred line, individual plants, varieties and wild plants. The method consists of crossing the donor and the recurrent parent to make F_1 generation followed by one or more backcrosses to the recurrent parent. Types of genes that can be transferred using backcrossing include single dominant genes, single recessive genes or polygene underlying a quantitative trait. The objective of the backcross is to improve one or two specific defects of a variety, which is adapted to an area and has other desirable characteristics (Silbernagel, 1991).

Bulk population method is a selection procedure following hybridization of two or more parents. Seeds harvested in the F_2 and succeeding generations are bulked and grown, with selection delayed until an advanced generation usually F_5 or F_6 when segregation has ceased (Singh *et al.*, 1999). Markers assisted selection is widely used in common beans since the genetics of most resistances are understood as a result of well developed genomic resources (Silikas *et al.*, 2006).

CHAPTER THREE

SELECTION FOR MULTIPLE DISEASE RESISTANCE IN SNAP BEAN POPULATIONS AND ADVANCED LINES

1 Abstract

Snap bean is a major export vegetable crop in Kenya, and its production is mainly by small to medium scale farmers. The major snap bean diseases are angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust diseases. Development of disease resistant varieties to these diseases would reduce reliance on fungicides and therefore meet the European export requirements. The objective of the study was to evaluate and select snap bean populations and lines with multiple disease resistance to angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust. Seven groups of snap bean populations of different generations and 33 bush snap bean lines including local checks were evaluated in plots protected with fungicides and unprotected at two locations over two seasons for resistance to the three diseases. The trial was laid down as a split plot design with three replications. Fungicide applications were the main plots. Data for disease severity for the three diseases was collected. Genotypes differed in their reaction to the three diseases. Among the advanced lines two bush lines, KSB 10 W and KSB 10 BR and one climbing line HAV 130 had consistent multiple resistance to angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust at both locations. From the populations, 674 single plants were selected with multiple disease resistance. The selected lines had less angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust severity by 17%, 16% and 36%, respectively when compared to commercial varieties. The results confirmed that parents used to develop the snap bean population and advanced lines have resistance genes that could be exploited in the development of snap bean varieties with disease resistance. Also the selected lines could be used in development of new snap bean varieties with multiple disease resistant to the three major fungal diseases.

2 Introduction

Anthracnose, rust and angular leaf spot are major diseases of the snap bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*). When the environmental conditions are favorable, crop loss can be as high as 100% in susceptible cultivars of snap bean (Monda *et al.*, 2003). The intensive nature of cultivation of this crop leads to high disease and insect pressure, and consequently excessive use of pesticides. Due to the high quality demands, smallholder farmers rely on fungicides and insecticides to reduce production losses associated with diseases and pests (Wasonga *et al.*, 2010). The high frequency of pesticide application is no longer a good option because of global requirements of minimum pesticide residue levels in snap beans. Smallholder production is further constrained by high cost of good quality certified seed imported in the country (Kimani, 2006).

Snap bean cultivars and breeding lines resistance to these diseases have been developed and released (Staveland 1991; Grafton and Singh 2000). However in eastern Africa, limited research work has been done on developing improved snap bean varieties with multiple resistance to these diseases, and make them freely accessible to smallholder farmers and informal seed producers. New varieties developed by public institutions are often susceptible to angular leaf spot, rust or anthracnose (CIAT, 2006). Varieties commonly grown in developing countries are introductions from temperate countries where breeding programmes are more advanced and may not be well adapted to tropical environment (Ndegwa *et al.*, 2009). Therefore the objective of this study was to evaluate introduced snap bean lines and locally developed bush snap bean populations for multiple resistance to angular leafspot, anthracnose and rust diseases.

3 Materials and Methods

3.1 Plant materials

Segregating populations were developed from BelDakMi, L227, Beltigrade RR2, Awash 1, 2333, BelMiNeb and Roba-1 with genes for resistant to angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust (Table 3.1) and nine susceptible commercial varieties namely Amy, Paulista, Morelli, Morgan, Julia, Foskelly, Teresa, Vernandon, Kutuleless and Alexandria at Kabete screenhouse. Fifty populations were developed and advanced to F₄, F₅ and F₆ generations by bulk method and evaluated for multiple disease resistance during 2009 to 2010. The populations comprised twenty two populations at F₄ generation, twenty populations at F₆ generations, eight backcross population at F₆ generation and thirty nine families at F_{4.5} generation. Other snap bean lines evaluated included six climbing and thirty three bush snap beans lines.

3.2 Isolation and culturing of pathogens

Infected materials of snap bean with anthracnose and angular leaf spot were collected at Kabete, Thika and Mwea during the short rain season. Leaves infected with anthracnose (*Collectotrichum lindemuthianum*) were thoroughly washed in sterile water and dried between sterile filter papers. The marginal areas of fresh lesions were cut into 0.5 cm pieces and immersed into 1% sodium hypochlorite for two minutes and rinsed in three changes of sterile distilled water. The surface sterilized tissues were blotted by sterile filter papers and transferred to potato dextrose agar (PDA) containing 20 ppm streptomycin to suppress bacterial growth. The plates were incubated at 22-25°C for five days after which the fungus was subcultured on fresh PDA (Sicard *et al.*, 1997).

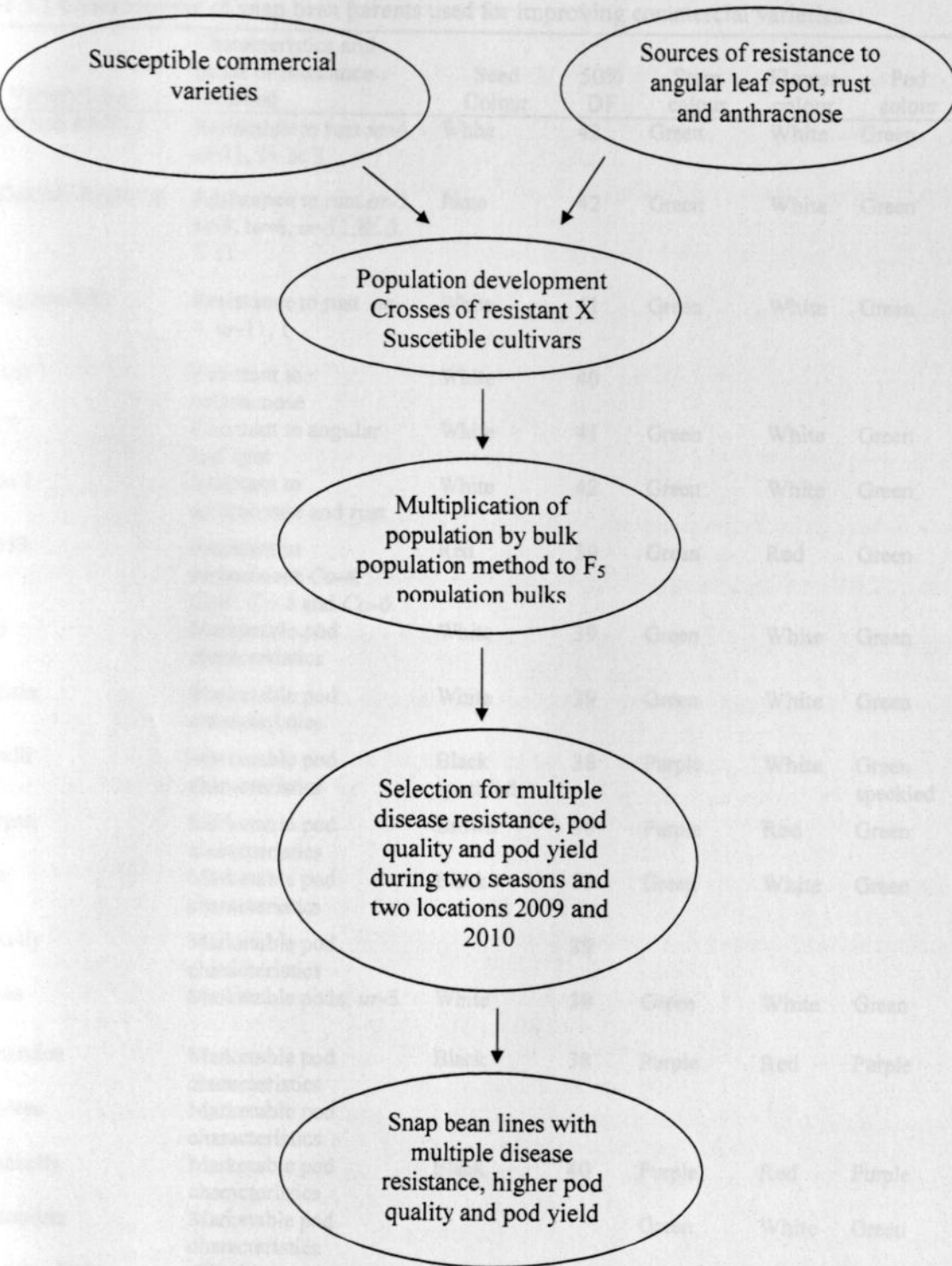


Figure 1. Research approach for improving snap bean

Table 3.1 Characteristic of snap bean parents used for improving commercial varieties.

Variety/Line	Characteristics and genes of resistance involved	Seed Colour	50% DF	Stem colour	Flower colour	Pod colour
MiNeb RMR-3	Resistance to rust <i>ur-4</i> , <i>ur-11</i> , I+ bc 3	White	42	Green	White	Green
DakiMi-RmR-18	Resistance to rust <i>ur-3</i> , <i>ur-4</i> , <i>ur-6</i> , <i>ur-11</i> , bc 3, T 11	Pinto	42	Green	White	Green
ti-grade RR2	Resistance to rust <i>ur-4</i> , <i>ur-11</i> , I	White	41	Green	White	Green
ash 1	Resistant to anthracnose	White	40			
7	Resistant to angular leaf spot	White	41	Green	White	Green
pa 1	Resistant to anthracnose and rust	White	42	Green	White	Green
333	Resistant to anthracnose <i>Co-4</i> , <i>Co-4²</i> , <i>Co-5</i> and <i>Co-6</i> .	Red	39	Green	Red	Green
y	Marketable pod characteristics	White	39	Green	White	Green
lista	Marketable pod characteristics	White	39	Green	White	Green
elli	Marketable pod characteristics	Black speckled	38	Purple	White	Green speckled
rgan	Marketable pod characteristics	Brown	38	Purple	Red	Green
a	Marketable pod characteristics	Black	39	Green	White	Green
kelly	Marketable pod characteristics		39			
esa	Marketable pods, <i>ur-5</i>	White	39	Green	White	Green
andon	Marketable pod characteristics	Black	38	Purple	Red	Purple
uless	Marketable pod characteristics					
akelly	Marketable pod characteristics	Black	40	Purple	Red	Purple
xandria	Marketable pod characteristics			Green	White	Green
mbing lines	Climbing characteristics	White/black	42	Green/red	Red	Green/red

Source: Stavelly 1991; Grafton and Singh 2000; Kimani, 2008 and from this study.

Days to flowering

Phaeoisariopsis griseola was isolated from of infected leaves by transferring spores of Angular leaf spot lesions on underside of leaves onto V8 agar using inoculating needle. A small agar block was used to pick the spores by touching the lesion and transferred to petri plates with V-8 agar medium. After incubation, of the pathogen was subcultured into new V8 agar by cutting agar blocks containing fungal growth. The plates were incubated and maintained at 20°C. The fungal pathogens were identified by microscopic examination (x 400 magnification) based on their morphological characteristics and conidia (Correa and Saettler, 1987).

3.3 Inoculum multiplication and inoculation

Phaeoisariopsis griseola was multiplied on V8-agar medium and spores for inoculation were obtained by gently scraping the surface of sporulating colonies incubated for 10-12 days in sterile distilled water. The suspension was filtered through a triple layer of cheese cloth.

Plectotrichum lindemuthianum was multiplied on potato dextrose agar and inoculum was prepared by scraping off spores from the surface of ten day old cultures. The concentration of inoculum was adjusted to 2×10^6 conidia per ml using a haemocytometer for both pathogens (Bigirimina and Hofte, 2001). Fifteen day old seedlings were covered with polythene plastic bags to provide humid environment twelve hours before inoculation. The plants were inoculated by spraying spore suspension on the leaves evenly with a handheld atomizer.

Control plants were sprayed with water and covered. After inoculation the plants were covered again with moistened polythene bags and transferred into the green house. All test plants remained covered for 48 hours after inoculation in the green house. For field experiments, inoculations were done late in the evening after irrigating the plants using a knap sack sprayer. The rust fungus (*Uromyces appendiculatus*) was multiplied and maintained at Kabete field

ation on plots of susceptible commercial snap bean varieties Teresa, Samantha, Amy, Paulista and Julia such that inoculum was ready when the test genotypes were 15-18 days old.

3.4 Proof of pathogenicity of *Phaeoisariopsis griseola* and *Collectotrichum lindemuthianum*

Commercial snap bean varieties used as parents to develop the populations, were used to test whether the isolates of *Phaeoisariopsis griseola* and *Collectotrichum lindemuthianum* were pathogenic. Five bean seeds of Amy, Julia, Menakelly, Morelli, Morgan, Paulista, Samantha, Var 2053, Teresa and Vernadon were planted each in six plastic pots containing sterile soils. Each variety was replicated three times per treatment. The pots were kept in green house at room temperature of $22 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ and watered regularly until the seeds germinated. The varieties were inoculated 15 days after germination when the primary leaves had spread. Inoculum was sprayed on the leaves until they were wet on both sides.

3.5 Field experimental sites

Field experiments were carried out over two seasons during 2009 to 2010 at KARI Thika research station and at an on farm site in Mwea Kirinyaga South district. KARI-Thika is located in co-ordinates $0^{\circ} 59'$ South and $37^{\circ} 04'$ East at an elevation of 1548 m above sea level. It experiences bimodal pattern of rainfall with an annual mean of 1000 mm. Long rains occur between March and May while short rains occur between October and December with a mean of 142 mm and 116 mm respectively. The mean annual maximum and minimum temperatures are 25.1 and 13.7°C respectively. The centre falls under agro ecological zone 3 (UM 3) (Mdegwa *et al.*, 2009). The soils are eutric nitisols, Acrisols, Gleysols, Cambisols, Histosols and Lithosols occupy the Centre's land. The soils are shallow to very deep with impeded drainage and are low in nitrogen and phosphorus (KARI, 1992).

Mwea division is 100 km northeast of Nairobi with an altitude of approximately 1200 m above sea level. The site has co-ordinates 37° 20' East and 0° 41' South and an elevation of about 1159 m above sea level. It experiences a bimodal pattern of rainfall with an annual mean of 1037 mm. Long rains occur between March and May while short rains are between October and December. The mean annual maximum and minimum temperatures are 27.8 °C and 16.6 °C respectively (Ndungu *et al.*, 2004). The centre falls under agro climatic zone four. The soils are very deep with impeded drainage and are rich in phosphorus, potassium, calcium and magnesium (KARI-Mwea, 2008).

3.6 Experimental design and trial management

The experiment was laid down as a randomized complete block design laid down as a split plot with three replicates. The field was divided into two such that one block was sprayed with fungicide and the other was unsprayed. Sprayed plots were treated with ®Thiovit 80 WG (thiophan-methyl) at rate of 80 grams/ 20 L of water and ®Ortiva (Azoxystrobin) at rate of 20 ml/20L of water alternately after every 10 days. The snap bean populations and advanced lines were sown in two rows each per replication. Plots were paired rows each measuring 3 m long and 50 cm apart. At Mwea location plots were ridged to facilitate furrow irrigation. The distance between plants was 15cm leading to a total of 40 plants for each genotype. A 2m long string or sticks was used to support the climbing genotypes. N.P.K (17.17.17) fertilizer was applied at a rate of 100kg/ha and evenly spread and thoroughly mixed with soil therein. The beans were then spaced and lightly covered with soil. The first hand weeding was done two weeks after emergence and the second one just before flowering. Insect pests were controlled by weekly application of ®Dimethoate (Deltamethrin) and ®Karate (Lambda cyhalothrin) alternately at a rate of 30 ml/20 L.

2.7 Disease assessment and data analysis

Disease assessment was initiated 15 days after inoculation and continued every two weeks until maturity. Assessment was based on 1-9 disease severity scale where plants with scores of 1-3 were rated as resistant, 4-6 as intermediate and 7-9 as susceptible (CIAT, 1987; Table 3.2). In each plot, five plants were randomly sampled and assessed by scoring three trifoliolate leaves starting from the base and thereafter recorded every two weeks until maturity. A mean score was calculated for each plant and used to determine the level of reaction to the pathogen.

Table 3.2. General scale used to evaluate the reaction of bean germplasm to fungal and bacterial pathogens (Van Schoonhoven and Pastor-Corrales, 1987).

Rating	Category	Description	Comments
1-3	Resistant	No visible symptom or light symptoms (2% of the leaf)	Germplasm useful as a parent or commercial variety.
4-6	Intermediate	Visible and conspicuous symptoms (2-5% of the leaf) resulting only in limited economic damage.	Germplasm can be used as commercial variety or source of resistance to disease.
7-9	Susceptible	Severe to very severe symptoms (10-25% of the leaf) causing yield losses or plant death.	Germplasm in most cases not useful as parent or commercial variety.

Data was combined over environments and cropping seasons. Quantitative data collected from experiments were subjected to normality test and analysis of variance (ANOVA) using the Duncan ANOVA procedure of Genstat (Lawes Agricultural Trust Rothamsted Experimental Station 2006, Version 9). Regression and phenotypic correlations analysis were also conducted among the yield and yield components in the ten parent lines. Difference among the treatment means were compared using the Fisher's protected LSD test at 5% probability level.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Pathogenicity of angular leafspot and anthracnose isolates on parent lines

All the snap bean varieties (Section 3.3.4) used for testing the pathogens developed significant ($P < 0.05$) disease symptoms of angular leafspot and anthracnose. Anthracnose disease symptoms first appeared on the underside of the leaves as small, angular, reddish to purplish-brown lesions that developed predominately along the veins. Older lesions become darker and extend to the upper surface. Pod lesions were sunken, circular and chocolate brown to black. Angular leafspot symptoms first appeared on leaves as brown spots with a silvery centre that was confined to tissue between major veins. By using a magnifying lens tiny dark tufts (conidia) protruding from the lesions were visible. As the disease developed the entire leaf became yellow before senescing. Lesions on the pods were circular and black but not as dry as those of anthracnose.

However, severity of infection varied significantly ($P < 0.05$) among the varieties (Table 3.3). Vernadon, Vernadon and Menakelly were the most resistant to angular leaf spot. Snap bean cultivars Vernadon and Morelli were the most susceptible to angular leafspot. Morgan and Menakelly were the most resistant to anthracnose, while the rest were resistant to angular leafspot. Vernadon was the most resistant to both diseases with a disease score of 3.5 for angular leaf spot and 1.5 for anthracnose.

Table 3.3. Angular leafspot and anthracnose severity scores on different snap bean cultivars inoculated *P. griseola* and *C. lindemuthianum*.

Variety	Angular leaf spot reaction	Anthracnose reaction
Julia	2.5	2.5
Menakelly	2.5	4.5
Vernadon	3.5	1.5
Morgan	4.5	5.5
Star 2053	4.5	1.5
Ammy	5.5	3.5
Amantha	5.5	3.5
Peresa	5.5	2.5
Morelli	6.0	3.0
Paulista	7.0	3.5
Mean	4.7	3.2
SD _{0.05} Variety	0.6	0.6
V%	7.7	0.8

SD= Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation.

4.2 Reaction of snap bean populations and lines to angular leaf spot

The results showed that genotypes, fungicide application, location and cropping seasons had significant effects ($P < 0.05$) on angular leafspot disease severity among the genotypes (Appendix 3-14). However, the effect of location was not significant for F₆ population, backcrosses populations and HAB snap bean lines. Angular leaf spot severity was high at Wea location and during long rain season. The two way interaction between genotypes, fungicide spraying, location and cropping seasons was significant (Appendix 3-14). Four way interaction effect of cropping season, location, fungicide application and genotype was only significant ($P < 0.05$) on F₄ and F_{4.5} snap bean populations (Appendices 3-14). Application of fungicide reduced mean disease severity across all populations and lines. Angular leafspot disease severity was higher during long rain season than short rain season.



Figure 2. Necrotic and chlorotic symptoms of angular leaf spot on leaves and pods



Figure 3. Anthracnose necrotic lesion observed on susceptible snap bean plants



Figure 4. Necrotic and chlorotic symptoms of rust observed on susceptible snap bean plants

When the F₄ genotypes were grown without fungicide application, progenies of SB-08-3-20 were more resistant (3.5) among others, while progenies of SB-08-3-18 were the least resistant (1.1) to angular leafspot. Progenies of SB-08-3-3, SB-08-3-1, SB-08-3-8, SB-08-3-11, and variety Julia were resistant (Table. 3.4). The rest of the genotypes had intermediate resistance. Among the F_{4.5} families SB-08-152-4 was the most resistant (1.5) while variety Amy alone showed intermediate reaction (5.3) to angular leaf spot. About 31 populations from F_{4.5} selections showed resistance while the rest had intermediate resistance to angular leaf spot (Table. 3.5). Among F₆ populations progenies of SB-08-5-18 were the most resistant (1.3), while progenies of SB-08-5-8 were the least resistant (4.7) to angular leaf spot. Progenies of SB-08-5-15 and SB-08-5-17 showed intermediate resistance while the rest were resistant to angular leaf spot (Table 3.6). Among the backcross populations, progenies of SB-08-303 were the most resistant (1.6). Variety Julia and all the backcross population showed resistance to angular leafspot. The rest of the genotypes showed intermediate resistance (Table 3.7).

Among the HAB snap bean lines only HAB 465 was had the highly intermediate reation (3.6) to angular leaf spot. HAB 501 was also resistant (3.9) to angular leaf spot. The rest of the genotypes showed intermediate resistance to angular leaf spot (Table 3.8). When KSB snap bean lines were grown without application of fungicides, KSB 4 was the most resistant (1.5), while KSB 10 BR and KSB 7 were the least resistant (2.8) to angular leafspot. All the KSB lines were resistant while the rest of the genotypes had intermediate resistance to angular leaf spot (Table 3.9). Among the climbing lines, HAV 133 was the most resistant (2.7) while HAV 134 showed the least resistance (3.4) to angular leaf spot than others. All the climbing lines had showed resistance to angular leaf spot (Table 3.10).

Table 3.4. Angular leaf spot severity scores of F₄ snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotypes	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	S R	LR		SR	LR	S R	LR	
SB-08-3-20	1.7	3.0	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.3	3.7	5.3	3.7	3.5
SB-08-3-3	1.0	3.3	1.0	5.3	3.1	2.7	5.0	2.7	6.0	3.7
SB-08-3-1	1.7	4.7	1.3	1.3	2.3	3.0	5.0	3.7	3.0	3.7
SB-08-3-8	1.7	4.0	1.3	5.7	3.2	3.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.8
SB-08-3-11	1.7	3.0	1.7	4.0	2.8	2.3	4.0	5.3	4.7	3.9
SB-08-3-9	1.0	5.0	1.7	3.0	2.7	1.7	4.0	5.3	5.0	4.0
SB-08-3-22	1.0	3.3	1.3	5.0	3.1	2.7	5.0	5.0	5.7	4.2
SB-08-3-5	2.0	1.0	1.0	5.7	2.4	2.3	5.3	3.0	6.3	4.3
SB-08-3-4	1.0	5.0	1.3	3.3	2.8	1.7	5.7	4.7	6.0	4.3
SB-08-3-13	1.3	5.0	1.3	2.3	2.8	1.7	5.7	3.7	6.3	4.3
SB-08-3-7	1.3	6.3	1.7	5.7	3.9	2.0	5.0	5.0	6.3	4.4
SB-08-3-6	1.7	5.7	1.7	5.7	3.7	2.0	3.7	5.0	7.0	4.4
SB-08-3-12	1.7	3.3	1.0	6.7	3.2	3.0	5.0	3.3	7.0	4.6
SB-08-3-19	2.0	4.3	1.7	1.7	2.4	2.7	4.3	5.3	6.0	4.6
SB-08-3-10	1.7	5.0	1.3	6.0	3.5	2.3	4.3	4.7	7.0	4.6
SB-08-3-2	1.7	5.7	1.3	6.7	3.8	3.0	6.3	3.7	5.7	4.7
SB-08-3-21	1.0	5.7	1.3	3.0	2.8	1.3	6.7	4.0	7.0	4.8
SB-08-3-14	1.7	5.0	1.7	5.3	3.8	3.3	6.3	6.0	5.7	4.9
SB-08-3-17	1.3	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.6	2.0	5.3	7.0	5.7	5.0
SB-08-3-15	2.0	5.0	1.7	5.0	3.6	2.7	7.0	4.3	7.0	5.1
SB-08-3-16	2.0	5.7	1.7	7.0	4.3	3.0	5.7	5.3	7.3	5.1
SB-08-3-18	1.7	4.0	1.3	7.7	3.7	1.3	6.7	4.7	7.7	5.1
Checks										
Julia	1.7	4.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.7	4.3	4.7	4.3	3.8
Vernadon	2.7	5.3	1.3	5.3	3.7	2.7	6.3	1.3	6.3	4.2
Menakelly	1.7	6.0	1.3	4.0	3.5	2.7	6.3	3.7	5.7	4.3
Morgan	1.3	5.0	1.3	7.7	3.8	1.3	4.7	3.3	8.0	4.3
Teresa	4.0	3.7	1.0	5.3	4.3	7.0	1.7	3.0	8.7	4.3
Paulista	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	4.0	6.3	1.0	6.3	4.4
Star 2053	1.0	5.3	1.0	3.0	2.6	2.0	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6
Morelli	3.7	2.7	1.3	3.3	2.8	4.7	3.3	3.7	7.0	4.7
Samantha	1.3	3.7	1.0	3.7	2.4	2.7	7.0	3.3	7.0	5.0
Amy	2.7	5.3	1.0	5.3	3.6	4.3	5.3	4.0	7.7	5.3
Mean	2.2	4.3	1.4	4.4	3.0	2.2	5.2	4.2	6.1	4.4
LSD _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.3	0.7	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.3	0.7
LSD _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.2	NS	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.2
LSD _{0.05} GXS	NS	1.6	NS	1.8	1.0	NS	1.6	NS	1.8	1.0
CV %	6.1	2.7	8.5	4.4	3.7	6.1	2.7	8.5	4.4	3.7

LSD= Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season= 0.3, Location= 0.1.

Table 3.5. Angular leaf spot severity scores of F_{4.5} snap bean families grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotypes	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
B-08-152-4	1.3	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.3	2.3	1.0	1.5
B-08-154-1	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.0	2.0
B-08-148-4	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.0	4.7	2.0	1.3	2.3
B-08-151-3	1.7	1.7	1.3	3.7	2.2	2.0	2.3	3.7	1.7	2.3
B-08-152-1	2.0	4.3	1.3	2.0	2.4	2.0	1.7	4.0	2.3	2.5
B-08-152-3	1.0	1.3	1.3	3.7	1.9	1.3	1.7	4.0	4.7	2.8
B-08-148-2	1.7	2.3	1.0	2.7	1.9	1.7	4.7	2.7	2.0	2.8
B-08-148-3	1.6	1.7	1.0	2.0	1.6	2.0	4.3	4.0	1.0	2.8
B-08-151-2	1.3	5.0	1.0	2.0	2.3	1.7	3.3	2.3	4.0	2.8
B-08-147-1	1.3	3.7	1.0	3.3	2.3	1.3	2.3	2.3	5.7	2.9
B-08-145-1	3.0	3.0	1.0	3.3	2.6	3.0	1.3	2.0	5.3	2.9
B-08-154-3	2.7	1.8	1.3	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.3	1.7	3.7	2.9
B-08-152-2	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.7	1.7	1.3	3.0	2.3	5.3	3.0
B-08-148-1	1.3	1.7	1.0	4.3	2.1	1.0	4.7	2.7	3.7	3.0
B-08-154-2	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.7	4.0	5.3	3.0
B-08-146-1	2.7	3.0	1.0	2.7	2.3	2.7	1.7	2.3	5.7	3.1
B-08-150-2	1.7	4.3	1.0	2.0	2.3	1.7	3.7	3.3	4.0	3.2
B-08-143-2	2.0	1.7	1.0	2.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.7	6.0	3.2
B-08-143-3	1.3	3.7	1.0	5.0	2.8	2.3	3.0	1.3	6.0	3.2
B-08-148-5	1.4	2.2	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.7	4.7	1.7	4.7	3.2
B-08-154-4	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.3	4.3	4.0	2.0	3.2
B-08-66-5	1.0	3.3	1.3	6.7	3.1	2.7	5.0	2.7	3.0	3.3
B-08-67-2	1.7	4.3	1.0	3.7	2.7	1.7	4.3	1.7	5.7	3.3
B-08-154-5	2.7	2.3	1.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	3.3	2.3	3.7	3.3
B-08-155-2	1.0	1.7	1.3	3.7	1.9	1.0	2.3	4.7	5.7	3.4
B-08-147-4	4.0	3.3	1.3	5.7	3.6	4.0	2.7	3.7	3.7	3.5
B-08-151-1	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.6	2.3	3.3	3.3	5.3	3.6
B-08-150-1	2.0	2.3	1.3	3.3	2.3	1.7	6.0	3.0	4.0	3.7
B-08-147-3	1.7	4.0	1.0	2.3	2.6	3.0	5.0	2.7	6.0	3.8
B-08-69-7	2.0	4.7	1.0	3.7	2.8	2.3	5.3	3.0	5.0	3.9
B-08-66-3	4.0	1.7	1.0	6.7	3.6	5.0	1.7	2.7	7.3	3.9
B-08-147-2	2.3	5.3	1.0	4.7	3.3	2.3	3.0	3.3	7.3	4.0
B-08-67-2	2.0	3.3	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	5.0	3.0	5.7	4.0
B-08-69-4	4.0	3.3	1.3	2.7	2.8	4.0	5.0	3.7	4.0	4.2
B-08-66-2	3.3	3.3	1.3	5.7	3.4	3.3	3.7	2.7	7.7	4.3
B-08-145-2	3.3	4.0	1.0	3.0	2.8	3.3	5.7	1.7	6.3	4.3
B-08-66-1	1.3	2.3	1.0	4.0	2.2	1.7	6.0	2.3	7.7	4.4
B-08-66-4	3.3	3.3	1.0	4.3	3.3	4.7	5.0	2.0	7.7	4.5
B-08-143-1	2.7	4.3	1.0	5.7	3.4	3.7	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.6

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Accessions	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
Alia	1.7	4.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.7	4.3	4.7	4.3	3.8
Bernadon	2.7	5.3	1.3	5.3	3.7	2.7	6.3	1.3	6.3	4.2
Benakelly	1.7	6.0	1.3	4.0	3.5	2.7	6.3	3.7	5.7	4.3
Borgan	1.3	5.0	1.3	7.7	3.8	1.3	4.7	3.3	8.0	4.3
Bresa	4.0	3.7	1.0	5.3	4.3	7.0	1.7	3.0	8.7	4.3
Bulista	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	4.0	6.3	1.0	6.3	4.4
Bur 2053	1.0	5.3	1.0	3.0	2.6	2.0	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6
Burrelli	3.7	2.7	1.3	3.3	2.8	4.7	3.3	3.7	7.0	4.7
Burmantha	1.3	3.7	1.0	3.7	2.4	2.7	7.0	3.3	7.0	5.0
Bury	2.7	5.3	1.0	5.3	3.6	4.3	5.3	4.0	7.7	5.3
Burman	2.2	3.1	1.1	3.4	2.5	2.4	3.8	2.9	5.0	3.5
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	2.1	1.1	1.2	0.9	7.0	2.1	1.1	1.2	0.9	7.0
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	0.4	0.9	0.6	2.0	NS	0.4	0.9	0.6	2.0
D _{0.05} GXS	NS	1.6	NS	1.3	1.0	NS	1.6	NS	1.3	1.0
CV %	6.7	0.7	12.1	1.9	3.6	6.7	0.7	12.1	1.9	3.6

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Location= 2, Season = 3.

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Table 3.6. Angular leaf spot severity scores of F₆ snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
SB-08-5-18	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.3
SB-08-5-12	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.0	1.8	1.0	1.3	1.3	3.7	1.8
SB-08-5-1	1.3	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	2.7	1.7	2.3	2.0
SB-08-5-2	1.3	1.5	1.0	3.3	1.8	1.3	2.5	1.0	3.0	2.0
SB-08-5-10	1.3	3.3	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.3	2.0	1.3	3.3	2.0
SB-08-5-3	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.0	1.8	1.0	2.0	1.3	3.7	2.0
SB-08-5-21	1.7	3.3	1.0	1.3	1.8	1.7	4.3	1.0	2.7	2.4
SB-08-3-22	1.3	2.4	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.3	3.0	1.3	4.0	2.4
SB-08-5-16	2.0	2.7	1.0	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.7	2.4
SB-08-5-20	1.3	3.7	1.0	4.0	2.5	1.3	3.0	1.7	4.3	2.6
SB-08-5-4	1.3	2.3	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.0	5.0	1.3	4.0	2.8
SB-08-5-5	1.3	5.0	1.3	3.0	2.7	1.3	4.3	3.3	3.7	3.2
SB-08-5-7	1.3	5.0	1.0	1.7	2.3	1.7	6.7	1.7	3.0	3.3
SB-08-5-6	1.3	5.3	1.0	4.0	2.9	1.3	4.3	1.7	6.7	3.5
SB-08-5-14	2.7	5.7	1.0	1.7	2.8	2.7	4.3	1.3	5.7	3.5
SB-08-5-13	1.0	3.3	1.0	1.7	1.8	1.0	7.0	1.3	5.0	3.6
SB-08-5-19	2.3	2.3	1.0	3.0	2.2	3.3	4.3	2.0	5.0	3.7
SB-08-5-9	1.3	2.7	1.0	2.3	1.8	1.3	5.3	2.7	5.7	3.8
SB-08-5-17	1.3	2.3	1.0	2.3	1.8	3.7	4.0	2.0	6.3	4.0
SB-08-5-15	3.3	5.3	1.0	4.7	3.6	3.0	5.7	2.3	7.3	4.6
SB-08-5-8	2.7	4.3	1.0	6.3	3.6	2.7	5.7	2.0	8.3	4.7
Checks										
Julia	2.0	4.0	1.3	1.0	2.1	1.7	4.3	3.7	4.3	3.5
Morgan	1.3	5.0	1.0	7.7	3.8	1.3	4.7	1.0	8.0	3.8
Vernadon	2.7	5.3	1.3	5.3	3.7	2.7	6.3	1.3	6.3	4.2
Menakelly	2.7	6.0	1.3	4.0	3.5	1.7	6.3	3.7	5.7	4.3
Star 2053	2.0	5.3	1.0	3.0	2.6	1.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	4.3
Ceresia	4.0	3.7	1.0	5.3	4.3	7.3	1.7	3.0	8.7	4.7
Morelli	4.7	2.7	1.3	3.3	3.0	5.7	3.3	3.3	7.0	4.8
Paulista	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	4.0	6.3	3.3	6.3	5.0
Amy	4.3	5.3	1.3	5.3	4.1	4.3	5.3	4.7	7.7	5.5
Samantha	1.3	3.7	1.0	3.7	2.4	2.7	7.0	5.3	7.0	5.5
Mean	2.0	3.6	1.1	2.9	2.4	2.2	4.2	2.2	5.1	3.5
SD _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.5
SD _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	NS	1.0	1.5	0.3	NS	NS	1.0	1.5	0.3
SD _{0.05} GXS	NS	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.8	NS	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.8
CV %	17.5	5.3	15.8	7.4	9.0	17.5	5.3	15.8	7.4	9.0

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season= 0.6.

Table 3.7. Angular leaf spot severity scores of backcross snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	S R	LR		SR	LR	S R	LR	
B-08-303	1.7	1.7	1.0	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.0	1.6
B-08-301	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.8
B-08-302	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0	4.0	2.0	1.3	2.1
B-08-306	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.2	2.3
B-08-308	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.7	1.3	2.0	5.3	2.0	2.0	2.8
B-08-305	1.7	3.0	1.0	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.0	4.0	3.7	2.8
B-08-304	1.0	1.7	1.0	2.0	1.4	1.0	3.3	2.0	5.0	2.8
B-08-307	1.3	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.7	5.3	2.0	5.7	3.7
Checks										
Alia	1.7	4.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.7	4.3	4.7	4.3	3.8
Bernadon	2.7	5.3	1.3	5.3	3.7	2.7	6.3	1.3	6.3	4.2
Benakelly	2.7	6.0	1.3	4.0	3.5	1.7	6.3	3.7	5.7	4.3
Borgan	1.3	5.0	1.3	7.7	3.8	1.3	4.7	3.3	8.0	4.3
Beresa	4.0	3.7	1.0	5.3	4.3	7.0	1.7	3.0	8.7	4.3
Bulista	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	4.0	6.3	1.0	6.3	4.4
Car 2053	1.0	5.3	1.0	3.0	2.6	2.0	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6
Corelli	3.7	2.7	1.3	3.3	2.8	4.7	3.3	3.7	7.0	4.7
Camantha	1.3	3.7	1.0	3.7	2.4	2.7	7.0	3.3	7.0	5.0
Comy	2.7	5.3	1.0	5.3	3.6	4.3	5.3	4.0	7.7	5.3
Mean	2.0	3.1	1.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	4.4	2.9	4.9	3.6
SD _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.2	0.7	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.2	0.7
SD _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.2	NS	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.2
SD _{0.05} GXS	NS	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.9	NS	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.9
CV %	23.8	4.1	14.1	4.1	8.6	23.8	4.1	14.1	4.1	8.6

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season = 0.7.

Figure 3.8. Angular leaf spot severity scores of HAB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
B 465	1.3	2.8	1.0	4.7	2.5	1.0	4.9	1.0	7.3	3.6
B 501	3.0	4.0	1.0	4.3	3.1	3.7	3.3	1.3	7.3	3.9
B 423	1.7	2.0	1.3	5.0	2.5	1.3	4.3	3.0	7.3	4.0
B 426	2.7	1.3	1.0	4.3	2.3	3.7	3.3	2.0	7.3	4.1
B 411	3.0	6.3	1.0	3.3	3.5	3.0	6.3	2.0	5.3	4.2
B 54	2.7	4.3	1.0	4.7	3.2	3.0	4.3	2.7	6.7	4.2
B 414	2.7	5.0	1.0	3.0	3.4	3.0	5.0	2.7	7.0	4.4
B 462	2.0	3.3	1.3	3.7	2.6	2.0	5.0	4.7	6.0	4.4
B 467	2.0	3.4	1.0	5.0	2.9	3.0	5.2	3.3	6.0	4.4
B 405	2.0	2.6	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.0	4.2	4.0	7.7	4.5
B 428	3.3	3.3	1.0	4.7	3.1	3.3	4.5	3.0	7.0	4.5
B 449 BR	2.3	5.3	1.3	5.0	3.5	2.7	4.3	4.0	7.0	4.5
B 401	3.3	2.3	1.0	5.7	3.1	3.3	5.7	1.3	8.0	4.6
B 442	3.3	3.0	1.3	4.7	3.1	3.3	4.6	4.7	5.7	4.6
B 420	2.3	5.0	1.0	4.0	3.1	2.7	6.7	2.3	7.0	4.7
B 173	2.7	5.0	1.3	5.7	3.7	2.3	6.3	2.7	7.7	4.8
B 229	3.7	5.2	1.0	3.3	3.3	3.7	5.6	2.3	7.7	4.8
B 240	2.3	5.3	1.7	3.3	3.2	1.7	5.7	4.3	7.7	4.8
B 406	2.0	2.7	1.0	5.0	3.2	4.0	5.7	4.0	7.7	4.8
B 419	3.3	3.3	1.3	5.0	3.3	3.3	5.7	3.7	6.3	4.8
B 425 BM	4.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	2.6	4.7	3.3	4.0	7.7	4.9
B 449 W	3.3	5.7	1.0	4.7	3.7	4.0	6.0	3.3	6.3	4.9
B 425 W	5.0	2.7	1.0	3.3	3.0	5.0	6.3	1.3	7.3	5.0
B 438	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.7	3.4	4.7	5.0	3.0	7.3	5.0
B 403	1.0	4.7	1.0	4.3	2.8	2.3	6.3	4.0	7.7	5.1
B 404	3.3	5.3	1.3	2.7	3.2	3.3	5.7	4.0	7.7	5.2
B 408	3.3	3.3	1.3	5.0	3.3	3.3	7.0	3.0	7.7	5.3
cks										
2053	1.7	4.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.7	4.3	2.0	4.3	3.1
akelly	1.0	5.3	1.0	3.0	2.6	2.0	5.0	2.0	6.0	3.8
gan	2.7	6.0	1.3	4.0	3.5	1.7	6.3	3.7	5.7	4.3
sa	1.3	5.0	1.3	7.7	3.8	1.3	4.7	3.3	8.0	4.3
sta	4.0	3.7	1.0	5.3	4.3	7.0	1.7	3.0	8.7	4.3
lli	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	4.0	6.3	1.0	6.3	4.4
adon	3.7	2.7	1.3	3.3	2.8	4.7	3.3	3.7	7.0	4.7
antha	2.7	5.3	1.3	5.3	3.7	2.7	6.3	3.3	6.3	4.7
	1.3	3.7	1.0	3.7	2.4	2.7	7.0	3.3	7.0	5.0
	2.7	5.3	1.0	5.3	3.6	4.3	5.3	4.0	7.7	5.3
	2.9	3.9	1.2	4.1	3.0	3.0	5.2	3.0	7.0	4.5
0.05 Genotype (G)	2.1	1.2	NS	1.0	0.7	2.1	1.2	NS	1.0	0.7
0.05 Spraying (S)	NS	0.4	1.3	1.4	0.3	NS	0.4	1.3	1.4	0.3
0.05 GXS	NS	1.7	NS	1.5	1.1	NS	1.7	NS	1.5	1.1
	19.3	1.1	17.0	6.3	8.1	19.3	1.1	17.0	6.3	8.1

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season = 10.7.

Figure 3.9. Angular leaf spot severity scores of KSB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
14	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.7	2.3	1.5
10 W	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.8
11	1.0	4.0	1.0	4.3	2.6	1.0	2.0	1.7	5.3	2.5
10 BR	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	1.3	5.7	2.8
7	1.7	1.7	1.0	3.7	2.0	1.7	1.7	2.0	5.7	2.8
3	2.0	3.3	1.3	1.0	1.9	2.0	3.0	3.7	4.3	3.3
1	1.7	4.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.7	4.3	4.7	4.3	3.8
Madon	2.7	5.3	1.3	5.3	3.7	2.7	6.3	1.3	6.3	4.2
akelly	1.7	6.0	1.3	4.0	3.5	2.7	6.3	3.7	5.7	4.3
gan	1.3	5.0	1.3	7.7	3.8	1.3	4.7	3.3	8.0	4.3
ista	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	4.0	6.3	1.0	6.3	4.4
2053	1.0	5.3	1.0	3.0	2.6	2.0	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6
sa	4.0	3.7	1.0	5.3	4.3	4.3	1.7	3.0	8.7	4.7
elli	4.7	2.7	1.3	3.3	3.0	5.7	3.3	3.7	7.0	4.9
antha	1.3	3.7	1.0	3.7	2.4	4.3	7.0	3.3	7.0	5.0
6	2.0	5.3	1.0	5.3	3.4	4.3	5.3	3.3	7.7	5.2
1	2.1	3.4	1.1	3.6	2.6	2.6	3.9	2.8	5.8	3.8
0.05 Genotype (G)	1.4	1.1	NS	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.1	NS	1.2	0.7
0.05 Spraying (S)	NS	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.2	NS	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.2
0.05 GXS	NS	1.6	NS	1.8	0.9	NS	1.6	NS	1.8	0.9
6	10.6	4.8	11.4	4.6	5.0	10.6	4.8	11.4	4.6	5.0

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season = 0.7, Location = 0.2

Table 3.10. Angular leaf spot severity scores of climbing snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotypes	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
AV 133	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.0	1.3	3.7	3.7	2.4
AV 135	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	2.5
AV 132	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.7	4.7	2.3	2.7
AV 130	1.0	1.0	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.0	1.0	4.0	5.7	2.9
AV 131	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.0	2.0	4.7	4.7	3.1
AV 134	1.0	1.3	1.3	2.0	1.4	1.0	4.7	4.0	4.0	3.4
Becks										
Alia	1.7	4.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.7	4.3	4.7	4.3	3.8
Bernadon	2.7	5.3	1.3	5.3	3.7	2.7	6.3	1.3	6.3	4.2
Benakelly	1.7	6.0	1.3	4.0	3.5	2.7	6.3	3.7	5.7	4.3
Borgan	1.3	5.0	1.3	7.7	3.8	1.3	4.7	3.3	8.0	4.3
Bulista	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	4.3	6.3	1.0	6.3	4.5
Car 2053	1.0	5.3	1.0	3.0	2.6	2.0	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6
Chresa	4.0	3.7	1.0	5.3	4.3	7.3	1.7	3.0	8.7	4.7
Corelli	2.7	2.7	1.3	3.3	2.5	5.7	3.3	3.7	7.0	4.9
Crantha	1.3	3.7	1.0	3.7	2.4	3.7	7.0	3.3	7.0	5.0
Crony	1.7	5.3	1.0	5.3	3.3	4.3	5.3	4.0	7.7	5.3
Mean	1.8	3.2	1.2	3.2	2.3	2.4	3.9	3.6	5.7	3.9
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.3	1.2	NS	1.2	0.6	1.3	1.2	NS	1.2	0.6
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	NS	1.7	1.5	0.4	NS	NS	1.7	1.5	0.4
D _{0.05} GXS	1.8	1.7	NS	1.8	0.9	1.8	1.7	NS	1.8	0.9
CV %	20.7	3.6	19.6	2.9	7.1	20.7	3.6	19.6	2.9	7.1

D= Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season = 1.1, Location = 0.2.

4.3 Reaction of snap bean population and advanced lines to anthracnose.

There were significant differences ($P < 0.05$) among genotypes resistance to anthracnose except F₄ populations and HAB snap bean lines. Significant effects ($P < 0.05$) of fungicide application and location were recorded for all populations. Generally the two way interaction between genotypes and location was significant for the populations except F₅ populations and B lines.

However, the interaction between genotypes and fungicide application was insignificant ($P < 0.05$) for most population except for climbing snap bean line (Appendices 3-14). The four way

Interaction between the above factors was only significant for climbing lines. This indicated that anthracnose disease severity varied between the cropping seasons, locations, fungicide application and among genotypes. Generally there was low anthracnose disease infection across environments and cropping seasons when compared to other two diseases.

When the F₄ populations were grown without application of fungicides, progenies of SB-08-3-7 were the most resistant (2.0) to anthracnose, while variety Star 2053 was more susceptible (4.5) among others (Table 3.12). Teresa and progenies of SB-08-3-19 showed intermediate resistance whereas the rest were resistant to anthracnose (Table 3.12). For F_{4.5} snap bean families, SB-08-66-1 was the most resistant (1.7), while SB-08-148-2 was the most susceptible (4.5). Except SB-08-69-7 that showed intermediate resistance the rest of the genotype showed resistance (Table 3.13). Among F₆ populations progenies of SB-08-5-6 were the most resistant (1.7). All the genotypes from this group showed resistance to anthracnose disease with SB-08-303 showing the least (3.5) when compared to the rest. Among backcross population progenies SB-08-303 were the most resistant (1.8) whereas SB-08-302 had the least resistance (4.3) when compared to the rest. Progenies of SB-08-307 showed intermediate resistance (4.0) and the rest of the genotypes were resistant (Table. 3.14).

	1.7	1.8	1.7	3.3	2.9
	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.7	2.7
	1.7	1.8	1.7	4.0	3.8
	1.7	1.8	2.0	3.7	3.8
	1.7	1.8	1.7	4.7	3.2
	1.8	1.3	1.3	6.0	3.7
	1.7	1.3	1.3	4.0	3.7
	1.8	1.3	3.0	4.7	3.8
	3.7	3.7	2.7	5.3	4.0
	1.8	3.3	3.3	6.7	4.5
	1.7	1.4	1.8	4.5	3.1
	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
	1.8	1.4	1.4	3.6	4.6

NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LSD

Table 3.11. Anthracnose severity scores of F₄ snap bean bulks grown at two locations and without fungicide application

Genotype	Sprayed			Unsprayed		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
B-08-3-7	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.0	3.0	2.0
B-08-3-3	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.3	3.3	2.3
B-08-3-4	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	3.0	2.3
B-08-3-20	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.3	2.5
B-08-3-14	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	3.7	2.7
B-08-3-8	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.7	2.7
B-08-3-16	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.0	3.3	2.7
B-08-3-22	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	4.0	2.7
B-08-3-12	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	4.7	3.0
B-08-3-1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	4.7	3.0
B-08-3-5	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
B-08-3-9	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.3	4.0	3.2
B-08-3-21	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	5.3	3.2
B-08-3-2	1.3	2.0	1.7	1.0	5.3	3.2
B-08-3-10	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.0	4.7	3.3
B-08-3-15	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.0	4.7	3.3
B-08-3-6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	5.0	3.3
B-08-3-13	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.3	5.3	3.3
B-08-3-17	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.3	3.3
B-08-3-11	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.7	6.0	3.8
B-08-3-18	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.7	6.0	3.8
B-08-3-19	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.7	5.3	4.0
Checks						
bernadon	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.3	2.5
orelli	2.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.7	2.7
ny	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.7	4.0	2.8
ulista	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.0	3.7	2.8
enakelly	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
lia	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	6.0	3.7
organ	1.7	1.3	1.5	3.3	4.0	3.7
mantha	2.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	4.7	3.8
eresa	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.7	5.3	4.0
ar 2053	1.0	1.3	1.2	2.3	6.7	4.5
ean	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.8	4.5	3.1
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	0.9	NS	NS	0.9	NS	NS
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	0.1	0.2	NS	0.1	0.2
D _{0.05} GXS	NS	NS	1.2	NS	NS	1.2
r %	5.4	3.6	4.6	5.4	3.6	4.6

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LSD Reason=0.3.

Table 3.12. Anthracnose severity scores of F_{4.5} snap bean families grown at two locations with and without fungicide application.

Genotypes	Sprayed			Unsprayed		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
-08-66-1	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.3	2.0	2.1
-08-151-2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.7	1.8
-08-152-4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.7	2.0
-08-66-5	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	2.7	2.0
-08-66-2	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.2
-08-151-1	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.3	3.3	2.3
-08-152-2	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	3.3	2.5
-08-152-3	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.0	3.0	2.5
-08-143-2	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.3	2.7	2.5
-08-154-2	2.7	1.3	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.5
-08-154-4	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	3.3	2.5
-08-155-2	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	3.3	2.5
-08-152-1	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.0	3.3	2.7
-08-69-7	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.0	3.3	2.7
-08-143-3	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.3	3.0	2.7
-08-66-3	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	3.3	2.7
-08-66-4	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.0	3.3	2.7
-08-151-3	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.3	4.0	2.7
-08-154-5	2.3	1.7	2.0	2.0	3.3	2.7
-08-147-3	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.7	4.0	2.8
-08-154-1	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.7	4.0	2.8
-08-150-1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	3.0
-08-150-2	2.3	1.7	2.3	2.7	3.3	3.0
-08-67-2	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.0	4.0	3.0
-08-148-1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.0	4.0	3.0
-08-148-5	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.0	4.0	3.0
-08-154-3	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.0	4.0	3.0
-08-147-1	1.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	4.7	3.2
-08-147-2	3.7	1.3	2.5	3.7	2.7	3.2
-08-146-1	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.0	4.3	3.2
-08-145-1	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	4.0	3.2
-08-147-4	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.0	4.7	3.3
-08-143-1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.0	4.7	3.3
-08-145-2	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.0	4.7	3.3
-08-67-2	2.7	2.0	2.3	2.7	4.0	3.3
-08-69-4	3.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	3.5
-08-148-4	1.7	2.7	2.2	1.3	5.7	3.5
-08-148-3	2.3	2.7	2.5	2.0	5.3	3.7
-08-69-7	3.7	2.0	2.8	4.0	4.0	4.0
-08-148-2	2.7	2.7	2.7	4.0	5.3	4.7

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Genotypes	Sprayed			Unsprayed		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
Adon	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.3	2.5
Ali	2.7	1.3	1.8	2.6	2.7	2.7
Alta	2.3	1.7	2.0	2.3	4.0	2.8
Alta	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.0	3.7	2.8
Kelly	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
Kelly	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.3	6.0	3.7
Man	1.7	1.3	1.5	3.3	4.0	3.7
Anth	2.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	4.7	3.8
Na	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.7	5.3	4.0
053	1.0	1.3	1.2	2.3	6.7	4.5
	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.1	3.9	3.0
Genotype (G)	1.0	NS	1.0	1.0	NS	1.0
Spraying (S)	NS	0.7	0.2	NS	0.7	0.2
GXS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
	9.3	16.9	13.2	9.3	16.9	13.2

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, Location= 0.6.

When HAB snap bean lines were grown without application of fungicides, HAB 420 was the most resistant (2.3) to anthracnose whereas HAB 462 was the least resistant when compared to the rest. All other HAB lines showed resistance to anthracnose (Table.3.15). For SBs snap bean lines, KSB 10 W was the most resistant (1.2) to anthracnose, while KSB 3 had intermediate resistance. The rest of the KSB lines were resistant to anthracnose (Table.3.17). When the climbing lines were grown without protection from fungicide, HAV 134 was the most resistant to anthracnose (1.7) while HAV 131, HAV 132 and HAV 133 showed the least resistance (1.8) when compared to the rest. The rest of the climbing lines were resistant to anthracnose (Table.3.18).

Table 3.13. Anthracnose severity scores of F₆ snap bean bulks grown at two locations with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed			Unsprayed		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
B-08-5-6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.2
B-08-5-20	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.3
B-08-5-12	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.8
B-08-5-10	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.3	1.3	1.8
B-08-5-17	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.0	1.8
B-08-5-5	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.3	2.0
B-08-5-2	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	3.0	2.0
B-08-5-9	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.3	1.7	2.0
B-08-3-22	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.3	2.0
B-08-5-16	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.3	1.7	2.0
B-08-5-4	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.3	2.0	2.2
B-08-5-8	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.3	3.0	2.2
B-08-5-19	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.2
B-08-5-14	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.7	2.3
B-08-5-21	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	3.3	2.5
B-08-5-13	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.3	2.7	2.5
B-08-5-15	3.0	1.3	2.2	3.0	2.3	2.7
B-08-5-7	2.3	1.3	1.8	3.0	2.3	2.7
B-08-5-18	3.7	2.0	2.8	1.7	4.0	2.8
B-08-5-3	3.0	1.7	2.3	3.0	3.3	3.2
B-08-5-1	4.0	1.3	2.7	4.3	2.7	3.5
Accessions						
Benakelly	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.7	2.2
Bernadon	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.3	2.5
Bilia	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	4.7	3.0
Borelli	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	4.0	3.3
Bulista	1.7	1.3	1.5	2.0	4.7	3.3
Borgan	1.7	1.0	1.3	3.7	3.7	3.7
Bony	3.0	1.3	2.2	1.7	6.0	3.8
Bmantha	2.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	4.7	3.8
Bresa	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.7	5.3	4.0
Bur 2053	1.0	1.3	1.2	2.3	6.7	4.5
Mean	2.1	1.3	1.7	2.1	3.1	2.6
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.0
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	0.7	0.3	NS	0.7	0.3
D _{0.05} GXS	NS	1.9	NS	NS	1.9	NS
CV %	15.0	8.5	11.5	15.0	8.5	11.5

D= Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level

Table 3.14. Anthracnose severity scores of backcross snap bean bulks grown at two locations with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed			Unsprayed		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
-08-303	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.7	2.0	1.8
-08-304	2.7	1.0	1.8	2.7	1.3	2.0
-08-301	2.7	1.0	1.8	2.7	2.0	2.3
-08-308	3.3	1.3	2.3	3.0	2.7	2.8
-08-305	3.7	1.0	2.3	4.7	1.0	2.8
-08-306	3.7	1.3	2.5	3.7	2.3	3.0
-08-307	3.0	2.0	2.5	4.0	4.0	4.0
-08-302	5.0	1.7	3.3	5.3	3.3	4.3
Accessions						
Arnadon	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.3	2.5
Borelli	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Conny	2.0	1.7	2.3	2.7	4.0	2.8
Julista	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.0	3.7	2.8
Kenakelly	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
Levia	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	6.0	3.7
Organ	1.7	1.3	1.5	3.3	4.0	3.7
Mantha	2.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	4.7	3.8
Resa	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.7	5.3	4.0
Ar 2053	1.0	1.3	1.2	2.3	6.7	4.5
Mean	2.5	1.3	1.9	2.8	3.5	3.2
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.6	1.4	1.0	1.6	1.4	1.0
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	0.2	0.2	NS	0.2	0.2
D _{0.05} GXS	NS	2.0	NS	NS	2.0	NS
CV %	4.7	4.0	2.0	4.7	4.0	2.0

D= Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level

Table 3.15. Anthracnose severity scores of HAB snap bean lines grown at two locations with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed			Unsprayed		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
AB 420	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3	3.3	2.3
AB 229	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	2.5
AB 414	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	4.0	2.5
AB 467	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	4.0	2.5
AB 173	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.0	4.7	2.8
AB 240	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	4.7	2.8
AB 406	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	4.7	2.8
AB 449 W	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.7	4.0	2.8
AB 403	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	4.7	3.0
AB 404	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.0	4.0	3.0
AB 411	1.7	1.3	1.5	2.0	4.0	3.0
AB 423	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.3	4.7	3.0
AB 438	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	4.0	3.0
AB 465	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	4.0	3.0
AB 401	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	4.7	3.2
AB 408	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
AB 425 W	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
AB 428	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.7	4.7	3.2
AB 442	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
AB 449 BR	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
AB 426	1.7	1.3	1.5	2.0	4.7	3.3
AB 501	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	4.7	3.3
AB 405	2.3	1.7	2.5	2.0	5.0	3.5
AB 425 BM	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.3	4.7	3.5
AB 419	2.7	1.3	2.0	2.7	4.7	3.7
AB 54	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.0	5.3	3.7
AB 462	3.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	6.0	4.5
Checks						
Corelli	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Conny	2.0	1.7	2.3	2.7	4.0	2.8
Calista	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.0	3.7	2.8
Arnadon	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.0	2.8
Alia	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.3	4.7	3.0
Benakelly	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
Borgan	1.7	1.3	1.5	3.3	4.0	3.7
Mantha	2.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	4.7	3.8
Presca	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.7	5.3	4.0
Ar 2053	1.0	1.3	1.2	2.3	4.7	4.5
Mean	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.8	4.4	3.2
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	0.9	NS	0.8	0.9	NS	0.8
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	0.3	0.3	NS	0.3	0.3
D _{0.05} GXS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
CV %	6.0	3.5	3.8	6.0	3.5	3.8

D= Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, D Location= 0.3

Table 3.16. Anthracnose severity scores of KSB snap bean lines grown at two locations with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed			Unsprayed		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
SB 10 W	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.2
SB 4	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.7	1.3
SB 7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.7	1.5
SB 10 BR	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.3	2.2
SB 11	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.3
SB 3	3.7	1.3	2.5	5.0	4.7	4.8
Checks						
bernadon	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.3	2.5
morelli	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
my	2.0	1.7	2.3	2.7	4.0	2.8
mulista	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.0	3.7	2.8
menakelly	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
organ	1.7	1.3	1.5	2.7	4.0	3.3
lia	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	6.0	3.7
amantha	2.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	4.7	3.8
eresa	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.7	5.3	4.0
ar 2053	1.0	1.3	1.2	2.3	6.7	4.5
ean	2.0	1.3	1.6	2.1	3.7	2.9
SD _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.2	1.6	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.0
SD _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	0.1	0.2	NS	0.1	0.2
SD _{0.05} GXS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
CV %	6.9	1.9	3.8	6.9	1.9	3.8

SD= Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level,
SD Location= 0.3

Table 3.17. Anthracnose severity scores of climbing snap bean lines grown at two locations with and without fungicide application.

Genotypes	Sprayed			Unsprayed		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
AV 134	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.3
AV 135	1.7	1.0	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.6
AV 130	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.3	1.7
AV 131	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.8
AV 132	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.8
AV 133	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.8
Checks						
bernadon	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.3	2.5
forelli	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
omy	2.3	1.7	2.3	1.7	4.0	2.8
aulista	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.0	3.7	2.8
enakelly	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.2
ilia	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.3	6.0	3.7
lorgan	1.7	1.3	1.5	3.3	4.0	3.7
amantha	2.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	4.7	3.8
eresa	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.7	5.3	4.0
ar 2053	1.0	1.3	1.2	2.3	6.7	4.5
Mean	1.9	1.2	1.6	2.1	3.4	2.7
SD _{0.05} Genotype (G)	NS	NS	0.9	NS	NS	0.9
SD _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	1.7	0.3	NS	1.7	0.3
SD _{0.05} GXS	NS	NS	1.3	NS	NS	1.3
CV %	5.6	4.2	3.1	5.6	4.2	3.1

NS= Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SD Location= 0.3.

4.4 Reaction of snap bean population and advanced lines to rust

Significant effect ($P < 0.05$) of genotype, fungicide application, location and cropping season were recorded for rust (*Uromyces appendiculatus*) severity score for all populations. Significant ($P < 0.05$) two and three way interaction effects between genotype, fungicide application, location and cropping seasons were also recorded for all populations. Four way interactions effect of the above factors were significant ($P < 0.05$) except for backcrosses population, HAB and climbing lines (Appendices 3-14). The presence these interactions indicated rust disease on snap bean varied between across genotype, fungicides, seasons and locations. Spraying of fungicides reduced the severity of rust. Rust severity was higher during short rain season than long rain season.

When F_4 populations were grown without application of fungicides, progenies of SB-08-3-1 were more resistant (2.6), while variety Julia was the most susceptible (7.8) to rust. SB-08-3-2, SB-08-3-3, SB-08-3-7, SB-08-3-20, and Star 2053 were resistant to rust. SB-08-3-4, Amy and Samantha were susceptible while the rest of the genotypes showed intermediate resistance to rust (Table 3.18). Among $F_{4.5}$ snap bean families SB-08-69-7 was the most resistant (1.8). Twenty seven populations from this group showed resistance to rust. All other genotypes showed intermediate resistance (Table 3.19). Among the F_6 populations progenies of SB-08-5-1 and SB-08-5-2 were the most resistant (1.3), whereas SB-08-5-20 and SB-08-5-17 showed intermediate resistance. All other genotypes showed resistant to rust (Table 3.20).

Table 3.18. Rust severity scores of F₄ snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
-08-3-1	2.0	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.5	2.0	1.3	4.7	2.3	2.6
-08-3-3	2.0	4.0	1.3	1.3	2.4	2.7	2.0	5.0	2.0	2.9
-08-3-12	3.7	2.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	3.7	3.0	4.7	1.3	3.2
-08-3-7	4.0	4.0	1.7	1.3	2.8	4.7	3.0	5.0	1.7	3.6
-08-3-20	4.0	5.0	1.3	2.7	3.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.9
-08-3-8	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.8	3.0	5.0	3.3	5.0	4.1
-08-3-6	2.7	6.0	1.3	2.3	3.1	5.7	2.0	5.0	3.7	4.1
-08-3-22	4.0	2.5	1.3	2.7	2.6	4.0	4.3	4.7	3.7	4.2
-08-3-19	5.7	1.0	1.7	1.7	2.5	3.7	3.7	6.0	3.7	4.3
-08-3-17	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	4.0	3.7	6.7	2.7	4.3
-08-3-21	5.3	3.7	2.0	5.7	4.2	6.0	1.0	6.0	6.0	4.8
-08-3-13	5.7	1.0	1.7	3.3	2.9	6.3	3.3	5.3	4.3	4.8
-08-3-5	4.7	4.3	1.7	3.3	3.5	4.7	5.3	6.0	4.0	5.0
-08-3-2	4.0	1.3	2.0	1.7	2.8	4.7	2.0	7.3	6.0	5.0
-08-3-9	6.0	4.3	2.0	3.3	3.9	6.0	5.3	6.7	3.7	5.4
-08-3-10	6.7	1.0	1.7	2.3	2.9	8.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	5.5
-08-3-15	6.3	1.0	1.7	3.7	3.2	7.7	4.0	5.3	5.3	5.6
-08-3-11	4.3	1.0	2.0	5.0	3.1	5.7	5.7	6.7	5.0	5.8
-08-3-18	6.3	3.7	2.0	3.0	3.8	6.3	7.0	6.0	4.0	5.8
-08-3-16	8.7	2.0	1.3	3.7	3.9	6.7	6.3	4.7	5.7	5.8
-08-3-4	7.7	6.0	1.7	3.0	4.6	7.7	4.7	6.0	5.7	6.0
-08-3-14	6.7	3.3	1.7	6.0	4.4	8.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	6.5
Accessions										
Ar 2053	1.0	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.0	6.0	1.7	2.8
Corelli	4.3	3.0	1.7	1.3	2.6	5.7	1.7	5.3	3.7	4.1
Denakelly	4.7	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.1	7.0	1.0	4.7	4.3	4.3
Presca	2.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	1.8	5.7	6.0	5.3	1.3	4.6
Uliasta	7.3	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.4	9.0	4.3	4.0	4.3	5.4
Armador	6.3	5.7	1.3	5.7	4.8	7.3	5.7	3.3	5.7	5.5
Organ	6.3	2.7	1.3	2.0	3.1	8.3	5.7	4.7	3.3	5.5
Any	8.3	3.7	2.0	4.7	4.7	9.0	1.7	6.0	7.7	6.1
Mantha	7.0	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.3	8.7	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.4
Alia	6.0	7.3	1.3	7.7	5.6	9.0	8.0	6.0	8.3	7.8
Mean	5.1	3.0	1.6	2.9	3.1	5.8	4.0	5.3	4.3	4.9
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	2.4	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.7	2.4	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.7
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.2
D _{0.05} GXS	NS	1.4	NS	1.3	1.1	NS	1.4	NS	1.3	1.1
CV %	7.7	4.8	9.1	5.2	1.2	7.7	4.8	9.1	5.2	1.2

D= Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season= 1.2, Location= 0.4.

3.19. Rust severity scores of F_{4.5} snap bean families grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Types	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	S R	LR		SR	LR	S R	LR	
8-69-7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	1.8
8-148-2	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.3	4.7	1.0	2.0
8-150-2	1.3	2.3	1.3	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.0	4.0	1.3	2.3
8-66-2	2.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.0	4.0	3.7	2.6
8-148-5	3.3	1.2	1.0	3.7	2.3	3.7	1.6	4.0	1.0	2.6
8-66-3	2.0	4.0	1.3	3.0	3.3	2.7	1.0	4.0	3.0	2.7
8-66-1	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.9	5.3	2.3	2.8
8-69-4	2.7	2.4	1.0	1.3	1.9	2.7	3.3	4.0	1.3	2.8
8-152-4	3.0	2.7	1.3	1.3	2.1	3.0	2.7	4.7	1.0	2.8
8-148-1	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	3.7	1.0	4.7	1.7	2.8
8-148-3	3.3	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.8	3.7	1.7	3.3	2.7	2.8
8-67-2	3.0	2.5	1.3	1.7	2.1	3.0	3.4	4.0	1.3	2.9
8-143-1	2.3	3.7	1.3	1.3	2.2	1.0	5.0	5.3	1.0	3.1
8-146-1	1.3	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.3	3.3	3.0	3.7	2.3	3.1
8-154-4	1.0	4.3	1.0	3.3	2.4	1.7	4.3	3.3	3.7	3.3
8-152-3	2.0	1.7	1.3	2.7	1.9	3.0	2.3	4.0	3.7	3.3
8-67-2	3.0	1.0	1.3	2.0	1.8	3.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	3.3
8-151-1	3.3	5.0	1.3	1.3	2.8	3.3	3.3	4.7	1.7	3.3
8-154-5	3.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.7	3.7	4.0	4.7	1.0	3.3
8-150-1	3.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	3.7	4.7	3.3	2.3	3.5
8-152-1	4.0	2.0	1.7	1.7	2.3	5.0	1.7	5.3	2.0	3.5
8-154-1	1.0	1.3	1.0	3.7	1.8	1.0	4.0	4.0	5.3	3.6
8-148-4	2.7	1.0	1.0	2.7	1.8	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.0	3.6
8-66-4	4.0	5.7	1.0	3.0	3.4	5.7	1.3	4.7	3.0	3.7
8-152-2	6.7	2.7	1.0	1.3	2.9	7.3	2.3	4.0	1.0	3.7
8-143-3	1.0	5.3	1.0	1.0	2.1	7.3	2.0	4.0	2.0	3.8
8-154-2	3.7	3.0	2.0	1.7	2.6	1.0	3.0	6.0	5.7	3.9
8-66-5	8.0	6.3	1.3	3.0	4.7	9.0	1.3	4.0	1.7	4.0
8-145-2	3.7	4.0	1.3	3.0	3.0	6.0	5.7	4.0	1.0	4.2
8-147-4	5.0	3.7	1.3	4.0	3.5	5.0	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.3
8-155-2	5.3	5.0	2.0	2.7	3.8	5.3	2.7	6.0	3.3	4.3
8-151-3	5.3	3.0	1.3	1.7	2.8	7.0	3.0	4.7	3.7	4.6
8-143-2	5.7	2.3	1.0	1.0	2.5	8.7	4.3	4.0	1.3	4.6
8-151-2	6.0	3.0	1.7	3.0	3.4	6.0	4.0	4.7	4.0	4.7
8-147-3	5.3	1.7	1.7	1.3	2.5	7.0	3.0	4.7	5.0	4.9
8-147-1	8.3	3.7	1.7	2.7	4.1	8.3	2.3	5.3	4.7	5.2
8-145-1	7.3	5.3	1.0	3.0	4.2	7.3	5.3	3.0	5.3	5.3
8-147-2	6.7	6.0	1.3	5.0	4.8	6.7	5.3	4.7	7.0	5.9

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	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
3	1.0	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.0	6.0	1.7	2.8
	4.3	3.0	1.7	1.3	2.6	5.7	1.7	5.3	3.7	4.1
lly	4.7	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.1	7.0	1.0	4.7	4.3	4.3
	2.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	1.8	5.7	6.0	5.3	1.3	4.6
	7.3	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.4	9.0	4.3	4.0	4.3	5.4
on	6.3	5.7	1.3	5.7	4.8	7.3	5.7	3.3	5.7	5.5
	6.3	2.7	1.3	2.0	3.1	8.3	5.7	4.7	3.3	5.5
	8.3	3.7	2.0	4.7	4.7	9.0	1.7	6.0	7.7	6.1
na	7.0	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.3	8.7	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.4
	6.0	7.3	1.3	7.7	5.6	9.0	8.0	6.0	8.3	7.8
	4.0	2.9	1.3	2.4	2.7	4.8	3.2	4.5	3.1	3.9
Genotype (G)	2.3	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	2.3	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7
Spraying (S)	0.2	NS	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.2	NS	0.4	0.6	0.1
GXS	NS	1.5	NS	1.1	1.0	NS	1.5	NS	1.1	1.0
	14.7	0.8	4.7	2.5	4.8	14.7	0.8	4.7	2.5	4.8

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season= 0.8.

Among the backcross snap bean populations progenies of SB-08-304 were the most resistant to rust. SB-08-307 showed intermediate resistance (4.4) to rust. All the other genotypes were resistant to rust (Table 3.22).

Among HAB snap bean lines were grown without fungicides application, HAB 438 was the most resistant (1.8), while HAB 406 was the least resistant (5.8) to rust. HAB 173, HAB 229, HAB 403, HAB 408 and HAB 465 showed intermediate resistance to rust (Table 3.23).

Among the KSB snap bean lines KSB 10 W was the most resistant (1.0), while KSB 7 was the least resistant (6.8) to rust. KSB 10 BR and KSB 3 were resistant while the rest had intermediate resistance to rust (Table 3.24). When the climbing lines were grown without application of fungicide HAV 130 was the most resistant (1.8) to rust whereas HAV 134 was the least resistant to rust (3.7). All the climbing lines showed resistance to rust (Table 3.25).

Table 3.20. Rust disease severity scores of F₆ snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	S R	LR		SR	LR	S R	LR	
B-08-5-6	1.7	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.3
B-08-5-21	1.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.4
B-08-5-7	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.8	1.0	2.7	1.7	1.6
B-08-5-10	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.0	2.3	2.0	1.6
B-08-5-16	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	3.3	1.0	1.6
B-08-5-4	1.7	4.3	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.7	1.3	2.3	1.0	1.6
B-08-5-13	2.3	3.3	1.0	1.0	1.9	2.3	1.0	2.3	1.3	1.8
B-08-5-19	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.7	1.9
B-08-5-5	2.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.7	3.3	1.3	1.7	2.0
B-08-5-12	2.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	2.7	1.0	2.7	2.0	2.1
B-08-5-14	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.2	2.3	2.3	3.3	1.0	2.3
B-08-5-3	1.7	3.3	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.7	2.3	3.3	3.7	2.8
B-08-5-18	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	4.3	2.0	3.3	2.8
B-08-5-15	2.3	2.0	1.3	1.0	1.7	2.3	2.3	4.7	1.7	2.8
B-08-5-2	3.0	2.5	1.0	2.0	2.1	3.0	2.8	3.3	2.0	2.8
B-08-5-9	1.3	2.3	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.0	2.7	6.7	2.9
B-08-3-22	5.7	2.6	1.0	1.7	2.7	5.0	4.5	2.7	1.0	3.3
B-08-5-1	3.7	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.8	6.7	1.0	4.0	2.0	3.4
B-08-5-8	1.3	6.3	1.7	5.3	3.7	1.3	1.0	5.3	6.3	3.5
B-08-5-17	1.7	7.3	1.0	1.7	2.9	2.0	5.3	4.0	6.3	4.4
B-08-5-20	4.7	4.3	1.0	5.3	3.8	7.3	6.7	2.7	7.0	5.9
Accessions										
Bar 2053	1.0	3.3	2.0	1.3	1.9	1.7	2.0	6.0	1.7	2.8
Corelli	4.3	3.0	1.3	1.3	2.5	5.7	1.7	4.7	3.7	3.9
Kenakelly	4.7	1.3	1.7	1.0	2.2	7.0	1.0	5.3	4.3	4.4
Mesa	2.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	1.8	5.7	6.0	5.3	1.3	4.6
Organ	6.3	2.7	1.0	2.0	3.0	8.3	5.7	4.0	3.3	5.3
Bernadon	6.3	5.7	1.3	5.7	4.8	7.3	5.7	3.3	5.7	5.5
Mulista	7.3	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.4	9.0	4.3	5.0	4.3	5.7
My	8.3	3.7	1.3	4.7	4.5	9.0	1.7	6.0	7.7	6.1
Mantha	7.0	2.7	1.3	2.7	3.4	8.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.7
Lia	6.0	7.3	1.3	7.7	5.6	9.0	8.0	4.7	8.3	7.5
Mean	3.2	2.9	1.2	2.1	2.3	4.0	2.8	3.6	3.3	3.4
SD _{0.05} Genotype (G)	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
SD _{0.05} Spraying (S)	0.5	NS	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.5	NS	1.0	0.7	0.2
SD _{0.05} GXS	NS	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.9	NS	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.9
CV %	10.5	0.6	11.5	1.6	5.0	10.5	0.6	11.5	1.6	5.0

SD=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Location = 0.3.

Table 3.21. Rust severity scores of backcross snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
08-304	1.7	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.7	1.0	3.3	1.0	1.8
08-301	1.7	2.3	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.3	4.0	1.0	2.0
08-306	2.0	3.3	1.0	1.0	1.8	2.0	2.7	2.7	1.3	2.2
08-302	3.3	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.7	3.0	3.3	3.3	1.0	2.7
08-305	4.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.3	4.7	2.0	1.3	2.8
08-303	5.0	2.7	1.0	1.7	2.6	5.0	2.7	4.0	1.7	3.3
08-308	5.7	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.7	7.3	3.0	2.7	1.3	3.6
08-307	6.3	4.3	1.0	3.3	3.8	8.7	1.0	4.0	4.0	4.4
Checks										
2053	1.0	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.0	6.0	1.7	2.8
elli	4.3	3.0	1.7	1.3	2.6	5.7	1.7	5.3	3.7	4.1
akelly	4.7	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.1	7.0	1.0	4.7	4.3	4.3
esa	2.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	1.8	5.7	6.0	5.3	1.3	4.6
lista	7.3	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.4	9.0	4.3	4.0	4.3	5.4
nadon	6.3	5.7	1.3	5.7	4.8	7.3	5.7	3.3	5.7	5.5
rgan	6.3	2.7	1.3	2.0	3.1	8.3	5.7	4.7	3.3	5.5
y	8.3	3.7	2.0	4.7	4.7	9.0	1.7	6.0	7.7	6.1
antha	7.0	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.3	8.7	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.4
a	6.0	7.3	1.3	7.7	5.6	9.0	8.0	6.0	8.3	7.8
an	4.6	3.1	1.2	2.3	2.8	5.8	3.4	4.2	3.3	4.2
0.05 Genotype (G)	2.5	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	2.5	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
0.05 Spraying (S)	NS	NS	0.2	NS	0.3	NS	NS	0.2	NS	0.3
0.05 GXS	NS	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	NS	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0
%	17.5	1.8	5.9	2.3	4.7	17.5	1.8	5.9	2.3	4.7

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Location = 0.9.

3.22. Rust severity scores of HAB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
438	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.0	3.3	1.3	1.8
462	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.0	4.7	1.3	2.2
454	2.3	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	1.0	4.0	1.7	2.3
4501	2.0	3.0	1.3	1.3	1.9	2.3	2.0	4.0	1.3	2.4
425 W	1.7	1.3	1.0	2.3	1.6	1.7	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.6
404	3.3	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.1	3.3	1.3	4.0	2.0	2.7
449 BR	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.3	2.7	1.0	5.3	1.7	2.7
449 W	2.7	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	2.3	4.0	2.3	2.8
405	2.0	3.4	1.0	1.7	2.0	3.0	3.8	4.0	1.7	3.1
442	3.0	2.4	1.3	1.3	2.0	3.0	3.6	4.7	1.7	3.2
423	3.7	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.8	4.7	2.0	4.0	2.3	3.3
425 BM	2.3	3.7	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.3	5.0	4.0	2.0	3.3
426	4.3	2.0	1.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.7	4.7	3.3	3.3
419	3.0	3.0	1.7	1.7	2.3	4.3	2.3	5.3	1.7	3.4
428	2.7	3.5	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.7	5.8	4.0	1.7	3.5
411	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.0	5.3	5.0	3.6
414	2.7	3.7	1.7	1.3	2.3	3.0	4.0	5.3	2.0	3.6
420	3.7	2.0	1.3	2.3	2.3	3.7	4.7	4.0	2.3	3.7
467	1.7	3.2	1.0	1.7	1.9	2.0	5.4	4.0	3.3	3.7
401	3.3	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.9	5.0	2.0	4.7	3.3	3.8
429	2.0	3.0	1.7	3.0	2.4	2.3	5.2	6.0	3.3	4.2
4240	2.7	3.0	1.3	1.3	2.1	8.0	4.0	4.3	2.0	4.6
465	6.7	2.8	2.0	1.0	3.1	6.0	5.7	6.0	1.0	4.7
408	4.3	3.3	1.3	1.7	2.7	5.0	5.7	3.7	5.7	5.0
403	4.3	2.0	1.3	4.0	2.9	8.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	5.3
4173	5.7	4.3	1.3	2.3	3.4	7.0	6.7	4.7	3.7	5.5
406	5.3	4.7	1.3	4.3	3.9	7.7	5.0	4.0	6.7	5.8
4053	1.0	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.0	6.0	1.7	2.8
4053	4.3	3.0	1.7	1.3	2.6	5.7	1.7	5.3	3.7	4.1
4053	4.7	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.1	7.0	1.0	4.7	4.3	4.3
4053	2.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	1.8	5.7	6.0	5.3	1.3	4.6
4053	7.3	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.4	9.0	4.3	4.0	4.3	5.4
4053	6.3	2.7	1.3	2.0	3.1	8.3	5.7	4.7	3.3	5.5
4053	8.3	3.7	2.0	4.7	4.7	9.0	1.7	6.0	7.7	6.1
4053	6.3	5.7	1.3	5.7	4.8	7.3	5.7	6.0	5.7	6.2
4053	7.0	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.3	8.7	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.4
4053	6.0	7.3	1.3	7.7	5.6	9.0	8.0	6.0	8.3	7.8
4053	3.7	2.8	1.4	2.1	2.5	4.6	3.7	4.6	3.2	4.0
0.05 Genotype (G)	2.1	1.0	NS	0.8	0.7	2.1	1.0	NS	0.8	0.7
0.05 Spraying (S)	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.2
0.05 GXS	NS	1.5	NS	1.2	1.0	NS	1.5	NS	1.2	1.0
0.05	4.8	6.2	0.3	1.8	3.7	4.8	6.2	0.3	1.8	3.7

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season = 0.1, Location = 0.2.

Table 3.23. Rust severity scores of KSB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
0 W	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
0 BR	2.3	1.0	1.3	6.3	2.8	2.7	4.3	2.3	1.0	2.6
3	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.0	2.0	6.3	2.8
1	8.3	5.7	2.0	1.7	4.4	8.3	3.0	7.7	5.7	6.2
4	4.3	4.3	1.3	1.0	2.8	9.0	9.0	3.7	3.7	6.3
7	8.7	8.7	2.0	5.7	6.3	8.7	8.7	8.3	1.7	6.8
053	1.0	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.0	6.0	1.7	2.8
lli	4.3	3.0	1.7	1.3	2.6	5.7	1.7	5.3	3.7	4.1
kelly	4.7	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.1	7.0	1.0	4.7	4.3	4.3
a	2.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	1.8	5.7	6.0	5.3	1.3	4.6
sta	7.3	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.4	9.0	4.3	4.0	4.3	5.4
an	6.3	2.7	1.3	2.0	3.1	8.3	5.7	4.7	3.3	5.5
adon	6.3	5.7	1.3	5.7	4.8	7.3	5.7	3.3	5.7	5.5
	8.3	3.7	2.0	4.7	4.7	9.0	1.7	6.0	7.7	6.1
ntha	7.0	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.3	8.7	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.4
	6.0	7.3	1.3	7.7	5.6	9.0	8.0	6.0	8.3	7.8
	5.0	3.5	1.4	3.0	3.2	6.4	4.3	4.7	4.1	4.9
05 Genotype (G)	2.2	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.7	2.2	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.7
05 Spraying (S)	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.3	0.2
05 GXS	NS	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.0	NS	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.0
	5.5	3.9	8.1	3.4	1.2	5.5	3.9	8.1	3.4	1.2

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season = 0.4, Location = 0.5.

Table 3.24. Rust severity scores of climbing snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotypes	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
CV 130	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.3	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.3	1.0	1.8
CV 131	5.7	4.3	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.7	3.7	1.3	1.3	3.0
CV 133	3.7	5.0	1.0	1.0	2.7	3.7	5.0	2.3	1.3	3.1
CV 132	4.8	5.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	5.7	1.3	1.7	3.4
CV 135	4.2	1.7	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.7	5.3	2.3	1.3	3.4
CV 134	5.0	4.3	1.0	1.0	2.9	5.0	5.3	2.7	1.7	3.7
Accessions										
CV 2053	1.0	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.0	6.0	1.7	2.8
CV 2054	5.0	3.0	1.7	1.3	2.8	5.7	1.7	5.3	3.7	4.1
CV 2055	4.7	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.1	7.0	1.0	4.7	4.3	4.3
CV 2056	2.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	1.8	7.3	6.0	5.3	1.3	5.0
CV 2057	7.3	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.4	9.0	4.3	4.0	4.3	5.4
CV 2058	6.3	2.7	1.3	2.0	3.1	8.3	5.7	4.7	3.3	5.5
CV 2059	6.3	5.7	1.3	5.7	4.8	7.3	5.7	3.3	5.7	5.5
CV 2060	8.3	3.7	2.0	4.7	4.7	9.0	1.7	6.0	7.7	6.1
CV 2061	7.0	2.7	1.0	2.7	3.3	8.7	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.4
CV 2062	6.0	7.3	1.3	7.7	5.6	9.0	8.0	6.0	8.3	7.8
CV 2063	5.0	3.6	1.3	2.3	3.0	6.2	4.3	3.9	3.4	4.5
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.6
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	NS	NS	1.5	0.3	NS	NS	NS	1.5	0.3
D _{0.05} GXS	NS	1.8	1.4	1.3	0.8	NS	1.8	1.4	1.3	0.8
CV %	11.1	7.3	5.5	4.0	4.6	11.1	7.3	5.5	4.0	4.6

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=Short rain season, LR=Long rain season, LSD Season = 0.5, Location = 0.6.

3.5 Single plants selected with multiple resistance to angular leafspot, anthracnose and rust among segregating populations

Different numbers of single plant resistant to angular leafspot, anthracnose and rust were selected at Mwea and Thika site (Table. 3.27). Majority of the selected single plants came from Mwea. The disease pressure for angular leafspot and rust in particular was consistently high at Mwea and Thika. The higher number of single plant were selected from populations SB-08-3-10 and SB-08-3-11 (7), while the least number of plants selected were from populations such as

8-148-2, SB-08-3-19 and SB-08-3-5 (1). Susceptible plants appeared in subsequent generation from the selected single plants.

Snap bean lines selected for multiple disease resistance

Among the checks, Julia was found to be resistant to angular leaf spot, and among the advanced lines only HAB 465, HAB 501, all KSB lines and all climbing lines were resistant to angular leaf spot. For anthracnose, except from Star 2053 and Teresa the rest of the parent lines were resistant to anthracnose. Among the advanced lines only HAB 465 and KSB 3 were susceptible to anthracnose. Star 2053, 18 advanced HAB lines, three KSB lines and six climbing lines showed resistance to rust. Although Julia was found to be resistant to angular leaf spot it was highly susceptible to rust, while Star 2053 was resistant to rust but susceptible to anthracnose. Apart from HAV 130, the rest of the climbing lines were susceptible to rust at Thika. The lines showing multiple disease resistance to the three diseases are listed in the table 3.26 below.



Figure 5. Loss of snap bean plants due to angular leaf spot on a susceptible snap bean line

Figure 3.25. Number of single plants per population selected that possessed multiple disease resistance

Population	Short rain season		Long rain season		Total
	Mwea	Thika	Mwea	Thika	
Populations	77	22	88	33	220
Families	10	42	129	52	233
Populations	27	13	84	45	169
Crosses	8	3	25	16	52
Total	122	80	326	146	674

Figure 3.26. Angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust scores for snap bean lines selected for multiple disease resistance grown with and without fungicide application at two locations.

Genotype	Anthracnose		Angular leaf spot		Rust	
	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed
B10 BR	1.5	2.2	2.0	2.8	2.8	2.6
B10 W	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.8	1.0	1.0
B501	1.7	3.3	3.1	3.9	1.9	2.4
V130	1.5	1.7	1.3	2.9	1.6	1.8
V131	1.5	1.8	1.4	3.1	3.0	3.0
V132	1.5	1.8	1.3	2.7	3.0	3.4
V133	1.5	1.8	1.4	2.4	2.7	3.1
V134	1.3	1.3	1.4	3.4	2.9	3.7
V135	1.4	1.6	1.3	2.5	2.0	3.4

Discussion

Pathogenicity of anthracnose and angular leafspot pathogens on snap bean varieties

The parent lines showed symptoms of angular leaf spot and anthracnose. Both pathogens *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* and *Ascochyta blight* were capable of infecting the plants and causing disease. However, the varieties showed variation in their level of resistance and susceptibility. The results obtained in the field evaluations were comparable to these greenhouse results. However, the level of angular leaf spot severity was higher in the field at both locations due to the influence of environment. This was attributed to genotype and environment interaction (Ceccarelli and Grando, 2007). Julia, Vernadon and Menakelly were resistant to

lar leaf spot in greenhouse. During field evaluation only Julia was resistant to angular leaf spot while Morgan and Menakelly had intermediate resistance. This was attributed to pathogenicity variation and influence of environment. Pascal *et al* (2010) reported resistance break down of previously known resistant bean line to bean stem maggot as a result of drought stress and heat stress in the field. Similar results were reported by Netzahualcoyotl *et al* (2002) who found that damage caused by charcoal rot was related to drought stress in beans.

Level of anthracnose severity was higher in the greenhouse than in the field evaluation. Menakelly and Morgan showed intermediate resistance while the rest of the varieties were resistant in the greenhouse. This suggests the ideal screening conditions for anthracnose was in the greenhouse probably due to the cooler conditions in at Kabete. Therefore, the *Phaeoisariopsis zeicola* and *Collectotrichum lindemuthianum* isolates were capable of infecting and causing anthracnose symptom on the test parental varieties.

2 Angular leafspot resistance on snap bean populations and lines

Angular leaf spot disease pressure was high at Mwea location and during long rain season. This was due to high temperatures at Mwea location and high humidity during long rains. Results showed that the parent varieties had intermediate resistance except Julia which was resistant to angular leaf spot. Similar results were obtained by Mahuku *et al* (2009) who reported *P. zeicola* pathogen as highly variable pathogen and therefore necessitates constant identification and characterization. He identified genotype G5686 of Andean origin resistant to some genotypes of angular leaf spot. Variation in pathogenicity was also reported by Vidigal *et al* (2007) who identified resistant landraces of common bean to anthracnose.

angular leaf spot severity varied among the segregating populations. Resistant populations like SB-08-3-3, SB-08-154-1 SB-08-5-2 were obtained. Continuous selection of resistant single plants after every generation was done due to appearance of susceptible genotypes as observed by Mondoni *et al* (2010). Based on the mean disease severity scores across the environments, a number of genotypes showed high levels of resistance to angular leaf spot. This included selected single plants from populations like SB-08-3-3, SB-08-5-12, SB-08-5-13 and SB-08-5-14. Bush lines with high levels of resistance included KSB 10 BR, KSB 10 W, KSB 11, KSB 3, KSB 4, and KSB 7. Climbing lines with high levels of resistance angular leaf spot included HAV 130, HAV 131, HAV 132, HAV 133 HAV 134 and HAV 135. However, only KSB 10 BR, KSB 10W, KSB 3, KSB 4, HAV130 and HAV 133 showed angular leaf spot resistance across cropping seasons and locations. Populations developed from L227 with *phg* genes for resistance to angular leaf spot were among those that showed high levels of resistance. Use of these resistant lines to angular leaf spot to develop resistant varieties would provide the simplest and most practical method of controlling the disease (Michael and Celetti, 2005).

3 Anthracnose resistance on snap bean populations and lines

During long rain season anthracnose failed to develop despite inoculating the plants in the field, probably due to unfavourable weather. Monda *et al.*, 2003 reported that farmers experience a high infection of anthracnose as a result of using farm saved seeds with no treatment. Results of this study showed variation existed among the genotypes in their resistance to anthracnose. Varieties Morgan, Paulista, Star 2053, Teresa and Menakelly had intermediate resistant to anthracnose while the rest of the parents were resistant in both field and greenhouse evaluation. Single plants were selected from segregating populations like SB-08-3-5, SB-08-5-2 and SB-08-5-7 that showed high levels of resistance to anthracnose. These were populations developed from G2333, with *Co* genes for resistance to anthracnose that showed high resistance to

anthracnose as it was reported by Kelly and Vallejo, (2004). This indicates the usefulness of these genes to races of anthracnose found in Central Kenya.

Among the advanced bush lines only HAB 462 showed intermediate resistance while the rest were susceptible. However, only HAB 420 and KSB 3 showed high level of resistance across all growing seasons and locations. All climbing lines showed resistance to anthracnose across all growing seasons and locations. Prevalence and severity of anthracnose depend on location and growing seasons. Opio *et al* (2003) reported K20 and K131 common bean varieties with low resistance to seedling anthracnose transmission, and the disease was high in infected seeds although low seedling infection occurred in the field. Use of desirable resistant varieties was recommended as the best way of reducing losses associated with anthracnose which were about 30-45% on susceptible cultivars (Nkalubo *et al.*, 2007). Mohamed and Somsiri, (2007) also found that prevalence and severity of anthracnose were significantly influenced by primary seed infection. They also found that survival of anthracnose pathogen is greater in infected seeds than in uninfected soils. This suggests that anthracnose is highly transmitted by seeds but infection from external sources is generally low.

4 Resistance of snap bean population and lines to rust disease

Rust disease pressure was very high throughout the evaluation period especially during short rain season. These results agree with those of Ndegwa *et al* (2009) who evaluated eight varieties of snap bean and found that a higher rust severity was recorded during short rain season. Alzate-marin *et al* (2004) reported that sporulation of rust is increased when plants were exposed to high humidity. Use of sprinkle irrigation at Thika location increased the severity of rust as reported by Monda *et al* (2003), who observed rust was the major foliar disease especially where sprinkle irrigation was practised. Among the parent varieties Star 2053 was

resistant to rust. Therefore resistance to rust can be obtained within snap bean germplasm. Similar results were obtained by Ndegwa *et al* (2007) who reported snap bean lines R-1515, R-5 and Kutuleless-J12 were resistant to rust. Wasonga *et al* (2010) reported Teresa with *Ur-5* gene which is effective against race 47 and many other races of rust found in eastern Africa. Appearance of rust symptoms on Teresa during pathogenicity test conducted at Kabete, and during field evaluations at Thika and Mwea locations implies this resistant gene has intermediate reaction against races of rust prevalent at these locations. Markell *et al* (2009) and Pastor-corrales *et al* (2010) found similar results where resistant genotype broke down their resistance due to appearance of new races of rust. Single plants with high levels of resistance to rust were selected from segregating population such as SB-08-3-20, SB-08-3-8, SB-08-5-19 and SB-08-3-1. These populations were developed from Belgrade, BelDakMi and BelMiNeb with *Ur* genes. This suggests that these genes of resistance were effective against rust races found in the locations of study. However selection of single plants showing resistance continued as new susceptible plants emerged in the following generation due to further segregation of rust genes. Twenty one advanced bush snap bean lines and climbing line HAV 130 were resistant to rust. However, it was noted that most climbing lines had intermediate resistance to rust at Thika but showed rust resistance at Mwea location for both cropping seasons suggesting pathogenic variation between the two locations. This could also have resulted from high rust disease pressure at Thika than in Mwea. Wasonga *et al* (2010) reported that high virulence diversity of the bean rust lead to break down of resistance of bean cultivars, which were resistant in one location or year to be susceptible in another. The development of resistant snap bean lines to rust with several genes of resistance is important since they can be used in a breeding program to develop varieties resistant to many races of rust as it was noted by Grafton and Singh, (2000).

5 Multiple disease resistance on bush and climbing snap bean lines.

Higher disease severity was obtained during long rain season for angular leaf spot and short season for anthracnose and rust. Also high disease severity was obtained at Thika location compared to Mwea location. This could be due to less rainfall experienced during the short season and high humidity at Thika. Similar results were obtained by Netzahualcoyotl *et al* (2012) and Pascal *et al* (2010) who found that damage caused by charcoal rot and bean fly was aggravated by drought stress in beans. A number of genotypes among those evaluated appeared to possess multiple disease resistance (Table 4.73). Six hundred and seventy four single plants were selected with multiple disease resistance in early generations from populations like SB-08-5-18, SB-08-5-12 and SB-08-5-10. This was attributed to the fact that variation in resistance to the diseases existed among the population which resulted from the presence of resistance in the parent lines used to develop these populations (Markell *et al.*, 2009) and Gallo-Corrales *et al* (2010).

The need of combining other agronomic and market attributes such as plant vigour, acceptable maturity, yield and pod characteristic reduced the number of families selected. Similar challenge was reported by Musoni *et al* (2010) when selecting for multiple disease resistance, high yield potential and marketable grain types in common bean. In this study KSB 10 BR, KSB 10 W, and HAV 130 had multiple disease resistance across locations and cropping seasons. The resistance in these lines reduced mean disease severity by 17%, 16% and 36%, for angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust respectively when compared to the commercial bush varieties. Usually farmer's crops are exposed to various diseases that contribute to yield loss, and a well adapted genotype with multiple disease resistance would reduce crop losses and cost of fungicide to farmers as reported by Pascal *et al* (2010) and Nkalubo *et al* (2007).

CHAPTER FOUR

QUALITY, YIELD AND POD CHARACTERISTICS OF SNAP BEAN POPULATIONS AND LINES WITH MULTIPLE DISEASE RESISTANCE

Abstract

Though snap beans are an important source of income for smallholder farmers in eastern Kenya, yields are low compared to other regions of the world. Snap bean varieties with high yields of extra fine, fine pods are preferred to avoid heavy postharvest losses and reduced market appeal. The objective of this study was to select snap bean populations and lines with multiple disease resistance and high pod quality and yield. Fifty snap bean populations, thirty snap bean families and thirty three snap bean lines including bush and climbing lines were evaluated. The experiment was carried out at KARI-Thika and Mwea for two seasons. Data collected included number of days to flowering and maturity, pod length and width, number of pods per plant, marketable pod yield, pod quality (extra fine, fine and bobby) and seed yield. There were significant differences among the genotypes with respect to marketable pod yield, pod quality and seed yield. HAB 428 had the highest pod yield of 8528.2 kg ha⁻¹ when the genotypes were grown without application of fungicides. Single plants were selected for having desirable pod characteristics as well as resistance to foliar fungal disease. Snap bean line KSB 100R with multiple disease resistance had the high extra fine pod yield of 2000.0 kg ha⁻¹. All climbing snap bean lines had thicker pods of 11 mm when harvested at regular intervals compared to bush lines which are not preferred by consumers. Some of the advanced lines with multiple disease resistance could not meet the yield and quality of bush commercial varieties. Therefore, there is need for continued development of snap bean lines with multiple disease resistance and high yield of acceptable quality.

Introduction

Snap bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) is a major vegetable export crop in Kenya and ranks second in terms of foreign exchange earnings generated from the dynamic horticultural sector. From 2004 to 2010, Kenya exported an average 19,000 metric tonnes of snap bean with a value of more than Ksh 26.2 billion in total (HCDA, 2011). Almost 100,000 farmers make an income from French beans and another 500,000 derive income directly from the production of snap beans. Production is mainly by small to medium scale farmers. Low yields of snap bean are realised in Kenya of 6 to 8 tons ha⁻¹. However, high yields ranging from 15 to 20 tons ha⁻¹ have been achieved in developing countries in South America and south East Asia through use of well adapted variety and proper management (Ndegwa *et al.*, 2009). The production of snap bean creates on-farm employment opportunities for the rural community, especially youth and women. Snap bean farmers face several constraints such as pests, diseases, stringent market requirements and inadequate extension services (Wesonga *et al.*, 2010).

Varieties commonly grown in developing countries are introductions from temperate countries and these varieties may not be well adapted to tropical environments (Ndegwa *et al.*, 2009). Commercial bush snap bean varieties currently grown locally have been observed to flower in a single flush, have a concentrated pod set, short harvest duration of 3-4 weeks with yields ranging between 6 and 8 tons ha⁻¹ (Ndegwa and Muchui, 2001). Climbing types which are not common in this region are generally more productive and have a longer harvesting period. Therefore climbing types could be expected to be of particular interest to smallholder farmers aiming to intensify returns to use of family labour. However, suitable varieties for eastern Africa are yet to be developed. The objective of this study was to evaluate snap bean genotypes and advanced lines and select for multiple disease resistance, pod quality and pod yield.

Materials and Methods

Plant materials

Snap bean populations developed were from BelDakMi, L227, Beltigrade RR2, Awash 1, BelMiNeb and Roba-1 line with genes for resistance to rust *Ur-4*, *Ur-5*, *Ur-6*, and *Ur-11*, and BelMiNeb 3 with genes for resistance to anthracnose *Co-4*, *Co4²*, *Co-5* and *Co-6*. These lines were crossed with nine susceptible commercial varieties namely Amy, Paulista, Morelli, Morgan, Foscelly, Teresa, Vernandon, Kutuleless and Alexandria. Fifty F₁ populations were developed and advanced to F₄, F₅ and F₆ generations by bulk population method. Evaluation of single plant selections were done on these populations at F₄, F₅ and F₆ generation. Other materials evaluated were thirty three bush and six climbing snap bean lines. The characteristics of the plant materials used are presented in Table 3.1.

Generation of climbing snap bean population

Parents used to develop these populations were six climbing lines introduced from CIAT. Four snap bean lines with genes for resistance to rust namely BelMiDak RR4, BelMiDak RR8, BelMiNeb 1 and BelMiNeb 4, and six commercial varieties, namely Morelli, Samantha, Morgan, Paulista, Teresa and Amy. The climbing snap bean lines were used as the female parent in all the crosses. Commercial varieties were selected for their good pod characteristics, and bush types for their climbing growth habit. BelMiDak RR4, BelMiDak RR8, BelMiNeb 1 and BelMiNeb 4 were selected for having genes for resistance to rust.

Hand emasculation and pollination was done at the same time, during early morning hours (mostly before 11.00am) to avoid afternoon heat which would cause rapid dessication of the freshly emascinated stigma (Rainey and Griffiths, 2005). Buds which were plump, showing the flower colour and would open the following day were chosen as the female parent. Using a fine tipped

the standard petal was opened by inserting the point of forceps into the suture and pulling from side to side. The wings were carefully removed to expose the coiled keel. A small incision was made near the base of the keel with the tip of the forceps and the upper half of the keel was grasped and carefully peeled up and back to expose the anther and stigma. All the ten stamens were carefully removed together with the other half of the keel so as not to rupture the anther sacs. Immediately after emasculation pollination was done using a slight modification of the hooking method to prevent male stigma from dropping off. Flowers used as source pollen were those that were freshly opened that morning. After hooking, the standard petal was carefully closed, and the female stigma hooked on the stamens. At least five crosses were made per plant. After pollination, a tag labelled with the pedigree of the cross was tied loosely on the flower stalk. All non-pollinated flowers and selfed pods were removed regularly to avoid competition between outcrossed and selfed pods. At maturity the pods were harvested together with their identification tag and kept in separate paper bags. They were sun dried, hand threshed and kept in separate labelled envelopes.

Field trial sites, experiment design and trial management

The field experiments were conducted over two seasons at two sites, KARI-Thika and KARI-Mwea. The experiments were laid down as a split plot with three replicates. Fungicide application comprised the main plots while genotypes were the sub plots.

4 Determination of growth vigour and maturity

Data collected from the field experiment were growth vigour, days to flowering and days to maturity. Evaluation of growth vigour was carried out when plants reached their maximum vegetative development which is stage R5, taking into account the effect of the growth habit of the plant. The plants were sampled and rated on a scale of 1 to 9, where 1=Excellent, 3=Good,

mediate, 7=poor, 9=very poor (van Schoonhoven and Pastor-Corrales, 1987). Duration of flowering was recorded as the number of days after planting to the date when 50% of plants had 5 or more flowers. Duration to maturity was measured as the number of days after planting to the date when 50% of the plants had reached physiological maturity (Van Schoonhoven and Pastor-Corrales, 1987).

Determination of pod quality and yield

At pod maturity, thirty plants per plot were randomly selected and harvested 3 times per week at one day interval for 8 weeks. The pods were graded into three standard categories based on their pod diameter and length as extra fine (6 mm), fine (6-8mm) and bobby (>8 mm) and length of the pods above 10 cm (HCDA, 2009). Weight for each grade category was recorded at each harvest, and the cumulative total weight obtained at the end of the harvest was used. The pod yield was averaged to give pod yield per plant which was then multiplied by the number of plants in one hectare to obtain pod yield per hectare. The number of pods per plant was estimated by taking an average of total number of pods from five randomly selected plants per plot at maturity. After grading five pod samples of extra fine, fine and bobby grade were randomly selected at the second harvest for assessment of pod characteristics like colour, pod length (cm) and pod diameter (mm). Pod width and length were determined by measuring with a special ruler (Royal Sluis) with holes of 6 mm, 8 mm and 12 mm diameters for extra fine, fine and bobby pods respectively. The pods from unharvested plants were allowed to mature, dried and threshed. The seed weight was extrapolated to obtain seed yield per hectare. Linear additive model used for the split plot is as follows

$$Y_{ijk} = \mu + P_i + \alpha_j + (P\alpha)_{ij} + \beta_k + (p\beta)_{ik} + (\alpha\beta)_{ijk} + (P\alpha\beta)_{ijk} + \epsilon_{ijk}$$
 where P_i = block effect, α_j = growing effect, β_k = genotype effect, ϵ_{ijk} = error, i, j and k represent level factor.

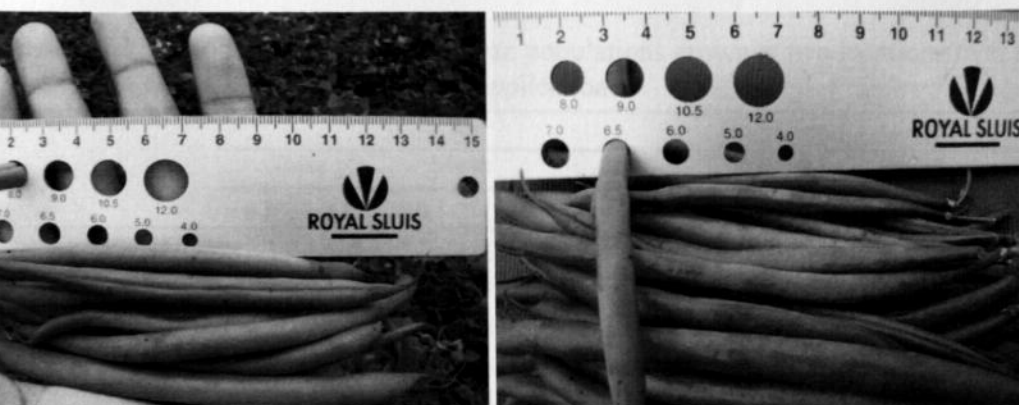


Figure 6. Ruler used for measuring pod length and pod diameter of snap bean pods

Results

Growth vigour of snap bean populations and lines.

There was a significant effect ($P < 0.05$) of genotype, fungicide application, location for growth vigour in the populations and lines, except F_4 that showed no significant differences among genotype for growth vigour (Appendices 3-14). Significant effect ($P < 0.05$) of cropping season was recorded only in the F_4 , F_6 and $F_{4.5}$ populations for growth vigour. The two way interaction between genotypes and fungicide spraying was significant for the populations and lines except F_4 and $F_{4.5}$ populations. The rest of the two way interactions including location and cropping season were significant for all populations and lines. The three way interactions were significant ($P < 0.05$) in all the populations and lines but the four way interaction effect was significant in only F_4 populations, HAB and KSB lines for growth vigour (Appendices 3-14). Application of fungicide resulted in significant increase in growth vigour across all populations and lines.

4.1. Growth vigour scores of F₄ snap bean populations grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
08-3-11	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.7	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.3
08-3-10	3.7	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.9	3.7	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.6
08-3-21	3.7	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.2	4.0	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.7
08-3-5	3.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.8	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.8
08-3-4	3.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.7	3.3	2.3	3.3	2.3	2.8
08-3-1	3.3	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.9	2.3	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.1
08-3-19	2.3	1.3	3.0	1.3	2.0	2.7	3.7	2.7	3.7	3.2
08-3-2	3.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.8	3.7	3.7	2.0	3.7	3.3
08-3-6	2.7	1.3	2.3	1.3	1.9	3.3	3.7	3.0	3.7	3.4
08-3-12	2.3	1.3	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.5
08-3-9	2.7	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.6	2.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.6
08-3-18	3.0	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.7	3.3	4.7	2.7	4.7	3.6
08-3-3	4.0	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.3	4.3	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.7
08-3-16	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.6	3.3	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.7
08-3-14	4.3	1.0	2.7	1.0	2.3	4.5	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.8
08-3-22	3.3	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.9	3.3	4.3	3.3	4.3	3.8
08-3-7	4.3	1.0	2.7	1.0	2.3	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
08-3-8	2.3	2.7	2.3	2.7	2.5	2.5	6.0	2.7	6.0	4.2
08-3-13	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	2.4	3.3	5.7	3.3	5.7	4.5
08-3-15	3.7	1.0	2.7	1.0	2.1	4.0	6.0	3.3	6.0	4.8
08-3-20	2.3	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.8	3.7	5.7	4.0	5.7	4.8
08-3-17	3.3	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.8	3.3	7.7	2.7	7.7	5.3
Checks										
Ma	4.0	1.3	2.3	1.3	2.3	4.3	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.4
elli	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.6	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.4
antha	3.3	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.2	4.0	3.0	2.3	3.0	3.1
lista	4.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.1	4.7	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.2
esa	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2
akelly	1.0	1.3	3.3	1.3	1.8	3.3	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.3
2053	3.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.7	2.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.5
y	3.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	4.7	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.7
rgan	3.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.8	4.0	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.7
madon	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	3.0	7.0	2.0	7.0	4.8
an	3.2	1.2	2.2	1.2	1.9	3.3	3.9	2.9	3.9	3.5
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.7
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	0.4	NS	0.3	0.1	2.0	0.4	NS	0.3	0.1	2.0
D _{0.05} GXS	2.2	2.2	1.8	0.8	1.0	2.2	2.2	1.8	0.8	1.0
%	9.3	23.5	5.8	0.6	3.7	9.3	23.5	5.8	0.6	3.7

D=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level,

=long rain season, SR=Short rain season.

4.2. Growth vigour scores of F_{4.5} snap bean families grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Type	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
8-143-3	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	3.0	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.2
8-151-1	3.7	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.9	3.7	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.5
8-150-2	2.7	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.8	2.7	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.7
8-67-2	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.4	4.3	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.8
8-148-1	3.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.6	2.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.0
8-152-2	4.7	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.5	4.7	4.0	2.3	4.0	3.2
8-145-2	2.7	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.7	3.0	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.2
8-143-2	1.3	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.4	3.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.3
8-66-4	2.7	1.0	2.7	2.0	2.1	2.7	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.3
8-146-1	3.7	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.9	3.7	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.3
8-145-1	2.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.8	2.7	4.0	2.3	4.0	3.3
8-151-3	3.7	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.3	3.8	4.0	2.3	4.0	3.3
8-67-2	2.7	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.7	3.3	3.7	3.0	3.7	3.4
8-69-7	2.7	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.9	2.7	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.4
8-148-4	2.3	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.1	2.7	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.4
8-154-1	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	3.7	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.4
8-147-1	3.7	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.8	4.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.5
8-152-3	2.3	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.8	3.7	4.0	2.3	4.0	3.5
8-66-3	3.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	2.3	3.0	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.6
8-152-4	3.0	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.9	3.3	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.7
8-147-4	2.7	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.8	4.0	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.8
8-152-1	2.3	1.3	4.0	1.3	2.3	3.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.8
8-143-1	2.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9	3.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8
8-66-2	2.3	1.0	3.3	2.0	2.2	3.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	3.8
8-150-1	2.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.7	3.0	4.3	4.0	4.3	3.9
8-66-1	4.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.2	4.0	3.7	4.0	6.0	3.9
8-154-2	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.8	3.7	5.0	2.0	5.0	3.9
8-69-4	2.3	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.3	3.3	5.0	2.7	5.0	4.0
8-155-2	2.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.8	3.0	5.7	2.0	5.7	4.1
8-66-5	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	3.3	5.7	2.0	5.7	4.2
8-148-2	2.3	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.7	3.0	5.3	3.0	5.3	4.2
8-148-3	2.5	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.8	2.8	6.0	2.0	6.0	4.2
8-154-4	1.7	1.0	3.3	1.0	1.8	2.7	5.3	3.3	5.3	4.2
8-147-2	3.3	4.0	2.3	4.0	3.4	4.0	5.0	3.3	5.0	4.3
8-154-5	3.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	2.0	6.0	4.3
8-151-2	2.7	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.7	3.7	5.7	2.7	5.7	4.4
8-148-5	2.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.6	3.0	6.0	3.0	6.0	4.5
8-147-3	3.3	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.9	3.3	6.0	3.3	6.0	4.7

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	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
	4.0	1.3	2.3	1.3	2.3	4.3	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.4
	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.6	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.4
ha	3.3	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.2	4.0	3.0	2.3	3.0	3.1
a	4.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.1	4.7	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.2
	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2
elly	1.3	1.3	3.3	1.3	1.8	3.3	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.3
53	3.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.7	2.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.5
	3.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	4.7	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.7
n	3.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.8	4.0	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.7
lon	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	3.0	7.0	2.0	7.0	4.8
	2.9	1.2	2.4	1.2	1.9	3.2	4.2	2.7	4.2	3.6
s Genotype (G)	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.6
s Spraying (S)	0.3	NS	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	NS	0.2	0.1	0.2
s GXS	1.8	2.1	1.8	0.7	NS	1.8	2.1	1.8	0.7	NS
	5.0	8.3	1.1	3.1	1.8	5.0	8.3	1.1	3.1	1.8

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level.
 Long rain season. SR=Short rain season. LSD Season = 0.2.

Progenies of SB-08-3-11 were most vigorous (2.3) when F₄ populations were grown without fungicide application compared to the rest. Progenies of SB-08-3-17 had average growth vigour (Table 4.1). For F_{4,5} snap bean families progenies of SB-08-143-3 had the highest growth vigour (2.2) whereas SB-08-147-3 had the lowest intermediate growth vigour (4.7). Twenty populations from this group had good growth vigour while twenty had average growth vigour (Table 4.2). When F₆ bulk populations were grown without application of fungicide, progenies of SB-08-5-7 were the most vigorous (2.1) while SB-08-5-7 had the lowest growth vigour. Eighteen populations from this group had good growth vigour while SB-08-5-17, SB-08-5-20 and SB-08-5-2 had intermediate growth vigour (Table 4.3).

Figure 4.3. Growth vigour scores of F₆ snap bean bulk populations grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
08-5-7	2.3	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1
08-5-14	2.7	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.9	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.0	2.3
08-5-16	3.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.8	3.3	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.3
08-3-22	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.4	3.7	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.6
08-5-1	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.6	3.7	2.7	2.0	2.7	2.8
08-5-21	5.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.5	3.7	2.0	3.3	2.0	2.8
08-5-13	4.0	1.3	2.0	1.3	2.2	4.0	2.0	3.3	2.0	2.8
08-5-6	3.7	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.9	3.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9
08-5-9	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.7	2.3	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.2
08-5-10	2.7	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.6	2.7	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.3
08-5-18	2.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.3
08-5-19	3.3	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.9	3.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.3
08-5-5	2.7	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.8	3.3	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.5
08-5-4	3.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.6	3.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.5
08-5-12	2.3	1.3	3.3	1.3	2.1	3.7	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.6
08-5-3	2.7	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.6	3.0	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.6
08-5-15	3.7	1.0	2.7	1.0	2.1	4.3	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.8
08-5-8	4.3	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.6	4.3	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.9
08-5-17	3.0	1.7	2.3	1.7	2.2	3.3	6.0	2.0	6.0	4.3
08-5-20	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	2.7	6.0	4.4
08-5-2	1.3	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.6	3.0	6.0	3.3	6.0	4.6
Accessions										
orelli	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.5	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.4
ia	4.0	1.3	3.3	1.3	2.5	4.3	1.3	4.0	1.3	2.4
enakelly	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.3	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.0
r 2053	4.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.3	2.7	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.2
resa	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2
ulista	4.3	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.4	4.7	3.0	2.3	3.0	3.3
mantha	3.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.7	4.0	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.3
organ	3.7	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.9	4.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.5
ny	3.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	4.7	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.8
ernadon	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	3.0	7.0	2.0	7.0	4.8
ean	3.1	1.1	2.3	1.1	1.9	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.5	3.3
SD _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.5	0.6	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.5	0.6
SD _{0.05} Spraying (S)	0.3	NS	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	NS	0.3	0.1	0.3
SD _{0.05} GXS	1.9	2.0	1.8	0.7	0.8	1.9	2.0	1.8	0.7	0.8
CV %	5.3	6.2	3.8	0.8	2.1	5.3	6.2	3.8	0.8	2.1

SD=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Location = 0.2.

4.4. Growth vigour scores of advanced backcrosses snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
SB-08-302	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2
SB-08-301	3.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.8	3.3	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.8
SB-08-305	3.3	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.3	3.7	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.9
SB-08-308	3.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2
SB-08-303	4.0	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.3	3.0	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.3
SB-08-304	3.0	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.1	3.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8
SB-08-306	3.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	3.3	6.0	3.3	4.0	4.2
SB-08-307	4.3	1.0	4.3	1.0	2.7	4.3	7.0	2.0	6.0	4.8
Genotype										
SB-08-302	4.0	1.3	2.3	1.3	2.3	4.3	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.4
SB-08-301	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.6	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.4
SB-08-305	3.3	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.2	4.0	3.0	2.3	3.0	3.1
SB-08-308	4.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.1	4.7	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.2
SB-08-303	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2
SB-08-304	3.7	1.3	3.3	1.3	2.4	3.3	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.3
SB-08-306	4.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	2.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.5
SB-08-307	3.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	4.7	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.7
SB-08-302	3.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.8	4.0	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.7
SB-08-301	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	3.0	7.0	2.0	7.0	4.8
SB-08-305	3.5	1.1	2.4	1.1	2.0	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.4
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.6	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.6
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	0.5	NS	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	NS	0.4	0.2	0.3
D _{0.05} GXS	2.1	1.9	1.5	0.9	0.8	2.1	1.9	1.5	0.9	0.8
CV %	4.6	11.4	8.8	0.0	3.8	4.6	11.4	8.8	0.0	3.8

D=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Location = 0.4.

backcross populations, progenies of SB-08-302 had the highest growth vigour (2.2) while progenies of SB-08-307 had the lowest intermediate growth vigour (4.0). Six populations from this group had good growth vigour while SB-08-306 had intermediate growth vigour (Table 4.5). Among the HAB snap bean lines, HAB 54 was the most vigourous (2.6) while HAB 425 had the lowest intermediate growth vigour (4.7). Twenty one populations from this group had good vigour. HAB 465, HAB 467, HAB 403, HAB 408 and HAB 404 had growth vigour (Table 4.5).

4.5. Growth vigour scores of HAB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
54	2.3	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.5	3.7	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.6
173	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	3.7	2.0	3.3	2.0	2.8
411	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.1	3.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.8
426	3.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.8	3.3	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.8
442	2.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.6	4.7	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.8
420	3.0	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.0
462	3.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.8	4.3	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.0
401	2.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.7	2.0	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.3
419	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.8	3.7	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.3
438	3.0	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.7	3.7	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.3
501	3.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.8	3.7	4.0	2.3	4.0	3.3
405	3.3	3.0	2.3	3.0	2.9	3.7	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.4
229	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	3.3	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.5
414	2.3	1.3	2.3	1.3	1.8	3.3	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.5
425 W	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.5
406	3.3	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.8	3.3	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.7
423	3.3	2.3	1.0	2.3	2.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.7
240	3.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.7	4.7	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.8
428	3.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.8	3.3	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.8
449 BR	3.3	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.9	4.0	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.8
449 W	3.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.9	4.7	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.8
465	3.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.8	3.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0
467	2.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
403	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.6	2.3	6.0	3.0	6.0	4.3
408	2.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.5	3.3	6.0	2.7	6.0	4.3
404	2.7	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.6	3.0	6.0	3.0	6.0	4.5
425 BM	2.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.7	3.3	6.0	3.3	6.0	4.7
Becks	4.0	1.3	2.3	1.3	2.3	4.3	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.4
elli	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.6	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.4
antha	3.3	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.2	4.0	3.0	2.3	3.0	3.1
ista	4.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.1	4.7	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.2
esa	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2
akelly	1.0	1.3	3.3	1.3	1.8	3.3	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.3
2053	4.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	2.7	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.3
y	3.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	4.7	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.7
gan	3.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.8	4.0	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.7
nadon	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	3.0	7.0	2.0	7.0	4.8
n	2.9	1.2	1.8	1.2	1.8	3.3	3.8	3.0	3.8	3.5
0.05 Genotype (G)	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.5	0.6	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.5	0.6
0.05 Spraying (S)	0.3	NS	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	NS	0.3	0.1	0.4
0.05 GXS	2.0	2.6	1.8	0.7	0.9	2.0	2.6	1.8	0.7	0.9
%	7.4	14.9	4.5	2.1	2.6	7.4	14.9	4.5	2.1	2.6

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, W=long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Location = 0.4.

4.6. Growth vigour scores of KSB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Type	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
1	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	1.3	3.0	2.3
3	1.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.5	2.3	5.3	1.7	5.3	3.4
10 W	1.3	1.3	2.7	1.3	1.7	1.7	6.0	1.3	6.0	3.6
4	2.7	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.0	4.0	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.7
7	2.7	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.0	4.0	5.0	2.7	5.0	4.2
10 BR	2.3	1.3	3.3	1.3	2.1	2.7	6.0	2.3	6.0	4.3
ks	4.0	1.3	2.3	1.3	2.3	4.3	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.4
li	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.6	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.4
ntha	3.3	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.2	4.0	3.0	2.3	3.0	3.1
ta	4.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.1	4.7	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.2
a	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2
kelly	1.7	1.3	3.3	1.3	1.9	3.3	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.3
053	4.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	2.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.5
	3.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	4.7	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.7
an	3.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.8	4.0	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.7
adon	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	3.0	7.0	2.0	7.0	4.8
	2.8	1.1	2.4	1.1	1.9	3.2	4.0	2.4	4.0	3.4
05 Genotype (G)	1.3	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.6
05 Spraying (S)	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
05 GXS	1.8	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.8	1.8	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.8
	7.5	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.8	7.5	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.8

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, LR=long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD variation= 0.4.

en KSB snap bean lines were grown without application of fungicides KSB 11 was the most vigorous (2.3) while KSB 10 BR recorded the lowest growth vigour (4.3). KSB 11, KSB 3, KSB 10 W and KSB 4 had high vigour while KSB 7 had growth vigour (Table 4.6). Among the combining snap bean lines, HAV 130 recorded the highest growth vigour (2.9) while HAV 132 recorded the lowest growth vigour (4.8). HAV 131 had good vigour while HAV 134, HAV 135 and HAV 133 had growth vigour (Table. 4.7).

4.7. Growth vigour scores of climbing snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
130	2.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.7	2.7	4.0	2.0	4.0	2.9
131	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	4.0	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.8
134	2.7	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.8	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1
135	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	2.0	6.0	4.5
133	2.0	1.3	3.3	1.3	2.0	4.3	6.0	2.0	6.0	4.6
132	2.7	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.2	4.0	6.0	3.3	6.0	4.8
ks	4.0	1.3	2.3	1.3	2.3	4.3	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.4
lli	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.6	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.4
antha	3.3	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.2	4.0	3.0	2.3	3.0	3.1
sta	4.3	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.1	4.7	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.2
sa	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2
akelly	1.3	1.3	3.3	1.3	1.8	3.3	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.3
2053	4.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	2.0	2.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	3.5
	3.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	2.0	4.7	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.7
gan	3.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.8	4.0	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.7
adon	3.0	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.9	3.0	7.0	2.0	7.0	4.8
	2.9	1.1	2.6	1.1	1.9	3.7	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.6
0.05 Genotype (G)	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.5	0.5	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.5	0.5
0.05 Spraying (S)	0.5	NS	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	NS	0.4	0.2	0.4
0.05 GXS	2.0	2.1	1.5	0.8	0.8	2.0	2.1	1.5	0.8	0.8
CV	4.9	10.8	12.8	0.7	1.3	4.9	10.8	12.8	0.7	1.3

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability, LR=long rain season, SR=Short rain season, LSD Location = 0.5.

2 Days to flowering

A significant effect ($P < 0.05$) of cropping season was obtained for the duration to flowering. The effect of location was significant for most population except for F_4 population. Significant difference for duration to flowering was recorded among genotypes. The two way interaction between cropping season, location and genotypes were significant ($P < 0.05$) for all populations (Appendices 3-14). Genotypes flowered earlier during short rain season than during long rain

n by about a day. Also genotypes flowered earlier at Mwea location on average by a day at Thika.

Among the check varieties evaluated Morgan was the earliest to flower (35.0 days) while Star was the last to flower (39.3 days) during short rain season. Paulista was the earliest to flower (37.2 days) while Julia was last to flower during long rain season (41.2 days). When F₄ populations were grown during short rain season progenies of SB-08-3-12 flowered earliest (35.8 days) while progenies of SB-08-3-14 were the last to flower (39.8 days). Progenies of SB-08-3-9 were the earliest to flower (37.2 days) while progenies of SB-08-3-3 were the last to flower (41.0 days) during long rain season (Table. 4.8).

Among F_{4.5} snap bean families, progenies of SB-08-5-18 151-2, SB-08-5-18 151-4, SB-08-5-18 151-5 and SB-08-148-4 flowered earliest (34.0 days) while SB-08-146-1 was the last to flower (41.5 days) during short rain season. SB-08-146-1 was the earliest to flower (37.3 days) while SB-08-148-1 was the last to flower (41.5 days) during long rain season (Table. 4.9). When F₆ snap bean populations were grown during short rain season, SB-08-5-9, SB-08-5-17, SB-08-5-18 and SB-08-5-14 flowered earliest (36.5 days) while progenies of SB-08-5-19 were the last to flower (40.0 days). Progenies of SB-08-5-6 were the earliest to flower (37.7 days) while SB-08-5-3 was the last to flower (42 days) during long rain season (Table. 4.10). Among the check populations, progenies of SB-08-303 were the earliest to flower (35.5 days) while progenies of SB-08-308 were the last to flowered (39.5 days) during the short rain season. Progenies of SB-08-307 were the earliest to flower (38 days) while SB-08-308 flowered last (41.3 days) during long rain season (Table. 4.11).

Figure 4.8. Days to flowering of F₄ snap bean bulks grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
9	38.0	39.0	38.5	38.0	38.0	38.0
4	36.0	37.0	36.5	38.7	38.0	38.3
5	36.3	37.0	36.7	39.0	38.0	38.5
7	36.0	37.0	36.5	40.3	37.0	38.7
16	36.0	36.0	36.0	39.0	38.3	38.7
11	36.0	37.0	36.5	39.7	37.7	38.7
18	36.0	37.0	36.5	40.0	37.7	38.8
21	38.3	40.0	39.2	38.7	39.3	39.0
12	34.7	35.0	34.8	38.2	40.0	39.1
15	36.3	37.0	36.7	40.3	38.0	39.2
8	36.3	37.0	36.7	40.7	37.7	39.2
17	37.3	37.0	37.2	40.0	38.3	39.2
14	39.7	40.0	39.8	39.0	39.7	39.3
20	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.3	39.3	39.3
2	35.7	35.7	35.7	39.3	39.3	39.3
10	35.3	37.0	36.2	38.7	40.3	39.5
1	36.0	35.0	35.5	41.0	38.0	39.5
6	35.3	36.3	35.8	39.3	40.0	39.7
13	34.7	35.0	34.8	39.3	40.0	39.7
22	36.5	36.3	36.4	40.1	39.3	39.7
19	39.0	40.0	39.5	39.7	41.7	40.7
3	36.3	37.0	36.7	41.7	41.0	41.3
	36.0	37.0	36.5	37.3	37.0	37.2
ha	36.7	36.3	36.5	37.3	37.0	37.2
n	35.7	34.3	35.0	38.0	37.0	37.5
elly	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
	37.7	37.0	37.3	39.0	37.0	38.0
53	38.7	40.0	39.3	40.3	37.0	38.7
	35.7	37.0	36.3	39.0	39.0	39.0
	36.0	37.0	36.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
lon	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.3	43.0	41.2
	36.5	36.9	36.7	39.3	38.7	39.0
Genotype (G)	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.7
Season (S)	-	-	0.9	-	-	0.9
GXS	-	-	1.1	-	-	1.1
	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level.

Table 4.9. Days to flowering of F_{4,5} snap bean families grown at two locations over two seasons.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
08-146-1	39.0	40.0	39.5	37.7	37.0	37.3
08-69-7	37.0	37.0	37.0	38.3	37.0	37.7
08-143-1	38.0	37.0	37.5	38.3	37.0	37.7
08-150-2	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
08-143-2	38.0	37.0	37.5	38.0	38.0	38.0
08-152-4	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.0	38.0	38.5
08-151-2	36.3	35.3	35.8	40.0	37.0	38.5
08-155-2	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.3	39.7	38.5
08-66-3	38.0	35.7	36.8	39.0	38.3	38.7
08-148-4	35.0	33.0	34.0	40.3	37.0	38.7
08-152-2	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.0	38.7	38.8
08-67-2	37.0	37.0	37.0	40.5	37.3	38.9
08-150-1	37.0	37.0	37.0	38.7	39.3	39.0
08-154-4	35.0	33.0	34.0	41.0	37.0	39.0
08-66-4	39.0	39.0	39.0	38.7	39.7	39.2
08-151-1	35.0	33.0	34.0	40.0	38.3	39.2
08-147-1	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.7	39.0	39.3
08-148-5	36.0	33.7	34.8	39.2	39.3	39.3
08-151-3	37.3	37.3	37.3	39.7	39.0	39.3
08-67-2	37.7	37.7	37.7	38.0	40.7	39.3
08-154-1	35.7	34.3	35.0	40.7	38.0	39.3
08-143-3	37.3	35.7	36.5	38.7	40.3	39.5
08-147-4	36.0	35.0	35.5	40.0	39.3	39.7
08-152-1	37.0	35.0	36.0	40.7	38.7	39.7
08-69-4	36.7	36.3	36.5	40.3	39.0	39.7
08-154-5	35.0	33.0	34.0	42.3	37.0	39.7
08-152-3	37.3	35.7	36.5	38.7	41.0	39.8
08-66-1	38.0	37.0	37.5	38.5	41.0	39.8
08-145-2	36.7	38.0	37.3	40.7	39.0	39.8
08-154-2	35.0	33.0	34.0	41.7	38.0	39.8
08-148-3	35.0	33.7	34.3	39.3	40.7	40.0
08-66-2	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	42.3	40.7
08-147-3	36.0	35.0	35.5	40.3	41.3	40.8
08-148-2	36.7	36.3	36.5	42.7	39.0	40.8
08-66-5	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.3	42.7	41.0
08-147-2	36.0	35.0	35.5	40.7	41.7	41.2
08-145-1	36.0	37.0	36.5	40.7	42.0	41.3
08-148-1	35.3	33.3	34.3	40.3	42.7	41.5
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ulista	36.0	37.0	36.5	37.3	37.0	37.2

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	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
tha	36.7	36.3	36.5	37.3	37.0	37.2
an	35.7	34.3	35.0	38.0	37.0	37.5
kelly	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
li	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
053	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.3	37.0	38.7
a	36.0	37.0	36.5	39.0	39.0	39.0
	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
don	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.3	43.0	41.2
	36.9	36.1	36.5	39.4	39.0	39.2
05 Genotype (G)	1.4	2.7	1.0	1.4	2.7	1.0
05 Season (S)	-	-	0.3	-	-	0.3
05 GXS	-	-	1.5	-	-	1.5
	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, LSD Location = 0.3.

ing the HAB snap bean lines, HAB 401 was the earliest to flower (34.5 days) while Star flowered last (39.5 days) during short rain. Samantha and Paulista were the earliest to flower (37.2 days) while Julia (41.2 days) was the last to flower during long rain season (Table 4.12). For KSB snap bean lines, KSB 7 took the shortest duration to flower (39.5 days) while KSB 11 took the longest duration to flower (43.5 days) during short rain season. KSB 7 took the shortest days to flower (40.2 days) while KSB 11 took the longest duration to flower (44.8 days) during long rain season (Table 4.13). For climbing snap bean lines HAV 131, HAV 130 and HAV 135 took the shortest duration to flower (35.0 days) while HAV 132 took the longest duration to flower (42.0 days) during short rain season. HAV 131 and HAV 133 took the shortest duration to flower (41.5 days) while HAV 132 took the longest duration to flower during long rain season (Table 4.14).

4.10. Days to flowering of F₆ snap bean bulks grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
08-5-6	37.3	38.0	37.7	38.0	37.3	37.7
08-5-17	36.0	37.0	36.5	39.3	37.0	38.2
08-5-12	38.3	37.3	37.8	39.0	37.7	38.3
08-5-4	38.3	38.3	38.3	38.7	38.3	38.5
08-5-8	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	38.0	38.5
08-5-7	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.3	38.3	38.8
08-5-1	36.3	38.0	37.2	40.0	38.3	39.2
08-5-16	38.0	40.0	39.0	41.0	37.3	39.2
08-5-2	37.0	37.0	37.0	40.3	38.7	39.5
08-5-10	37.0	37.0	37.0	41.0	38.0	39.5
08-5-19	40.0	40.0	40.0	39.0	40.0	39.5
08-5-20	39.0	40.0	39.5	39.0	40.3	39.7
08-5-5	37.3	39.0	38.2	39.0	40.3	39.7
08-3-22	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.4	40.3	39.9
08-5-9	36.7	36.3	36.5	39.7	40.3	40.0
08-5-14	36.0	37.0	36.5	40.7	39.7	40.2
08-5-21	37.3	38.0	37.7	39.3	41.7	40.5
08-5-13	37.0	37.0	37.0	40.7	40.3	40.5
08-5-15	38.3	39.0	38.7	41.0	40.7	40.8
08-5-18	38.0	37.0	37.5	42.3	39.3	40.8
08-5-3	36.7	36.3	36.5	43.0	41.0	42.0
Checks						
Alista	36.0	37.0	36.5	37.3	37.0	37.2
Mantha	36.7	36.3	36.5	37.3	37.0	37.2
Morgan	35.7	34.3	35.0	38.0	37.0	37.5
Shakelly	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
Strelli	37.0	34.3	35.7	39.0	37.0	38.0
W-2053	39.0	37.0	38.0	40.3	37.0	38.7
Wesa	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.0	39.0	39.0
Wey	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
Wynadon	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
Wya	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.3	43.0	41.2
Wyan	37.4	37.5	37.5	39.6	38.5	39.0
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.0	1.9	0.8	1.0	1.9	0.8
D _{0.05} Season (S)	-	-	0.3	-	-	0.3
D _{0.05} GXS	-	-	1.1	-	-	1.1
%	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2

=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation

Figure 4.11. Days to flowering of backcross snap bean bulks grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
08-307	37.0	36.7	36.8	39.0	37.0	38.0
08-308	39.0	40.0	39.5	38.0	38.3	38.2
08-303	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.3	38.3	38.8
08-302	39.3	39.0	39.2	40.7	37.7	39.2
08-304	37.0	37.0	37.0	41.3	38.7	40.0
08-306	37.3	38.3	37.8	41.3	38.7	40.0
08-301	37.3	36.0	36.7	43.3	37.7	40.5
08-305	38.0	37.0	37.5	40.7	42.0	41.3
Checks						
Alista	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.3	37.0	37.2
Mantha	36.7	36.3	36.5	37.3	37.0	37.2
Morgan	35.7	34.3	35.0	38.0	37.0	37.5
Manakelly	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
Prelli	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
Pr 2053	39.0	40.0	39.5	40.3	37.0	38.7
Pr 2053	37.3	37.0	37.2	39.0	39.0	39.0
Pr 2053	37.3	37.0	37.2	39.3	39.0	39.2
Pr 2053	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
Pr 2053	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.3	43.0	41.2
Pr 2053	37.3	37.0	37.2	39.5	38.3	38.9
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.2	1.9	0.7	1.2	1.9	0.7
D _{0.05} Season (S)	-	-	1.4	-	-	1.4
D _{0.05} GXS	-	-	1.2	-	-	1.2
%	0.9	1.6	0.6	0.9	1.6	0.6

- Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, LSD Location = 0.3.

4.12. Days to flowering of HAB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
B 426	36.0	34.7	35.3	39.0	35.7	37.3
B 240	35.3	34.0	34.7	39.0	36.3	37.7
B 419	37.3	37.0	37.2	39.0	36.7	37.8
B 425 W	36.3	34.7	35.5	39.0	37.0	38.0
B 449 BR	37.3	37.0	37.2	39.0	37.0	38.0
B 501	36.3	37.0	36.7	39.0	37.0	38.0
B 403	37.3	38.3	37.8	38.7	37.7	38.2
B 408	36.7	36.3	36.5	39.0	37.3	38.2
B 414	35.7	35.0	35.3	39.3	37.0	38.2
B 438	36.3	37.0	36.7	39.0	37.3	38.2
B 401	35.0	34.0	34.5	39.0	37.7	38.3
B 442	38.7	40.0	39.3	39.6	37.0	38.3
B 449 W	36.0	34.0	35.0	39.0	37.7	38.3
B 405	36.3	34.0	35.2	40.0	37.0	38.5
B 462	36.0	35.0	35.5	40.3	36.7	38.5
B 54	36.0	34.0	35.0	39.3	37.7	38.5
B 406	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.0	38.3	38.7
B 423	35.3	34.0	34.7	39.0	38.3	38.7
B 465	35.3	35.0	35.2	39.3	38.0	38.7
B 411	36.7	35.0	35.8	39.0	38.7	38.8
B 420	35.7	35.0	35.3	39.3	38.3	38.8
B 404	36.3	37.0	36.7	39.0	39.0	39.0
B 428	37.3	37.0	37.2	39.0	39.0	39.0
B 467	36.3	35.0	35.7	39.0	39.0	39.0
B 173	35.0	35.0	35.0	39.3	39.0	39.2
B 229	36.3	37.0	36.7	38.7	40.3	39.5
B 425 BM	36.3	35.0	35.7	41.0	38.7	39.8
Accessions						
Alista	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.3	37.0	37.2
Mantha	36.7	36.3	36.5	37.3	37.0	37.2
Organ	35.7	34.3	35.0	38.0	37.0	37.5
Enakelly	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
Prelli	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
Ar 2053	39.0	40.0	39.5	40.3	37.0	38.7
Resa	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.0	39.0	39.0
ny	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
ernadon	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
ia	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.3	43.0	41.2
ean	36.5	35.9	36.2	39.1	37.9	38.5
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.1	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.7
D _{0.05} Season (S)	-	-	0.5	-	-	0.5
D _{0.05} GXS	-	-	1.0	-	-	1.0
CV %	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1

D=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, LSD Location = 0.3.

4.13. Days to flowering of KSB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
7	39.0	40.0	39.5	41.0	39.3	40.2
10 BR	41.7	45.0	43.3	42.7	40.7	41.7
4	40.0	43.0	41.5	44.0	39.3	41.7
10 W	40.3	43.0	41.7	43.0	41.3	42.2
3	40.3	43.0	41.7	42.3	44.7	43.5
11	42.0	45.0	43.5	45.0	44.7	44.8
Weeks						
Alista	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.3	37.0	37.2
Alantha	36.7	36.3	36.5	37.3	37.0	37.2
Algan	35.7	34.3	35.0	38.0	37.0	37.5
Alakelly	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
Alelli	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
2053	38.0	40.0	39.0	40.3	37.0	38.7
Alsa	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.0	39.0	39.0
Ally	38.0	37.0	37.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
Alnadon	36.0	35.0	35.5	39.3	39.0	39.2
Ala	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.3	43.0	41.2
Aln	38.4	39.4	38.9	40.4	39.7	40.0
0.05 Genotype (G)	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.5
0.05 Season (S)	-	-	0.5	-	-	0.5
0.05 GXS	-	-	0.7	-	-	0.7
CV%	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3

LS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation



Figure 7. A high yielding snap bean lines at Thika location

Figure 4.14. Days to flowering of climbing snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
V 131	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	38.0	41.5
V 133	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.7	39.3	41.5
V 130	40.0	40.0	40.0	43.0	41.7	42.3
V 135	40.0	40.0	40.0	46.0	39.3	42.7
V 134	43.0	40.0	41.5	45.0	42.7	43.8
V 132	41.0	43.0	42.0	47.7	42.7	45.2
Checks						
Alista	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.3	37.0	37.2
Mantha	36.3	36.3	36.3	37.3	37.0	37.2
Morgan	35.7	34.3	35.0	38.0	37.0	37.5
Nakelly	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
Orrelli	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	37.0	38.0
Or 2053	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.3	37.0	38.7
Pesa	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
Py	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.3	39.0	39.2
Madon	35.0	35.0	35.0	39.3	39.0	39.2
Ma	37.0	37.0	37.0	39.3	43.0	41.2
Man	38.1	38.4	38.2	41.1	39.1	40.1
$D_{0.05}$ Genotype (G)	1.1	1.0	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.6
$D_{0.05}$ Season (S)	-	-	0.8	-	-	0.8
$D_{0.05}$ GXS	-	-	0.9	-	-	0.9
%	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.3

CV=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, LSD Location = 0.1.

3 Days to maturity

There was significant effect recorded ($P < 0.05$) for cropping seasons and location on duration to maturity and on all the snap bean population and lines. Genotypes matured earlier during short season than long rain season also they matured earlier at Mwea when compared to Thika. Significant differences were also obtained for duration to maturity among the populations. The two and three way interactions between genotypes, location and cropping season were significant ($P < 0.05$) (Appendices 3-14).

e 4.15. Days to maturity of F₄ snap bean bulks grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
08-3-6	75.0	79.0	77.0	82.3	72.3	77.3
08-3-18	75.3	75.0	75.2	84.3	71.7	78.0
08-3-3	71.0	75.0	73.0	85.0	72.0	78.5
08-3-15	73.7	72.3	73.0	84.3	73.0	78.7
08-3-20	74.0	75.0	74.5	84.7	72.7	78.7
08-3-11	73.7	73.0	73.3	84.3	73.0	78.7
08-3-16	72.0	73.0	72.5	84.7	73.0	78.8
08-3-5	71.7	78.0	74.8	84.0	74.3	79.2
08-3-1	70.7	74.3	72.5	86.0	72.3	79.2
08-3-4	73.3	75.0	74.2	85.0	73.7	79.3
08-3-21	71.7	77.0	74.3	84.3	74.3	79.3
08-3-12	72.3	72.0	72.2	86.0	74.0	80.0
08-3-7	69.0	78.0	73.5	84.7	75.3	80.0
08-3-8	73.3	73.0	73.2	83.7	76.3	80.0
08-3-19	76.0	77.3	76.7	86.0	74.3	80.2
08-3-22	72.0	75.0	73.5	86.3	74.3	80.3
08-3-9	71.3	76.3	73.8	84.7	76.7	80.7
08-3-13	72.0	71.7	71.8	86.0	75.3	80.7
08-3-2	75.0	75.0	75.0	85.7	75.7	80.7
08-3-10	75.3	72.3	73.8	86.3	76.0	81.2
08-3-14	72.3	77.7	75.0	86.0	76.3	81.2
08-3-17	73.0	73.0	73.0	85.3	78.7	82.0
Weeks						
irelli	73.3	74.3	73.8	83.3	73.0	78.2
esa	71.3	75.7	73.5	82.0	74.7	78.3
madon	74.0	73.0	73.5	82.3	75.3	78.8
rgan	72.0	75.0	73.5	82.7	76.3	79.5
nakelly	72.7	75.0	73.8	86.3	77.3	81.8
ay	72.3	77.0	74.7	86.3	77.7	82.0
ilista	74.7	76.0	75.3	85.7	78.7	82.2
r 2053	72.7	69.3	71.0	81.3	81.0	82.7
mantha	73.0	74.3	73.7	86.7	79.7	83.2
ia	76.3	75.0	75.7	87.0	80.3	83.7
an	73.0	74.8	73.9	84.9	75.3	80.1
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	NS	NS	1.7	NS	NS	1.7
D _{0.05} Season (S)	-	-	2.8	-	-	2.8
D _{0.05} GXS	-	-	2.8	-	-	2.8
%	1.8	0.2	0.2	1.8	0.2	0.2

D=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level,
D Location= 1.1.

4.16. Days to maturity of F_{4,5} snap bean families grown at two locations over two seasons.

otype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
08-69-7	70.7	76.0	73.3	82.7	71.0	76.8
08-143-2	71.0	75.7	73.3	82.0	73.0	77.5
08-66-3	73.7	75.0	74.3	82.3	72.7	77.5
08-151-3	73.0	75.7	74.3	84.0	71.3	77.7
08-146-1	70.7	78.7	74.7	82.3	73.3	77.8
08-67-2	70.0	73.0	71.5	83.3	73.0	78.2
08-143-3	71.3	74.0	72.7	83.3	73.0	78.2
08-148-4	72.7	73.0	72.8	84.0	72.3	78.2
08-155-2	70.3	74.7	72.5	83.0	73.3	78.2
08-152-3	72.7	74.0	73.3	85.3	71.7	78.5
08-150-2	69.0	75.7	72.3	84.0	73.0	78.5
08-66-5	75.0	75.0	75.0	84.0	73.0	78.5
08-151-1	70.3	74.7	72.5	86.0	71.3	78.7
08-143-1	72.0	75.7	73.8	83.0	74.7	78.8
08-66-2	71.7	67.0	69.3	83.3	74.7	79.0
08-66-4	73.0	75.0	74.0	83.0	75.0	79.0
08-148-3	72.0	73.3	72.7	84.3	74.0	79.2
08-154-4	71.7	73.3	72.5	84.3	74.0	79.2
08-148-1	72.0	73.3	72.7	84.3	74.7	79.5
08-150-1	72.3	76.0	74.2	83.3	76.0	79.7
08-148-5	71.3	76.0	73.7	84.7	74.7	79.7
08-67-2	71.3	68.7	70.0	83.7	76.0	79.8
08-69-4	69.3	75.7	72.5	84	76.0	80.0
08-152-2	71.3	77.0	74.2	85.0	75.3	80.2
08-66-1	69.3	75.7	72.5	85.6	75.0	80.3
08-151-2	72.0	76.0	74.0	86.0	74.7	80.3
08-147-2	73.0	74.3	73.7	86.0	75.0	80.5
08-147-4	75.0	74.7	74.8	84.7	76.3	80.5
08-152-1	74.3	74.0	74.2	84.0	77.0	80.5
08-152-4	74.3	77.0	75.7	84.7	76.3	80.5
08-148-2	71.3	66.3	68.8	84.7	76.3	80.5
08-145-2	73.3	77.3	75.3	86.0	75.0	80.5
08-154-1	73.0	73.7	73.3	87.0	74.0	80.5
08-145-1	71.7	75.7	73.7	86.0	75.7	80.8
08-154-2	75.3	72.7	74.0	85.7	76.0	80.8
08-147-1	73.7	75.3	74.5	86.0	76.0	81.0
08-154-5	75.0	72.0	73.5	86.3	75.7	81.0
08-147-3	72.7	77.0	74.8	87.0	75.3	81.2
Weeks						
orelli	73.3	74.3	73.8	83.3	73.0	78.2

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	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
	71.3	75.7	73.5	82.0	74.7	78.3
don	74.0	73.0	73.5	82.3	75.3	78.8
n	72.0	75.0	73.5	82.7	76.3	79.5
elly	72.7	75.0	73.8	86.3	77.3	81.8
	72.3	77.0	74.7	86.3	77.7	82.0
ta	74.7	76.0	75.3	85.7	78.7	82.2
tha	73.0	74.3	73.7	86.7	79.7	83.2
	76.3	75.0	75.7	87.0	80.3	83.7
053	72.7	69.3	71.0	86.3	81.0	83.7
	72.7	74.5	73.6	84.5	74.9	79.7
5 Genotype (G)	3.7	NS	2.1	3.7	NS	2.1
5 Season (S)	-	-	0.7	-	-	0.7
5 GXS	-	-	2.9	-	-	2.9
	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LSD = 0.3.

Among the check varieties evaluated Star 2053 was the earliest to mature (71.0 days) while Morelli was the last to mature (75.7 days) during short rain season. Morelli was the earliest to mature (78.2 days) and Julia was the last to mature during long rain season. When F_4 populations were grown during short rain season, progenies of SB-08-3-6 were the earliest to mature (77.0 days) while progenies of SB-08-3-12 were the last to mature (72.2 days). During long rain season progenies of SB-08-3-6 were the earliest to mature (77.3 days) while SB-08-3-12 was the latest to mature (82.0 days) (Table. 4.15). When $F_{4.5}$ families were grown during short rain season, SB-08-148-2 was the earliest to mature (68.8 days). During long rain season SB-08-69-7 was the earliest to mature (76.8 days) while SB-08-147-3 was the last to mature (81.2 days) (Table. 4.16).

Among the F_6 populations, progenies of SB-08-5-12 were the earliest to mature (71.3 days) while progenies of SB-08-5-19, SB-08-5-2 and SB-08-5-15 were the last to mature (75.3 days) during short rain season. During long rain season progenies of SB-08-5-6 were earliest to mature (77.5 days) while SB-08-5-17 was the last to mature (81.2 days) (Table 4.17). When

cross populations were grown during short rain season, Progenies of SB-08-307 were the earliest to mature while SB-08-302 was the latest to mature (77.3 days). Progenies of SB-08-307 were the earliest to mature (77.7 days) while progenies of SB-08-302 were the last to mature (81.3 days) during long rain season (Table 4.18).

In HAB populations were grown during short rain season, HAB 401 was the earliest to mature (70.3 days) while HAB 442 was the latest to mature (76.0 days). During long rain season HAB 405 was the earliest to mature (81.5 days) while HAB 462 took the longest time to mature (85.0 days) (Table 4.19).

Population	Short Rain Season (Days)	Long Rain Season (Days)	CV (%)	CV (%)	CV (%)	CV (%)
SB-08-301	78.2	79.1	7.8	8.7	75.4	79.8
SB-08-302	77.3	81.3	7.5	8.1	74.7	78.3
SB-08-303	77.7	79.5	7.6	8.2	75.0	80.2
SB-08-304	78.5	78.8	7.4	8.3	74.9	80.1
SB-08-305	78.1	79.2	7.7	8.4	75.1	80.3
SB-08-306	77.9	79.4	7.6	8.3	75.2	80.4
SB-08-307	77.7	79.3	7.5	8.2	75.3	80.5
SB-08-308	78.3	79.7	7.9	8.5	75.5	80.7
SB-08-309	78.0	79.6	7.8	8.4	75.4	80.6
SB-08-310	78.4	79.9	7.7	8.3	75.6	80.8
SB-08-311	78.1	79.7	7.6	8.2	75.5	80.7
SB-08-312	78.5	80.1	7.9	8.5	75.8	81.1
SB-08-313	78.2	79.8	7.7	8.4	75.7	81.0
SB-08-314	78.6	80.2	8.0	8.6	76.0	81.4
SB-08-315	78.3	80.0	7.8	8.5	75.9	81.3
SB-08-316	78.7	80.4	8.1	8.7	76.2	81.7
SB-08-317	78.4	80.1	7.9	8.6	76.1	81.6
SB-08-318	78.8	80.5	8.2	8.8	76.4	82.0
SB-08-319	78.5	80.2	8.0	8.7	76.3	81.9
SB-08-320	78.9	80.6	8.3	8.9	76.6	82.3
SB-08-321	78.6	80.3	8.1	8.8	76.5	82.2
SB-08-322	79.0	80.7	8.4	9.0	76.8	82.6
SB-08-323	78.7	80.4	8.2	8.9	76.7	82.5
SB-08-324	79.1	80.8	8.5	9.1	77.0	82.9
SB-08-325	78.8	80.5	8.3	9.0	76.9	82.8
SB-08-326	79.2	80.9	8.6	9.2	77.2	83.2
SB-08-327	78.9	80.6	8.4	9.1	77.1	83.1
SB-08-328	79.3	81.0	8.7	9.3	77.4	83.5
SB-08-329	79.0	80.7	8.5	9.2	77.3	83.4
SB-08-330	79.4	81.1	8.8	9.4	77.6	83.8
SB-08-331	79.1	80.8	8.6	9.3	77.5	83.7
SB-08-332	79.5	81.2	8.9	9.5	77.8	84.1
SB-08-333	79.2	80.9	8.7	9.4	77.7	84.0
SB-08-334	79.6	81.3	9.0	9.6	78.0	84.4
SB-08-335	79.3	81.0	8.8	9.5	77.9	84.3
SB-08-336	79.7	81.4	9.1	9.7	78.2	84.7
SB-08-337	79.4	81.1	8.9	9.6	78.1	84.6
SB-08-338	79.8	81.5	9.2	9.8	78.4	85.0
SB-08-339	79.5	81.2	9.0	9.7	78.3	84.9
SB-08-340	79.9	81.6	9.3	9.9	78.6	85.3
SB-08-341	79.6	81.3	9.1	9.8	78.5	85.2
SB-08-342	80.0	81.7	9.4	10.0	78.8	85.6
SB-08-343	79.7	81.4	9.2	9.9	78.7	85.5
SB-08-344	80.1	81.8	9.5	10.1	79.0	85.9
SB-08-345	79.8	81.5	9.3	10.0	78.9	85.8
SB-08-346	80.2	81.9	9.6	10.2	79.2	86.2
SB-08-347	79.9	81.6	9.4	10.1	79.1	86.1
SB-08-348	80.3	82.0	9.7	10.3	79.4	86.5
SB-08-349	80.0	81.7	9.5	10.2	79.3	86.4
SB-08-350	80.4	82.1	9.8	10.4	79.6	86.8
SB-08-351	80.1	81.8	9.6	10.3	79.5	86.7
SB-08-352	80.5	82.2	9.9	10.5	79.8	87.1
SB-08-353	80.2	81.9	9.7	10.4	79.7	87.0
SB-08-354	80.6	82.3	10.0	10.6	80.0	87.4
SB-08-355	80.3	82.0	9.8	10.5	79.9	87.3
SB-08-356	80.7	82.4	10.1	10.7	80.2	87.7
SB-08-357	80.4	82.1	9.9	10.6	80.1	87.6
SB-08-358	80.8	82.5	10.2	10.8	80.4	88.0
SB-08-359	80.5	82.2	10.0	10.7	80.3	87.9
SB-08-360	80.9	82.6	10.3	10.9	80.6	88.3
SB-08-361	80.6	82.3	10.1	10.8	80.5	88.2
SB-08-362	81.0	82.7	10.4	11.0	80.8	88.6
SB-08-363	80.7	82.4	10.2	10.9	80.7	88.5
SB-08-364	81.1	82.8	10.5	11.1	81.0	88.9
SB-08-365	80.8	82.5	10.3	11.0	80.9	88.8
SB-08-366	81.2	82.9	10.6	11.2	81.2	89.2
SB-08-367	80.9	82.6	10.4	11.1	81.1	89.1
SB-08-368	81.3	83.0	10.7	11.3	81.4	89.5
SB-08-369	81.0	82.7	10.5	11.2	81.3	89.4
SB-08-370	81.4	83.1	10.8	11.4	81.6	89.8
SB-08-371	81.1	82.8	10.6	11.3	81.5	89.7
SB-08-372	81.5	83.2	10.9	11.5	81.8	90.1
SB-08-373	81.2	82.9	10.7	11.4	81.7	90.0
SB-08-374	81.6	83.3	11.0	11.6	82.0	90.4
SB-08-375	81.3	83.0	10.8	11.5	81.9	90.3
SB-08-376	81.7	83.4	11.1	11.7	82.2	90.7
SB-08-377	81.4	83.1	10.9	11.6	82.1	90.6
SB-08-378	81.8	83.5	11.2	11.8	82.4	91.0
SB-08-379	81.5	83.2	11.0	11.7	82.3	90.9
SB-08-380	81.9	83.6	11.3	11.9	82.6	91.3
SB-08-381	81.6	83.3	11.1	11.8	82.5	91.2
SB-08-382	82.0	83.7	11.4	12.0	82.8	91.6
SB-08-383	81.7	83.4	11.2	11.9	82.7	91.5
SB-08-384	82.1	83.8	11.5	12.1	83.0	91.9
SB-08-385	81.8	83.5	11.3	12.0	82.9	91.8
SB-08-386	82.2	83.9	11.6	12.2	83.2	92.2
SB-08-387	81.9	83.6	11.4	12.1	83.1	92.1
SB-08-388	82.3	84.0	11.7	12.3	83.4	92.5
SB-08-389	82.0	83.7	11.5	12.2	83.3	92.4
SB-08-390	82.4	84.1	11.8	12.4	83.6	92.8
SB-08-391	82.1	83.8	11.6	12.3	83.5	92.7
SB-08-392	82.5	84.2	11.9	12.5	83.8	93.1
SB-08-393	82.2	83.9	11.7	12.4	83.7	93.0
SB-08-394	82.6	84.3	12.0	12.6	84.0	93.4
SB-08-395	82.3	84.0	11.8	12.5	83.9	93.3
SB-08-396	82.7	84.4	12.1	12.7	84.2	93.7
SB-08-397	82.4	84.1	11.9	12.6	84.1	93.6
SB-08-398	82.8	84.5	12.2	12.8	84.4	94.0
SB-08-399	82.5	84.2	12.0	12.7	84.3	93.9
SB-08-400	82.9	84.6	12.3	12.9	84.6	94.3
SB-08-401	82.6	84.3	12.1	12.8	84.5	94.2
SB-08-402	83.0	84.7	12.4	13.0	84.8	94.6
SB-08-403	82.7	84.4	12.2	12.9	84.7	94.5
SB-08-404	83.1	84.8	12.5	13.1	85.0	94.9
SB-08-405	82.8	84.5	12.3	13.0	84.9	94.8
SB-08-406	83.2	84.9	12.6	13.2	85.2	95.2
SB-08-407	82.9	84.6	12.4	13.1	85.1	95.1
SB-08-408	83.3	85.0	12.7	13.3	85.4	95.5
SB-08-409	83.0	84.7	12.5	13.2	85.3	95.4
SB-08-410	83.4	85.1	12.8	13.4	85.6	95.8
SB-08-411	83.1	84.8	12.6	13.3	85.5	95.7
SB-08-412	83.5	85.2	12.9	13.5	85.8	96.1
SB-08-413	83.2	84.9	12.7	13.4	85.7	96.0
SB-08-414	83.6	85.3	13.0	13.6	86.0	96.4
SB-08-415	83.3	85.0	12.8	13.5	85.9	96.3
SB-08-416	83.7	85.4	13.1	13.7	86.2	96.7
SB-08-417	83.4	85.1	12.9	13.6	86.1	96.6
SB-08-418	83.8	85.5	13.2	13.8	86.4	97.0
SB-08-419	83.5	85.2	13.0	13.7	86.3	96.9
SB-08-420	83.9	85.6	13.3	13.9	86.6	97.3
SB-08-421	83.6	85.3	13.1	13.8	86.5	97.2
SB-08-422	84.0	85.7	13.4	14.0	86.8	97.6
SB-08-423	83.7	85.4	13.2	13.9	86.7	97.5
SB-08-424	84.1	85.8	13.5	14.1	87.0	97.9
SB-08-425	83.8	85.5	13.3	14.0	86.9	97.8
SB-08-426	84.2	85.9	13.6	14.2	87.2	98.2
SB-08-427	83.9	85.6	13.4	14.1	87.1	98.1
SB-08-428	84.3	86.0	13.7	14.3	87.4	98.5
SB-08-429	84.0	85.7	13.5	14.2	87.3	98.4
SB-08-430	84.4	86.1	13.8	14.4	87.6	98.8
SB-08-431	84.1	85.8	13.6	14.3	87.5	98.7
SB-08-432	84.5	86.2	13.9	14.5	87.8	99.1
SB-08-433	84.2	85.9	13.7	14.4	87.7	99.0
SB-08-434	84.6	86.3	14.0	14.6	88.0	99.4
SB-08-435	84.3	86.0	13.8	14.5	87.9	99.3
SB-08-436	84.7	86.4	14.1	14.7	88.2	99.7
SB-08-437	84.4	86.1	13.9	14.6	88.1	99.6
SB-08-438	84.8	86.5	14.2	14.8	88.4	100.0
SB-08-439	84.5	86.2	14.0	14.7	88.3	99.9
SB-08-440	84.9	86.6	14.3	14.9	88.6	100.3
SB-08-441	84.6	86.3	14.1	14.8	88.5	100.2
SB-08-442	85.0	86.7	14.4	15.0	88.8	100.6
SB-08-443	84.7	86.4	14.2	14.9	88.7	100.5
SB-08-444	85.1	86.8	14.5	15.1	89.0	100.9
SB-08-445	84.8	86.5	14.3	15.0	88.9	100.8
SB-08-446	85.2	86.9	14.6	15.2	89.2	101.2
SB-08-447	84.9	86.6	14.4	15.1	89.1	101.1
SB-08-448	85.3	87.0	14.7	15.3	89.4	101.5
SB-08-449	85.0	86.7	14.5	15.2	89.3	101.4
SB-08-450	85.					

4.17. Days to maturity of F₆ snap bean bulks grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
08-5-6	70.0	75.3	72.7	82.3	72.7	77.5
08-5-20	69.0	78.0	73.5	82.7	73.3	78.0
08-5-13	72.0	75.0	73.5	84.3	72.7	78.5
08-5-8	75.3	75.0	75.2	85.7	71.7	78.7
08-5-19	72.7	78.0	75.3	84.3	73.0	78.7
08-5-7	72.7	75.0	73.8	85.0	73.0	79.0
08-5-12	70.7	72.0	71.3	82.7	75.3	79.0
08-5-2	74.7	76.0	75.3	85.0	73.3	79.2
08-5-4	73.0	77.0	75.0	83.3	75.7	79.5
08-5-15	73.7	77.0	75.3	85.3	74.0	79.7
08-5-9	71.7	72.0	71.8	84.3	75.0	79.7
08-5-21	72.7	75.0	73.8	84.7	75.0	79.8
08-5-14	75.0	75.0	75.0	85.3	74.7	80.0
08-5-5	71.7	75.0	73.3	85.3	75.0	80.2
08-5-3	74.7	75.0	74.8	86.3	74.0	80.2
08-3-22	73.0	75.0	74.0	85.0	75.3	80.2
08-5-10	74.3	76.0	75.2	85.3	75.3	80.3
08-5-16	72.0	77.0	74.5	85.3	75.3	80.3
08-5-1	73.0	75.0	74.0	85.3	76.0	80.7
08-5-18	70.7	75.0	72.8	86.7	75.3	81.0
08-5-17	73.7	75.0	74.3	86.3	76.0	81.2
Checks						
irelli	70.3	74.3	72.3	83.3	73.0	78.2
esa	71.3	75.7	73.5	82.0	74.7	78.3
madon	74.0	73.0	73.5	82.3	75.3	78.8
rgan	72.0	75.0	73.5	82.7	76.3	79.5
nakelly	72.7	75.0	73.8	86.3	77.3	81.8
ay	72.3	77.0	74.7	86.3	77.7	82.0
alista	74.7	76.0	75.3	85.7	78.7	82.2
mantha	73.0	74.3	73.7	86.7	79.7	83.2
ia	76.3	75.0	75.7	87.0	80.3	83.7
r 2053	72.7	69.3	71.0	86.3	81.0	83.7
an	72.8	75.1	74.0	84.8	75.3	80.0
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	NS	NS	1.7	NS	NS	1.7
D _{0.05} Season (S)	-	-	1.5	-	-	1.5
D _{0.05} GXS	-	-	2.5	-	-	2.5
r %	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.5

D=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, D Location= 0.8.

Figure 4.18. Days to maturity of backcross snap bean populations grown for two seasons and locations.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
08-303	73.3	73.0	73.2	84.0	71.3	77.7
08-307	67.3	74.3	70.8	83.7	73.3	78.5
08-306	76.3	75.7	76.0	85.0	72.1	78.6
08-305	76.3	75.0	75.7	83.7	75.3	79.5
08-304	75.3	75.0	75.2	85.3	73.7	79.5
08-308	72.0	78.0	75.0	83.7	77.3	80.5
08-301	73.7	73.0	73.3	85.7	76.0	80.8
08-302	77.7	77.0	77.3	85.3	77.3	81.3
Weeks						
irelli	73.3	74.3	73.8	83.3	73.0	78.2
resa	71.3	75.7	73.5	82.0	74.7	78.3
rnadon	74.0	73.0	73.5	82.3	75.3	78.8
rgan	72.0	75.0	73.5	82.7	76.3	79.5
nakelly	72.7	75.0	73.8	86.3	77.3	81.8
ny	72.3	77.0	74.7	86.3	77.7	82.0
ulista	74.7	76.0	75.3	85.7	78.7	82.2
mantha	73.0	74.3	73.7	86.7	79.7	83.2
ia	76.3	75.0	75.7	87.0	80.3	83.7
ur 2053	72.7	69.3	71.0	86.3	81.0	83.7
Mean	73.6	74.8	74.2	84.7	76.4	80.5
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	3.9	NS	2.0	3.9	NS	2.0
D _{0.05} Season (S)	-	-	2.0	-	-	2.0
D _{0.05} GXS	-	-	3.0	-	-	3.0
CV %	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.5

D=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, D Location= 1.2.

When KSB populations were grown during short rain season KSB 4, KSB 7 took the shortest time to mature (77.2 days) while KSB 11 was the last to mature (79.2 days). During long rain season KSB 4 took the shortest duration mature (79.7 days) while KSB 10 W, was the latest to mature (82.7 days) (Table 4.20). When climbing lines were grown during short rain season, HAV 130 was the earliest to mature (77.8 days) while HAV 131 was the last mature (81.7 days). HAV 130 was the earliest to mature (80.5 days) while HAV 134, HAV 133 were the last to mature (82.2 days) during long rain season (Table 4.21).

4.19. Days to maturity of HABs snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons.

type	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
405	70.3	71.3	70.8	82.3	80.7	81.5
501	73.7	74.3	74.0	82.0	81.0	81.5
401	70.0	70.7	70.3	83.0	80.7	81.8
54	73.3	71.3	72.3	82.0	81.7	81.8
403	74.3	71.0	72.7	83.3	80.7	82.0
419	72.7	72.3	72.5	83.0	81.3	82.2
420	74.0	74.3	74.2	83.3	81.0	82.2
438	73.7	75.0	74.3	82.7	81.7	82.2
449 W	71.7	70.7	71.2	83.0	81.3	82.2
404	73.3	71.7	72.5	83.3	81.7	82.5
425 W	72.7	71.0	71.8	82.7	82.3	82.5
426	70.7	70.7	70.7	83.7	81.3	82.5
428	72.0	74.3	73.2	83.0	82.0	82.5
411	75.3	71.7	73.5	83.0	82.3	82.7
414	71.7	72.3	72.0	84.0	81.3	82.7
442	74.3	77.7	76.0	84.0	81.3	82.7
229	72.7	71.0	71.8	83.3	82.3	82.8
449 BR	74.3	73.7	74.0	83.3	82.3	82.8
240	72.3	72.7	72.5	83.3	83.3	83.3
467	73.0	72.0	72.5	85.0	81.7	83.3
423	73.3	71.0	72.2	85.0	82.0	83.5
406	71.7	73.0	72.3	84.0	83.3	83.7
408	74.0	74.3	74.2	84.7	82.7	83.7
465	71.3	71.0	71.2	83.3	84.0	83.7
173	73.0	73.0	73.0	86.0	81.7	83.8
425 BM	71.7	74.3	73.0	84.3	84.0	84.2
462	69.3	74.0	71.7	86.0	84.0	85.0
cks						
elli	70.3	74.3	72.3	83.3	73.0	78.2
sa	71.3	75.7	73.5	82.0	74.7	78.3
adon	74.0	73.0	73.5	82.3	75.3	78.8
gan	72.0	75.0	73.5	82.7	76.3	79.5
akelly	72.7	75.0	73.8	86.3	77.3	81.8
y	72.3	77.0	74.7	86.3	77.7	82.0
ista	74.7	76.0	75.3	85.7	78.7	82.2
antha	73.0	74.3	73.7	86.7	79.7	83.2
a	76.3	75.0	75.7	87.0	80.3	83.7
2053	72.7	69.3	71.0	86.3	81.0	83.7
n	73.0	73.1	73.0	84.0	80.7	82.4
0.05 Genotype (G)	2.8	NS	1.5	2.8	NS	1.5
0.05 Season (S)	-	-	0.6	-	-	0.6
0.05 GXS	-	-	2.2	-	-	2.2
%	0.9	1.9	0.4	0.9	1.9	0.4

=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, Season= 0.6.

4.20. Days to maturity of KSB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
0 BR	74.3	80.0	77.2	84.3	75.0	79.7
1	74.3	80.0	77.2	83.7	76.0	79.8
0 W	73.3	80.0	76.7	87.3	74.7	81.0
1	76.7	77.0	76.8	87.3	76.3	81.8
0 W	78.3	80.0	79.2	88.0	76.3	82.2
1	77.3	78.3	77.8	88.3	77.0	82.7
0 BR	73.3	74.3	73.8	83.3	73.0	78.2
1	71.3	75.7	73.5	82.0	74.7	78.3
0 W	74.0	73.0	73.5	82.3	75.3	78.8
1	72.0	75.0	73.5	82.7	76.3	79.5
0 BR	72.7	75.0	73.8	86.3	77.3	81.8
1	72.3	77.0	74.7	86.3	77.7	82.0
0 W	74.7	76.0	75.3	85.7	78.7	82.2
1	73.0	74.3	73.7	86.7	79.7	83.2
0 W	76.3	75.0	75.7	87.0	80.3	83.7
1	72.7	69.3	71.0	86.3	81.0	83.7
CV	74.2	76.5	75.3	85.5	76.8	81.2
05 Genotype (G)	4.0	NS	2.1	4.0	NS	2.1
05 Season (S)	-	-	1.2	-	-	1.2
05 GXS	-	-	3.0	-	-	3.0
CV	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.3

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, Location= 1.0.

Figure 4.21. Days to maturity of climbing snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Short rain season			Long rain season		
	Thika	Mwea	Mean	Thika	Mwea	Mean
130	72.7	83.0	77.8	85.7	75.3	80.5
132	76.2	86.0	81.1	87.3	75.0	81.2
131	80.3	83.0	81.7	88.7	74.7	81.7
135	78.5	83.0	80.8	88.7	74.7	81.7
133	75.0	86.0	80.5	88.0	76.3	82.2
134	74.7	83.0	78.8	89.7	74.7	82.2
Ks						
illi	70.3	74.3	72.3	83.3	73.0	78.2
ia	71.3	75.7	73.5	82.0	74.7	78.3
adon	74.0	73.0	73.5	82.3	75.3	78.8
gan	72.0	75.0	73.5	82.7	76.3	79.5
akelly	72.7	75.0	73.8	86.3	77.3	81.8
	72.3	77.0	74.7	86.3	77.7	82.0
sta	74.7	76.0	75.3	85.7	78.7	82.2
antha	73.0	74.3	73.7	86.7	79.7	83.2
	76.3	75.0	75.7	87.0	80.3	83.7
2053	72.7	69.3	71.0	86.3	81.0	83.7
	73.7	78.0	75.9	86.0	76.5	81.3
0.05 Genotype (G)	3.4	7.0	2.1	3.4	7.0	2.1
0.05 Season (S)	-	-	1.9	-	-	1.9
0.05 GXS	-	-	3.0	-	-	3.0
CV	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.3

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, Location= 1.2.

4 Pod length, pod diameter and pod colour of snap bean populations and lines

There was a significant effect ($P < 0.05$) of genotype and cropping season for pod length in all populations and lines except for F_4 population. The mean pod length was higher during long than short rain season. The two way interaction between genotype and cropping season was only significant in F_4 populations and $F_{4.5}$ families. There was a significant effect ($P < 0.05$) of genotype for pod diameter in all populations and lines. However, the effect of cropping season was only significant for pod diameter for only $F_{4.5}$ populations, KSB and climbing snap bean lines (Appendices 3-14).

Among the F₄ population, SB-08-3-1 had the longest pods (11.8 cm) and SB-08-3-1 had the shortest pods (9.9 cm). The highest pod diameter recorded was from SB-08-3-12, SB-08-3-5, SB-08-3-1, SB-08-3-14, SB-08-3-20 and SB-08-3-17 of 0.9 cm. The least pod diameter recorded was from Amy, Julia and Paulista of 0.6 cm. Among the F_{4.5} families, progenies of SB-08-151-2 had the shortest pod length (9.1cm) whereas SB-08-66-1 had the highest pod length (9.1cm). Mean pod diameter of F_{4.5} families during long rain season was higher than short rain season. Amy and Paulista had the lowest pod diameter (0.6 mm) while SB-08-151-1 had the highest pod diameter (1.0 mm) (Table. 4.23).

Among the F₆ populations, progenies of SB-08-5-21 had the longest pods (12.2cm). SB-08-5-21, SB-08-5-10, SB-08-5-13, SB-08-3-22 and SB-08-5-19 had the highest pod diameter of 0.9 mm (Table 4.24). Among the backcross populations, progenies of SB-08-303 had the highest pod length of 12.5 cm. Progenies of SB-08-303 and SB-08-306 had the highest pod diameter of 0.9 cm (Table. 4.25). Among the HABs lines, HAB 419, HAB 438 and HAB 467 had the longest pods (12.3 cm). HAB 467 had the highest pod diameter of 0.9 cm (Table. 4.26). Among the KSB lines KSB 3 had the longest pod length (11.7 cm) and KSB 10 W had the shortest pods (9.7 cm) (Table 4.27). Among the climbing lines, HAV 130 had the longest pod length (11.4cm). HAV 130, HAV 131, HAV 134 and HAV135 had the highest pod diameter of 1.1 cm (Table. 4.28).

4.22. Pod characteristics of F₄ snap bean bulks grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Genotype	Pod length (cm)			Pod width (cm)			Colour	Curvature
	SR	LR	Mean	SR	LR	Mean		
08-3-10	10.0	12.4	11.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
08-3-9	8.7	13.3	11.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	SC
08-3-15	12.4	10.2	11.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	P	SC
08-3-4	9.1	11.8	10.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
08-3-21	11.7	11.9	11.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	SC
08-3-19	9.7	12.4	11.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	V	C
08-3-3	0.2	11.8	11.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-3-7	9.4	12.6	11.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	V	C
08-3-6	9.8	11.9	10.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-3-13	9.1	12.4	10.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
08-3-16	9.4	12.0	10.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	V	S
08-3-22	10.1	11.6	10.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	G	SC
08-3-11	9.7	12.2	11.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-3-2	9.6	12.6	11.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	G	SC
08-3-18	9.9	12.4	11.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	V	C
08-3-12	10.0	13.1	11.5	0.9	1.0	0.9	P	SC
08-3-5	9.3	12.7	11.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	G	C
08-3-1	8.7	11.1	9.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	G	S
08-3-14	12.5	10.0	11.3	1.0	0.8	0.9	P	SC
08-3-8	11.6	11.7	11.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	G	SC
08-3-20	9.7	13.3	11.5	0.8	0.9	0.9	G	C
08-3-17	9.8	11.5	10.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	P	S
Becks								
ay	9.1	9.6	9.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
a	9.8	10.2	10.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	G	S
lista	9.8	11.3	10.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
makelly	9.1	11.1	10.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
relli	9.5	10.2	9.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	V	S
rgan	9.1	10.4	9.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
r 2053	10.9	10.8	10.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	S
madon	7.9	11.2	9.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
nantha	11.5	12.3	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
esa	9.7	12.7	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
an	9.8	11.8	10.8	0.7	0.8	0.8		
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	NS			0.1				
D _{0.05} Season (S)	0.7			NS				
D _{0.05} GXS	NS			NS				
%	1.7			2.9				

NS=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, Speckled, G=Green, P=Purple, SC=Slightly curved, S=straight, C=curved.

4.23. Pod characteristics of F_{4,5} snap bean families grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Type	Pod length (cm)			Pod width (cm)			Colour	Curvature
	SR	LR	Mean	SR	LR	Mean		
08-147-4	10.2	11.9	11.0	0.6	0.8	0.7	G	SC
08-152-1	9.8	13.2	11.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	G	C
08-152-4	9.1	11.1	10.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	SC
08-143-1	9.4	11.9	10.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	V	S
08-66-1	12.2	12.2	12.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	C
08-66-3	9.5	12.2	10.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	V	S
08-66-2	9.3	11.5	10.4	0.6	0.8	0.7	G	SC
08-151-3	9.5	12.7	11.1	0.7	0.8	0.7	P	SC
08-67-2	9.8	12.9	11.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	G	SC
08-147-1	8.2	11.6	9.9	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	SC
08-147-2	9.1	12.0	10.5	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	C
08-147-3	9.4	12.6	11.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	SC
08-152-2	8.7	11.1	9.9	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	SC
08-152-3	8.9	12.9	10.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	G	SC
08-150-1	9.3	12.7	11.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-150-2	9.0	12.1	10.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	SC
08-67-2	7.8	12.1	9.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	SC
08-69-4	8.3	12.2	10.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-69-7	9.5	12.7	11.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-143-2	8.5	12.0	10.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	P	SC
08-143-3	10.2	10.5	10.4	0.8	0.8	0.8	P	C
08-66-2	10.2	10.7	10.4	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	S
08-66-4	10.5	12.8	11.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-66-5	9.0	12.1	10.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	C
08-148-1	7.2	11.3	9.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	P	C
08-148-2	8.3	13.7	11.0	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	SC
08-148-3	8.4	11.4	9.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	S
08-148-4	8.5	12.1	10.3	0.7	0.8	0.8	P	C
08-148-5	8.0	11.9	9.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	C
08-146-1	9.6	13.8	11.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	C
08-145-1	9.4	10.3	9.9	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	SC
08-145-2	9.3	11.9	10.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	SC
08-151-2	6.9	11.4	9.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	P	SC
08-154-1	8.1	10.9	9.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-154-2	9.6	11.9	10.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	S
08-154-4	9.8	10.4	10.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	SC
08-154-5	8.8	11.4	10.1	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	SC
08-155-2	11.0	12.4	11.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	S
08-151-1	10.1	12.2	11.2	0.7	1.3	1.0	G	S
Means								
any	9.1	9.6	9.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S

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	Pod length (cm)			Pod width (cm)			Colour	curvature
	SR	LR	Mean	SR	LR	Mean		
ta	9.8	10.2	10.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	G	S
kelly	9.8	11.3	10.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
li	9.1	11.1	10.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
an	9.5	10.2	9.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	V	S
053	9.1	10.4	9.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
ndon	10.9	10.8	10.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	S
ntha	7.9	11.2	9.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
a	11.5	12.3	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
	9.7	12.7	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
	9.3	11.8	10.5	0.7	0.8	0.8		
05 Genotype (G)	1.4			0.1				
05 Season (S)	10			0.1				
05 GXS	1.9			0.2				
	2.0			1.2				

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, V=Speckled, G=Green, P=Purple, SC=Slightly curved, S=straight, C=curved.

12.1	9.1	11.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	SC
12.1	9.1	10.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	S
12.6	11.8	12.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	G	SC
12.9	10.4	11.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	G	C
11.9	10.3	11.2	0.8	0.9	0.9	G	C
11.1	9.2	10.2	0.8	0.9	0.9	G	C
12.3	8.7	10.4	0.9	0.8	0.9	G	SC
9.5	9.1	9.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
10.7	9.8	10.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	G	S
11.3	9.8	10.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
11.1	9.1	10.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
10.3	9.3	9.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	V	S
10.4	9.1	9.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
10.3	10.9	10.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	S
11.3	7.9	9.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
12.3	11.5	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
12.7	9.7	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
11.7	9.5	10.6	0.8	0.8	0.8		
1.3			0.1				
0.4			NS				
1.4			NS				
0.7			2.4				

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, V=Speckled, G=Green, P=Purple, SC=Slightly curved, S=straight, C=curved.

4.24. Pod characteristics of F₆ snap bean bulks grown for two seasons at Mwea.

Genotype	Pod length (cm)			Pod width (cm)			Colour	Curvature
	SR	LR	Mean	SR	LR	Mean		
08-5-15	11.1	8.6	9.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	SC
08-5-7	12.2	8.8	10.5	0.8	0.7	0.8	P	SC
08-5-1	11.3	10.2	10.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	P	SC
08-5-5	11.8	9.0	10.4	0.9	0.8	0.8	P	C
08-5-4	10.9	8.7	9.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	P	C
08-5-2	12.3	8.4	10.3	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	C
08-5-9	12.3	8.3	10.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	V	C
08-5-12	11.3	9.4	10.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-5-6	12.4	9.1	10.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	V	SC
08-5-3	12.2	9.8	11.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	G	SC
08-5-18	14.1	10.2	12.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-5-8	11.7	10.7	11.2	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	SC
08-5-17	10.7	9.9	10.3	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	C
08-5-14	13.1	9.1	11.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	C
08-5-16	13.1	9.1	11.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	SC
08-5-20	12.1	9.1	10.6	0.8	0.9	0.9	G	S
08-5-21	12.6	11.8	12.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	G	SC
08-5-10	12.0	10.4	11.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	G	C
08-5-13	11.9	10.5	11.2	0.8	0.9	0.9	G	C
08-3-22	11.1	9.2	10.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	G	C
08-5-19	12.5	8.4	10.4	0.9	0.8	0.9	G	SC
Weeks								
May	9.6	9.1	9.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
June	10.2	9.8	10.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	G	S
July	11.3	9.8	10.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
August	11.1	9.1	10.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
September	10.2	9.5	9.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	V	S
October	10.4	9.1	9.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
November	10.8	10.9	10.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	S
December	11.2	7.9	9.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
January	12.3	11.5	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
February	12.7	9.7	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
Mean	11.7	9.5	10.6	0.8	0.8	0.8		
SD _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.3			0.1				
SD _{0.05} Season (S)	0.4			NS				
SD _{0.05} GXS	1.9			NS				
CV %	0.7			2.4				

SD=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=long rain season, SR=Short rain season, V=Speckled, G=Green, P=Purple, SC=Slightly C=curved, S=straight, C=curved.

4.25. Pod characteristics of backcross snap bean bulks grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Types	Pod length (cm)			Pod width (cm)			Colour	Curvature
	SR	LR	Mean	SR	LR	Mean		
-302	10.5	10.5	10.5	0.9	0.8	0.8	G	SC
-301	9.7	12.5	11.1	0.7	0.9	0.8	G	C
-308	10.0	11.6	10.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	P	S
-305	10.9	13.0	11.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	P	S
-304	10.3	11.1	10.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	C
-307	9.9	11.7	10.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	SC
-303	12.1	12.9	12.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	V	C
-306	9.9	9.9	9.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	V	C
ks	9.1	9.6	9.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
	9.8	10.2	10.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	G	S
sta	9.8	11.3	10.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
kelly	9.1	11.1	10.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
lli	9.5	10.2	9.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	V	S
an	9.1	10.4	9.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
053	10.9	10.8	10.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	S
adon	7.9	11.2	9.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
ntha	11.5	12.3	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
a	9.7	12.7	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
	10.0	11.3	10.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	G	SC
0.05 Genotype (G)	1.3			0.1			G	SC
0.05 Season (S)	0.7			NS			G	S
0.05 GXS	NS			NS			G	SC
	3.0			3.0			G	SC

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, long rain season, SR=Short rain season, V=Speckled, G=Green, P= Purple, SC=Slightly curved, S=straight, curved.

4.26. Pod characteristics of HAB snap bean lines grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Genotype	Pod length (cm)			Pod width (cm)			Colour	Curvature
	SR	LR	Mean	SR	LR	Mean		
B 173	10.3	11.9	11.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
B 229	11.0	13.1	12.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	SC
B 240	11.3	11.1	11.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
B 403	9.8	11.8	10.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	V	C
B 405	10.9	11.5	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.7	G	SC
B 406	10.5	11.6	11.1	0.7	0.8	0.7	G	S
B 411	10.9	12.8	11.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	C
B 425 BM	10.2	12.5	11.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	SC
B 426	10.0	11.8	10.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	SC
B 438	11.8	12.8	12.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	SC
B 462	10.3	12.8	11.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	C
B 465	10.2	12.1	11.2	0.8	0.7	0.7	G	SC
B 501	11.0	11.3	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.7	V	SC
B 54	10.3	13.5	11.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
B 401	10.0	11.1	10.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	S
B 404	11.9	12.8	12.3	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	SC
B 408	11.3	12.2	11.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	SC
B 414	10.8	13.0	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	SC
B 419	11.3	13.3	12.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	G	C
B 420	12.0	11.7	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
B 423	10.8	12.4	11.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	SC
B 425 W	9.9	12.4	11.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	S
B 428	12.0	11.8	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	SC
B 442	10.3	11.8	11.1	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	SC
B 449 BR	9.4	11.9	10.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	SC
B 449 W	10.7	13.6	12.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	G	S
B 467	10.2	11.7	11.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	G	SC
Checks								
ny	9.1	9.6	9.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
ia	9.8	10.2	10.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	G	S
ulista	9.8	11.3	10.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
enakelly	9.1	11.1	10.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
orelli	9.5	10.2	9.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	V	S
organ	9.1	10.4	9.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
ar 2053	10.9	10.8	10.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	S
ernadon	7.9	11.2	9.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
mantha	11.5	12.3	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
eresa	9.7	12.7	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
ean	10.4	11.9	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.7		
SD _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.3			0.1				
SD _{0.05} Season (S)	1.1			NS				
SD _{0.05} GXS	NS			NS				
V %	2.4			3.2				

SD=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, SR=long rain season, LR=Short rain season, V=Speckled, G=Green, P=Purple, SC=Slightly curved, S=straight, C=curved.

Figure 4.27. Pod characteristic of KSB snap bean lines grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Genotype	Pod length (cm)			Pod width (cm)			Colour	Curvature
	SR	LR	Mean	SR	LR	Mean		
11	10.2	11.5	10.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	G	S
10 BR	10.1	12.3	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.7	G	SC
10 W	8.8	10.6	9.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
3	10.1	13.3	11.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	SC
4	8.8	12.5	10.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
7	9.7	11.2	10.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	SC
cks								
	9.1	9.6	9.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
	9.8	10.2	10.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	G	S
sta	9.8	11.3	10.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
akelly	9.1	11.1	10.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
elli	9.5	10.2	9.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	V	S
gan	9.1	10.4	9.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
2053	10.9	10.8	10.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	S
adon	7.9	11.2	9.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
antha	11.5	12.3	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
sa	9.7	12.7	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
n	9.6	11.3	10.5	0.7	0.7	0.7		
0.05 Genotype (G)	1.3			1.3				
0.05 Season (S)	0.5			1.1				
0.05 GXS	NS			NS				
%	4.0			2.4				

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, long rain season, SR=Short rain season, V=Speckled, G=Green, P=Purple, SC=Slightly curved, straight, C=curved.

28. Pod characteristic of climbing snap bean lines grown at Mwea for two seasons.

Type	Pod length (cm)			Pod width (cm)			Colour	Curvature
	SR	LR	Mean	SR	LR	Mean		
32	9.7	11.4	10.6	1.0	1.1	1.0	G	S
33	9.4	11.7	10.6	1.0	1.1	1.0	G	S
30	11.1	11.8	11.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	G	SC
31	9.5	11.5	10.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	G	S
34	9.2	11.7	10.5	1.1	1.2	1.1	P	SC
35	9.1	12.1	10.6	1.0	1.1	1.1	V	S
	9.1	9.6	9.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
	9.8	10.2	10.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	G	S
	9.8	11.3	10.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	G	S
	9.1	11.1	10.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
	9.5	10.2	9.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	V	S
	9.1	10.4	9.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	P	S
53	10.9	10.8	10.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	G	S
lon	7.9	11.2	9.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	G	S
tha	11.5	12.3	11.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
	9.7	12.7	11.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	G	S
	9.7	11.2	10.5	0.8	0.8	0.8		
Genotype (G)	1.3			NS				
Season (S)	0.9			0.1				
GXS	NS			NS				
	3.3			2.7				

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, Long rain season, SR=Short rain season, V=Speckled, G=Green, P=Purple, SC=Slightly curved, S=straight, Red.

5 Number of pods per plant of snap bean populations and lines

There was significant effect ($P < 0.05$) of genotype, fungicide application, location and cropping seasons recorded for number of pod per plant for all the populations and lines. The two way and three way interaction between genotype, fungicide application, location and cropping seasons were significant ($P < 0.05$) for all populations and lines. The four way interaction of the above factors was also significant except for backcross populations and climbing snap bean lines (Appendices 3-14). Control of foliar fungal diseases using fungicide

seed mean pods per plant ranging from 122.9% for F₆ populations to 145.9% for HAB. pod per plant at Mwea was higher than at Thika.

the F₄ populations were grown without fungicide application, Amy and progenies of SB-2 had the least number of pods per plant (4.8), whereas progenies of SB-08-3-6 had the most number of pods per plant (8.9) (Table. 4.29). Among the F_{4.5} families SB-08-151-1 had the least pods per plant (4.8) while progenies of SB-08-155-2 had the highest number of pods per plant (8.7) (Table. 4.30). Among the F₆ populations progenies of SB-08-5-13 had the least number of pods per plant (9.3) (Table. 4.31). Among the backcross populations SB-08- produced the highest number of pods per plant (7.2) (Table. 4.32).

in HAB lines were grown without application of fungicide HAB 406 had the least number of pods per plant (4.3) while HAB 411 and HAB 403 produced the highest amount of pods per plant (8.0) (Table 4.33). Among the KSB snap bean lines KSB 7 had the least number of pods per plant (3.6) while KSB 10 W had the highest number of pods per plants (9.0) (Table. 4.34).

Among the climbing snap bean lines, Morgan produced the highest number of pods per plant (Table. 4.35).

4.29. Pods per plant of F₄ snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
08-3-2	4.7	9.7	13.0	17.0	11.1	2.3	8.0	4.2	4.7	4.8
08-3-10	4.0	7.7	6.1	16.7	8.6	1.7	7.3	6.6	7.3	5.7
08-3-19	6.0	7.0	10.3	11.3	8.7	2.7	5.3	6.9	8.0	5.7
08-3-3	7.0	9.7	10.2	18.7	11.4	2.7	7.0	7.3	5.7	5.7
08-3-1	6.7	8.0	12.3	16.3	10.8	2.7	8.3	5.2	7.0	5.8
08-3-11	5.7	8.3	8.9	11.3	8.6	3.0	6.0	7.6	7.0	5.9
08-3-13	3.3	6.7	12.8	15.7	9.6	2.0	7.7	4.7	10.0	6.1
08-3-7	7.0	9.0	12.4	14.3	10.7	3.0	9.0	6.6	6.3	6.2
08-3-4	4.7	6.7	8.6	14.0	8.5	2.3	7.0	7.7	9.0	6.5
08-3-15	6.3	8.7	13.8	13.7	10.6	1.7	6.7	8.0	10.0	6.6
08-3-14	6.3	7.7	14.4	14.0	10.6	2.0	7.7	8.6	9.0	6.8
08-3-16	6.7	7.0	11.8	16.0	10.4	2.7	8.3	6.4	9.7	6.8
08-3-21	4.3	5.7	8.0	15.3	8.3	3.0	7.3	9.7	7.0	6.8
08-3-17	6.3	5.7	11.1	16.0	9.8	3.3	8.7	7.4	7.7	6.8
08-3-18	5.3	6.3	10.3	14.7	9.2	3.3	8.3	9.0	7.0	6.9
08-3-20	3.3	6.3	9.8	13.3	8.2	3.0	7.3	9.8	8.0	7.0
08-3-5	6.7	7.0	13.0	16.7	10.8	3.3	8.7	9.4	6.7	7.0
08-3-22	6.0	7.6	9.9	13.0	9.1	3.3	8.4	5.9	10.3	7.0
08-3-12	8.7	7.8	13.1	14.3	11.0	3.7	8.5	8.4	9.0	7.4
08-3-8	5.7	7.7	12.3	15.0	10.2	2.0	8.0	8.0	12.7	7.7
08-3-9	5.7	7.3	14.2	17.7	11.2	3.3	9.3	9.8	8.3	7.7
08-3-6	4.7	7.7	15.2	14.7	10.6	4.0	7.3	11.5	11.7	8.9
Becks										
ly	3.3	5.3	8.7	15.3	8.2	1.3	6.0	2.8	9.0	4.8
nakelly	3.7	6.3	9.4	13.3	8.2	2.3	5.3	2.3	11.3	5.3
a	1.0	6.7	4.1	16.0	6.9	1.0	5.7	4.1	12.0	5.7
lista	4.0	6.7	6.4	14.0	7.8	1.3	5.0	8.6	9.7	6.1
r 2053	1.0	7.7	7.7	12.7	7.3	1.7	6.3	7.4	9.0	6.1
nantha	3.0	6.3	8.1	12.0	7.4	1.0	3.7	8.7	11.3	6.2
esa	4.3	4.0	11.0	14.0	8.3	3.3	2.7	10.9	9.7	6.6
rnadon	4.0	8.0	11.3	13.7	9.3	2.0	5.7	10.0	8.7	6.6
orelli	7.0	7.7	9.3	15.3	9.8	5.3	5.7	7.4	8.3	6.7
rgan	5.0	3.7	9.8	12.7	7.8	2.0	7.0	6.7	12.3	7.0
an	5.0	7.1	10.5	14.6	9.3	2.6	7.0	7.4	8.9	6.5
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	2.0	2.3	2.8	N/S	1.2	2.0	2.3	2.8	N/S	1.2
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	N/S	N/S	N/S	1.5	0.6	N/S	N/S	N/S	1.5	0.6
D _{0.05} GXS	N/S	N/S	4.1	3.9	1.8	N/S	N/S	4.1	3.9	1.8
r %	5.9	2.8	4.5	4.3	0.7	5.9	2.8	4.5	4.3	0.7

D=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, =long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Season= 0.9, Location= 0.6.

4.30. Pods per plant of F_{4.5} snap bean families grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Type	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
151-1	7.3	9.3	10.7	18.3	11.4	3.3	7.3	2.7	6.0	4.8
66-5	2.7	6.3	10.0	16.0	8.8	2.7	4.7	7.4	6.0	5.2
147-2	1.0	8.3	10.1	20.0	9.9	1.3	8.0	6.7	5.0	5.3
152-2	6.0	5.7	9.0	13.7	8.6	3.0	6.0	3.9	9.7	5.6
145-2	5.7	7.0	8.4	12.0	8.3	3.0	8.0	4.4	7.3	5.7
66-3	3.7	4.7	12.7	13.0	8.5	3.0	7.7	5.7	6.7	5.8
66-4	7.7	6.7	11.8	13.0	9.8	2.7	6.3	5.3	8.7	5.8
148-3	5.0	7.3	10.0	12.3	8.7	3.7	6.7	7.2	5.7	5.8
151-2	5.0	6.7	6.4	11.0	7.3	1.7	10.0	4.4	7.0	5.8
147-4	4.3	6.3	5.8	16.0	8.1	2.3	8.0	6.6	7.0	6.0
147-1	1.3	6.3	5.2	15.0	7.0	1.7	5.7	4.4	13.3	6.3
66-2	4.3	7.7	11.6	13.3	9.2	3.7	6.3	7.4	7.7	6.3
69-4	4.7	8.8	13.2	14.3	10.3	3.3	9.2	5.8	7.3	6.4
143-2	6.3	6.3	7.0	14.0	8.4	3.3	6.0	7.4	9.0	6.4
154-1	6.7	9.0	7.4	14.0	9.3	2.0	9.3	5.1	9.0	6.4
154-5	3.3	6.7	6.4	12.7	7.3	1.3	8.3	5.8	10.0	6.4
143-3	5.0	6.0	8.7	16.0	8.9	3.7	7.0	6.3	9.0	6.5
148-4	4.7	8.3	12.6	17.7	10.8	2.0	8.7	6.7	8.7	6.5
147-3	3.0	6.0	11.9	12.0	8.2	2.0	12.3	1.9	10.0	6.6
150-2	8.7	8.0	12.9	14.0	10.9	5.3	7.3	4.7	9.3	6.7
69-7	6.7	4.3	12.4	14.0	9.4	3.3	5.0	7.5	11.0	6.7
145-1	4.3	6.3	11.0	11.0	8.2	3.7	8.3	7.1	7.7	6.7
154-4	5.3	8.7	5.0	11.0	7.5	3.0	8.3	6.0	9.3	6.7
67-2	5.0	6.7	12.8	12.0	9.1	4.7	8.0	6.1	9.0	6.9
151-3	4.3	6.7	10.0	14.0	8.5	4.3	10.0	4.9	8.7	7.0
152-4	2.3	6.3	14.9	16.0	9.9	2.3	9.0	4.6	13.3	7.3
143-1	4.7	6.0	9.1	14.0	8.4	4.3	8.3	7.8	9.0	7.4
148-2	5.3	5.0	12.6	17.0	10.0	2.7	9.7	7.0	10.3	7.4
154-2	3.0	6.3	7.0	14.3	7.7	2.0	11.3	5.1	11.0	7.4
150-1	7.0	9.7	9.7	17.7	11.0	5.3	9.3	6.3	9.0	7.5
67-2	6.3	8.6	11.0	17.7	10.9	4.7	8.0	7.5	9.7	7.5
148-1	6.0	5.3	6.3	15.0	8.2	4.3	9.7	7.6	8.3	7.5
152-3	6.3	8.0	7.3	12.0	8.4	3.3	11.3	4.1	11.7	7.6
146-1	6.3	7.0	9.6	17.3	10.1	6.0	7.0	7.0	10.7	7.7
152-1	4.0	7.7	6.9	12.3	7.7	2.0	10.3	3.7	15.3	7.8
148-5	5.0	5.2	9.1	17.7	9.2	3.7	9.8	6.7	11.7	8.0
66-1	4.0	6.6	11.2	15.0	9.2	8.0	7.5	8.8	8.3	8.2
155-2	5.7	7.0	11.3	16.3	10.1	4.3	8.3	12.2	10.0	8.7

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	Sprayed					Unsprayed					M
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea			
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR		
lly	3.3	5.3	8.7	15.3	8.2	1.3	6.0	2.8	9.0	4	
	3.7	6.3	9.4	13.3	8.2	2.3	5.3	2.3	11.3	5	
	1.0	6.7	4.1	16.0	6.9	1.0	5.7	4.1	12.0	5	
	4.0	6.7	6.4	14.0	7.8	1.3	5.0	8.6	9.7	6	
3	1.0	7.7	7.7	12.7	7.3	1.7	6.3	7.4	9.0	6	
	3.0	6.3	8.1	12.0	7.4	1.0	3.7	8.7	11.3	6	
	4.3	4.0	11.0	14.0	8.3	3.3	2.7	10.9	9.7	6	
on	4.0	8.0	11.3	13.7	9.3	2.0	5.7	10.0	8.7	6	
	7.0	7.7	9.3	15.3	9.8	5.3	5.7	7.4	8.3	6	
	5.0	3.7	9.8	12.7	7.8	2.0	7.0	6.7	12.3	7	
Genotype (G)	4.7	6.8	9.5	14.4	8.8	3.1	7.6	6.2	9.3	6	
	2.0	2.8	2.6	1.9	1.2	2.0	2.8	2.6	1.9	1	
Spraying (S)	NS	NS	0.8	0.8	0.6	NS	NS	0.8	0.8	0	
GXS	NS	NS	3.7	2.7	1.7	NS	NS	3.7	2.7	1	
	10.5	8.3	3.0	4.6	1.8	10.5	8.3	3.0	4.6	1	

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level. LR=long rain season. SR=Short rain season. LSD Season= 2.1, Location= 0.5.

4.31. Pods per plant of F₆ snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
8-5-21	3.0	6.7	11.2	14.7	8.9	1.7	6.3	9.1	5.7	5.7
8-5-5	4.7	6.3	12.7	14.3	9.5	2.0	7.0	10.1	4.0	5.8
8-5-2	5.0	9.2	11.9	15.0	10.3	1.7	6.2	12.8	6.0	6.7
8-5-19	2.7	4.7	9.6	13.3	7.6	3.3	5.3	12.8	6.0	6.9
8-5-7	3.3	6.7	12.0	13.7	8.9	2.3	6.0	10.8	9.0	7.0
8-5-13	2.0	7.0	9.8	15.3	8.5	1.0	5.0	13.4	9.0	7.1
8-5-17	3.0	4.7	10.6	14.3	8.1	1.7	6.0	11.8	9.0	7.1
8-5-15	2.7	6.7	8.1	13.7	7.8	1.7	6.0	10.3	11.0	7.3
8-5-6	3.3	7.0	10.4	15.0	8.9	3.3	7.0	10.0	8.7	7.3
8-5-4	4.0	9.3	11.7	16.3	10.3	3.7	5.7	12.2	8.3	7.5
8-5-9	4.3	8.0	12.2	15.7	10.1	3.0	8.0	13.2	5.7	7.5
8-3-22	2.7	6.2	8.0	12.7	7.4	2.3	6.7	11.4	9.7	7.5
8-5-10	3.7	10.0	7.7	16.0	9.3	3.0	8.7	12.6	6.3	7.6
8-5-14	3.7	6.7	9.9	11.0	7.8	3.7	7.3	11.1	8.3	7.6
8-5-12	4.0	5.0	9.6	14.7	8.3	2.0	7.7	12.0	9.7	7.8
8-5-8	1.3	6.3	11.1	13.0	7.9	1.7	7.0	12.7	10.3	7.9
8-5-16	4.3	4.0	7.8	14.7	7.7	3.7	7.3	12.1	8.3	7.9
8-5-20	4.3	7.3	9.7	16.7	9.3	4.0	5.7	12.7	11.3	8.4
8-5-18	4.7	8.0	12.8	13.0	9.1	4.7	6.7	14.9	8.7	8.7
8-5-1	5.3	6.7	9.6	16.0	9.4	3.3	7.3	13.2	12.0	9.0
8-5-3	3.7	8.7	10.0	19.0	10.3	2.3	11.0	11.3	12.3	9.3
2053	3.3	5.3	8.7	15.3	8.2	1.3	6.0	2.8	9.0	4.8
Manantha	1.0	7.7	7.7	12.7	7.3	1.7	6.3	2.8	9.0	5.0
Manantha	1.0	6.7	4.1	16.0	6.9	1.0	5.7	2.3	12.0	5.3
Manantha	3.0	6.3	8.1	12.0	7.4	1.0	3.7	7.4	11.3	5.9
Manantha	4.0	6.7	6.4	14.0	7.8	1.3	5.0	8.7	9.7	6.2
Manantha	7.0	7.7	9.3	15.3	9.8	5.3	5.7	6.7	8.3	6.5
Manantha	3.7	6.3	9.4	13.3	8.2	2.3	5.3	7.4	11.3	6.6
Manantha	4.3	4.0	11.0	14.0	8.3	3.3	2.7	10.9	9.7	6.6
Manantha	4.0	8.0	11.3	13.7	9.3	2.0	5.7	10.0	8.7	6.6
Manantha	5.0	3.7	9.8	12.7	7.8	2.0	7.0	8.6	12.3	7.5
Manantha	3.5	6.7	9.7	14.4	8.6	2.5	6.4	10.3	9.1	7.0
D _{0.05} Genotype (G)	1.9	2.3	3.5	2.6	1.3	1.9	2.3	3.5	2.6	1.3
D _{0.05} Spraying (S)	NS	NS	NS	1.1	0.5	NS	NS	NS	1.1	0.5
D _{0.05} GXS	NS	NS	NS	3.7	1.9	NS	NS	NS	3.7	1.9
%	11.0	6.3	7.3	1.7	1.5	11.0	6.3	7.3	1.7	1.5

D=Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, =long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Season= 1.3, Location= 0.8.

4.32. Pods per plant of backcross snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Type	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
-306	2.7	6.3	5.9	12.0	6.7	2.7	6.3	8.1	6.0	5.8
-305	1.3	6.7	7.0	15.3	7.6	1.3	9.3	6.3	7.3	6.1
-304	2.0	4.7	7.3	12.7	6.7	1.7	5.7	7.1	11.0	6.4
-307	2.7	6.0	9.3	12.0	7.3	2.3	8.3	9.7	4.3	6.4
-302	3.7	7.0	11.7	12.7	8.8	2.7	6.7	10.3	8.0	6.9
-301	1.3	4.7	8.0	13.0	6.8	1.0	7.7	7.3	11.7	6.9
-303	3.7	7.7	9.1	14.3	8.7	3.7	7.0	9.7	7.7	7.0
-308	3.7	7.7	11.6	14.3	9.3	3.7	6.7	10.9	7.7	7.2
ks	3.3	5.3	8.7	15.3	8.2	1.3	6.0	2.8	9.0	4.8
kelly	3.7	6.3	9.4	13.3	8.2	2.3	5.3	2.3	11.3	5.3
	1.0	6.7	4.1	16.0	6.9	1.0	5.7	4.1	12.0	5.7
ta	4.0	6.7	6.4	14.0	7.8	1.3	5.0	8.6	9.7	6.1
053	1.0	7.7	7.7	12.7	7.3	1.7	6.3	7.4	9.0	6.1
ntha	3.0	6.3	8.1	12.0	7.4	1.0	3.7	8.7	11.3	6.2
a	4.3	4.0	11.0	14.0	8.3	3.3	2.7	10.9	9.7	6.6
adon	4.0	8.0	11.3	13.7	9.3	2.0	5.7	10.0	8.7	6.6
lli	7.0	7.7	9.3	15.3	9.8	5.3	5.7	7.4	8.3	6.7
an	5.0	3.7	9.8	12.7	7.8	2.0	7.0	6.7	12.3	7.0
	3.1	6.3	8.7	13.6	7.9	2.3	6.1	7.7	9.2	6.3
05 Genotype (G)	1.6	2.2	2.6	2.3	1.1	1.6	2.2	2.6	2.3	1.1
05 Spraying (S)	NS	NS	NS	1.3	0.5	NS	NS	NS	1.3	0.5
05 GXS	NS	NS	NS	3.2	1.5	NS	NS	NS	3.2	1.5
	13.3	7.7	2.4	3.5	0.8	13.3	7.7	2.4	3.5	0.8

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Season= 0.6, Location= 0.8.

33. Pods per plant of HAB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Line	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
06	2.3	3.7	6.7	12.0	6.2	1.7	5.3	3.4	6.7	4.3
14	4.0	4.3	8.8	16.0	8.3	2.3	2.3	7.6	7.0	4.8
55	5.7	5.9	11.6	15.0	9.5	1.0	3.6	7.7	7.0	4.8
01	5.7	4.7	13.8	16.0	10.0	2.0	3.0	9.8	6.3	5.3
26	5.3	7.7	10.4	14.3	9.4	2.3	5.0	7.3	7.0	5.4
49 BR	6.0	5.0	15.0	14.0	10.0	1.0	7.3	6.6	6.7	5.4
40	5.3	2.7	5.7	14.3	7.0	1.0	5.7	5.7	9.7	5.5
62	5.7	6.3	9.9	12.7	8.4	5.0	4.3	6.3	6.3	5.5
08	5.7	5.0	7.6	15.3	8.4	3.3	4.3	8.3	7.3	5.8
25 BM	7.0	5.7	9.6	12.7	8.7	2.0	3.0	7.1	11.0	5.8
67	5.3	5.2	10.6	16.0	9.3	1.0	4.2	8.3	9.7	5.8
01	5.0	6.0	16.2	19.3	11.6	5.3	4.3	8.3	5.3	5.8
73	2.7	5.3	8.3	14.3	7.7	1.0	5.7	8.4	8.3	5.9
05	5.7	6.5	11.1	16.0	9.8	4.7	5.2	6.9	7.0	5.9
25 W	6.0	6.7	12.3	14.3	9.8	4.0	5.0	8.1	7.0	6.0
19	7.0	3.7	10.0	15.7	9.1	3.0	5.3	10.2	6.7	6.3
28	4.3	4.5	14.2	13.7	9.2	4.3	4.8	7.3	8.7	6.3
04	6.3	7.7	7.2	14.7	9.0	3.3	4.0	9.3	9.0	6.4
20	5.3	7.0	13.4	14.0	9.9	4.0	4.7	8.6	8.3	6.4
54	6.7	3.3	9.3	16.3	8.9	3.0	5.3	8.4	8.7	6.4
229	7.3	7.7	13.6	17.0	11.4	2.0	5.6	10.6	8.0	6.5
442	6.0	6.4	12.7	15.3	10.1	4.0	4.5	8.0	11.7	7.0
438	5.0	5.3	7.7	15.7	8.4	5.7	7.7	7.9	7.0	7.1
449 W	4.0	4.0	10.2	16.3	8.6	3.0	6.7	7.9	10.7	7.1
423	5.3	4.0	7.3	16.0	8.2	6.0	7.7	7.1	8.3	7.3
403	7.0	5.0	13.8	16.7	10.6	5.0	4.7	10.7	11.7	8.0
411	7.7	6.7	11.3	13.7	9.8	5.0	5.0	10.9	11.0	8.0
ks	3.3	5.3	8.7	15.3	8.2	1.3	6.0	2.8	9.0	4.8
kelly	3.7	6.3	9.4	13.3	8.2	2.3	5.3	2.3	11.3	5.3
ndon	4.0	8.0	11.3	13.7	9.3	2.0	5.7	7.1	8.7	5.9
sta	4.0	6.7	6.4	14.0	7.8	1.3	5.0	8.6	9.7	6.1
ntha	3.0	6.3	8.1	12.0	7.4	1.0	3.7	8.7	11.3	6.2
053	1.0	7.7	7.7	12.7	7.3	1.7	6.3	7.7	9.0	6.2
	1.0	6.7	4.1	16.0	6.9	1.0	5.7	7.1	12.0	6.4
a	4.3	4.0	11.0	14.0	8.3	3.3	2.7	10.9	9.7	6.6
lli	7.0	7.7	9.3	15.3	9.8	5.3	5.7	7.4	8.3	6.7
an	5.0	3.7	9.8	12.7	7.8	2.0	7.0	6.7	12.3	7.0
	5.0	5.6	10.1	14.8	8.9	2.9	5.1	7.7	8.7	6.1
05 Genotype (G)	2.3	2.1	2.9	2.2	1.2	2.3	2.1	2.9	2.2	1.2
05 Spraying (S)	0.9	NS	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.9	NS	0.9	0.6	0.5
05 GXS	NS	3.8	4.1	3.1	1.7	NS	3.8	4.1	3.1	1.7
	6.5	9.6	2.8	7.4	2.4	6.5	9.6	2.8	7.4	2.4

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Season= 2.0, Location= 0.5.

3.34. Pods per plant of KSB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea			Thika		Mwea		
	SR	LR	SR	LR	Mean	SR	LR	SR	LR	Mean
1	1.0	1.0	4.0	14.7	5.2	1.0	1.0	4.0	8.3	3.6
2	1.7	1.7	4.8	10.0	4.5	1.0	1.0	4.8	10.3	4.3
3	3.0	6.7	5.0	15.3	7.5	2.3	9.3	3.2	7.7	6.1
4	1.7	10.3	5.3	17.3	8.7	1.3	9.0	3.7	11.7	6.4
5 BR	3.0	8.7	8.3	16.0	9.0	1.3	8.7	8.3	14.0	8.1
6 W	5.7	9.0	8.6	15.3	9.6	3.3	9.0	9.2	14.3	9.0
7	3.3	5.3	8.7	15.3	8.2	1.3	6.0	3.0	9.0	4.8
8	3.7	6.3	9.4	13.3	8.2	2.3	5.3	2.3	11.3	5.3
9	1.0	6.7	4.1	16.0	6.9	1.0	5.7	4.1	12.0	5.7
10	4.0	6.7	6.4	14.0	7.8	1.3	5.0	8.6	9.7	6.1
11 053	1.0	7.7	7.7	12.7	7.3	1.7	6.3	7.4	9.0	6.1
12	3.0	6.3	8.1	12.0	7.4	1.0	3.7	8.7	11.3	6.2
13	4.3	4.0	11.0	14.0	8.3	3.3	2.7	10.9	9.7	6.6
14	4.0	8.0	11.3	13.7	9.3	2.0	5.7	10.0	8.7	6.6
15	7.0	7.7	9.3	15.3	9.8	5.3	5.7	7.4	8.3	6.7
16	5.0	3.7	9.8	12.7	7.8	2.0	7.0	6.7	12.3	7.0
17	3.3	6.2	7.6	14.2	7.8	2.1	5.7	6.4	10.5	6.2
18 05 Genotype (G)	1.8	1.9	2.7	1.9	1.0	1.8	1.9	2.7	1.9	1.0
19 05 Spraying (S)	0.5	NS	NS	1.1	0.6	0.5	NS	NS	1.1	0.6
20 05 GXS	NS	NS	NS	2.7	NS	NS	NS	NS	2.7	NS
21	7	14.2	4.9	0.4	3.2	7	14.2	4.9	0.4	3.2

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability levels.
 Long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Season= 1.3, Location= 0.7.

35. Pods per plant of climbing snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application

Line	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
55	11.2	14.3	4.8	14.3	11.2	2.0	3.3	4.2	11.0	5.1
30	11.0	11.0	4.7	13.0	9.9	3.0	3.0	4.2	11.0	5.3
34	14.3	4.3	3.7	15.7	9.5	3.3	8.0	4.2	8.7	6.1
31	9.3	9.7	5.1	12.3	9.1	2.0	7.3	4.4	12.0	6.4
32	10.3	7.7	6.9	12.7	9.4	3.2	8.7	4.4	11.0	6.8
33	10.7	5.3	5.0	13.3	8.6	1.7	8.3	4.7	13.0	6.9
	3.3	5.3	8.7	15.3	8.2	1.3	6.0	2.8	9.0	4.8
elly	3.7	6.3	9.4	13.3	8.2	2.3	5.3	2.3	11.3	5.3
	1.0	6.7	4.1	16.0	6.9	1.0	5.7	4.1	12.0	5.7
a	4.0	6.7	6.4	14.0	7.8	1.3	5.0	8.6	9.7	6.1
53	1.0	7.7	7.7	12.7	7.3	1.7	6.3	7.4	9.0	6.1
ha	3.0	6.3	8.1	12.0	7.4	1.0	3.7	8.7	11.3	6.2
	4.3	4.0	11.0	14.0	8.3	3.3	2.7	10.9	9.7	6.6
on	4.0	8.0	11.3	13.7	9.3	2.0	5.7	10.0	8.7	6.6
i	7.0	7.7	9.3	15.3	9.8	5.3	5.7	7.4	8.3	6.7
n	5.0	3.7	9.8	12.7	7.8	2.0	7.0	6.7	12.3	7.0
	6.4	7.2	7.3	13.8	8.7	2.3	5.7	5.9	10.5	6.1
s Genotype (G)	2.5	2.7	2.6	NS	1.2	2.5	2.7	2.6	NS	1.2
s Spraying (S)	2.9	NS	NS	0.7	0.6	2.9	NS	NS	0.7	0.6
s GXS	3.7	3.8	NS	2.6	1.7	3.7	3.8	NS	2.6	1.7
	14.7	12.5	8.7	1.0	0.2	14.7	12.5	8.7	1.0	0.2

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, Long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Season= 2.2, Location= 0.8.

Pod yield and pod quality of snap bean populations and lines

There were significant genotypic and fungicide application effects ($P < 0.05$) recorded for pod yield (Appendix 3-14). The two way interaction between genotype and fungicide application was not significant ($P < 0.05$) (Appendix 3-14). Genotype, fungicide application and interaction between them had a significant effect for extra fine pod yield except for backcross population, and climbing snap bean lines. Genotype, fungicide application and the interactions between them were significant ($P < 0.05$) for fine pod yield, except for backcross populations which had no significant difference for genotype and fungicide application. For bobby pod yield

pe and the interaction between genotype and fungicide application, were significant ($P <$
 for all populations and lines (Appendices 3-14). However, fungicide application was only
 cant for F_4 populations and $F_{4.5}$ families. Control of foliar fungal diseases using fungicide
 sed mean overall pod yield (233.3%), extra fine pod yield (208.4%) and fine pod yield
 0%). Bobby pod yield was decreased by application of fungicide to control fungal
 es.

the F_4 populations were grown without fungicide application progenies of SB-08-3-1
 ced the highest overall pod yield ($6108.8 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$) while variety Menakelly had the least
 yield ($2333.3 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$). Teresa had the highest extra fine pod yield while some of the
 types produced no extra fine pod yield like progenies of SB-08-3-5 and SB-08-3-3.
 enies of SB-08-3-4 had the highest fine pod yield while Julia had the least fine pod yield.
 enies of SB-08-3-3 had the highest bobby yield, others had no bobby pod yield (Table 4.1).

ng the $F_{4.5}$ families progenies of SB-08-143-1 had the highest overall pod yield (7574.7 kg
 while progenies of SB-08-147-2 had the least overall pod yield ($1655.6 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$). Some
 types had no extra fine yields like SB-08-66-2. Progenies of SB-08-143-1 had the highest
 otion of fine pod yield while other genotypes had no fine yields while. Progenies of SB-
 -12 143-7 had the highest bobby pod yield (Table. 4.2).

Yield and pod quality of F₄ snap bean bulks grown at Mwea with and without fungicide application.

	Yield (kg ha ⁻¹)		Extra fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Bobby (Kg ha ⁻¹)	
	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed
	3750.0	2395.8	1527.8	781.1	777.8	1101.3	1444.4	513.3
	4680.6	2492.2	4013.9	0.0	666.7	1065.6	0.0	1426.7
	6847.2	2582.2	3680.6	0.0	2833.3	1466.7	333.3	1115.6
	6481.5	3095.9	0.0	0.0	4814.8	1798.1	1666.7	1297.8
	6602.9	3167.8	555.6	651.1	4938.5	1050.0	1111.1	1466.7
	9166.7	3181.4	7833.3	2246.2	1000.0	935.2	0.0	0.0
	3935.9	3195.4	2435.9	717.0	1055.6	1809.5	444.4	668.9
	4401.1	3277.8	226.7	527.8	2626.7	2750.0	1547.8	0.0
	7103.9	3567.8	208.3	0.0	3895.6	2232.2	3000.0	1335.6
	6194.4	3579.5	4555.6	1034.6	1638.9	1642.7	0.0	902.2
	4753.3	3589.1	0.0	0.0	3087.8	1946.9	1666.7	1642.2
	4583.3	3780.9	666.7	153.3	2805.6	2216.4	555.6	1411.1
	4722.2	3827.1	833.3	0.0	2333.3	1874.4	1555.6	1952.7
	4836.6	4010.0	1111.1	1167.4	2225.5	1858.2	1500.0	984.4
	7527.8	4080.7	5750.0	0.0	1611.1	2529.6	166.7	1551.1
	5074.1	4177.8	0.0	111.1	1967.4	3066.7	3106.7	1000.0
	5349.2	4434.5	3782.2	380.0	1571.4	2921.2	0.0	1133.3
	9714.4	4667.5	688.9	1884.4	8916.7	2516.4	111.1	266.7
	5388.9	4702.3	1111.1	0.0	3388.9	3424.5	888.9	1277.8
	4742.8	4723.3	0.0	1174.1	4113.9	2878.1	628.9	671.1
	7070.7	4753.7	1333.3	0.0	4981.8	3540.3	755.6	1213.3
	5916.7	6108.8	1805.6	0.0	3444.4	4755.5	666.7	1353.3
	5500.0	2333.3	4388.9	1164.4	444.4	968.9	666.7	200.0
	5660.0	2446.7	753.3	2446.7	4348.4	0.0	555.6	0.0
	3781.7	2836.7	892.9	850.0	2111.1	1846.7	777.8	140.0
	5944.4	2896.6	3638.9	2896.6	1055.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
	6625.0	3116.7	5736.1	1186.7	888.9	1796.7	0.0	133.3
	7991.5	3229.5	3833.3	1009.5	3491.5	1833.3	666.7	388.9
	11527.8	3364.4	10680.0	1983.3	785.7	1379.1	0.0	0.0
	5837.2	3677.8	982.2	0.0	3190.6	2466.7	342.2	1211.1
	8267.7	3967.0	4388.9	3413.3	2527.8	1220.3	138.9	0.0
	10541.7	4221.1	3416.7	3621.1	5125.0	600.0	0.0	0.0
	6266.3	3608.8	2526.0	918.7	2770.8	1921.6	759.3	789.3
CV (%)	1487.4		1831.9		2048.9		775.2	
CV (%)	1451.4		1365.6		407.8		NS	
CV (%)	2183.0		2628.5		2858.0		1085.2	
CV (%)	6.7		20.7		5.6		14.4	

NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, CV=Coefficient of variation.

37. Pod yield of F_{4,5} snap bean families grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Family	Yield (kg ha ⁻¹)		Extra fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Bobby (Kg ha ⁻¹)	
	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed
56-2	3506.0	1655.6	0.0	0.0	3506.0	0.0	0.0	1655.6
147-2	5451.1	2047.4	0.0	0.0	3303.7	851.9	2144.4	1348.9
56-5	5824.1	2115.6	1862.2	0.0	3370.8	0.0	640.0	2115.6
151-3	5697.8	2380.0	0.0	0.0	3346.7	1131.1	1775.6	1228.9
59-4	6565.5	2380.3	1852.1	718.1	4418.9	1337.8	292.2	337.8
154-4	3410.0	2514.1	0.0	0.0	2945.6	1925.2	1128.9	588.9
50-1	4501.1	2519.5	1203.3	60.6	1464.4	1258.9	1833.3	1200.0
148-4	5986.7	2545.1	651.1	0.0	5337.8	1678.4	0.0	850.0
148-3	5931.1	2588.9	0.0	0.0	4200.0	1160.0	1728.9	1428.9
150-2	4770.0	2591.4	0.0	424.4	3505.6	1264.8	1042.2	922.2
67-2	3533.3	2721.5	0.0	0.0	1868.9	2235.7	1662.2	543.1
152-4	5906.7	2807.8	0.0	546.7	3991.1	1492.2	1920.0	800.0
150-1	6678.9	2838.9	6196.7	0.0	453.3	2438.9	0.0	480.0
152-2	3666.7	2918.8	0.0	763.9	1166.7	2718.8	2500.0	200.0
154-5	6814.4	2979.0	0.0	778.6	6350.0	1111.5	464.4	1088.9
151-1	7665.6	3210.0	6401.1	0.0	1262.4	1976.7	0.0	1233.3
69-7	3533.3	3211.9	0.0	0.0	1868.9	536.3	1662.2	2735.6
154-2	3671.1	3263.3	0.0	0.0	3673.3	2154.4	0.0	1135.6
146-1	3506.0	3266.1	0.0	681.2	3506.0	953.3	0.0	1628.9
148-1	6148.9	3372.2	4820.0	0.0	773.3	2612.2	555.6	760.0
152-1	4319.7	3385.7	2850.8	0.0	983.3	1363.5	433.3	2022.2
66-4	5057.8	3406.1	0.0	0.0	5345.9	2294.9	375.6	1111.1
145-2	6555.6	3425.2	0.0	313.3	6122.2	2771.9	433.3	1006.7
147-1	3888.9	3549.2	2280.0	666.7	1600.0	1593.7	0.0	1422.2
145-1	3644.4	3682.4	1137.8	835.6	2451.1	1978.0	0.0	868.9
66-1	5388.9	3732.0	868.9	0.0	4533.3	2296.5	0.0	1435.6
155-2	6120.0	3738.6	0.0	416.4	4853.3	1480.0	1268.9	1842.2
143-2	6115.6	4096.1	0.0	691.7	5664.4	2484.4	451.1	946.7
151-2	5487.8	4175.6	0.0	2500.0	3710.0	837.8	1615.6	837.8
147-4	4148.9	4382.2	1108.9	1791.1	2708.9	1840.0	333.3	664.4
154-1	2501.1	4445.1	643.3	71.1	762.2	3236.2	340.0	1137.8
66-2	4501.1	4461.6	1203.3	0.0	1464.4	3419.4	1833.3	1042.2
147-3	6442.2	4531.9	0.0	746.7	3600.0	3386.7	2175.6	335.6
66-3	12074.	4581.6	0.0	1538.5	10676.	2152.4	1395.6	820.0
143-3	9634.4	4958.1	0.0	0.0	8521.1	1780.3	424.4	3044.4
152-3	5906.7	5356.1	0.0	698.3	3991.1	3353.3	1920.0	1277.8
148-2	7225.4	5492.6	1291.7	0.0	5938.1	3848.1	0.0	1644.4
148-5	3278.9	6082.2	0.0	0.0	1958.9	2946.7	1320.0	3137.8
67-2	10869.	6306.7	7951.1	0.0	1933.3	5664.4	984.4	642.2

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	Yield (kg ha ⁻¹)		Extra fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Bobby (Kg ha ⁻¹)	
	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed
3-1	4420.6	7574.7	3306.7	0.0	1111.7	4463.6	0.0	3271.1
	5500.0	2333.3	4388.9	1164.4	444.4	968.9	666.7	200.0
	5660.0	2446.7	753.3	2446.7	4348.4	0.0	555.6	0.0
	3781.7	2836.7	892.9	850.0	2111.1	1846.7	777.8	140.0
	5944.4	2896.6	3638.9	2896.6	1055.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
	6625.0	3116.7	5736.1	1186.7	888.9	1796.7	0.0	133.3
	7991.5	3229.5	3833.3	400.0	3491.5	1833.3	666.7	388.9
	11527.8	3364.4	10680.0	1983.3	785.7	1379.1	0.0	0.0
	5837.2	3677.8	982.2	0.0	3190.6	2466.7	342.2	1211.1
	8267.7	3967.0	4388.9	3413.3	2527.8	1220.3	138.9	0.0
	10541.7	4221.1	3416.7	3621.1	5125.0	600.0	0.0	0.0
	5854.7	3554.1	1690.0	680.3	3267.3	1861.6	746.9	1060.1
Genotype (G)	1000.1		1198.6		1453.3		539.3	
Spraying (S)	212.1		832.7		322.7		254.4	
GXS	1403.7		1722.7		2040.3		764.1	
	3.6		9.7		5.8		1.7	

ns = not significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation.

The F₆ populations were grown without application of fungicide progenies of SB-08-5-21 had the highest overall pod yield (5175.6 kg ha⁻¹) whereas progenies of SB-08-5-10 had the lowest overall pod yield (1578.9 kg ha⁻¹). Some genotypes did not produce extra fine pod yield. Progenies of SB-08-5-21 had the highest fine pod yield while Julia produced no fine pod yield. Some genotypes did not produce bobby pod yield whereas progenies of SB-08-5-12 had the highest bobby pod yield (Table. 4.3). Among the backcross populations progenies of SB-08-5-10 had the lowest overall pod yield. Some of the genotypes produced no extra fine pod yield. Progenies of SB-08-5-10 had the highest fine pod yield. Whereas some genotypes did not produce bobby pod yield. Progenies of SB-08-303 produced the highest bobby pod yield (Table. 4.54).

38. Pod yield of F₆ snap bean bulks grown at Mwea with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Yield (kg ha ⁻¹)		Extra fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Bobby (Kg ha ⁻¹)	
	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed
5-10	6000.0	1578.9	1666.7	0.0	3666.7	883.3	222.2	695.6
5-18	5995.6	1720.0	0.0	0.0	5166.7	586.7	831.1	1133.3
5-20	7793.7	2013.1	553.3	0.0	7235.9	1084.2	0.0	928.9
5-13	5738.1	2315.6	238.1	0.0	4277.8	1333.3	0.0	982.2
5-5	7451.0	2503.3	0.0	0.0	6506.5	1143.3	388.9	1360.0
5-16	8666.7	2803.7	0.0	160.7	4472.2	1463.0	4194.4	1180.0
5-15	5250.0	2925.9	2083.3	0.0	1805.6	1237.0	805.6	1688.9
5-4	9722.2	2964.6	0.0	0.0	9472.2	1753.5	250.0	1211.1
5-1	7638.9	3056.3	388.9	0.0	6694.4	1696.3	0.0	1360.0
5-20	4311.1	3227.6	888.9	0.0	2755.6	1705.4	111.1	1522.2
5-12	4847.8	3457.8	1566.7	0.0	1723.3	1013.3	1002.2	2444.4
5-19	7539.7	3460.0	3095.2	0.0	3333.3	1522.2	555.6	1937.8
5-3	10222.2	3493.0	0.0	0.0	9111.1	2226.3	0.0	1266.7
5-8	9666.7	3523.0	5000.0	0.0	888.9	2811.9	0.0	711.1
5-9	6569.4	4011.1	0.0	0.0	5347.2	2380.0	0.0	1631.1
3-22	5619.0	4171.1	0.0	0.0	3396.8	2853.3	2220.0	1317.8
5-6	4916.7	4259.0	0.0	0.0	1916.7	1081.2	1111.1	3177.8
5-14	8611.1	4442.2	555.6	0.0	2448.9	3373.3	2555.6	1068.9
5-17	7722.2	4491.1	0.0	1726.7	7053.3	848.9	0.0	1915.6
5-2	8805.6	4609.1	0.0	0.0	8083.3	3562.4	166.7	1046.7
5-7	7333.3	5032.8	1333.3	0.0	6155.6	3532.8	1177.8	1500.0
5-21	8920.6	5175.6	1793.3	0.0	7125.1	3700.0	0.0	1475.6
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kelly	5500.0	2333.3	4388.9	1164.4	444.4	968.9	666.7	200.0
an	5660.0	2446.7	753.3	2446.7	4348.4	0.0	555.6	0.0
ta	3781.7	2836.7	892.9	850.0	2111.1	1846.7	777.8	140.0
	5944.4	2896.6	3638.9	2896.6	1055.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
	6625.0	3116.7	5736.1	1186.7	888.9	1796.7	0.0	133.3
li	7991.5	3229.5	3833.3	400.0	3491.5	1833.3	666.7	388.9
053	11527.8	3364.4	10680.0	1983.3	785.7	1379.1	0.0	0.0
adon	5837.2	3677.8	982.2	0.0	3190.6	2466.7	342.2	1211.1
ntha	8267.7	3967.0	4388.9	3413.3	2527.8	1220.3	138.9	0.0
a	10541.7	4221.1	3416.7	3621.1	5125.0	600.0	0.0	0.0
	7005.1	3311.9	1702.2	638.8	4002.1	1648.7	643.3	1027.7
05 Genotype (G)	1679.5		1797.2		2244.0		1074.6	
05 Spraying (S)	950.2		1012.6		552.6		NS	
05 GXS	2380.7		2547.1		3136.5		1535.9	
	3.0		19.1		5.5		21.7	

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation. NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability levels.

9. Pod yield and pod quality of backcross snap bean bulks grown at Mwea with and without fungicide application.

Genotypes	Yield (kg ha ⁻¹)		Extra fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Bobby (Kg ha ⁻¹)	
	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed
4	3432.8	1580.0	1340.0	0.0	721.7	842.2	1437.8	737.8
8	3763.9	1988.9	0.0	0.0	3208.3	948.9	555.6	1040.0
1	3361.1	2200.3	0.0	0.0	3138.9	1700.3	222.2	500.0
7	3920.6	2241.1	476.2	0.0	1222.2	1294.4	2222.2	953.3
2	2837.8	2471.9	0.0	0.0	1944.4	1118.5	895.6	1353.3
3	4406.7	3224.8	476.2	0.0	2819.4	1315.9	1111.1	1908.9
5	4272.7	3753.8	606.1	1420.5	2755.6	1288.9	911.1	1044.4
ly	5500.0	2333.3	4388.9	1164.4	444.4	968.9	666.7	200.0
	5660.0	2446.7	753.3	2446.7	4348.4	0.0	555.6	0.0
	3781.7	2836.7	892.9	850.0	2111.1	1846.7	777.8	140.0
	5944.4	2896.6	3638.9	2896.6	1055.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
	6625.0	3116.7	5736.1	1186.7	888.9	1796.7	0.0	133.3
	7991.5	3229.5	3833.3	1009.5	3491.5	1833.3	666.7	388.9
3	11527.8	3364.4	10680.0	1983.3	785.7	1379.1	0.0	0.0
on	5837.2	3677.8	982.2	0.0	3190.6	2466.7	342.2	1211.1
na	8267.7	3967.0	4388.9	3413.3	2527.8	1220.3	138.9	0.0
	10541.7	4221.1	3416.7	3621.1	5125.0	600.0	0.0	0.0
	5745.5	2914.7	2447.6	1176.0	2340.0	1213.0	617.8	565.4
Genotype	1388.7		2325		NS		534.5	
Spraying	372.2		NS		NS		NS	
GXS	1912.6		1815.4		NS		767.9	
	4.0		30.3		19.1		11.3	

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level

HAB snap bean lines were grown without application of fungicide HAB 428 produced highest total pod yield (8528.2 kg ha⁻¹). Some genotypes had no extra fine and fine pod

HAB 428 produced the highest amount of fine pod yield. HAB 425 W produced the most amount of bobby pod yield while Star 2053, while others had no bobby pod yield

(e. 4.5).

Yield of HAB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

	Yield (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Extra fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Bobby (Kg ha ⁻¹)	
	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed
4111.1	2646.8	0.0	0.0	3222.2	1384.6	888.9	1262.2	
4761.9	3115.1	0.0	0.0	3873.0	1466.2	888.9	1648.9	
10902.8	3134.9	0.0	0.0	10791.7	1014.9	111.1	2120.0	
10915.0	3424.4	1111.1	1040.0	7692.8	1500.0	1888.9	884.4	
15104.4	3552.4	166.7	0.0	13250.0	2272.4	1666.7	1280.0	
7095.6	3611.1	0.0	555.6	5780.0	2277.8	1315.6	777.8	
9453.0	3733.0	553.3	0.0	6680.0	2497.4	2222.2	1235.6	
9375.0	3860.6	0.0	0.0	7597.2	2513.9	1777.8	1346.7	
4362.2	3864.4	833.3	0.0	2595.6	2126.7	933.3	1737.8	
6638.9	3883.5	3583.3	0.0	1388.9	2670.2	1666.7	1213.3	
7194.4	3916.7	0.0	0.0	5805.6	3083.3	722.2	833.3	
10904.8	3976.3	0.0	0.0	9904.8	1851.9	1000.0	2124.4	
7466.9	3998.6	555.6	833.3	4889.1	2511.9	2022.2	653.3	
6460.3	4110.0	0.0	0.0	2888.9	2350.0	3571.4	1760.0	
11194.4	4194.4	0.0	833.3	9916.7	1694.4	1277.8	1666.7	
10650.8	4813.5	1428.6	796.7	7416.7	3157.9	1805.6	858.9	
8555.6	5128.9	0.0	833.3	1933.3	2780.0	6622.2	1515.6	
7944.4	5538.9	0.0	2044.4	5861.1	2072.2	2083.3	1422.2	
8008.5	5638.3	833.3	833.3	4397.4	2583.3	2777.8	2222.2	
8511.9	6105.5	0.0	0.0	6289.7	4549.9	2222.2	1555.6	
7716.9	6258.6	0.0	0.0	6030.0	4838.6	1665.8	1420.0	
7488.1	6268.9	0.0	0.0	5821.4	3993.3	1666.7	2275.6	
9652.8	6320.0	0.0	0.0	7986.1	5053.3	2333.3	1266.7	
7847.2	6527.8	1250.0	1250.0	5263.9	3366.7	1333.3	1911.1	
9259.2	6895.6	1666.7	0.0	5659.2	5557.8	1933.3	1337.8	
9037.8	7920.5	0.0	0.0	6862.2	6080.5	2173.3	1840.0	
11040.0	8528.2	3333.3	0.0	6168.9	7012.7	1537.8	1515.6	
5500.0	2333.3	4388.9	1164.4	444.4	968.9	666.7	200.0	
5660.0	2446.7	753.3	2446.7	4348.4	0.0	555.6	0.0	
3781.7	2836.7	892.9	850.0	2111.1	1846.7	777.8	140.0	
5944.4	2896.6	3638.9	2896.6	1055.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	
6625.0	3116.7	5736.1	1186.7	888.9	1796.7	0.0	133.3	
7991.5	3229.5	3833.3	1009.5	3491.5	1833.3	666.7	388.9	
11527.8	3364.4	10680.0	1983.3	785.7	1379.1	0.0	0.0	
5837.2	3677.8	982.2	0.0	3190.6	2466.7	342.2	1211.1	
8267.7	3967.0	4388.9	3413.3	2527.8	1220.3	138.9	0.0	
10541.7	4221.1	3416.7	3621.1	5125.0	600.0	0.0	0.0	
8198.1	4406.9	1460.2	745.7	5133.4	2550.6	1439.4	1128.6	
CV (G)	2319.6		1774.5		3183.5		1111.8	
CV (S)	780.3		NS		1378.6		NS	
	3267.3		2515.3		4485.4		1613.2	
	7.7		25.7		6.7		5.3	

Significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability levels.

pod yield and pod quality of KSB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

	Yield (kg ha ⁻¹)		Extra fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Bobby (Kg ha ⁻¹)	
	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed
	3105.6	1948.9	0.0	0.0	1410.0	1020.0	1695.6	928.9
	7113.3	2606.1	333.3	540.0	5366.7	966.1	1413.3	1100.0
	8666.7	3183.3	2000.0	416.7	5555.6	1726.7	555.6	1040.0
	3833.3	3254.8	2226.7	0.0	493.3	2312.6	1111.1	942.2
	5275.6	3575.6	555.6	0.0	3722.2	1964.4	1000.0	1611.1
	6420.6	4303.5	3809.5	1637.8	1888.9	1499.0	722.2	1166.7
	5500.0	2333.3	4388.9	1164.4	444.4	968.9	666.7	200.0
	5660.0	2446.7	753.3	2446.7	4348.4	0.0	555.6	0.0
	3781.7	2836.7	892.9	850.0	2111.1	1846.7	777.8	140.0
	5944.4	2896.6	3638.9	2896.6	1055.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
	6625.0	3116.7	5736.1	1186.7	888.9	1796.7	0.0	133.3
	7991.5	3229.5	3833.3	1009.5	3491.5	1833.3	666.7	388.9
	11527.8	3364.4	10680.0	1983.3	785.7	1379.1	0.0	0.0
	5837.2	3677.8	982.2	0.0	3190.6	2466.7	342.2	1211.1
	8267.7	3967.0	4388.9	3413.3	2527.8	1220.3	138.9	0.0
	10541.7	4221.1	3416.7	3621.1	5125.0	600.0	0.0	0.0
	6630.8	3185.1	2977.3	1322.9	2650.4	1350.0	602.8	553.9
type (G)	1841.4		2468.9		1865.1		537	
ng (S)	1460.2		NS		NS		NS	
	2616.5		3475.1		2901.5		889.4	
	3.2		24.4		27.3		33.4	

NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level

When the KSB snap bean lines were grown without application of fungicide KSB 7 had the highest overall pod yield (4303.5 kg ha⁻¹). KSB 11 had the lowest pod yield (1948.9 kg ha⁻¹). KSB 10W, KSB 11, KSB 4 had no extra fine pod yield. KSB 10 W had the highest bobby pod yield (Table. 4.6). When the climbing snap bean lines were grown without fungicide application, HAV 131 produced the highest total pod yield (3803.9 kg ha⁻¹) while HAV 134 had the least pod yield (1864.4 kg ha⁻¹). Some of the genotypes produced no fine pod yield. Some genotypes produced no fine pod yield. HAV 131 produced the highest amount bobby pod yield while some genotypes did not produce bobby pod yield (Table. 4.7).

Pod yield of climbing snap bean lines grown at Mwea with and without fungicide application.

	Yield (kg ha ⁻¹)		Extra fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Fine (Kg ha ⁻¹)		Bobby (Kg ha ⁻¹)	
	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed	Sprayed	Unsprayed
	6444.4	1864.4	333.3	0.0	4666.7	906.7	1444.4	957.8
	9527.8	1935.6	3750.0	0.0	5444.4	611.1	333.3	1337.8
	9311.1	1982.2	416.7	0.0	7833.3	802.2	1055.6	1180.0
	7333.3	2251.1	0.0	0.0	6333.3	822.2	1000.0	1428.9
	7944.4	2286.7	0.0	0.0	7388.9	1040.0	555.6	1246.7
	4142.2	3803.9	0.0	208.3	2293.3	1922.2	1848.9	1673.3
	5500.0	2333.3	4388.9	1164.4	444.4	968.9	666.7	200.0
	5660.0	2446.7	753.3	2446.7	4348.4	0.0	555.6	0.0
	3781.7	2836.7	892.9	850.0	2111.1	1846.7	777.8	140.0
	5944.4	2896.6	3638.9	2896.6	1055.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
	6625.0	3116.7	5736.1	1186.7	888.9	1796.7	0.0	133.3
	7991.5	3229.5	3833.3	1009.5	3491.5	1833.3	666.7	388.9
	11527.8	3364.4	10680.0	1983.3	785.7	1379.1	0.0	0.0
	5837.2	3677.8	982.2	0.0	3190.6	2466.7	342.2	1211.1
	8267.7	3967.0	4388.9	3413.3	2527.8	1220.3	138.9	0.0
	10541.7	4221.1	3416.7	3621.1	5125.0	600.0	0.0	0.0
	7273.8	2888.4	2700.7	1173.7	3620.6	1138.5	586.6	618.6
Genotype (G)	1686.7		1837.5		1820.6		523.7	
Cropping (S)	1933.1		NS		NS		NS	
Location (L)	2492.3		2954.1		3739.9		NS	
CV	6.5		33		35.6		11.9	

NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level

Seed yield of snap bean population and lines

Significant effect ($P < 0.05$) of cropping season and location was recorded for seed yield for all populations. The mean seed yield was higher at Mwea than at Thika. However, the effect of location was not significant among KSB lines. Fungicide application had a significant increase in seed yield (116.8%) in all populations except F₆ and backcross populations. Application of fungicide to control foliar fungal diseases increased seed yield. There were significant differences of seed yield among genotypes. The two way interactions effect between genotype and fungicide application was significant ($P < 0.05$) on the populations and lines except for F₄ populations. The two way interaction between genotype, location and cropping season were not significant for all populations. Three way and four way interactions were significant effect ($P < 0.05$) for all populations.

except on F₄ populations in which four way interaction effect was not significant (Tables 3-14). Seed yield was highly correlated (R² 0.395) with angular leaf spot severity, pods per plant, days to flowering and days to maturity (Appendix 17).

Among the F₄ populations grown without fungicide application, progenies of SB-08-3-21 had the highest seed yield (1895.8 kg ha⁻¹) while SB-08-3-13 had the least seed yield (815.8 kg ha⁻¹) (Table. 4.43). When the F_{4,5} snap bean families were grown without fungicide application, SB-08-66-3 had the highest seed yield (2171.9 kg ha⁻¹) while SB-08-69-4 had the lowest seed yield (637.2 kg ha⁻¹) (Table. 4.44). Among the F₆ populations progenies of SB-08-5-16 had the highest seed yield (2157.7 kg ha⁻¹) while SB-08-3-22 had the lowest seed yield (890.7 kg ha⁻¹) (Table. 4.45). Among the backcross populations progenies of SB-08-303 produced the highest seed yield (2159.7 kg ha⁻¹) while SB-08-308 had the lowest seed yield (1209.4 kg ha⁻¹) (Table. 4.46). Among the HAB snap bean lines grown without application of fungicide HAB 411 had the highest seed yield (1394.7 kg ha⁻¹) while HAB 465 had the lowest seed yield (617.2 kg ha⁻¹) (Table. 4.47). Among the KSB snap bean lines KSB 10 BR had the highest seed yield (1700.8 kg ha⁻¹) while KSB 7 had the lowest seed yield (546.2 kg ha⁻¹) (Table. 4.48). Among the HAV snap bean lines, HAV 135 produced the highest amount of seed yield (1753.1 kg ha⁻¹) while HAV 130 had the lowest seed yield (955.0 kg ha⁻¹) (Table. 4.49).

ed yield of F₄ snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without
ngicide application.

	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	S R	LR	SR	LR		S R	LR	SR	LR	
	355.1	2323.7	428.6	1694.1	1200.4	269.0	1349.3	153.8	1491.0	815.8
	591.3	2896.5	322.0	1530.2	1310.0	556.6	1255.7	667.0	1374.9	963.6
	434.6	1578.8	480.7	2424.3	1229.6	351.3	1834.1	592.7	1340.7	1029.7
	529.2	2699.3	1401.5	1779.9	1577.5	598.1	1914.4	461.2	1204.9	1044.6
	372.2	2135.0	260.5	1394.9	1040.7	359.0	2144.9	311.5	1077.5	1073.2
	476.4	2146.7	727.4	2012.5	1315.8	464.3	940.9	650.4	2271.4	1081.7
	387.3	1237.2	976.4	1438.5	1009.9	355.4	1407.6	737.4	1841.6	1085.5
	654.5	3144.1	973.7	2332.3	1776.2	337.8	1399.5	1158.0	1512.9	1102.0
	559.6	1738.5	1294.8	4030.3	1905.8	240.1	1321.4	1354.2	1522.0	1109.4
	322.6	1329.2	1025.4	2218.7	1224.0	308.0	1637.4	1241.7	1188.6	1118.9
	626.9	3134.1	1235.9	2213.1	1802.5	689.2	1266.5	870.6	1665.9	1148.1
	434.6	1679.9	418.2	2390.7	1230.8	351.3	1762.5	783.7	2066.0	1240.9
	245.8	1779.9	2250.5	3049.4	1831.4	371.5	1752.5	1333.1	1540.8	1249.5
	523.4	1013.0	2595.1	1976.4	1527.0	499.3	1980.1	1229.5	1320.3	1257.3
	585.8	1692.8	1218.9	1851.9	1337.4	289.5	2328.1	610.6	1842.9	1267.8
	542.8	1953.5	1680.9	2734.2	1727.8	517.5	1611.8	1296.6	1557.8	1270.9
	601.0	1538.6	1048.5	2382.9	1392.8	348.5	2285.8	1085.7	1586.8	1326.7
	528.9	2633.4	1912.5	3891.7	2241.6	692.9	2217.4	1625.1	937.1	1368.1
	332.7	1524.7	779.2	2480.2	1279.2	216.2	1278.9	1726.0	2561.8	1445.7
	305.9	2168.4	518.0	3669.9	1665.5	192.9	2003.2	504.6	2313.8	1478.6
	624.1	2194.0	1816.0	4284.1	2229.6	322.0	2480.4	722.5	3669.3	1798.6
	267.7	2615.5	2197.0	3381.0	1890.3	254.8	2378.6	3347.6	1592.3	1875.8
	430.4	903.5	57.9	320.5	403.1	400.7	499.6	41.5	390.9	333.2
	251.4	876.9	549.1	1522.1	774.9	188.4	565.1	24.1	916.0	423.4
	487.3	998.4	612.1	963.0	690.2	344.6	699.4	482.3	283.0	452.3
	406.6	1371.2	241.2	1197.0	754.0	309.0	805.0	33.4	945.4	523.2
	451.8	1020.7	511.1	1020.7	726.1	351.8	769.8	468.5	769.8	590.0
	395.4	1007.6	329.1	1007.6	684.9	231.6	750.8	680.5	750.8	603.4
	423.9	1329.9	541.1	1287.7	895.6	312.6	1190.0	879.0	957.0	834.6
	446.5	1484.6	1270.9	2513.5	1428.9	276.9	926.6	653.1	1713.2	892.4
	439.4	1040.4	2069.9	1694.3	1311.0	268.7	1892.0	611.9	885.7	914.6
	389.3	1759.8	899.9	1759.8	1202.2	425.6	1175.4	1340.1	1175.4	1029.1
	415.8	1779.7	1020.1	2107.7	1330.8	415.5	1494.5	865.2	1445.9	1055.3
type (G)	NS	568.1	NS	581.9	332.3	NS	568.1	NS	581.9	332.3
ring (S)	NS	NS	414.9	526.8	110.1	NS	NS	414.9	526.8	110.1
	NS	843.7	NS	847.6	471.7	NS	843.7	NS	847.6	471.7
	23.9	11.1	7	2.3	1.4	23.9	11.1	7	2.3	1.4

Significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long rain
short rain season. LSD Season= 97.3, Location= 142.3.

d yield of F_{4.5} snap bean families grown at two locations over two seasons with and without pesticide application.

Sprayed					Unsprayed				
Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
S R	LR	SR	LR		S R	LR	SR	LR	
323.5	1948.5	800.7	2802.1	1468.7	198.9	1023.5	162.5	1163.9	637.2
391.6	2028.0	1198.5	2200.5	1454.7	224.3	1293.2	189.9	1187.1	723.6
480.7	1626.5	1103.8	4329.0	1885.0	245.8	1623.2	349.3	1293.5	878.0
453.9	1889.7	2544.0	1849.8	1634.4	383.3	1027.7	884.8	1310.0	901.5
398.9	1958.5	680.4	3886.0	1731.0	173.5	1013.5	884.8	1536.4	902.1
356.2	1096.6	1399.6	2952.4	1441.2	346.9	1229.6	465.0	1752.4	948.5
929.3	1323.7	805.0	3538.8	1649.2	260.7	1802.3	604.5	1153.3	955.2
929.3	1606.1	960.1	2053.6	1387.3	260.7	1627.1	470.7	1516.8	968.8
595.9	1404.0	428.0	2985.3	1353.3	204.2	1513.8	395.3	1786.1	974.9
533.6	2324.6	2098.6	3278.5	2058.8	272.5	1685.3	1309.8	705.3	993.2
324.0	1346.4	827.1	2773.5	1317.8	182.5	1424.7	620.8	1877.8	1026.4
533.6	2629.0	1127.8	3278.5	1892.2	272.5	2670.2	407.7	840.0	1047.6
348.6	1166.4	1057.4	3107.1	1419.9	350.0	1994.0	310.4	1560.3	1053.7
343.6	1330.4	906.1	1756.0	1084.0	251.3	2767.2	197.4	1117.0	1083.2
356.9	1526.0	1551.2	2115.6	1387.4	199.5	1566.3	748.6	1905.3	1104.9
531.5	2344.6	1133.9	4265.7	2068.9	292.6	1675.3	1053.8	1417.5	1109.8
495.8	1644.7	582.5	3617.4	1585.1	395.2	2210.7	481.2	1385.7	1118.2
434.9	1491.2	412.4	2076.0	1103.7	193.4	2852.3	418.7	1070.8	1133.8
379.7	1497.1	566.7	2718.2	1290.4	156.1	1812.8	177.7	2420.2	1141.7
440.4	1279.6	1056.8	3333.5	1502.6	388.1	1841.4	610.9	1813.0	1163.4
346.6	1559.2	1129.2	2656.8	1423.0	215.3	2183.2	393.2	1950.1	1185.4
241.4	1479.2	1130.3	2718.2	1392.3	137.5	2619.2	355.6	1663.7	1194.0
291.4	1810.9	815.8	2874.9	1423.2	265.3	1356.4	460.0	2702.3	1196.0
314.8	2337.0	774.9	2614.7	1510.3	172.4	1357.8	884.8	2458.2	1218.3
674.4	1056.5	1258.8	1528.9	1129.7	263.8	1170.3	1309.8	2296.7	1260.2
356.7	3815.5	1072.4	3089.3	2873.5	313.2	1996.8	10.0	2743.9	1266.0
814.0	1145.4	1045.6	2614.6	1404.9	256.7	1729.7	567.2	2708.9	1315.6
247.2	2480.3	605.0	3675.6	1752.0	321.7	1883.3	267.7	2795.5	1317.0
304.3	2356.6	364.6	2912.4	1484.5	277.1	3103.7	240.1	1660.3	1320.3
523.5	2251.7	850.4	2734.3	1590.0	288.8	2207.3	509.8	2356.5	1340.6
438.3	1409.0	1225.3	2505.5	1394.5	248.0	1428.8	1645.1	2093.7	1353.9
341.5	1349.8	818.0	2048.9	1139.6	1030.0	1740.7	816.1	1852.8	1359.9
443.8	2018.9	2160.3	3877.1	2125.0	495.5	1765.8	465.9	2795.8	1380.8
814.0	1125.4	2058.1	3764.0	1940.4	257.7	1629.7	338.6	3608.9	1458.7
450.0	1648.2	606.2	2290.5	1248.7	252.6	3090.8	148.5	3046.6	1634.6
386.3	1988.7	293.3	4275.7	1736.0	511.0	1517.8	393.5	4142.3	1641.1
500.7	2937.4	612.6	2813.2	1716.0	303.1	2780.1	341.0	3500.8	1731.3
267.4	974.1	1649.6	1943.3	1208.6	202.2	6617.9	453.9	1413.6	2171.9

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	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
	430.4	903.5	57.9	320.5	403.1	400.7	499.6	41.5	390.9	333.2
	251.4	876.9	549.1	1522.1	774.9	188.4	565.1	24.1	916.0	423.4
	487.3	998.4	545.4	963.0	673.5	344.6	699.4	482.3	283.0	452.3
	406.6	1371.2	241.2	1197.0	754.0	309.0	805.0	33.4	945.4	523.2
	451.8	1020.7	511.1	1020.7	726.1	351.8	769.8	468.5	769.8	590.0
	395.4	1007.6	329.1	1007.6	684.9	231.6	750.8	680.5	750.8	603.4
	423.9	1329.9	541.1	1287.7	895.6	312.6	1190.0	879.0	957.0	834.6
	446.5	1484.6	1270.9	2513.5	1428.9	276.9	926.6	653.1	1713.2	892.4
	439.4	1040.4	2069.9	1694.3	1311.0	268.7	1892.0	611.9	885.7	914.6
	389.3	1759.8	899.9	1759.8	1202.2	425.6	1175.4	1340.1	1175.4	1029.1
	487.1	1645.8	973.5	2565.5	1418.0	295.3	1752.2	532.5	1737.3	1079.3
Type (G)	NS	1078.4	474.4	367.2	351.0	NS	1078.4	474.4	367.2	351.0
Long (S)	NS	NS	433.9	87.2	110.8	NS	NS	433.9	87.2	110.8
	NS	1518.6	695.5	515.9	500.2	NS	1518.6	695.5	515.9	500.2
	14.3	15.9	9.0	2.4	3.2	14.3	15.9	9.0	2.4	3.2

NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long rain season. LSD Location= 247.5.

	399.4	1022.2	568.4	1641.2	1492.8	309.7	1410.9	229.8	1109.6	870.3
	339.7	1140.2	953.6	1583.3	1247.9	368.4	1759.9	1628.0	3012.4	1222.2
	271.5	1032.8	1833.5	3462.6	1658.3	396.3	2373.4	1648.3	3783.3	1823.6
	346.0	2862.1	1163.4	4767.9	2328.9	270.3	2679.9	1833.2	2896.9	1803.8
	431.8	1370.7	489.3	4543.9	3984.1	346.6	1280.6	2833.9	3121.2	1896.2
	433.2	1139.1	761.0	2020.6	1331.6	426.4	2837.4	1641.1	2331.2	1794.9
	609.1	1290.8	1647.2	3435.3	1732.1	305.7	2369.3	2984.1	2749.1	2137.7
	336.4	985.1	349.1	320.3	321.3	400.3	498.6	24.1	390.3	320.3
	187.3	398.4	241.2	963.0	587.5	344.6	639.4	33.4	283.1	346.1
	264.3	1291.2	51.9	1197.0	768.2	327.8	635.0	41.3	443.4	426.2
	398.4	1007.6	343.4	1007.6	739.0	351.6	736.9	482.3	736.9	653.6
	111.2	178.9	1270.9	1522.1	954.3	188.4	345.1	633.2	915.9	740.6
	313.2	1090.7	311.1	1020.7	756.1	353.3	768.3	482.3	768.3	591.0
	423.9	1329.9	541.1	1287.7	895.6	312.6	1190.0	879.0	957.0	834.6
	328.3	1739.4	329.1	1739.4	1269.5	425.6	1175.4	1340.1	1175.4	1029.1
	446.5	1484.6	1270.9	2513.5	1428.9	276.9	926.6	653.1	1713.2	892.4
	439.4	1040.4	2069.9	1694.3	1311.0	268.7	1892.0	611.9	885.7	914.6
	389.3	1759.8	899.9	1759.8	1202.2	425.6	1175.4	1340.1	1175.4	1029.1
Type (G)	NS	1078.4	474.4	367.2	351.0	NS	1078.4	474.4	367.2	351.0
Long (S)	NS	NS	433.9	87.2	110.8	NS	NS	433.9	87.2	110.8
	NS	1518.6	695.5	515.9	500.2	NS	1518.6	695.5	515.9	500.2
	14.3	15.9	9.0	2.4	3.2	14.3	15.9	9.0	2.4	3.2

NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long rain season. LSD Location= 247.5.

Seed yield of F₆ snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application

	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	S R	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	S R	LR	
	407.5	1429.9	521.1	2161.3	1129.9	451.9	1180.0	761.2	1069.8	890.7
	459.4	1322.5	1661.9	2840.3	1571.0	293.0	1296.8	1242.6	1123.1	988.9
	350.2	1133.2	745.8	1911.7	1035.2	315.8	1263.8	1454.4	1183.4	1054.4
	378.8	1497.6	1209.9	3192.1	1519.6	375.1	1224.1	1594.9	1261.3	1113.9
	517.6	2128.6	754.2	2982.2	1520.7	446.8	1572.4	907.3	1754.5	1170.3
	724.9	1570.7	920.6	903.9	905.0	632.4	1767.8	1805.8	553.1	1189.8
	410.0	1455.6	1799.3	2418.0	1495.7	368.2	1409.9	1177.2	2077.3	1258.1
	733.3	1047.6	1919.0	2879.2	1544.8	704.6	1417.4	1630.8	1312.4	1266.3
	391.8	1664.5	319.4	3513.1	1422.2	289.2	1536.8	1244.4	2053.1	1280.9
	490.4	1147.0	323.3	2955.3	1179.0	475.8	1459.3	1276.9	2294.9	1376.7
	495.6	1084.4	1130.0	3782.9	1623.2	494.3	1070.1	764.4	3637.7	1491.6
	376.9	3539.2	1791.0	2843.8	2122.7	353.2	1984.1	2417.3	1223.7	1494.6
	788.0	1451.3	2110.3	2976.3	1706.5	602.2	1338.9	2216.2	1947.0	1526.1
	425.9	1074.4	1469.0	3106.8	1519.0	402.0	1260.1	2081.8	2504.1	1562.0
	349.8	2222.8	1756.6	1641.3	1492.6	309.7	2410.0	2235.8	1129.6	1671.3
	520.7	1140.2	963.6	4563.5	1747.0	568.4	1784.0	1528.0	3012.6	1723.2
	571.5	1022.8	1638.5	3442.6	1668.8	374.9	2575.4	1648.5	2703.5	1825.6
	346.0	2602.1	1165.4	4767.9	2220.3	273.1	2470.0	1853.2	2898.9	1873.8
	431.0	1970.7	989.0	4545.9	1984.1	346.6	1290.6	2833.9	3121.7	1898.2
	435.6	1119.1	761.0	3069.6	1321.4	426.4	2897.4	1841.1	2814.6	1994.9
	609.1	1240.6	1647.3	3435.8	1733.2	508.7	2369.0	2984.1	2769.0	2157.7
	330.4	903.5	549.1	320.5	525.9	400.7	499.6	24.1	390.9	328.8
	187.3	998.4	241.2	963.0	597.5	344.6	699.4	33.4	283.0	340.1
	206.6	1371.2	57.9	1197.0	708.2	309.0	805.0	41.5	945.4	525.2
	395.4	1007.6	545.4	1007.6	739.0	231.6	750.8	482.3	750.8	553.9
	151.4	876.9	1270.9	1522.1	955.3	188.4	565.1	653.1	916.0	580.6
	351.8	1020.7	511.1	1020.7	726.1	351.8	769.8	468.5	769.8	590.0
	423.9	1329.9	541.1	1287.7	895.6	312.6	1190.0	879.0	957.0	834.6
	389.3	1759.8	329.1	1759.8	1059.5	425.6	1175.4	680.5	1175.4	864.2
	446.5	1484.6	2069.9	2513.5	1628.6	276.9	926.6	611.9	1713.2	882.2
	439.4	1040.4	899.9	1694.3	1018.5	268.7	1892.0	1340.1	885.7	1096.6
	347.6	1440.6	1052.0	2491.0	1332.8	413.6	1446.8	1313.4	1652.7	1206.6
Genotype (G)	NS	651.3	701.1	599.4	282.3	NS	651.3	701.1	599.4	282.3
Fungicide (S)	57.1	645.3	NS	395.1	NS	57.1	645.3	NS	395.1	NS
Location (L)	NS	956.2	1011.7	854.2	408.4	NS	956.2	1011.7	854.2	408.4
Season (S)	22.8	7.8	12.7	2.8	2.4	22.8	7.8	12.7	2.8	2.4

NS=Not significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long rain season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Season= 85.5, Location= 214.4.

Yield of advanced backcross snap bean bulks grown at two locations over two seasons without fungicide application.

Sprayed					Unsprayed				
Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
303.4	1532.4	1051.0	1751.6	1159.6	277.0	1485.8	1840.5	1234.1	1209.4
289.8	1433.1	619.1	4099.3	1602.8	283.5	1235.8	1825.5	1685.2	1257.5
321.9	1256.2	229.8	3510.6	1304.6	291.6	2013.0	1164.4	1721.3	1297.6
222.3	3228.4	123.0	1532.1	1276.4	185.2	2292.3	2026.8	926.0	1357.6
407.1	1369.0	519.2	3317.4	1353.2	363.7	1663.0	1549.7	2554.3	1532.7
462.6	2291.9	778.3	2710.0	1560.7	247.3	1831.0	2571.4	1875.2	1631.2
399.3	1629.5	891.0	4289.3	1752.2	268.6	2024.3	1258.7	3393.9	1736.4
291.7	2283.9	2534.4	4187.1	2324.3	234.0	2098.7	3037.5	3268.8	2159.7
430.4	903.5	57.9	320.5	403.1	400.7	499.6	41.5	390.9	333.2
251.4	876.9	549.1	1522.1	774.9	188.4	565.1	24.1	916.0	423.4
487.3	998.4	545.4	963.0	673.5	344.6	699.4	482.3	283.0	452.3
406.6	1371.2	241.2	1197.0	754.0	309.0	805.0	33.4	945.4	523.2
451.8	1020.7	511.1	1020.7	726.1	351.8	769.8	468.5	769.8	590.0
395.4	1007.6	329.1	1007.6	684.9	231.6	750.8	680.5	750.8	603.4
423.9	1329.9	541.1	1287.7	895.6	312.6	1190.0	879.0	957.0	834.6
446.5	1484.6	1270.9	2513.5	1428.9	276.9	926.6	653.1	1713.2	892.4
439.4	1040.4	2069.9	1694.3	1311.0	268.7	1892.0	611.9	885.7	914.6
389.3	1759.8	899.9	1759.8	1202.2	425.6	1175.4	1340.1	1175.4	1029.1
305.0	1489.9	764.5	2149.1	1177.1	292.3	1328.8	1138.3	1413.7	1043.2
NS	746.6	739.6	408.6	285.6	NS	746.6	739.6	408.6	285.6
NS	NS	NS	200.1	NS	NS	NS	NS	200.1	NS
NS	NS	1032.3	567.8	409.0	NS	NS	1032.3	567.8	409.0
7.3	6.1	13.5	5.8	1.5	7.3	6.1	13.5	5.8	1.5

NS=Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long rain season. LSD Season= 219.8, Location= 165.6.

47. Seed yield of HAB snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and without fungicide application.

Genotype	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
5	459.2	1584.6	1622.7	2601.6	1567.1	205.0	936.6	645.9	681.5	617.2
2	394.7	974.6	3401.8	2845.0	1884.0	384.1	964.7	354.9	1078.5	695.6
3	895.6	964.6	2661.9	2620.8	1660.7	711.6	974.7	258.5	950.6	723.9
4	410.3	1871.4	1789.6	2165.4	1531.7	403.9	1016.2	525.7	1008.3	738.5
6	416.0	1020.7	439.2	1174.9	687.7	414.7	940.7	139.9	1513.5	752.2
7	321.3	1120.7	1710.9	2887.2	1510.0	301.9	789.8	634.3	1287.9	753.5
9	786.4	1760.9	2412.4	2373.7	1833.3	401.9	1086.1	925.7	605.5	754.8
0	399.5	1181.6	1130.8	1493.7	1051.4	322.5	1270.3	176.3	1286.1	763.8
2	571.0	1646.9	482.1	2376.5	1244.1	557.0	1097.8	297.2	1290.2	810.5
4	740.8	1770.9	1631.3	2521.7	1666.2	345.1	1066.1	927.0	963.9	825.5
5 BM	467.7	1488.1	1049.1	4586.3	1897.8	279.0	812.7	373.9	1870.5	834.0
73	464.8	1905.0	1400.3	1695.1	1291.3	325.3	1508.8	505.2	1019.8	839.8
8	436.1	1810.8	1472.7	2686.9	1596.6	427.7	1036.5	300.5	1651.7	854.1
9	423.8	939.5	1666.5	2862.2	1473.0	392.8	1159.9	1002.1	898.1	863.2
9 BR	396.6	1576.0	2684.4	1734.7	1597.9	317.4	1789.0	525.2	634.0	866.4
01	460.0	1321.0	2990.6	2280.2	1762.9	312.6	995.8	835.7	1368.4	878.1
01	615.0	2433.5	2662.4	2478.6	1947.4	573.7	1346.8	1085.8	637.1	910.9
20	451.5	1787.0	1514.7	2095.3	1452.1	429.6	1112.5	454.9	1662.4	914.9
28	457.1	949.5	1876.4	2161.4	1361.1	377.4	1159.9	645.9	1478.6	915.4
25 W	560.4	1697.2	2272.4	2109.1	1659.8	448.6	1673.5	627.6	994.0	935.9
26	351.7	2016.2	1968.1	2436.6	1683.2	332.5	1073.1	422.0	1932.1	939.9
38	726.4	1725.9	1931.6	1943.2	1581.8	555.7	2020.7	740.6	542.1	964.8
49 W	358.5	1792.9	1975.8	2334.8	1615.5	348.3	1769.0	697.8	1131.2	986.6
05	845.7	1825.9	2971.7	2930.5	2143.4	450.6	2120.7	87.9	1393.7	1013.2
4	458.9	896.2	2394.1	2300.8	1512.5	385.0	1552.3	803.7	1374.7	1028.9
03	488.3	958.5	2851.4	2354.7	1653.2	468.8	1592.5	475.3	1934.6	1117.8
11	581.8	2299.9	1214.5	1850.4	1486.6	424.0	1847.6	913.4	1393.7	1394.7
5	430.4	903.5	57.9	320.5	403.1	400.7	499.6	41.5	390.9	333.2
053	251.4	998.4	99.8	963.0	562.1	344.6	699.4	46.1	283.0	343.3
Kelly	487.3	876.9	549.1	1522.1	774.9	188.4	565.1	24.1	916.0	423.4
	406.6	1371.2	241.2	1197.0	754.0	309.0	805.0	33.4	945.4	523.2
don	451.8	1020.7	565.8	1020.7	739.8	351.8	769.8	482.3	769.8	593.4
antha	395.4	1007.6	345.0	1007.6	688.9	231.6	750.8	680.5	750.8	603.4
a	423.9	1329.9	517.5	1287.7	889.7	312.6	1190.0	879.0	957.0	834.6
li	446.5	1484.6	1167.8	2513.5	1403.1	276.9	926.6	653.1	1713.2	892.4
an	439.4	1040.4	1948.5	1694.3	1280.7	268.7	1892.0	611.9	885.7	914.6
ta	389.3	1759.8	1134.4	1759.8	1260.8	425.6	1175.4	1340.1	1175.4	1029.1
	414.4	1435.5	1589.4	2086.1	1381.3	411.0	1188.9	545.3	1118.1	815.8
05 Genotype (G)	282.7	536.1	661.7	477.2	257.1	282.7	536.1	661.7	477.2	257.1
05 Spraying (S)	NS	NS	409.5	45.8	110.4	NS	NS	409.5	45.8	110.4
05 GXS	NS	NS	942.4	666.1	371.0	NS	NS	942.4	666.1	371.0
	12.4	12.3	9.1	3.9	4.0	12.4	12.3	9.1	3.9	4.0

Least significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long season, SR=Short rain season. LSD Season = 345.6, Location= 84.4.

Seed yield of KSB snap bean lines grown under protection with and without fungicide application in two locations for two season

	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
	995.3	195.3	410.0	3168.4	992.2	420.3	420.3	410.0	934.3	546.2
	531.4	431.4	188.4	2144.6	799.0	506.7	506.7	188.4	1027.9	557.4
	198.3	3095.3	143.6	2313.7	1415.2	186.8	1842.8	143.6	1104.5	819.4
	197.8	1474.6	180.3	2324.5	1044.3	168.3	1887.0	180.3	1248.5	871.0
	627.9	2298.3	283.2	3055.9	1566.3	270.4	2238.8	625.5	1403.4	1134.5
	271.2	2431.4	621.3	2952.2	1569.0	243.7	4463.3	621.3	1474.9	1700.8
	430.4	903.5	57.9	320.5	403.1	400.7	499.6	41.5	390.9	333.2
	251.4	876.9	549.1	1522.1	774.9	188.4	565.1	24.1	916.0	423.4
	487.3	998.4	545.4	963.0	673.5	344.6	699.4	482.3	283.0	452.3
	406.6	1371.2	241.2	1197.0	754.0	309.0	805.0	28.9	945.4	522.1
	451.8	1020.7	511.1	1020.7	726.1	351.8	769.8	468.5	769.8	590.0
	395.4	1007.6	329.1	1007.6	684.9	231.6	750.8	680.5	750.8	603.4
	423.9	1329.9	541.1	1287.7	895.6	312.6	1190.0	879.0	957.0	834.6
	446.5	1484.6	1270.9	2513.5	1428.9	276.9	926.6	653.1	1713.2	892.4
	439.4	1040.4	2069.9	1694.3	1311.0	268.7	1892.0	611.9	885.7	914.6
	389.3	1759.8	899.9	1759.8	1202.2	425.6	1175.4	1340.1	1175.4	1029.1
	322.1	1357.5	552.6	1827.8	1015.0	306.6	1289.5	461.2	998.8	764.0
Prototype (G)	NS	801.8	371.3	325.4	238.5	NS	801.8	371.3	325.4	238.5
Delaying (S)	NS	NS	NS	237.3	103.2	NS	NS	NS	237.3	103.2
S	NS	NS	540.7	459.7	NS	NS	NS	540.7	459.7	NS
	5.4	18.2	12.5	1.2	6.5	5.4	18.2	12.5	1.2	6.5

NS=Not significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long rain season, short rain season. LSD Season= 319.

8 Generation of climbing snap bean populations with resistance to rust and desirable characteristics

Crosses between climbing lines and commercial bush varieties were more successful than crosses between climbing lines and resistant bush lines. The highest success rate obtained was from a cross of HAV 133 x BelMiNeb 1 (55.6%) and the least was obtained from a cross of HAV 134 x BelMiDak RR8 (7.7%). For the crosses between climbing lines and commercial bush snap bean varieties, the highest success rates obtained were from crosses of HAV 133 x

na and HAV 132 x Paulista (90.9%) the poorest success rates were from crosses of
 30 x Samantha and HAV 131 x Morelli (0.0 %), (Table 4.50). Some of the crosses had
 numbers of pollinations done due to difficulties in synchronising flowering of the snap
 parents.

yield of climbing snap bean lines grown at two locations over two seasons with and
 out fungicide application.

	Sprayed					Unsprayed				
	Thika		Mwea		Mean	Thika		Mwea		Mean
	SR	LR	SR	LR		SR	LR	SR	LR	
	1791.1	1457.8	541.3	4691.4	2120.4	864.5	864.5	298.0	1793.1	955.0
	1791.1	2418.5	334.9	4258.6	2200.8	864.5	1481.4	249.7	1645.6	1060.3
	2277.3	1658.4	218.6	4653.6	2202.0	1334.0	1299.5	292.4	2461.2	1346.8
	1326.6	2076.2	215.0	4748.1	2091.5	846.9	1939.7	183.1	2668.4	1409.5
	2840.4	1841.6	343.4	4727.7	2438.3	2438.7	1311.6	502.3	1790.0	1510.9
	1326.6	2840.4	558.1	4619.0	2336.0	846.9	2438.7	228.4	3498.5	1753.1
	430.4	903.5	57.9	320.5	403.1	400.7	499.6	41.5	390.9	333.2
	251.4	876.9	549.1	1522.1	774.9	188.4	565.1	24.1	916.0	423.4
	487.3	998.4	545.4	963.0	673.5	344.6	699.4	482.3	283.0	452.3
	406.6	1371.2	241.2	1197.0	754.0	309.0	805.0	33.4	945.4	523.2
	451.8	1020.7	511.1	1020.7	726.1	351.8	769.8	468.5	769.8	590.0
	395.4	1007.6	329.1	1007.6	684.9	231.6	750.8	680.5	750.8	603.4
	423.9	1329.9	541.1	1287.7	895.6	312.6	1190.0	879.0	957.0	834.6
	446.5	1484.6	1270.9	2513.5	1428.9	276.9	926.6	653.1	1713.2	892.4
	439.4	1040.4	2069.9	1694.3	1311.0	268.7	1892.0	611.9	885.7	914.6
	389.3	1759.8	899.9	1759.8	1202.2	425.6	1175.4	1340.1	1175.4	1029.1
	917.2	1505.4	576.7	2561.5	1390.2	644.1	1163.1	435.5	1415.3	914.5
pe (G)	472.3	790.5	339.0	319.9	250.8	472.3	790.5	339.0	319.9	250.8
g (S)	NS	NS	NS	87.6	107.9	NS	NS	NS	87.6	107.9
	NS	NS	536.0	439.9	355.7	NS	NS	536.0	439.9	355.7
	13.2	11.6	11.0	1.6	1.4	13.2	11.6	11.0	1.6	1.4

significant difference, CV=Coefficient of variation, NS= Not significant at 0.05 probability level, LR=long rain
 t rain season. LSD Season= 259.6, Location= 171.8.

4.50. Success rate of crosses done to obtain F₁'s of climbing snap bean with snap bean resistant to rust and commercial varieties.

Generated	Pods harvested	Seeds obtained	Pollinations done	Success rate (%)
134/BelMiDak RR8	2	10	26	7.7
131/BelMiDak RR8	3	18	34	8.8
134/BelMiNeb 1	2	9	12	16.7
130/BelMiNeb 1	1	7	5	20.0
132/BelMiDak RR8	3	21	14	21.4
131/BelMiNeb 4	2	14	8	25.0
133/BelMiDak RR8	16	85	61	26.2
130/BelMiDak RR4	14	78	42	33.3
130/BelMiNeb 4	2	14	6	33.3
132/BelMiDak RR4	2	7	6	33.3
131/BelMiDak RR4	15	86	44	34.1
133/BelMiDak RR4	14	79	38	36.8
130/BelMiDak RR8	23	122	53	43.4
134/BelMiDak RR4	10	51	23	43.5
132/BelMiNeb 1	1	6	2	50.0
133/BelMiNeb 4	3	21	6	50.0
134/BelMiNeb 4	1	7	2	50.0
131/BelMiNeb 1	6	31	11	54.5
133/BelMiNeb 1	5	32	9	55.6
V 132/Paulista	0	0	5	0
V 133/Samantha	0	0	10	0
V 133/Teresa	1	6	8	12.5
V 132/Teresa	2	4	15	13.3
V 131/Morgan	4	12	28	14.3
V 132/Samantha	1	3	7	14.3
V 133/Paulista	1	7	5	20.0
V 134/Paulista	3	10	14	21.4
V 130/Amy	5	19	23	21.7
V 132/Morelli	2	7	8	25.0
V 132/Morgan	2	8	6	33.3
V 134/Morgan	1	4	3	33.3
V 131/Amy	6	39	17	35.3
V 130/Paulista	5	32	14	35.7
V 130/Morgan	7	34	17	41.2
V 134/Samantha	3	9	7	42.9
V 134/Morelli	10	38	23	43.5
V 132/Amy	5	20	11	45.5
V 135/Teresa	6	34	11	54.5
V 135/Morgan	5	21	9	55.6
V 130/Teresa	8	44	14	57.1

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	Pods harvested	Seeds obtained	Pollinations done	Success rate (%)
30/Teresa	8	44	14	57.1
31/Teresa	9	60	14	64.3
34/Teresa	11	43	17	64.7
33/Morelli	4	18	6	66.7
33/Amy	25	168	36	69.4
35/Paulista	24	163	34	70.6
35/Morelli	3	21	4	75.0
33/Morgan	15	96	19	78.9
31/Paulista	4	24	5	80.0
35/Amy	12	88	15	80.0
31/Samantha	8	58	9	88.9
30/Morelli	18	113	20	90.0
30/Samantha	10	63	11	90.9
31/Morelli	20	139	22	90.9

Discussion

Growth vigour, days to flowering and days to maturity of snap bean population and

Advanced lines.

Growth vigour of genotypes varied across locations and cropping seasons. These could have been affected from differences in rainfall, temperature and soil fertility across locations and cropping seasons. Similar results were obtained by Emam *et al* (2010) who found that exposing plants to drought stress of 50% field capacity affected growth of the bean by reducing plant height and leaf area. Growth vigour of the populations and lines was higher with application of fungicide. This agrees with Mersha and Hau (2008) who reported that bean rust epidemics affected host plants by reducing the total leaf area by about 35% compared with healthy plant applied with fungicide. Vernadon had the poorest growth vigour while Morelli and Julia had the best growth vigour among the parental lines. Julia and Morelli had good growth vigour compared to other genotypes, Julia was highly susceptible to rust while Morelli was highly susceptible to angular

introduced resistant varieties. Fontem *et al* (2007) reported that high disease development of angular leaf spot occurred during early bloom and late bloom thus not affecting the growth of genotypes. Growth vigour of populations and lines varied from a score of 1 (excellent) to 7 (poor) indicating that vigorous populations and lines existed and progenies with a higher mean can be selected.

Differences in environmental conditions between the two locations and cropping seasons affected genotypes in their duration to flower. Genotypes flowered earlier two days during the short rain season at Mwea location and one day at Thika location. This could be attributed to higher temperatures during short rain season. This agrees with Ndegwa *et al* (2009) who reported snap bean varieties flowering earlier by a day during short rain. The results showed that parent varieties flowered almost at the same time. Morgan was the earliest to flower during short rain seasons and Paulista and Samantha during long rain season at both locations. Similar results were obtained by Ndegwa *et al* (2009) who noted that varieties that flowered early during short rain were not necessarily the ones that flowered early during long rain season. Some of the populations and lines such as SB-08-148-5 and HAB 426 were early flowering (33-35 days) than the parent lines with a range of 35-44 days. KSB and HAV lines were last to flower when compared to other lines. KSB lines had highest number of pods per plant among advanced bush lines probably because they were late maturing and also resistant to diseases. Late flowering would increase the risk of damage from early autumn frosts at northern latitude, but this is not a problem in tropical region (Mohamed *et al.*, 2007). Morgan combined early flowering and highest number of pod per plant among the parent varieties. This is a rare combination which contradicts with Emam *et al* (2010), who reported that late flowering allows photosynthates to fuel vigorous vegetative growth which subsequently produces photosynthates to enable an increased number of pods to develop.

... characteristic and number of pods per plant of snap bean populations and lines

... significant effect of genotypes, cropping seasons and location indicates that duration to maturity among genotypes varied across seasons and environments. Generally genotypes used in this study matured early during short rain season at Mwea location. This could have been as a result of warmer temperatures during short rain season and at Mwea location (Appendices 1-3). A significant interaction effect between genotypes, location and cropping season suggests that days to maturity are highly influenced by environmental factors (Ceccarelli and Grando, 2007). Among the parent lines Star 2053 which had the highest pod yield was the earliest to mature during short rain season while Morelli was the earliest to mature during long rain season, suggesting a strong environmental influence. Julia was the latest to mature in both seasons. Although genotypes were significantly different for days to maturity, most the populations converged in their duration to early maturing (67-88 days) as opposed to the more homozygous bean lines with a mean of 77 days.

... lines were late maturing and highly susceptible to angular leaf spot during long rain season at Mwea. Mbugua *et al* (2006) reported that bean genotypes that were late maturing were more affected by diseases. Farmers' prefer beans varieties that are early maturing as reported by Pascal *et al* (2009). As expected climbing snap bean lines were late maturing. The results agrees with Mbugua *et al* (2006) and Musoni *et al* (2010) who reported that early maturity is associated with bush bean cultivars as opposed to climbing beans. For snap beans this implies that they have a longer harvesting period which might result to higher yield due to increased physiological efficiency. For dry bean early maturity may lead to germination of seed in the pods but for snap beans early maturity may provide an early harvest (Mbugua *et al.*,

5). ... reports with determinate beans. However, the results showed that climbing lines had

Pod characteristic and number of pods per plant of snap bean populations and lines

Higher pod length recorded during long rain season could be attributed to an increase in the soil moisture level during long rain season (Appendix. 2). This agrees with Emam *et al* (2010) who reported a reduction of dry pod weight of beans as a result of reduced soil moisture. Among the parent lines, Samantha had the longest pods 11.9 cm. This implies that Samantha could be a suitable parent for developing varieties with desired pod length. Pod length of the other parent commercial varieties was slightly shorter than the optimum size. This indicates that conditions at the test sites such as long period of moisture stress, low soil fertility and modest fertilizer application rates may have influenced expression of this trait. Among populations, backcross populations of SB-08-303 had the longest pod (12.5 cm). Snap bean line HAB 404 was leading among the longest pods among the advanced lines. Only genotypes with a mean pod length greater than 10 cm were selected so that they should meet market standards as indicated by Muchui *et al* (2001).

The parent lines had pods diameter below 8 mm with Julia having the least pod diameter of 6.5 mm, implying that it had thin pods which are preferred by consumers. A significant general combining ability (GCA) for pod diameter in Amy was reported by Arunga *et al* (2010) demonstrating the role of additive gene effect for this trait in snap beans. Climbing lines had the highest pod diameter when they were harvested at regular interval than bush lines. This indicates that climbing snap bean could be harvested more often than the bush to avoid the growth of a large grown pod or they should be crossed with bush snap bean to incorporate thin pod characteristic. Mohamed and Francis, (2007) reported that beans with indeterminate growth habit have smaller seeds hence less pod diameter which improves the quality of snap bean pods when compared with determinate beans. However, the results showed that climbing lines used

study had thicker pods. Such variation in results may arise due to background genetic differences in these varieties.

number of pods per plant was higher during long rain season. Probably due to warmer temperatures at Mwea and better moisture availability during long rain season. There was significant variation for pods per plant among studied genotypes. Among the parent lines Morelli had the highest pods per plant. According to Mohamed *et al* (2007) cultivars that bearing late set more pods. However, in this study Julia which was among those that bearing late also had the lowest pods per plant among the parent varieties. Progenies of SB-3 and KSB 10 W from advanced lines had the highest number of pods per plant. Pods per plant among populations varied from 1-24 pods per plant. There were populations such as SB-3 and lines such as HAV 135 that had higher pods per plant (11.4) than Morelli. Mohamed and Francis, (2007) reported that climbing beans had double the number of pods per plant than the bush beans but in this study climbing lines yielded less probably due poor adaptation to the environment.

Pod yield, pod quality and seed yield

Genotypes showed significant differences on pod yield and pod quality. This indicates that the commercial snap bean varieties and donor parents of genes for resistance used to develop the advanced lines transferred their pod characteristics as well to their progenies. Generally commercial snap bean parents concentrated their pod yield on extra fine and fine pod yield (Mugwaza *et al.*, 2009) unlike most of populations that had more of their yield as fine and bobby pod yield because they were largely heterozygous. This may have resulted from the inheritance of poor pod characteristics of the donor parent with genes for resistance. Arunga *et al* (2010) found out significant additive and dominance gene effect on pod diameter and length in snap

A variety with a potential to produce at least 1:1 ratio of extra fine and fine grade pods is recommended for growing in order to meet the specification of export markets (Muchui *et al.* ..

... gave the highest total pod yield and extra fine yield despite intermediate attack by foliar rust disease. This resulted from presence of intermediate resistance to rust in Teresa. Rust susceptibility is a major contributor to low yield. Wasonga *et al* (2010) reported Teresa having intermediate level of resistance to rust disease. Star 2053 had the highest total pod yield and proportion of extra fine yield (75.8%) among all the other parent lines when they were protected with fungicide. Jian *et al* (2010) working with soybean found that there had been a progressive decline in yield with release of new varieties over a period of fifty six years. Similarly Star 2053 produced higher yield because it was released recently compared to other varieties used in this study. Among the advanced lines HAB 428 was the best yielding ($8528.2 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$) when the advanced snap bean lines were grown without application of fungicide. This indicates that it had intermediate level of resistance to diseases although it produced most its yield as fine pods. KSB 7 had the highest potential of producing extra fine pod yield (48.7%) among the advanced lines.

Significant differences for location and cropping season were obtained for seed yield. High seed yield was obtained during long rain season than short rain season. Seed yield obtained at Mbea were higher yield compared to Thika location. This was due to the higher rainfall received during long rain season, high rust severity at Thika location and higher temperatures at Mbea location (Appendices 1-2). Significant differences among genotypes were obtained for seed weight indicating that variation existed among genotypes for seed yield. Population SB-08-69-3 had the highest seed yield ($2171.9 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$) and SB-08-69-4 had the lowest seed yield ($1772.2 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$). Seed weight is reported to be determined by both additive and nonadditive gene effects (Gonzalez *et al.*, 2009). A variety with high seed yield in addition to pod yield would be

d by seed producers. Among the parent lines, Paulista had the highest seed yield, because Paulista was early flowering thus utilizing most of its photosynthates to fill the seeds (Emam *et al.*, 2010). Pod yield among the parents had a significant negative phenotypic correlations with rust disease ($r = -0.36$) (Appendix 19). Seed yield among the parents was significantly negative correlated to rust ($r = 0.58$) and also to angular leaf spot ($r = 0.58$) (Appendix 19). Phenotypic correlations between seed yield and pods per plant ($r = 0.58$) were positive and significant (Appendix 22). A simple linear regression analysis also showed that seed yield and pods per plant were significantly correlated $R^2 = 0.395$ $t = 4.408$ (Appendix 17). This suggests that seed weight can be used to select for the pod load which would be less expensive than harvesting pods to take measurement. Climbing line HAV 135 had the highest seed yield among the snap bean lines.

CHAPTER FIVE

GENERAL DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

General discussion

Disease with the highest severity was rust followed by angular leaf spot. This agrees with what is reported by Monda *et al.*, (2003) who reported that rust was the major disease reported by the majority of farmers in Kenya. Seasonal variations on genotypes for disease severity could have been caused by changes in temperature, rainfall and soil fertility. Mohammed and Somsiri, (2007) reported that bean diseases varied with bean types and growing conditions. In the early season, genotypes experienced less rainfall and higher temperatures during short rain season and higher disease severity were obtained (Appendices 1-2). The results revealed that the application of fungicide is an effective way of controlling the diseases, saving about half of the yield lost due to diseases. However, fungicides are expensive and are not environmentally friendly (Fontem *et al.*, 2007). Therefore an integrated approach of growing resistant varieties with minimal use of fungicide would reduce yield loss caused by the diseases and also relieve farmers of the high cost of applying fungicide. The significant differences in disease severity among genotypes in different seasons and locations may be as a result of environmental factors and pathogenic variation. Pascal *et al* (2010) reported bean fly resistance breaks down in different genotypes as a result of drought stress and heat problems.

The use of overhead irrigation at Thika as opposed to furrow irrigation at Mwea could have contributed to higher disease severity at Thika since it facilitated spread of the fungal spores from one plant to the next. Monda *et al* (2003) reported that foliar fungal diseases were a major problem where irrigation was done by overhead irrigation. Prevalence and severity of bean diseases vary with cropping practices, for example Mohammed and Somsiri, (2007) reported

anthracnose became a principal disease when farmers used infected seed from their previous season harvest and when there was dependable rainfall resulting in temperature fluctuation.

Multiple disease resistance to angular leafspot, rust and anthracnose

Based on the results obtained for angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust scores, a number of bean lines among those evaluated appeared to possess multiple disease resistance to the three foliar fungal diseases. Genotypes that possess multiple trait resistance as experienced by farmers are useful and would reduce yield losses (Pascal *et al.*, 2010). Among the segregating populations 674 single plants that possessed resistance to the three diseases were selected to form the families. There was need for continued selection of single plants with multiple disease resistance from the populations each generation as observed by Musoni *et al* (2010). Among the advanced lines two bush lines KSB 10 W and KSB 10 BR and one climbing line HAV 130 showed consistent multiple resistance to angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust at both cropping seasons and locations. The three resistant lines reduced the mean disease severity by 17%, 16% and 36% for angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust respectively when compared to the commercial bush varieties. These lines would be valuable in future breeding programmes as sources of resistance to the three diseases.

2.2 Pod yield and pod yield quality

The results showed that reduction of disease severity by application of fungicide, led to an increase in pod yield and this agrees with Monda *et al* (2003) who reported yield reduction where rust infection was high. Parent lines concentrated their pod yield as extra fine and fine pod yield but most of the populations and lines had their yield as fine and bobby as observed by Tegwa *et al* (2009). Star 2053 had the highest yield among the parent varieties when

types were grown with the application of fungicide while Teresa had the highest yield. Genotypes were grown without application of fungicide. This confirmed effectiveness of gene in Teresa that is effective against race 47 and many other races of rust found in southern Africa (Wasonga *et al.*, 2010). The highest yielding advanced line was HAB 428 and it yielded the best yielding variety Teresa by 202% when the genotypes were grown without application of fungicide. Although Morgan had the highest number of pods per plant, this did not lead into high yields. This agrees with results from Ndegwa *et al.* (2009) who reported that high pods per plant did not necessarily give high yields because other pod characteristics such as pod length and pod diameter also affect the yield. All climbing lines had thicker pods of 11 mm compared to commercial bush lines with a pod width of 8 mm when their pods were harvested at regular interval. This suggests that climbing snap bean could be picked more times than bush snap bean to avoid overgrown pods. This also indicates the need to develop climbing snap bean populations with thin pod characteristics. Pod width is an important trait that determines acceptability of a variety by consumers (Muchui *et al.*, 2001). Among the advanced bush lines, KSB 10 BR had the highest seed yield (1700.8 kg ha⁻¹). Among the climbing HAV lines, HAV 10 had the highest seed yield (2438.3 kg ha⁻¹) among climbing lines. A variety that has high seed yield and high pod yield of high quality could be important to seed producers since it could give higher returns.

Conclusion

The study revealed that rust followed by angular leaf spot are the most limiting foliar diseases of snap bean in the areas of study. Also angular leaf spot, anthracnose and rust diseases prevalence varies between the two cropping seasons and locations emphasizing the need of evaluating genotypes in the target environments. There are multiple disease resistant genotypes

marketable pod characteristics from the developed populations and lines. Therefore, the lines used as source of resistance and marketable pod characteristics are successful in transferring the genes responsible for these traits. However, some snap bean lines with multiple disease resistance did not meet the pod quality of the commercial bush varieties. This is because they had thick pods and therefore a small proportion of extra fine pods. Climbing lines had a longer harvesting period as revealed by the duration they took to physiologically mature, and their pods had a high pod diameter that limited them to produce high proportion of extra fine pods.

Recommendations

Based on the above conclusion, the following recommendations can be made:

The parents used in this study and the identified multiple disease resistant lines are recommended for further work on breeding for disease resistance and marketable pod characteristics.

Further testing of the selected lines with multiple disease resistance to determine the stability of resistance under varying environments before release to farmers.

Further evaluation of the identified lines for their reaction to other devastating diseases and pest such as root rots and bean fly.

Evaluation and selection of the climbing snap bean populations developed in this study is important to develop resistant climbing lines with marketable pod characteristics.

Further studies should be done to characterise angular leafspot, rust and anthracnose pathogens in the region.

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Month	Rainfall (mm)	Rainy days	Minimum temperature (°C)	Maximum temperature (°C)
September	Trace	0.0	17.0	25.0
October	112.0	6.0	18.0	26.0
November	105.0	9.0	17.0	26.0
December	67.0	6.0	16.3	26.0
January	1.6	2.0	17.3	26.0
February	1.9	3.0	18.0	26.0
March	4.6	4.0	18.0	26.0
April	3.0	18.0	18.0	26.0
May	5.0	8.0	18.0	26.0
June	Trace	0.0	17.0	27.6
July	Trace	2.0	16.5	26.1
August	Trace	2.0	16.9	27.0

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APPENDICES

Table 1. Average Minimum and Maximum temperature, relative humidity, rainfall, and number of rainy days recorded during the cropping months in 2009 and 2010 at Thika

Month	Rainfall (mm)	Rainy days	Relative humidity (%)	Minimum temperature (°C)	Maximum temperature (°C)
September	Trace	0.0	55.2	14.1	28.6
October	134.5	8.0	62.0	15.4	26.9
November	119.2	13.0	66.5	16.1	26.0
December	94.2	11.0	70.5	15.5	25.8
January	133.0	5.0	66.0	14.2	26.4
February	113.0	10.0	68.0	16.0	27.3
March	209.0	15.0	73.5	17.0	26.8
April	176.0	10.0	74.0	16.1	25.5
May	152.0	10.0	72.5	14.3	24.0
June	24.9	1.0	69.3	12.7	23.4
July	4.8	2.0	71.8	12.8	23.5
August	6.3	1.0	72.0	12.9	23.5

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Table 2. Average Minimum and Maximum temperature, rainfall, and number of rainy days recorded during the cropping months in 2009 and 2010 at Mwea

Month	Rainfall (mm)	Rainy days	Minimum temperature (°C)	Maximum temperature (°C)
September	Trace	0.0	17.0	28.0
October	112.0	6.0	18.0	29.0
November	105.0	9.0	17.0	28.0
December	67.0	6.0	16.5	29.0
January	1.6	2.0	17.5	29.0
February	1.9	5.0	18.0	29.0
March	4.6	8.0	18.0	29.0
April	3.0	10.0	18.0	28.0
May	8.0	8.0	18.0	29.0
June	Trace	0.0	17.0	27.6
July	Trace	2.0	16.5	26.1
August	Trace	2.0	16.9	27.0

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ix 3. Mean squares for days to flowering, vigour, diseases, days to maturity, pods per plant and seed yield of SB snap bean lines

Source	df	Mean squares					
		Vigor	ALS	Anth	Rust	Pod/ plant	Seed yield
		1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	no.	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
ion	2	0.5	3.3	0.02	0.3	0.3	437
(S)	1	5.5NS	388.0*		43.3*	1782.5*	89249*
(L)	1	45.4*	9.4*	8.8*	223.6**	2755.6**	1742NS
	1	1.3NS	45.4**		124.9*	103.5*	321NS
des (F)	1	102.1**	140.2**	81.4**	265.0**	267.8**	5741**
	1	60.2*	2.0NS	59.6**	46.1**	21.7NS	3505*
	1	15.8*	52.5**		29.8**	63.9*	4467*
	1	37.5*	1.3NS		13.9*	59.6*	3032*
pes (G)	15	4.5**	23.1**	5.6**	62.2**	40.7**	2733**
	15	3.7**	11.3**		12.0**	30.1**	2379**
	15	5.5**	4.4**	2.6*	16.0**	11.4**	867**
	15	2.1*	5.7**	2.6NS	6.7**	5.1NS	240NS
	15	3.2**	11.9**		15.0**	11.0**	1020**
	15	5.0**	2.1*		4.1**	7.5*	390*
	15	2.1*	3.8**	1.5NS	9.3**	8.6*	605**
xG	15	1.4NS	0.8NS		5.6**	3.4NS	537**
		0.9	1.4	0.1	1.5	3.3	176

Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. ALS, Anth stands for angular leaf and anthracnose respectively. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

ix 4. Mean squares for days to flowering, days to maturity, pod length, pod width, pod yield and yield components of SB snap bean lines

Source	df	Mean squares							
		50% DF	50% DM	Pod length	Pod width	Pod yield	Extra fine	Fine	Bobby
		d	d	cm	cm	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
ication	2	1.3	4.6	5.6	0.02	853	9054	10254	1391
on (S)	1	66.5*	1698.1*	68.6*	0.04N/S	-	-	-	-
icides	1	-	-	-	-	292587**	71068*	41867*	67.1NS
types	15	72.0*	26.1**	3.5*	0.02*	10610**	166569**	4831*	1429**
	15	6.2**	21.8**	1.9NS	0.002N/S	-	-	-	-
	15	-	-	-	-	6156*	8333*	5698*	564*
		0.4	6.9	1.3	0.01	2549	4582	2615	217

Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

Annex 5. Mean squares for days to flowering, vigour, diseases, days to maturity, pods per plant and seed yield of climbing snap bean lines

Source	df	Mean squares					
		Vigor 1-9 score	ALS 1-9 score	Anth 1-9 score	Rust 1-9 score	Pod/ plant no.	Seed yield Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ³ †
Replication	2	0.2	6.5	0.2	3.6	0.02	302
Genotypes (S)	1	0.3NS	256.8*	0.3	23.5*	1464.8*	110331*
Environments (L)	1	65.8*	22.0*	5.7*	328.2*	1584.4**	5706*
Genotypes (S) x Environments (L)	1	3.2NS	16.7*	2.4NS	54.8*	253.5*	16170*
Fungicides (F)	1	101.1**	270.0**	66.5**	202.7**	522.7**	20338**
Fungicides (F) x Genotypes (S)	1	54.8*	0.1NS	43.1*	24.5*	0.04NS	7743**
Fungicides (F) x Environments (L)	1	23.5*	60.2*	19.7*	19.7*	0.3NS	3235*
Fungicides (F) x Genotypes (S) x Environments (L)	1	42.0*	0.7NS	57.0**	6.3*	90.1*	4580*
Genotypes (G)	15	4.0**	18.0**	4.4**	46.1**	8.2*	6790**
Environments (L) x Genotypes (G)	15	2.6**	15.0**	1.1	13.0**	18.2**	3550**
Fungicides (F) x Genotypes (G)	15	3.9**	5.5**	2.7*	8.7**	29.2**	619**
Fungicides (F) x Environments (L) x Genotypes (G)	15	2.4**	4.2**	2.7*	5.9**	7.8*	769**
Fungicides (F) x Genotypes (G) x Environments (L)	15	3.4**	11.5**	2.1*	19.7**	19.3**	387**
Fungicides (F) x Genotypes (G) x Environments (L) x Genotypes (S)	15	6.4**	3.3**	2.2*	2.2*	17.2*	551**
Fungicides (F) x Genotypes (G) x Environments (L) x Genotypes (S) x Environments (L)	15	2.1*	3.9**	2.1*	4.2**	15.2**	364*
Fungicides (F) x Genotypes (G) x Environments (L) x Genotypes (S) x Environments (L) x Genotypes (S)	15	2.1*	1.4NS	1.1	1.1NS	16.3**	613**
Error		0.9	4.4	1.1	0.9	1	194

* Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. ALS, Anth stands for angular leaf spot and anthracnose respectively. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

Annex 6. Mean squares for days to flowering, days to maturity, pod length, pod width, pod yield and yield components of climbing snap bean lines

Source	df	Mean squares							
		50% DF	50% DM	Pod length	Pod width	Pod yield	Extra fine	Fine	Bobby
		d	d	cm	cm	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ³ †	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ³ †	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ³ †	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ³ †
Replication	2	1	4.3	3.9	0.02	17300	5957	4888	345
Genotypes (S)	1	92.1*	1012.9*	60.9*	0.05NS	-	-	-	-
Fungicides (F)	1	-	-	-	-	461566**	55958NS	1478854*	24.6NS
Genotypes (G)	15	86.1**	79.7**	2.8*	0.3**	8516**	20415**	7671**	1734**
Genotypes (G) x Environments (L)	15	8.5**	64.7**	1.6NS	0.004NS	-	-	-	-
Genotypes (G) x Environments (L) x Genotypes (S)	15	-	-	-	-	7784**	9716**	10619**	373.9*
Error		0.5	6.5	1.3	0.02	4132	2418	7782	949

* Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

ix 7. Mean squares for days to flowering, vigour, diseases, days to maturity, pods per plant and seed yield of advanced snap bean backcrosses

Source	df	Mean squares					
		Vigor	ALS	Anth	Rust	Pod/plant	Seed yield
		1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	no.	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
Replication		1.9	9.2	0.2	3.9	3.9	38.9
Genotype (S)	1	3.5NS	350.3*		90.8NS	1174.4*	101074*
Location (L)	1	121.4*	0.1NS	2.4NS	228.2*	2996.3**	28021*
	1	6.0NS	1.9NS		112.0*	4.0NS	2217*
Fungicides (F)	1	67.7**	198.7**	81.9**	205.6**	239.6**	1088NS
	1	23.6*	12.3*		53.5**	36.1*	8513*
	1	32.8*	38.5**	51.0**	45.4**	107.7*	20NS
	1	11.0*	2.8NS		8.9*	95.3**	4609*
Genotypes (G)	17	2.7**	25.1**	3.4*	47.0**	11.9**	5652**
	17	2.9**	10.7**		9.0**	19.8**	1623**
	17	2.3*	2.7*	6.8**	6.8**	8.7*	2440**
	17	2.4*	4.4**	2.1NS	4.5**	7.8*	440*
G	17	3.6**	10.5**		16.7**	14.7**	1209**
G	17	4.4**	2.8*		2.7*	8.1*	488*
G	17	2.1*	4.9**	1.8NS	3.1*	8.0*	913**
FxG	17	2.1*	1.2NS		2.0NS	4.2NS	633*
	1		1.3	1.7	1.6	3.5	252

*Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. ALS, Anth stands for angular leaf and anthracnose respectively. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

Index 8. Mean squares for days to flowering, days to maturity, pod length, pod width, pod yield and yield components of advanced snap bean backcrosses

Source	df	Mean squares							
		50% DF	50% DM	Pod length	Pod width	Pod yield	Extra fine	Fine	Bobby
		d	d	cm	cm	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
Replication	2	3.2	10.4	3.7	0.02	1016	10271	3913	152
Genotype (S)	1	186.4*	2209.7*	45.7*	0.08NS	-	-	-	-
Fungicides (F)	1	-	-	-	-	204330**	41234NS	32387NS	70.2NS
Genotypes (G)	17	11.7*	22.0**	4.5**	0.5**	14324**	19975**	3333NS	1646**
G	17	8.8**	16.9**	1.7NS	0.01NS	-	-	-	-
G	17	-	-	-	-	6713**	8953**	3534NS	472*
or		0.8	6.4	1.2	0.01	1449	2477	2651	215

*Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectivel, NS=Not significant.† Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

Index 9. Mean squares for days to flowering, vigour, diseases, days to maturity, pods per plant and seed yield of F₆ snap bean bulks

	df	Mean squares					Seed yield Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
		Vigor 1-9 score	ALS 1-9 score	Anth 1-9 score	Rust 1-9 score	Pod/plant no.	
Reproduction	2	1	16.8	7.5	5.2	5.2	218
Reproduction (S)	1	3.6NS	805.2*		5.3NS	1142.6*	168107**
Reproduction (L)	1	194.1**	3.6NS	0.7NS	100.2*	7271.9**	1101994**
	1	26.3*	16.9*		39.3*	109.9NS	703NS
Fungicides (F)	1	139.4**	198.2**	74.1**	214.0**	445.9**	2893NS
	1	52.7*	23.4*		54.3**	325.4**	15463**
	1	71.1**	81.3**	63.8*	106.1**	134.2*	4992*
	1	35.3*	5.9NS		1.0NS	503.4**	12713*
Genotypes (G)	30	2.8**	21.5**	3.2*	49.0**	17.7**	4970**
	30	2.6**	8.5**		118.**	19.1	11627**
	30	2.9**	3.1**	2.9*	9.8**	8.2*	2149**
	30	2.6**	3.9**	1.7NS	5.5**	8.1*	487*
G	30	2.8**	8.8**		12.3**	14.3*	1465**
G	30	3.2**	2.0**		2.8**	8.9NS	559**
G	30	2.3**	2.4**	1.2NS	3.8**	7.0NS	341NS
FxG	30	1.8*	1.2NS		2.0*	8.8*	462*
		1.1	0.9	2.9	1.2	1.2	248

Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. ALS, Anth stands for angular leaf spot and anthracnose respectively.

Index 10. Mean squares for days to flowering, days to maturity, pod length, pod width, pod yield and yield components of F₆ snap bean bulks

Source	df	Mean squares							
		50% DF d	50% DM d	Pod length cm	Pod width cm	Pod yield Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Extra fine Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Fine Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Bobby Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
Reproduction	2	0.5	15.3	0.3	0.02	1640	3414	1635	2242
Reproduction (S)	1	287.4*	2918.7*	222.2*	0.04*	695600*			
Fungicides (F)	1					*	57670*	28250*	7534NS
								12950*	
Genotypes (G)	30	9.3**	20.8**	3.0*	0.04NS	9591**	13590**	*	2435**
G	30	7.9**	14.9**	2.5*	0.01NS				
G	30					5662**	6226**	9170**	1782*
							2476	3861	885
		0.9	0.9	1.4	0.01	2163			

**Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

Annex 11. Mean squares days to flowering, vigour, diseases, days to maturity, pods per plant and seed yield of HAB advanced snap bean lines

Source	df	Mean squares					
		Vigour	ALS	Rust	Anth	Pod/plant	Seed yield
		1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	no.	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
Replicates	2	1.6	26.8	4.2	1.2	9.6	558
Season (S)	1	14.6NS	1306.2*	100.0*		1081.5*	102778*
Location (L)	1	169.5*	8.5NS	160.9**	129.7*	6959.7**	57524**
	1	6.2NS	254.1*	20.8*		85.8*	5486*
Fungicides (F)	1	328.4**	492.0**	517.7**	269.6**	1808.7**	73879**
	1	46.0*	63.3*	80.8**		85.8*	931*
	1	101.4*	158.4**	93.4**	254.3**	402.7**	38714**
	1	13.6NS	0.2NS	57.5**		321.9**	1846NS
Genotypes (G)	36	1.9*	5.8**	33.4**	1.54*	22.2**	1905**
	36	2.6**	5.5**	5.6**		15.3**	581**
	36	3.0**	5.0**	8.7**	0.8NS	9.7**	1143**
	36	2.1**	2.6*	3.0**	0.4NS	11.3**	836**
	36	2.6**	8.3**	11.7**		11.4**	776**
	36	3.6**	2.4NS	1.9NS		7.0*	448**
	36	2.2**	2.3NS	2.6*	0.5NS	10.0**	769**
	36	1.4NS	1.5NS	1.9NS		8.2*	313*
		1.1	1.7	1.5	1	4.6	206

*Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. ALS, Anth stands for angular leaf spot and anthracnose respectively. Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

Annex 12. Mean squares for days to flowering, days to maturity, pod length, pod width, pod yield and yield components of HAB advanced snap bean lines

Source	df	Mean squares							
		50% DF	50% DM	Pod length	Pod width	Pod yield	Extra fine	Fine	Bobby
		d	d	cm	cm	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
Replicates	2	0.1	14.3	5.4	0.04	17300	5957	4888	345
Season (S)	1	547.4*	8696.5**	120.5*	0.2NS/S	-	-	-	-
Fungicides (F)	1	-	-	-	-	79632**	28330NS	370200*	5359NS
Genotypes (G)	36	7.5**	12.7**	3.8**	0.03**	15930**	12670**	20850**	4226**
	36	5.8**	22.5**	1.4NS/S	0.004NS	-	-	-	-
	36	-	-	-	-	9135**	5638**	13540*	1815*
	36	-	-	-	-	4132	2418	7782	949
		0.7	3.7	1.3	0.01				

*Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

Appendix 13. Mean squares for days to flowering, vigour, diseases, days to maturity, pods per plant and seed yield of F_{4.5} snap bean families

Source	df	Mean Squares					
		Vigour	ALS	Anth	Rust	Pod/plant	Seed yield
		1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	no.	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
Replication	2	1	4.1	19.3	1	7.5	652
Season (S)	1	58.4*	58.4*		351.6*	5298.9*	44160NS
Location (L)	1	4.4NS	646.6**	67.5*	83.3NS	3886.0**	556500**
	1	0.3NS	130.7**		42.3NS	35.3NS	245NS
Fungicides (F)	1	259.1**	255.4*	164.1**	518.7**	1531.0**	33490**
	1	160.2**	176.8*		113.3**	1006.1**	26990**
	1	115.2**	0.03NS	149.2**	118.3**	5.7NS	118NS
FxG	1	142.9**	2.5NS		96.6**	335.6*	9500*
Genotypes (G)	48	2.1**	12.9**	2.7**	23.2**	15.3**	2749**
	48	2.9**	5.3**		10.3**	14.5**	1258**
	48	2.2**	6.9**	1.9NS	8.1**	16.9**	1988**
	48	1.4NS	3.4**	1.1NS	2.5*	10.1**	988**
FxG	48	2.0**	9.2**		15.5**	79.0**	1208**
FxG	48	2.3**	3.1**	0.6NS	3.1**	10.3**	1044**
FxG	48	2.3**	4.3**		2.5*	12.2**	946**
FxFxG	48	1.6*	3.4**		2.7	6.4*	633*
Error		384	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.1	384

*Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. ALS, Anth stands for angular leaf and anthracnose respectively. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

Appendix 14. Mean squares for days to flowering, days to maturity, pod length, pod width, pod yield and yield components of F_{4.5} snap bean

Source	df	Mean squares							
		50% DF	50% DM	Pod length	Pod width	Pod yield	Extra fine	Fine	Bobby
		d	d	cm	cm	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
Replication	2	6	9.6	4.2	0.01	2911	1344	2236	23
Season (S)	1	1032.7**	5016.1**	425.3*	0.6*	-	-	-	-
Fungicides (F)	1	-	-	-	-	404900**	2865*	151200*	7503*
Genotypes (G)	48	8.5**	22.3**	3.1**	0.03**	10720**	11770**	7959**	1866**
FxG	48	13.1**	10.8*	2.6*	0.02*	-	-	-	-
FxG	48	-	-	-	-	7369**	8380**	9066**	1760**
Error		1.7	6.8	1.4	0.01	772	1108	1629	224

**Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS= Not significant. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

Appendix 15. Mean squares for days to flowering, vigour, diseases, days to maturity, pods per plant and seed yield of F₄ segregating snap bean

Source	df	Mean squares					Seed yield
		Vigor	ALS	Rust	Anth	Pod/plant	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
		1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	no.	
Replication	2	2	4.6	2.2	1.5	9.8	64.3
Season (S)	1	11.6NS	1140.1**	154.5*		1606.8*	176134**
Location (L)	1	185.0NS	59.8**	189.0*	127.8**	4683.2**	21565*
	1	19.0NS	0.01NS	209.7*		8.3NS	5035*
Fungicides (F)	1	8.8NS	359.3**	545.4**	219.9**	1606.8**	15061**
	1	7.6NS	0.7NS	54.3		5.9NS	5224*
	1	2.0NS	150.8**	140.2**	210.8**	448.1**	3528*
FxG	1	2.7NS	34.84	82.0**		277.8*	1278NS
Genotypes (G)	30	1.8*	6.3**	25.8**	1.3NS	18.4**	3840**
	30	1.7*	7.6**	7.2**	2.0*	13.4**	1243**
	30	2.0*	4.4**	7.2**		7.8*	1350**
	30	0.9NS	3.6**	2.98*	1.1NS	11.8**	394NS
FxG	30	2.6*	9.6**	12.6**		7.7*	973**
FxG	30	2.0*	3.0*	3.5*		7.7*	725**
FxG	30	1.8*	3.7**	3.5*	0.7NS	9.37*	685*
FxFxG	30	1.1NS	2.4*	3.3*		7.1*	417NS
Error	2		1.5	1.7	1.1	4.6	343

**Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS=Not significant. ALS, Anth stands for angular leaf and anthracnose respectively.

Appendix 16. Mean squares for days to flowering, days to maturity, pod length, pod width, pod yield and yield components of F₄ advanced snap bean lines

Source	df	Mean squares							
		50% DM	50% DF	Pod length	Pod width	Pod yield	Extra fine	Fine	Bobby
		d	d	cm	cm	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}	Kgha ⁻¹ x10 ^{3†}
Replication	2	3.3	0.4	2.1	0.01N/S	7048	1.5	8121	1119
Season (S)	1	3372.0*	492.4*	178.6*	0.05**	-	-	-	-
Fungicides (F)	1	-	-	-	-	338991**	12400*	34612*	43.1NS
Genotypes (G)	30	18.3**	8.3**	2.5N/S	0.01N/S	7547**	14580**	7717**	2141**
FxG	30	16.7**	7.9**	3.0N/S	0.1NS	-	-	-	-
FxG	30	-	-	-	-	5936**	8179**	5119*	1026*
Error		4.6	0.8	1.9	0.1	1694	2570	3214	460

**Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level respectively, NS= Not significant. † Multiply reported value by 10³ to get the actual value.

17. Regression anova of growth vigour, angular leaf spot, rust, rust pods per plant, days to flowering and days to maturity for seed yield

	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	95% Confidence Interval for B	
	B	Std. Error	Beta			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Constant)	1397.922	1179.240		1.185	.238	-938.366	3734.209
Vigour	-35.937	32.640	-.094	-1.101	.273	-100.602	28.728
ALS	66.362	22.852	.224	2.904	.004	21.088	111.636
Rust	-25.427	20.858	-.096	-1.219	.225	-66.751	15.896
Pod/plant (no)	53.506	12.139	.377	4.408	.000	29.456	77.556
0% DF	-110.363	34.131	-.274	-3.234	.002	-177.983	-42.743
0% DM	40.982	9.707	.351	4.222	.000	21.751	60.212

Dependent Variable: Seed yield (kg/ha)

18. Annual percent volume and value of snap beans export to total horticultural exports

Horticultural export		Snap beans export		Percentage of snap bean	
Weight (Tons)	Value in millions (Ksh)	Weight (Tons)	Value in millions (Ksh)	Weight (%)	Value (%)
145,636.8	32,590.8	18,146.7	3,820.2	12.5	11.7
163,156.7	38,838.1	19,243.3	4,830.0	11.8	12.4
163,232.9	43,120.8	17,983.1	4,667.9	11.0	10.8
192,187.4	65,210.0	23,474.4	4,256.4	12.2	6.5
193,106.8	57,965.8	23,612.9	3,572.4	12.2	6.2
180,763.7	49,352.2	20,306.8	3,056.5	11.2	6.2
111,747.9	30,102.8	13,974.3	2,030.2	12.5	6.7

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19. Correlation between yield and its component in snap bean grown with application of fungicides at Mwea during long rain season

Vigour	ALS	Rust	Pod/ plant	Seed Yield	Pod Yield	Pod length	Pod width
1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	no.	Kgha ⁻¹	Kgha ⁻¹	cm	cm
1.00	-0.24	0.05	0.28	0.06	0.00	-0.25	-0.16
	1.00	-0.12	-0.27	0.20	-0.06	0.13	0.38
		1.00	0.26	-0.58**	-0.36*	-0.19	-0.35
			1.00	-0.10	-0.10	-0.13	-0.32
				1.00	-0.16	-0.11	0.24
					1.00	0.08	0.05
						1.00	0.20
							1.00

* Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability levels, ALS= Angular leaf spot

Index 20. Correlation between yield and its component in snap bean grown without fungicide application at Mwea during Long rain season

	Vigour	ALS	Rust	Pod/plant	Seed Yield	Pod yield
	1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	no.	Kgha ⁻¹	Kgha ⁻¹
	1	0.17	-0.114	-0.321	-0.188	0.199
		1	-0.386*	-0.097	0.373*	0.206
			1	0.26	-0.139	-0.114
				1	-0.223	-0.116
Seed Yield (Kgha ⁻¹)					1	-0.114
Pod yield (Kgha ⁻¹)						1

* Significant at 0.05 probability level, ALS= Angular leaf spot

Index 21. Correlation between yield and its component in snap bean grown without application of fungicide at Thika during short rain season

	Vigour	ALS	Rust	Pod/plant	Seed Yield
	1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	no.	Kgha ⁻¹
	1.00	0.16	0.45*	-0.42*	0.27
		1.00	-0.25	0.36	-0.10
			1.00	-0.38*	0.03
				1.00	-0.13
Seed Yield (Kgha ⁻¹)					1.00

* Significant at 0.05 probability level, ALS= Angular leaf spot

Index 22. Correlation between yield and its component in snap bean grown without application of fungicide at Mwea during short rain season

	Vigour	ALS	Rust	Pod/plant	Seed Yield
	1-9 score	1-9 score	1-9 score	no.	Kgha ⁻¹
	1.00	0.28	0.01	-0.25	-0.14
		1.00	0.25	-0.24	-0.27
			1.00	0.08	-0.20
				1.00	0.58**
Seed Yield (Kgha ⁻¹)					1.00

** Significant at 0.01 probability level, ALS= Angular leaf spot