



**Effect of Good Agricultural
Practice (GAP) on
Production and Post Harvest
Management of Banana**

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Abstract

The current research was an experimental study focuses on the effect of Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) on production and post harvest management of banana. The farmers (n=100) of the study area was cultivated the M. oranta and M. sapientum varieties through traditional method and found that a bunch of banana weight ranges from 9 to 12 kg after harvesting. Panama disease (Fusarium wilt) is the major threats of banana production in these areas and farmers used pesticide, insecticides or chemical to protect from it. However, tricho-compost and tricho-derma fertilizers used in the study plot (n=5) showed around 92% of banana tree was diseases free than uncontrolled plot. It was surprisingly observed that these fertilizers enhanced the water stuffing of the soil and reduced 2-3 irrigation per crop cycle. This practice has increased the weight of a bunch of banana to 13.5 kg. In addition, it was found that the color and appearance of the banana was increased by using polythene bag for bagging. It was also proved that natural ways of ripening (Venna leaf, Billimbi fruit and Apple) were more effective than artificial ripening of banana.

Keywords: Banana production, Good Agricultural Practice (GAP), panama diseases, tricho-compost and post harvest management.