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# EFFECT OF BULB SIZE ON THE YEILD OF RED ONION (Allium cepa .L. Aggregatum Group) IN SANDY REGOSOLS IN BATTICALOA.

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#### Abstract

This investigation was carried out to study the effect of bulb size on growth and yield of onion in Batticaloa in the Eastern region of Sri Lanka, during the period of August to November 2004 with the varieties of red onion *Jaffna local* and *Wallara*.

The results at harvest indicated that plant height, number of leaves per plant, leaf area index, number of bulbs per plant, fresh weight of bulbs and diameter of bulbs were higher at *wallara* medium bulb size(V2M). Higher yield at *wallara* medium bulb size is due to higher plant height, higher leaf area index, suitable variety and bulb size selection.

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