

**PERTUMBUHAN DAN PRODUKSI BAHAN KERING RUMPUT GAJAH  
DENGAN FREKUENSI PEMBERIAN KASCING PADA DEFOLIASI BERBEDA  
DI MUSIM KEMARAU**

*THE GROWTH AND PRODUCTION OF DRY MATERIALS ELEPHANT GRASS WITH  
FREQUENCY OF GIVING KASCING IN DEFOLIASION IS DIFFERENT IN DRY  
SEASON.*

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***ABSTRACT***

Intention of this research to study frequency influence giving of kascing is different defoliasi in dry season to dry materials production and the growth of elephant grass. Research executed with Complete Random Device ( factorial RAL) Pattern 2x3 by 3 restating. First factor is Defoliasi, that is D1: Defoliasi 60 day and D2: Defoliasi 75 day. Second Factor is frequency fertilization of P1: kascing given by week 1, P2: kascing given by week 1 & 3 and P3: kascing given by week 1, 3 & 5. Treatment combination counted 6 treatment that is D1P1, D1P2, D1P3, D2P1, D2P2, D2P3. Parameter perceived to cover is High Crop, Amount Of Anakan, Amount of Leaf, and Dry Production Materials. Frequency giving of kascing which is a more regular don't improve dry materials production and growth of elephant grass. longer defoliasi don't improve growth of elephant grass but increase product dry materials of elephant grass. Frequency combination giving of defoliasi and kascing different don't improve dry materials production and the growth of elephant grass.

Keyword : elephant grass, kascing, high of crop, amount of anakan, amount of leaf, dry materials production.

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Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah mengkaji pengaruh frekuensi pemberian kascing pada defoliasi yang berbeda di musim kemarau terhadap pertumbuhan dan produksi bahan kering Rumput Gajah. Penelitian dilaksanakan dengan Rancangan Acak Lengkap (RAL) pola faktorial 2x3 dengan 3 ulangan. Faktor pertama adalah Defoliasi, yaitu D<sub>1</sub>: Defoliasi 60 hari dan D<sub>2</sub>: Defoliasi 75 hari. Faktor kedua adalah frekuensi pemupukan kascing P<sub>1</sub>: diberikan minggu 1, P<sub>2</sub>: diberikan minggu 1 & 3 dan P<sub>3</sub>: diberikan minggu 1, 3 & 5. Kombinasi perlakuan yang diberikan sebanyak 6 perlakuan yaitu D<sub>1</sub>P<sub>1</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>P<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>P<sub>3</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>P<sub>1</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>P<sub>3</sub>. Parameter yang diamati meliputi Tinggi Tanaman, Jumlah Anakan, Jumlah Daun, dan Produksi Bahan Kering. Frekuensi pemberian kascing yang lebih sering tidak meningkatkan pertumbuhan dan produksi bahan kering Rumput Gajah. Defoliasi yang lebih lama tidak meningkatkan pertumbuhan rumput gajah tetapi meningkatkan produksi bahan kering rumput gajah. Kombinasi frekuensi pemberian kascing dan defoliasi berbeda tidak meningkatkan pertumbuhan dan produksi bahan kering Rumput Gajah.

**Kata kunci:** *rumput gajah, kascing, tinggi tanaman, jumlah anakan, jumlah daun, produksi bahan kering*