

## Nutritional and Medicinal value of Mushroom

Mushroom is a healthy diet which is suitable for child to adults. Protein, fiber, vitamin and minerals are found in abundance. Fresh mushroom contains 80-90% water, protein 12-35%, carbohydrate 26-82% and fiber 8-10%. Fiber found in mushroom is digestible. Details of nutritive elements found in mushroom are as follows:

### ( 100 gm mushroom)

Variety of Mushroom	Protein	Fiber	Carbohydrates	Fats	Minerals	Energy (kilocalories)
White Button Mushroom	33.48	20.90	46.17	3.10	5.70	499
Plorotus Sajor kaju	19.23	48.60	63.40	2.70	6.32	412
Plorotus Oestritus	30.40	8.70	57.60	2.20	9.80	265
Dhan Puaal Mushroom	37.50	5.50	54.80	2.60	1.10	305
Dudhiya Mushroom	17.69	3.40	64.26	4.10	7.43	391
Shitake Mushroom	32.93	28.80	47.60	3.73	5.20	387
Winter Mushroom	17.60	3.40	43.10	1.90	7.40	378
Black Ear Mushroom	4.20	19.80	82.80	8.30	4.70	351

## Medicinal Quality

Mushroom develops the immunity system of the body. It maintains the health and reduces the possibility of cancer. It prevents the growth of tumor and balance the blood sugar. Mushroom is beneficial in following diseases.

- Heart Disease.
- Diabetic patient and obesity
- Cancer resistant

### Medicinal value of Mushroom

Mushroom	Element	Medicinal Value
Ganoderma lucidium	Ganoderic acid beta glucon	Strengthen the immunity system. Protects liver. Its antibiotic nature prevents formation of cholesterol.
Lentinula edodus	Eritadanine lentinun	Helps in reducing cholesterol. Cancer resistant.
Agaricus bisporus	Lactinus	Increases secretion of insulin
Plurotus saroj kaju	Lovastatin	Helps in reducing cholesterol.

Ganoderma frondosa	Polysacharide lectin	Increases secretion of insulin. Reduces quantity of glucose in blood.
Auricularia aurikula	Acidic pelikerides	Reduces quantity of glucose in blood.
Curdisaves sinensis	Cordicipin	Helps in reducing tension. Keeps the cells healthy.
Tranentis vircircular	Pelikerides K(Crasin)	Immunity and Reduces tension
Flamulina valutips	Argathayanin proflamin	Antioxidant, Resistance to Cancer

### Annual Crop Cycle

Temperature favorable for vegetative growth of different variety of mushroom and different stages of crop is different which is clear from the table given below. Hence mushroom can be grown round the year by changing the crops.

### Favorable Temperature for growing Mushroom

SN	Scientific Name of Mushroom	Prevalent Name	Favorable Temperature Degree Centigrade	
			Spreading of seed	Function
1	Agaricus bisporus	Shwet Button Mushroom	22-25	14-18
2	Agaricus bitorcis	Grishimkaleen Shwet Button Mushroom	28-30	25
3	Plurotas eringi	Karbul Dhinghari	18-22	14-18
4	Plurotas flavilatus	Dhinghari Mushroom	25-30	22-26
5	Plurotas florida	Dhinghari Mushroom	25-30	18-22
6	Plurotas sarojkaju	Dhinghari Mushroom	25-32	22-26
7	Calosiby ndica	Dudhiya Mushroom	25-30	30-35
8	Valverilla valvasia	Puaal Mushroom	32-35	28-32
9	Aurikuleriya Variety	Black Iyer Mushroom	20-35	12-20
10	Luntinula Indodus	Shitaake Mushroom	22-27	15-20

### Farming of White Button Mushroom (from October to February in winter season)

#### Method of cultivation

#### Preparation of base material

For mushroom farming, wheat straw are filled in bags and soaked in clean water for a night. If required, 7 gram carbendazim (50%) and 115 ml farce line is mixed in 100 liter of water. The straw is taken out and separated from

additional water. When approximately 70% moisture is remained, it is ready for casing.

### **Casing**

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After 20-25 days of casing, the fungus is spread uniformly in the whole bag. Open the mouth of bag and spread 2-3 inch thick layer of cover soil on the upper surface of the straw. Then after, sprinkle water over the cover soil in such a manner that only half of the cover soil is wet. After 20-25 days of putting the cover soil, pin heads of mushroom starts appearing over the cover soil. At this time, the temperature of the crop is maintained at 32-35 degree and humidity at 90% and becomes ready for harvesting in next 3-4 days.

### **Yield**

Yield is about 70-80% of the weight of straw.

### **Mushroom of Paddy Husk (Valvariella Variety)**

This mushroom is also called as Chinese mushroom or summer mushroom. The farming of this mushroom was started for the first time in 1822 in China. Its cultivation in India is done in the state of West Bengal, Orissa, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh situated on the sea shore. At present, its farming in plains is done often in the month of July to September.

### **Source of Obtaining place for Mushroom Farming**

Quality space is very essential for mushroom farming for which following sources can be contacted:

- Department of Plant Pathology, CSA University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur.
- Department of Plant Pathology, Govind Vallabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.
- Department of Plant Pathology, Rajasthan Agriculture University, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- Department of Plant Pathology, Mahatma Phule Agriculture Vidyapith, Pune, Maharashtra.
- Department of Plant Pathology, Haryana Agriculture University, Haryana.

## **Mushroom Training**

Training is an important part of mushroom production because no one cultivate mushroom successfully without training. Following center can be contacted to get knowledge of right material in right quantity:

- National Mushroom Research Center, Solan, Himanchal Pradesh
- Department of Plant Pathology, CSA University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur 208002. Training program is being run in some state under All India Integrated Mushroom Development Project which is as follows:
- Department of Plant Pathology, Indira Gandhi Agriculture University Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- Department of Plant Pathology, IISR, Bangalore, Karnataka.
- Department of Horticulture, Meghalaya, Shillong.
- Directorate of Horticulture, Ita Nagar, Arunachal Pradesh