

CULTIVATION TECHNIQUES OF MILKY MUSHROOM



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INTRODUCTION

- Milky mushroom (*Calocybe indica*) is suitable for hot and humid climate.
- This variety is new introduction to world mushroom family from India.
- Its high biological efficiency, better keeping quality, simple cultivation process and white attractive colour are factors for its popularity.

- It can be cultivated throughout the year.
- Harvested 24 -28 days after spawning.
- Crop cycle 45 - 50 days.
- Shelf life 3 – 5 days.
- Therefore easy to handling, transportation and storage

Scientific classification:

Kingdom	:	Fungi
Division	:	Basidiomycota
Class	:	Agaricomycetes
Order	:	Agaricales
Family	:	Lyophyllaceae
Genus	:	Calocybe

Cultivation techniques

- Production of spawn
- Substrate
- Bed preparation
- Spawning and spawn run
- Casing
- Cropping
- Harvesting
- Yield



Flow chart

Straw is chopped in small pieces (2-4 cm size)



Soaked in fresh water for 8-16 hours



Drain out excess water



Straw is submerged in hot water for 40 minutes at 80 – 90°C /
chemical treatment with Bavistin and formaldehyde /
sterilized at 15 lbs for 1 hour



Drain of excess water



Drying at 60-70 % moist level





Prepared bed for mushroom



Layer spawning



Spawned bags are shifted to spawn running room and kept in dark
(Temperature 25-35°C and RH 80% are maintained)



Incubated beds for 20 days (substrate is fully colonized)



The fully spawn run beds can be shifted to cropping room after
casing for initiation of buttons.



Take the fully spawn run bed and cut horizontally into two equal
halves.





Compact the beds as much as possible by pressing firmly with hand.



Apply casing soil to a height of 1 cm and press it gently.



Spray the water sufficiently to wet the cased soil.



Beds are to be incubated at cropping room (Temperature 30 - 35°C and RH 80 -90 % are maintained)



Light should be provided for long time (10 -12 hours daily)



Observe the beds daily and spray water, if necessary, to keep the beds wet.






Pin heads appear 8 -10 days after casing



Initiation of fruiting bodies within 3-5days




Harvest the mushroom after 7 days (mushroom 7-8 cm diameter), clean it and pack it in a polythene bag for sales.



Stir the top of the bed after first harvest and spray water regularly. (Second harvest can be obtained in another 10 days)



Disturb the topsoil after second harvest and spray water as regular. (Third harvest can be done after 10 days).



The mushroom yield of 350 –400 g can be obtained from 250 g dry weight of the straw
(providing all optimum conditions inside the mushroom shed).

Spawn preparation



Spawn preparation

White sorghum grains Boiling (30min) Shade drying Mixing of CaCO₃ 20g/kg PVC Rings

Preparation of Spawn bags

Step - 1 Step - 2 Step - 3 Filling of bags with the grains

Hold the PVC rings Plug with non absorbent cotton Cover with paper and tied with the thread Store in trays

Dettol, ethanol, inoculation needle, forceps, spatula, dissection needle, match box, kinflim, blade Laminar air flow chamber Inoculation of bed spawn Mother spawn

Bed spawn

Preparation of beds

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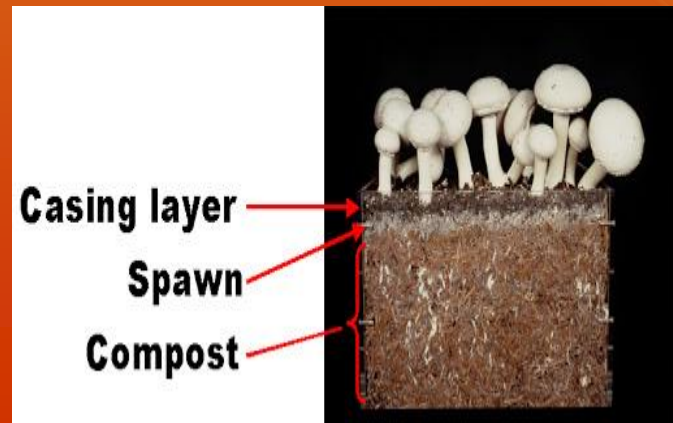
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Casing



Harvesting



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