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## ROLE OF DADAPS

A number of queries have been raised on the Institute's stand on the role of dadaps.

Medium shade trees are an integral part of shade management in tea plantations. Medium shade trees like dadaps, gliricidia, etc., serve as dual purpose trees as they afford shade to the tea and supply green manure as well. Tea plantations could obtain considerable quantities of green manure from these medium shade trees if they are managed judiciously.

Green manure trees like dadaps should be lopped with the onset of rains. It is important that a crown of branches are encouraged at the apical end on which further tiers are built up which could be progressively lopped and the loppings added to the soil. Dadaps could furnish 6-8 tons of

loppings per hectare from a single lopping. The loppings of these green manure trees should be chopped and maximum benefit could be obtained if they are spread out in the inter-rows instead of heaping them in a few places.

Dadaps should be planted using healthy poles. The poles should be planted preferably within 48 hours of cutting them from the parent trees. Being soft wooded, they would dry out very fast if allowed to remain in the drains. This is one reason for the poor growth seen soon after planting. After the poles are harvested, it is best to rest them against the trees from which they were cut and planted out in the field without delay.

**WE WISH TO BRING TO  
THE NOTICE OF PLANTERS  
THAT THE INSTITUTE HAS  
NOT RECOMMENDED THE  
REMOVAL OF DADAPS.**

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