Summary

The effect of successive cuttings and their combinations on the seed production of Arachis pintoi BRA-031143 was evaluated at the Cerrados Agricultural Research Center (EMBRAPA-CPAC, its Portuguese acronym) in Planaltina (DF, Brazil), located at 15° 35' 30" S and 47° 42' 30" W, at 1000 m.a.s.l. Experimental treatments consisted of cutting at 3-month intervals, from planting to 9 months after planting, at all possible combinations: T_1 = check, absence of cutting; T_2 = cutting every 3 months after planting; T3 = cutting at 3 and 6 months after planting; T₄= cutting at 3, 6, and 9 months after planting; T_s= cutting at 3 and 9 months after planting; T_s = cutting at 6 months after planting; T_7 = cutting at 9 months after planting; and T_s= cutting at 6 and 9 months after planting. Cuttings were done manually, and the forage was removed from the area. Pure seed production over the 12-month period was evaluated in plots 0.5 m long x 0.5 m wide x 0.2 m deep (0.05 m³). Treatment T_s, which corresponded to cuttings in March (6 months after planting) and July (9 months after planting), showed that it is possible to produce A. pintoi seed while also taking advantage of its forage for animal nutrition. In the cerrados ecosystem, these months coincide with the most critical periods of water and forage deficits.