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#### **Abstract**

This study was conducted during the 1992 fall-winter, 1992/93 summer and 1993 fall-winter sowing seasons in a dystrophic Dusky Red Latossol at UFLA campus. The aim was to determine the effect of the time for harvest on grain yield and its components of five common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) cultivars. The experimental design was a randomized block with three replications and a 5x4 factorial arrangement. The treatments were five common bean cultivars (Carioca-MG, Roxo 90, Ouro Negro, Emgopa Ouro and Jalo Esal) and four times for harvest (35, 40, 45 and 50 days post-blossoming-DPB). The grain yield and its components (number of pods per plant, number of seeds per pod and one hundred seeds weight) were evaluated. The results showed that it is possible to harvest all the cultivars in the period from the 35 to 50 DPB, without significative changes in grain yield, and that 'Ouro Negro' was the most productive cultivar.