



Effect of Phosphorus and Zinc Nutrition on Fodder Yield and economics of Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata* L. walp)

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ABSTRACT

The area test becomes done for the length of Zaid 2021 at Crop concentrates on Farm, part of Agronomy, SHUATS, Prayagraj, (U.P). On the surface, the test plot's dirt was sandy topsoil, almost impartial in soil response (pH 7.2), low in natural carbon (0.536%), accessible N (163.42 Kilograms per hectare), to be had P (21.96 Kilograms per hectare), to be had k (256.48 Kilograms per hectare). The treatments incorporate three phases of phosphorus (50 Kilograms per ha, 60 Kilograms per ha, and 70 Kilograms per ha) and zinc (15 Kilograms per hectare, 20 Kilograms per hectare, and 25 Kilograms per hectare). The test becomes spread out in a Randomized Block format that incorporates nine treatments and is repeated threefold. The impacts found that the greatest green fodder yield (365.13 q per ha) and dry matter yield (74.14 q per ha) were recorded with a product of 70 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄. be that as it may, the most over the high gross returns (91282.07 INR per ha), net returns (61277.50 INR per ha), and benefit cost ratio (2.04) were gotten highest inside the treatment mix of 70 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄.

Keywords: Phosphorus; zinc; cowpea; green fodder yield; dry matter yield and economics.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata Walp.*) is potentially the vegetable plant created as heartbeat, vegetable, and grain. It's miles terrible man's protein source and considered maybe the most obsolete human blowout resource and have likely been used as a collect plant due to the truth of Neolithic times [1]. Cowpea is a fundamental multipurpose vegetable profoundly evolved in dry and semiarid wildernesses. It is a fundamental stock of enhancements and deals with the expense of the right agreeable, more affordable protein to wellbeing improvement plan chiefly established on oat grains and boring trimmings. Cowpea is an unimaginable stock of feed, grub, vegetables and certain goodies [2]. It's far a reap that may be applied to a catch crop, mulch crop, intercrop, joined yield, and green yield. It can fix ecological N₂ inside the soil @ 56 Kilograms ha⁻¹ in relationship with helpful scaled-down natural elements under favourable conditions [3]

The created cowpea seed contains crude protein 23%, total carbohydrate 7%, dietary fiber 28%, 3.40% fats, 6.3% fiber, 7. four ppm thiamine, 4.2 ppm riboflavin, and 28.1 ppm niacin [4]. The protein obsession degrees from around three to four% in natural leaves, 4 to five% in adolescent units, and twenty five to thirty percent in mature seeds. The amino destructive profile shows that lysine, leucine and phenylalanine contents are exceptionally superior in cowpea. Characteristics inside the formation of the heartbeat have ominously affected the unwavering quality with capita availability of pulses. In India, each capita/day openness of pulses had diminished from 69 g in the long run during the 1960s to 35g concerning the FAO/WHO's best in class direction of 80g according to day [5].

Phosphorus is a constituent of the cell center and is fundamental for cell division and progression of meristematic tissue. Phosphorus insufficiencies achieve discounts inside the speed of leaf expansion and photosynthesis according to unit leaf region along these lines markdown in grain yield. The required of phosphorus onto vegetables is more important critical than that of phosphorus as it profitably influences nodulation, impact, and yield. Phosphorus expects a critical part of creating yield. Phosphorous plays what is happening in the power move in the residence cells through the high-energy phosphate commitment of ATP (Tisdale et al., 1984).

Zinc is one of the seventh plant micronutrients, focused in heaps of enzymatic rounds of the plant. Its capacities are normal as a metallic activator of impetuses. It is communicated that Zinc further creates crop productivity close to as a great deal as overwhelming enhancements. Yet, creating harvest yield, it extends the unpleasant protein content material, amino acids, power cost, and for the most part lipid in chickpea, soybean, dark gram, and various others. Zn need further more can influence the superb of assembled things, vegetation weakness to hurt by high delicate or temperature power and contamination through infectious illnesses can similarly impact. Zinc seems to impact the capacity for water take-up and conveyance in verdure and besides reduce the terrible results of short time frames of hotness and salt strain [6].

2. MATERIALS AND METHOD

A field test was coordinated for the range of Zaid season 2021, at Crop focuses on Farm, Division of Agronomy, SHUATS, Prayagraj, (U.P). Which is situated at 25.4120° N, 81.8476° E, and 98 M MSL. The soil changed into sandy dirt on a superficial level, low in standard carbon and medium unavailable nitrogen, phosphorous, and low in potassium. Supplement assets had been Urea, SSP, and MOP to satisfy the need for nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium. The fix involved 3 phases of phosphorus and 3 phases of zinc T1: P₂O₅ - 50 Kilograms/ha + Zinc 15 Kilograms per ha, T2: P₂O₅ - 50 Kilograms per ha + Zinc 20 Kilograms per ha, T3: P₂O₅ - 50 Kilograms/ha + Zinc 25 Kilograms per ha, T4: P₂O₅ - 60 Kilograms per ha + Zinc 15 Kilograms per ha, T5: P₂O₅ - 60 Kilograms per ha + Zinc 20 Kilograms/ ha, T6: P₂O₅ - 60 Kilograms per ha + Zinc 25 Kilograms per ha, T7: P₂O₅ - 70 Kilograms per ha + Zinc 15 Kilograms /ha, T8: P₂O₅ - 70 Kilograms per ha + Zinc 20 Kilograms per ha, T9: P₂O₅ - 70 Kilograms per ha + Zinc 25 Kilograms per ha used. It is in the Randomized Block plan, with 9 treatments and 3 replications. Seeds had been planted in line truly on 12 April 2021, at a significance of 4-5 cm in wrinkles with a seed charge of 30-forty Kilograms per ha. inside the length from germination to collect different plant increase limits were recorded at progressive stretches green fodder yield (q per ha) and Dry matter yield (q/ha) have been documented and quantifiably examined using evaluation of contrast (ANOVA) as material to Randomized Block design (Gomez ok.A. furthermore, Gomez A.A. 1984).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Yield credits and Yield

3.1.1 Green fodder yield (q per ha)

The greatest green fodder yield (365.13 q per ha) becomes recorded with the treatment 70 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄. in any case, the treatments 70 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 20 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄ (338.70 q/ha) and 60 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄ (338.20 q per ha) were viewed as genuinely at standard with 70 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄ contrasted with every single different treatment.

The huge development in green feed yield is a direct result of the gainful impact of phosphorous on yield can be credited to its situation inside the contract of ribonucleic corrosive, deoxyribonucleic corrosive, and ATP which adjust the basic metabolic strategies in the plant, helping inside the root arrangement, nitrogen obsession and sometimes the harvest yield. Bhavya et al. [7] saw that straw yield is subject to the vegetative blast as the utilization of adjusted and most favourable utilization of phosphorous superior plant level, green leaves per slope, and dry rely upon creation, which at some point or another prompted better straw yield. Use of zinc helped in catalyst initiation, film uprightiness, chlorophyll arrangement, stomatal equilibrium, and starch utilization at early ranges which more appropriate collection of absorption in the vegetative components bringing about higher unpractised grain yield. These outcomes are in concurrence with the discoveries of Rana et al. [8].

3.1.2 Dry matter yield (q/ha)

Highest dry matter yield (74.14 q per ha) become recorded with the treatment with 70 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄. Nonetheless, the application of 70 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 20 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄ (70.80 q per ha) and 60 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄ (67.70 q per ha) had been situated to be genuinely at standard with 70 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄.

The blast in dry depend on yield in light of phosphorus programming is credited to supply and sink dating. More movement of photosynthates from supply to sink would perhaps have worked on dry be counted yield. Phosphorus increments yield because of its appropriately developed root gadget, further developed N obsession, and its accessibility to the verdure and great conditions inside the Rhizosphere. The results had been like the discoveries of Bhilare and Patil [9].

3.2 Financial Aspects

Information in Table 2 organized Experimental outcomes uncovered that the most extreme gross return, the net return, and benefit cost ratio (91282.50 INR/ha, 61277.50 INR/ha, and 2.04) were kept in treatment (T9) in which (70 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄). The base net return, net return, and benefit cost ratio were kept in treatment (T1) which is (50 Kilograms per ha P₂O₅ + 15 Kilograms per ha ZnSO₄).

Table 1. Impact of phosphorous and zinc nourishment on green fodder yield of cowpea

S. No	Treatment combinations	Green fodder yield (qha ⁻¹)	Dry matter yield (qha ⁻¹)
1.	50 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ X	261.33	44.74
2.	50 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Y	280.63	49.15
3.	50 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Z	298.10	58.53
4.	60 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ X	282.17	53.37
5.	60 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Y	302.17	61.93
6.	60 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Z	338.20	67.70
7.	70 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ X	305.03	64.87
8.	70 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Y	338.70	70.80
9.	70 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Z	365.13	74.14
F- test		S	S
S. EM (±)		4.12	2.33
C. D. (P = 0.05)		12.35	6.99
Notations: X= P ₂ O ₅ + 15 Kilograms ha ⁻¹ ZnSO ₄			
Y=P ₂ O ₅ + 20 Kilograms ha ⁻¹ ZnSO ₄			
Z=P ₂ O ₅ + 25 Kilograms ha ⁻¹ ZnSO ₄			

Table 2. Effects of phosphorus and zinc nourishment on the economics of fodder cowpea

S. No	Treatment combinations	Cost of Cultivation (INR/ha)	Gross return (INR/ha)	Net Return (INR/ha)	B:C ratio
1.	50 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ X	25546.70	65332.50	39785.80	1.55
2.	50 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Y	27213.30	70157.50	42944.20	1.57
3.	50 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Z	28880.00	74525.00	45645.00	1.58
4.	60 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ X	26109.10	70542.50	44433.40	1.70
5.	60 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Y	27775.80	75542.50	47766.70	1.71
6.	60 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Z	29442.50	84550.00	55107.50	1.87
7.	70 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ X	26671.60	76257.50	49585.90	1.85
8.	70 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Y	28338.30	84675.00	56336.80	1.98
9.	70 Kilogramsha ⁻¹ Z	30005.00	91282.50	61277.50	2.04

Notations: X= P₂O₅ + 15 Kilograms ha⁻¹ ZnSO₄
Y=P₂O₅ + 20 Kilograms ha⁻¹ ZnSO₄
Z=P₂O₅ + 25 Kilograms ha⁻¹ ZnSO₄

4. CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the application of treatment 70 kg phosphorus and 25 kg zinc was recorded significantly higher green fodder yield (365.13 q per ha), dry matter yield (74.14 q per ha), higher gross returns(91282.50 INR per ha), net returns(61277.50 INR per ha) and benefit cost ratio(2.04) as compared to other treatment.

COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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