Effect of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) on Soil Properties and Nutrients Uptake by Aromatic Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)

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**Abstract**

Field experiment for growth, yield and quality of scented rice, variety Pusa Basmati 1 was carried out at Instructional farm, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj, Ayodhya during kharif season 2018. The treatment were included inorganic and organic combination viz. T1 (100:40:30 kg ha⁻¹ N2, P2O5, K2O), T2 (75% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost), T3 (75% NPK + 25% N through FYM), T4 (50% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost FYM), T5 (50% NPK + 50% N through FYM), T6 (50% NPK + 50% N through vermicompost), T7 (125% NPK (RDF) T8 (100% NPK + 25% N through FYM) T9 (100% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost). The treatment were replicated thrice in Randomized Block Design. The experimental soil was silty loam in texture having pH 8.20, EC 0.31, OC 0.24, available N:137.18, P2O5: 14.80, and K2O:255.20 kg ha⁻¹. The crop was transplanted in second week of July and harvesting in second week of Nov. 2018. The maximum available nitrogen (165 kg ha⁻¹), phosphorus (16.00 kg ha⁻¹) and potash (300.60 kg ha⁻¹) was recorded in the treatment T9 (100% NPK + 25% N through FYM) which was significantly superior over rest of the treatments and minimum available nitrogen (135.00 kg ha⁻¹), phosphorus (12.35 kg ha⁻¹) and potassium (205 kg ha⁻¹) was recorded in treatment T5 (50% NPK + 50% N through FYM). The maximum organic carbon contend (0.45%) was noted in T3 (50% NPK + 50% N through FYM) and P³, EC was fined non significant.

**Keywords**

Aromatic Rice, Integrated Nutrient Management, Nutrient Uptake, Vermicompost

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**Introduction**

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is the most important staple food crop in the World. It is the rich source of energy and contains reasonable amount of protein (6-10%), carbohydrate (70-80%), minerals (1.2-2.0 %) and vitamins (Riboflavin, Thiamine, Niacin and Vitamin E). More than 90 per cent of the world’s rice is grown and consumed in Asia (rice bowl of
the world), where 16 per cent of the earth’s people and two third of world’s poor live. It is the major food of the world’s human population inhabiting the humid tropics and subtropics. Rice is grown in the tropical and sub-tropical regions of the world. The global requirement of rice will be about 880 million tonnes by 2050 (FAO, 2014).

These problems have become a big challenge to the scientific community and this necessitating for new research agenda. The fertilizer usage mostly depends on its availability, cost and subsidy and is rarely decided by local recommendations. The current NPK fertilizer consumption ratio is 10:2.9:1 as against optimal ratio of 4:2:1. This imbalance in nutrient application by farming community resulted in emergence of multi nutrient deficiencies. Their management at the farm level is a real challenge at present and in future. The neglected nutrient deficiencies would only aggravate the situation by jeopardizing the productivity as well as sustainability.

The wide scale adoption of rice-wheat system has ushered in an increase in agricultural production, but this intensive system over a period of time and nature of the crops has set declining yield trends as well as deterioration in soil productivity even with optimum use of fertilizers. Hence, for restoration of soil productivity, there is an urgent need to look forward to other options like crop residues incorporation for supplying plant nutrients. The adverse effect of incorporation of rice and wheat straw can be counteracted by integrating organic with crop residues.

The impact of increased inorganic fertilizer use on crop production has been large, but ever increasing cost of energy is an important constraint for increased use of inorganic fertilizer (Alim, 2012). It is widely recognized that neither use of organic manures alone nor chemical fertilizers can achieve the sustainability of the yield under the modern intensive farming. Contrary to detrimental effects of inorganic fertilizers, organic manures are available indigenously which improve soil health resulting in enhanced crop yield. Therefore, in order to make the soil well supplied with all the plant nutrients in the readily available form and to maintain good soil health, it is necessary to use organic manures in conjunction with inorganic fertilizers to obtain optimum yield. Integrated nutrient management increases the yield and nutrient uptake (Mohanty et al., 2013).

**Materials and Methods**

The present investigation entitled “Effect of integrated nutrient management (INM) on soil fertility, yield, quality and economics of aromatic rice *(Oryza sativa* L.) var. Basmati” was carried out at Instructional farm, Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj, Ayodhya during *kharif* season 2018. The chemical properties of the soil were determined in laboratory of the department of Soil Science. The experimental site falls under sub tropical region in Indo-Gangetic plains and situated at 24.40-26.47° N latitude and 82.120-83.980° E longitude with an altitude of 113 meters from mean sea level. The mean annual rainfall is 1085.6 mm recording about 90% in monsoon season only.

The experiment was conducted in randomized block design in three replications with 9 treatments. The treatments consisted of different sources of organic manures and inorganic fertilizer viz., T1 (100:40:30 kg ha⁻¹ N₂, P₂O₅, K₂O) kg ha⁻¹, T2 (75% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost), T3 (75% NPK + 25% N through FYM), T4 (50%NPK+25%N through vermicompost FYM), T5 (50% NPK + 50% N through FYM), T6 (50% NPK + 50% N through vermicompost), T7 (125%
The experimental soil was silty loam in texture having $p^H$ 8.20, EC 0.31, OC 0.24, available N:137.18, P$_2$O$_5$: 14.80, and K$_2$O:255.20 kg ha$^{-1}$. The crop was transplanted in second week of July and harvesting in second week of Nov.2018.

**Nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium uptake by crop**

**Nitrogen uptake**

The percentage of nitrogen content in grain and straw was multiplied with grain and straw yield to obtain nitrogen uptake in grain and straw, respectively.

**Phosphorus uptake**

The percentage of phosphorus content in grain and straw was multiplied with grain and straw yield to obtain phosphorus uptake in grain and straw, respectively.

**Potassium uptake**

The percentage of potassium content in grain and straw was multiplied with grain and straw yield content in straw to obtain potassium in grain and plant, respectively.

**Physico-chemical properties of soil**

**Soil texture**

Soil texture was determined with the help of triangular method (Lyon et al., 1933).

**Chemical properties**

**Soil pH**

pH was determined with the help of glass electrode pH meter in 1:2.5 soil water suspension as described by Jackson (1973).

**Electrical Conductivity (EC) dSm$^{-1}$**

Electrical conductivity was determined with the help of conductivity bridge using 1:2.5 soil water suspension as described by Jackson (1973)

**Organic carbon (OC) in soil**

Organic carbon was determined following Walkley and Black’s rapid titration method as advocated by Jackson (1973).

**Analysis of available N, P and K in soil**

**Available nitrogen**

The available nitrogen content in the soil sample was determined by alkaline permanganate method as described by Subbiah and Asija (1956).

**Available phosphorus**

The available phosphorus content in the soil sample was determined by Olsen’s method (Olsen et al., 1954)

**Available potassium**

The available potassium content in the soil sample was determined by flame photo meter by the method as described by Jackson (1973).

**Results and Discussion**

**Uptake studies**

**Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium content in grain and straw**

Maximum nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium content in grain (1.36%), (0.82%) and (0.48%) as well as in straw (0.26%), (0.16%) and (1.50%) was noted in treatment $T_9$ (100% NPK + 25% N through
vermicompost) which was statistically at par with T7 (125% RDF), T8 (100% NPK +25% N through FYM), and T1 (100% NPK) and significantly superior over rest of treatments. The Minimum nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium content in grain (1.23%), (0.74%) and (0.43%) as well as in straw (0.23%), (0.10%) and (0.43%) was noted in T5 (50% NPK + 50% N through FYM). Similar finding was observed by Mitra and Mandal (2012), Sengar et al., (2000), Sarkar and Singh (1997) and Rakesh et al., (2009) and Sharma et al., (2013) (Table 1–4).

### Table 1 Effect of various treatments on NPK Content in rice

| Treatments | Nutrient content in grain (%) | Nutrient content in straw (%) |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|            | N   | P   | K   | N   | P   | K   |
| T1         | 1.30| 0.78| 0.46| 0.25| 0.15| 1.43|
| T2         | 1.29| 0.77| 0.45| 0.25| 0.10| 1.42|
| T3         | 1.27| 0.76| 0.45| 0.24| 0.12| 1.39|
| T4         | 1.26| 0.75| 0.44| 0.24| 0.11| 1.38|
| T5         | 1.23| 0.74| 0.43| 0.23| 0.10| 1.35|
| T6         | 1.25| 0.75| 0.44| 0.24| 0.10| 1.37|
| T7         | 1.33| 0.80| 0.47| 0.25| 0.15| 1.46|
| T8         | 1.34| 0.80| 0.47| 0.25| 0.16| 1.47|
| T9         | 1.36| 0.82| 0.48| 0.26| 0.15| 1.50|
| SEm+       | 0.022| 0.016| 0.007| 0.006| 0.011| 0.034|
| CD at 5%   | 0.065| 0.048| 0.022| 0.017| 0.033| 0.103|

### Table 2 Effect of various treatments of the uptake by nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in grain and straw of the rice

| Treatments | Total uptake (kg ha⁻¹) Grain+Straw |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
|            | Nitrogen | Phosphorus | Potassium |
| T1         | 57.23     | 34.43      | 88.58     |
| T2         | 55.83     | 30.94      | 88.27     |
| T3         | 55.12     | 31.67      | 90.25     |
| T4         | 52.48     | 29.59      | 84.35     |
| T5         | 50.18     | 28.18      | 65.29     |
| T6         | 51.52     | 28.78      | 66.64     |
| T7         | 64.96     | 38.99      | 76.20     |
| T8         | 65.93     | 40.16      | 77.19     |
| T9         | 67.88     | 40.26      | 78.84     |
| SEm+       | 2.15      | 1.25       | 3.04      |
| CD at 5%   | 3.15      | 3.74       | 9.11      |
Table.3 Effect of various treatments on availability of nutrients

| Treatments                                    | Available nutrients (kg ha⁻¹) |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                              | N   | P   | K   |
| T₁ 100% NPK (100:40:30 kg ha⁻¹ N, P₂O₅, K₂O) | 155.00 | 12.35 | 259.00 |
| T₂ 75% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost       | 146.00 | 13.40 | 255.00 |
| T₃ 75% NPK + 25% N through FYM                | 142.00 | 13.30 | 225.20 |
| T₄ 50% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost + FYM | 138.00 | 15.45 | 215.80 |
| T₅ 50% NPK + 50% N through FYM                | 135.00 | 14.90 | 205.00 |
| T₆ 50% NPK + 50% N through vermicompost       | 136.00 | 15.55 | 220.60 |
| T₇ 125% NPK (RDF)                             | 160.00 | 18.40 | 288.80 |
| T₈ 100% NPK + 25% N through FYM               | 162.00 | 15.96 | 297.00 |
| T₉ 100% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost      | 165.00 | 16.00 | 300.60 |
| SEm+                                         | 2.02 | 0.45 | 11.71 |
| CD at 5%                                     | 6.06 | 1.36 | 35.09 |

Table.4 Effect of various treatments on soil properties

| Treatments                                    | pH  | EC(dSm⁻¹) | OC (%) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|--------|
| T₁ 100% NPK (100:40:30 kg ha⁻¹ N, P₂O₅, K₂O) | 8.14 | 0.30 | 0.38 |
| T₂ 75% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost       | 8.13 | 0.29 | 0.40 |
| T₃ 75% NPK + 25% N through FYM                | 8.11 | 0.29 | 0.40 |
| T₄ 50% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost + FYM | 8.09 | 0.28 | 0.44 |
| T₅ 50% NPK + 50% N through FYM                | 8.09 | 0.28 | 0.45 |
| T₆ 50% NPK + 50% N through vermicompost       | 8.10 | 0.28 | 0.44 |
| T₇ 125% NPK (RDF)                             | 8.15 | 0.30 | 0.36 |
| T₈ 100% NPK + 25% N through FYM               | 8.11 | 0.30 | 0.41 |
| T₉ 100% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost      | 8.12 | 0.30 | 0.40 |
| SEm+                                         | 0.28 | 0.009 | 0.02 |
| C.D. (P=0.05)                                 | NS  | NS      | 0.05 |

Uptake nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in grain and straw by the rice

Results showed that application of T₉ (100% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost) resulted highest total (grain + straw) nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium uptake (67.88 kg ha⁻¹), (40.26 kg ha⁻¹) and (78.84 kg ha⁻¹) which was statistically at par with T₇ (125 % RDF) and T₈ (100% NPK + 25% N through FYM). The lowest nitrogen uptake (50.18 kg ha⁻¹) was recorded in the treatment T₅ (50% NPK+50% N through FYM). The lowest nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium uptake (50.18kg ha⁻¹), (28.18kg ha⁻¹) and (65.29kg ha⁻¹) was recorded in the treatment T₅ (50% NPK+50% N through FYM).

Soil physico-chemical analysis

Available Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium

The maximum available Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium (165kg ha⁻¹), (16.00 kg ha⁻¹) and (300.60 kg ha⁻¹) was recorded in the treatment T₉ (100% NPK + 25% N through vermicompost) which was
significantly superior over the rest of the treatments T_7 (125% RDF) and T_8 (100% NPK + 25% N through FYM) and significantly superior over the rest of the treatments. The minimum available Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium (135.00 kg ha^{-1}), (12.35 kg ha^{-1}) and (205 kg ha^{-1}) was recorded in treatment T_5 (50% NPK + 50% N through FYM).

**Soil properties**

The maximum organic carbon contend (0.45%) was noted in T_5 (50% NPK + 50% N through FYM) which was significantly superior over T_1 (100% NPK) and T_7 (125% NPK) and statistically at par with rest of the treatments. pH and EC of soil show different treatments could not decrease the significantly.

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