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Impact of organic manures and different levels of inorganic fertilizers on growth and yield attributes of French bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) cv. NBR-Ratna

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Abstract

The present study entitled "Impact of organic manures and different levels of inorganic fertilizers on growth and yield attributes of French Bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.)" was carried out during the *Rabi* season 2018-2019. The experiment was conducted in a Randomized Block Design (RBD) with a treatment combination of three levels of inorganic fertilizers (NPK) and FYM (0, 50 and 100% dosage). The treatments were replicated three times and arranged under 9 plots. The variety NBR- RATNA was used for sowing, which matures within 90-120 days. The seeds are sown in a row to row distance of 45 cm and plant to plant distance of 30 cm. In this investigation, the results revealed that application of $T_{8=}@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @ 20$ t ha⁻¹ FYM, significantly increased the growth parameters and yield *viz*., Plant height (cm), Number of leaves per plant, Number of Branches per plant, Number of nodules per plant, Fresh weight (g), Dry weight (g), Number of pods per plant, Number of seed per plant, Length of pod (cm), Test weight (g), Pod yield (kg) per plot, Pod yield (q ha⁻¹).

Keywords: NPK, FYM, growth, yield, French bean

Introduction

India is blessed with diverse agro climatic zones with distinct seasons thereby making it the second largest producer of vegetables in the world after China. In India, vegetables are grown in 10.10 m ha with a production of 169.06 MT and productivity of 16.73 t ha⁻¹. (NHB, 2017) ^[8]. Vegetables are important part of healthy eating and provide a source of many nutrients including potassium, fibre, folate (folic acid) and vitamins A, E and C. Potassium may help to maintain healthy blood pressure. Dietary fibre from vegetables helps reduce blood cholesterol levels and may lower risk of heart disease. Folate (folic acid) helps the body form healthy red blood cells.

Pulses crop offers a stable source of protein in vegetarian diet of masses. Besides their role in soil fertility restoration and its physical conditions, pulses has provided succulent and nutritious to our cattle therefore, have been described as "Unique jewels of Indian crop husbandry" (Swaminathan 1998)^[14]. Pulses add 0.8 to 1.5 tons of organic matter to the soil in the form of their roots left after harvesting of the crops. Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium have great effects in plant growth and development. Their deficiencies or excesses result in marked effects on the growth and yield of crops. Nitrogen is a chlorophyll component and it promotes vegetative growth and green coloration of foliage (Jones, 1983)^[4]. Phosphorus plays a major role in photosynthesis, respiration, energy storage, cell division and maturation. Potassium is important in plant metabolism, protein synthesis and chlorophyll development (Remison, 2005)^[10]. Urea and muriate of potash are fertilizers that supply nitrogen and potassium, respectively (Jones, 1983)^[4] while crystallizer supper is a phosphorus fertilizer (Mgbeze and Abu, 2010)^[7]. Organic sources of the plant nutrients have been reported to improve growth, yield attributes, yield and soil fertility status. Inadequate use of the organic manures has rendered Indian soils deficient in macro and micro nutrients (Acharya and Mandal, 2002)^[2].

Materials and Methods

The research work was carried out during the *Rabi* season 2018-2019 at the research farm of Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Naini Agriculture Institute, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (U.P.).

The climate in Prayagraj, UP, has been classified as semi-arid with both the extent of temperature during winter and summer. During December to January, the temperature may drop down to as low as 2°C, while it may exceed to 47°C during May- June. Frost during winter and hot air during summer are common occurrences. It comes under subtropical climate receiving the mean annual rainfall of about 1100mm, major rainfall from July to end of September. However, occasional precipitation was also not uncommon during winter. The winter months were cold while summer months were very hot and dry. The minimum temperature during the crop season was 5.9 °C and the maximum was 29.04 °C. The minimum humidity was 42.72.0% and maximum was 93.28%. The experiment was carried out at the research farm of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry Department (SSAC), Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj (UP), during Rabi season of November 2018 - Feb 2019. The experiment was conducted in a Randomized Block Design (RBD) with a treatment combination of three levels of inorganic fertilizers, NPK, and FYM (0, 50 and 100% dosage). The treatments were replicated three times and arranged under 9 plots. The variety NBR- RATNA was used for sowing which matures within 90-120 days. The seeds were sown in a row to row distance of 45 cm and plant to plant distance of 30 cm.

Results and Discussion

The result presented in Table1 and Fig.1 shows the significant influence of different levels of NPK and FYM on plant height, number of leaves per plant, number of branches per plant, number of nodules per plant, fresh weight and dry weight of French bean. As far as interaction between NPK and FYM levels is concerned; the maximum plant height (15.57), number of leaves per plant (27.44) and number of branches per plant (12.72), number of nodules per plant (30.42), fresh weight (1.05g) and dry weight (19.50) was obtained with treatment $T_{8=}@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @ 20 \text{ th}a^{-1}$ FYM where as the minimum plant height (26.11cm), number of leaves per plant (8.22), number of nodules per plant (18.31), fresh weight

(0.43) and dry weight (10.93) remained with treatment $T_{0=}@N_0P_0K_0 + @ 0 t ha^{-1}$ FYM. The improvement in growth in the treatment combination ($T_{8=}@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @ 20 t ha^{-1}$ FYM) might be due to combined application of FYM that influenced the physical, chemical and biological properties of soil through supplying macro and micro nutrients leading to better plant growth and development which supports the findings of Meelu (1996) ^[6], Patidar and Mali (2004) ^[9], Singh et al. (2009)^[13] and Sharma et al. (2011)^[11]. This finding has close conformity with Choudhari et al., (2001)^[3], Sathe et al., (2007) ^[12] and Kumar et al., (2009) ^[5] who reported the highest green pod yield ha⁻¹ in French bean was due to combine application of organic and inorganic fertilizers. NPK fertilizer is a good way of making judicious and efficient use of applied nutrients (Ayoola and Adeniyan, 2006) [1].

Table 2 and Fig.2 depicted that the mean value of number of pods per plant, number of seeds per pods, length of pods (cm), test weight, pods yield (kg) per plot and pods yield (112.67q ha⁻¹) of French bean was found significant of different levels of NPK and FYM. It was also observed the number of pods per plant was gradually increased with an increase in dose of NPK and FYM. The maximum number of pods per plant (36.49), number of seeds per pods (9.11), length of pods (cm) (17.91cm),test weight (84.34g), pods yield (kg) per plot (4.21kg) and pods yield (112.67q/ha⁻¹) of French bean was found in T8=@ $N_{40}P_{50}K_{40}$ + @ 20 t ha⁻¹ FYM and minimum number of pods per plant (12.33) seeds pods (4.52), length of pods (cm) (9.31), test weight (34.44g), pod yield (kg) per plot (1.43g) pod yield (kg) per plot (34.84q ha⁻¹) was found in $T_0 = @N_0P_0K_0 + @ 0 t ha^{-1}$ FYM respectively. The improvement in growth and yield parameters in the treatment combination ($T_8 = @N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @ 20 \text{ t ha}^{-1} \text{ FYM}$) could be due to combined application of FYM and NPK that influence the physical, chemical and biological properties of soil through supplying macro and micro nutrients leading to better plant growth and development which support the findings of Meelu (1996) ^[6], Patidar and Mali (2004) ^[9], Singh et al., (2009)^[13] and Sharma *et al.*, (2011)^[11].

Level of FYM		Plant height	Number of leaves	Number of	Number of nodules per	Fresh weight	Dry weight
		(cm)	per plant	Branches	plant	(g)	(g)
0 t ha-1		12.57	22.96	8.34	19.51	0.64	14.43
10 t ha ⁻¹		14.24	24.85	8.79	21.15	0.84	16.57
	20 t ha ⁻¹		25.84	11.64	26.03	0.91	18.63
Level of NPK							
	0% NPK	13.34	23.53	9.22	20.77	0.68	14.90
50% NPK		13.73	25.20	9.39	22.44	0.83	16.93
100% NPK		14.54	24.92	10.16	23.47	0.92	17.81
F-Test		S	S	S	S	S	S
S.Ed.		0.438	0.507	0.162	0.408	0.027	0.149
C. D. at 0.05		0.936	0.878	0.345	0.872	0.058	0.319
Interaction (FYM x NPK)							
T ₀	Control	11.30	18.59	8.22	18.31	0.43	10.93
T ₁	$@N_0P_0K_0 + @ 10 t ha^{-1} FYM$	12.75	25.89	8.13	20.78	0.68	15.89
T_2	$@N_0P_0K_0 + @ 20 t ha^{-1} FYM$	13.67	24.42	8.67	19.44	0.82	16.48
T ₃	@ $N_{20} P_{25}K_{20} + @ 0 t ha^{-1} FYM$	14.22	26.71	8.67	20.56	0.80	15.92
T_4	@ $N_{20} P_{25}K_{20}$ + @ 10 t ha ⁻¹ FYM	14.11	24.93	8.63	22.33	0.93	16.36
T 5	$@N_{20} P_{25}K_{20} + @ 20 t ha^{-1} FYM$	14.39	22.91	9.08	20.56	0.89	17.44
T_6	$@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @0 t ha^{-1} FYM$	14.50	25.29	10.78	23.44	0.80	17.84
T 7	$@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @ 10 t ha^{-1} FYM$	14.34	24.78	11.41	24.22	0.87	18.55
T ₈	$@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @ 20 t ha^{-1} FYM$	15.57	27.44	12.72	30.42	1.05	19.50
	F-Test		S	S	S	S	S
	S.Ed.		0.507	0.162	0.707	0.047	0.259
C.D. at 5%		-	0.878	0.345	1.511	0.101	0.553

Table 1: Impact of organic manures and different levels of inorganic fertilizers on growth and yield attributes of French bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.)

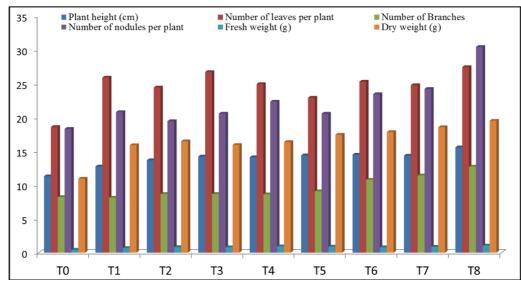


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Table 2: Impact of organic manures	and different levels of inorganic	fertilizers on vield attributes of Frenc	ch bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.)

Level of FYM		Number of pods	Number of	Length of pod		Pod yield (kg) per	Pod yield
		per plant	seed per plant		(g)	plot	(q/ha ⁻¹)
0 t ha ⁻¹		17.04	5.13	10.42	41.31	1.91	54.48
10 t ha ⁻¹		23.20	6.35	13.25	70.892	3.20	77.83
20 t ha ⁻¹		30.27	8.12	15.72	83.13	3.75	94.81
	Level of NPK						
0% NPK		19.57	5.83	11.08	61.61	2.59	64.47
50% NPK		23.47	6.45	13.87	64.47	2.88	74.44
100% NPK		27.46	7.32	14.44	69.17	3.39	88.22
F-Test		S	S	S	S	S	S
S.Ed.		0.674	0.090	0.527	0.201	0.080	0.70
C. D. at 0.05		1.441	0.192	1.127	0.429	0.171	0.102
	Interaction (FYM x NPK)						
T_0	Control	12.33	4.52	9.31	38.44	1.43	34.84
T_1	$@N_0P_0K_0 + @ 10 t ha^{-1} FYM$	17.44	5.08	11.26	40.37	1.79	55.3
T_2	$@N_0P_0K_0 + @ 20 t ha^{-1} FYM$	21.33	5.78	10.70	45.312	2.50	73.31
T ₃	@ $N_{20} P_{25}K_{20} + @ 0 t ha^{-1} FYM$	22.15	5.85	11.64	64.73	2.85	74.95
T_4	@ $N_{20} P_{25}K_{20}$ + @ 10 t ha ⁻¹ FYM	22.89	6.13	13.39	69.62	3.32	79.86
T_5	$@N_{20} P_{25}K_{20} + @ 20 t ha^{-1} FYM$	24.56	7.08	14.72	78.12	3.45	78.66
T_6	$@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @0 t ha^{-1} FYM$	24.22	7.12	12.28	81.66	3.50	83.61
T 7	$@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @ 10 t ha^{-1} FYM$	30.09	8.13	16.97	83.41	3.53	88.14
T_8	$@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @ 20 t ha^{-1} FYM$	36.49	9.11	17.91	84.34	4.21	112.67
F-Test		S	S	S	S	S	S
S.Ed.		1.168	0.156	0.913	0.347	0.138	0.138
C.D. at 5%		2.497	0.333	1.953	0.743	0.295	0.295

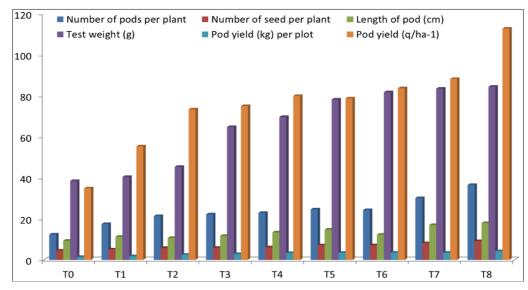


Fig 2: Impact of organic manures and different levels of inorganic fertilizers on yield attributes of French bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) ~ 216 ~

Conclusion

In view of the results summarized above, it is concluded that application of $T_8=@N_{40}P_{50}K_{40} + @ 20$ t ha⁻¹ FYM supplied through NPK and FYM gave the highest yield on French bean. Since the result is based on one year experiment further trial is needed to substantiate the result.

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