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Assessment of productivity and soil fertility of Meerut in irrigated Agro-ecosystem of western Uttar Pradesh

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Abstract

The population of India is likely to reach by 1.4 billion in 2025 as urban. With per capita land availability ha and net availability of cereals and pulses $<450 \text{ g d}^{-1}$, India is facing challenge in coping up with the national food security and environmental sustainability. Western Uttar Pradesh registered a high agricultural growth during the second wave of 'Green Revolution' in 1980s. However, rapid urbanization and developmental processes are increasingly in conflict with other forms of land use, especially agriculture. The study addresses the productivity trends and soil fertility status of Meerut district of western Uttar Pradesh. The Soil fertility has direct implication on the agriculture production scenario of the region. Soil Samples from 10 villages covering 5 Block were collected during the period of 2018-19. Result showed that the soil organic carbon content was 0.55% which is lower than the required amount 0.89 % of OCM in the soil. Available minimum nitrogen Phosphorus and Potash were found 184 kg/ha, 11.2 kg/ha and as 91.8 kg/ha which are medium. The nitrogen plays the important role for the better yield and growth of crop and good yield (Tandon, H.L.S. 2017) soil nutrient balance sheet in India importance status issues and concerns. Better crop India a crossed 2016, also supported. In (table-1). The micronutrients Manganese Zink, Iron and Copper were also tested for above blocks of the district (Table 2). The average minimum, maximum and average of minimum and maximum Manganese, Zink, Iron and Copper were found as 2.80, 0.66ppm 3.42 and .32 ppm respectively which are less than the required amount. It was observed that the micronutrients are low to medium amounts presents in the soil of the Meerut district therefore recommended to apply these nutrients from outside to obtain maximum productivity. It is argued that augmenting the production through assessment of biophysical potential of district can ensure food security and sustainability of the system.

Keywords: Soil health card, productivity, grid, soil fertility

Introduction

The Soil is the most important natural resource which is scientifically utilized for improving the productivity and economic condition of the farmers of western UP, soil fertility has district effect on the agricultural production scenario of the region. Parameters help to relate of the nutrient input rates with the crop demand and thus conserve the resources. The use of fertilizers without considering the soil fertility status and crop requirement may adversely affect the soil and crops. The imbalance and inadequate with low efficiency of their inputs, response (production), and efficiency of chemical fertility nutrients has declined tremendously under intensive agriculture in recent years. Meerut district lacks in comprehensive information about Soil fertility status. Study. to assess the fertility status and Meerut district through geographic information system (GIS) can help in making nutrient management decisions (Santhi, R., Selvakumari, G. and Rani Perumal 2010) [3]. Soil test based fertility recommendations under integrated plant nutrition. System for rice- pulse cropping sequence. The integrate variability of soil fertility parameters namely soil Organic Carbon (SOC), Nitrogen (N_2) Phosphorus (P_2O_5), Potassium (K_2O) Iron (Fe) Manganese (Mn), Zinc (Zn), and Copper (Cu). It was tested at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Meerut in soil Testing Laboratory and by developing a unique methodology to identify multi nutrient deficient area using by GIS tools, Sellamuthu, K. M., Santhi R., Maragatham, S. and Dey. P. 2015 [4]. Balanced fertility prescription for glory lily through inductive- cum targeted yield model on an Alfisol.

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Materials and Methods

Meerut district is situated in the western part of Uttar Pradesh and comes under Western Plain Zone. Present study five blocks Meerut, Rajpura, Mawana, Hastinapur and Parishitgarh of Meerut District were selected with two villages from each blocks. First of all, collected the revenue map of all above villages from revenue department and 432 Grid were demarcated with the support of people's participation of related villages Pradhan. The average area of a grid was 3 to 4 hectares, depends on the irrigation facilities of those groups and 432 grids covered the 5 blocks after that one sample from each grids group were collected and tested.

Results & Discussions

The study revealed that the available average carbon percentage of all place of district Meerut is found minimum and also the minimum and maximum was observed less as required for quality production. The soil organic carbon not only stores nutrients in the soil but it is also a direct source of nutrients. The most fertile soil contains high amounts of organic matter. It is important to maintain soil organic matter (OSM) by adding fresh amount of animal and plant residue as it performs many functions. Available minimum nitrogen 184 kg/ha and maximum 334 kg/ha, the average nitrogen of the district is 260 kg., which was found at par. The nitrogen plays

the important role for the vigorous growth of crop and good yield (Tandon, H.L.S. 2017) [6] soil nutrient balance sheet in India importance status issues and concerns. Better crop India a crossed 2016, also supported. In (table-1), 11.12 minimum available phosphorus in the District is 11.2 kg/ha and maximum was found as 14.8 kg/ha and P_2O_5 is less as required level when P_2O_5 plays the key role in the pulses production and potassium K_2O is minimum as 91.8 kg/ha which was also very less as compared to the minimum needed where as average available was 155.4 kg/ha while needed is also more as 260 kg/ha. Therefore it is advisable for increase the OCM, P_2O_5 and K_2O in the district to enhance the productivity. Potassium plays role on healthy grain production and disease resistant in the crop. On the soil analysis based SOC, P_2O_5 and K_2O all are less in comparison to the required quantity Kumar, M.V., Saliha, B.B. Kannan, P. and Mehendran, P.P., (2015) [1] delineation and geographic information system (GIS) mapping of soil nutrient status. To increase the quality production and sustainable agriculture, it is recommended to apply the recommended dose as per need as mentioned on soil health cards. Singh, V.V., Manoj Parihar., Singh, S.K., Sharma, P.K., Dey, P. 2015 [5]. Soil test based fertilizer prescription under integrated plant nutrient management system for maize in an Incept sol of Varanasi.

Table 1: Soil Analysis

S. No.	Name of Blocks	Village	SOC (%)			N(Kg/ha)			P 2O 5 (Kg/ha)				K 2 O (Kg/ha)	
			Min.	Max.	Ave.	Min.	Max.	Ave.	Min.	Max.	Ave.	Min.	Max.	Ave.
1.	Meerut	1.	.40	.63	.51	187	338	263	12	14	13	90	214	152
		2	.51	.75	.63	177	324	251	10	15	13	87	206	147
		Av.	.46	.69	.57	182	331	257	11	15	13	89	210	150
2.	Rajpura	1.	.37	.72	.55	172	342	257	10	14	12	93	217	155
		2	.36	.53	.41	188	340	264	8	15	12	96	240	168
		Av.	.37	.63	.48	180	341	261	9	15	12	95	229	162
3.	Mawana	1.	.38	.67	.53	186	340	263	11	15	13	90	220	155
		2	.52	.77	.65	178	322	250	10	16	13	95	207	151
		Av.	.45	.72	.59	182	331	257	11	16	14	93	214	153
4.	Hastinapur	1.	.44	.65	.55	185	328	257	15	14	15	89	208	149
		2	.37	.66	.52	187	340	264	9	10	10	93	216	155
		Av.	.41	.66	.54	186	334	261	12	12	12	91	212	152
5.	Parishitgarh	1.	.44	.73	.59	185	320	253	11	17	14	87	229	158
		2	.35	.74	.55	192	345	269	14	15	15	98	230	161
		Av.	.40	.74	.57	189	333	261	13	16	15	91	230	160
District Availability			.42	.69	.55	184	334	260	11.2	14.8	13.3	91.8	219	155.4
Availability Needed			.62	1.30	0.89	192	345	267	17.9	28.0	21.7	225	282	260

Table 2: Soil Analysis

S. No.	Name of Blocks	Village	Manganese (Mn) (ppm)			Zink(ZnSO 4) (ppm)			Iron(Fe) (ppm)			Copper(Cu) (ppm)		
			Min.	Max.	Ave.	Min.	Min.	Max.	Ave.	Min.	Min.	Max.	Ave.	Min.
1.	Meeruit	1.	1.85	2.80	2.33	1.15	.096	1.10	3.70	4.70	4.20	.40	.38	.39
		2	2.95	2.60	2.78	1.20	.94	1.07	2.90	3.90	3.40	.55	.58	.56
		Av.	2.40	2.70	2.56	1.18	.95	1.09	2.30	3.80	3.80	.49	.48	.47
2.	Rajpura	1.	2.70	3.20	2.95	.82	1.10	0.96	4.50	6.40	5.45	.12	.19	.16
		2	3.10	3.40	3.25	.75	1.05	0.90	3.30	4.60	3.95	.18	.22	.20
		Av.	2.9	3.30	3.10	.79	1.08	0.93	3.90	5.50	4.70	.15	.21	.18
3.	Mawana	1.	1.55	2.55	2.05	.35	.45	.41	4.60	3.30	3.95	.35	.40	.38
		2	1.60	2.80	2.20	.45	.52	.49	3.15	4.90	4.03	.45	.48	.47
		Av.	1.58	2.68	2.13	.40	.49	.45	3.88	4.10	3.99	.40	.44	.43
4.	Hastinapur	1.	1.90	3.10	2.50	.62	.84	.73	3.80	4.80	4.3	.38	.45	.42
		2	2.10	3.75	2.93	.65	.91	.78	4.20	5.80	5.0	.42	.52	.47
		Av.	2.0	3.43	2.72	.62	.88	.76	4.0	5.3	4.65	.40	.49	.45
5.	Parishitgarh	1.	1.35	1.95	1.65	.32	.59	.46	3.78	4.79	4.29	.15	.19	.17
		2	1.65	3.40	2.53	.25	.47	.36	2.26	5.70	3.98	.12	.16	.14
		Av.	1.50	2.68	2.09	.29	.53	.41	3.02	5.25	4.14	.14	.18	.16
District Availability			2.08	2.96	2.52	.66	.79	.73	3.42	4.79	3.59	.32	.36	.34
Availability Needed			2.10	3.88	2.90	.45	1.15	0.80	4.0	7.79	6.0	.26	.42	.29

The micronutrients Manganese, Zinc, Iron and Copper were also tested for above blocks of the district (Table 2). The average minimum, maximum and average of minimum and maximum Manganese were found as 2.80, 2.96 and 2.52 ppm which are less than required Manganese of the district. Similarly the minimum available Zinc was found higher as 0.66ppm whereas the average Zinc was lesser than required (0.80ppm). The average minimum, maximum and average of minimum and maximum Iron were found as 3.42, 4.79 and 3.59 ppm respectively which are lower than required. Likewise the average minimum, maximum and average of minimum and maximum Copper were found as .32, .36 and .34ppm respectively which are lesser than average of the district and also the required quantity. It was observed that the micronutrients are low to medium amounts presents in the soil of the Meerut district therefore recommended to apply these nutrients from outside to obtain maximum productivity.

Conclusion

Studies on agricultural soil of District Meerut UP for enhancing productivity, the study was conducted in Meerut district during 2017-18. 10 villages covering four blocks of district Meerut soil samples were collected by utilizing GIS with grid system and 432 soil samples collected, based on one sample from one grid and tested in soil testing laboratories of KVK Meerut delineation and geographic information system (GIS) mapping of soil nutrient status. Studies revealed that the SOC, N₂, P₂O₅, K₂O micronutrient except copper, Manganese, Zinc & Iron are below than the required label. Kriging approach for estimating deficient micronutrients in the soil and enhancing the productivity, the integrated nutrient management is required as per need of the soil.

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