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Effect of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK) application at various doses on yield of early transplanted rice

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Abstract

Field experiment was carried out to assess the influence of various levels of NPK fertilizers (F1: 50-30-20 & F2: 100-60-40 kg/ha) on yield 5 new rice cultures namely IET 26767, IET 26803, IET 26477, IET 24914, IET 25713 and 4 national checks (Sabbhagi, Varalu, NDR 97 and Govind) and one local check (Shushk Smart) in split plot design with three replications at Crop Research Station, (ANDUAT), Masodha, Ayodhya. Results revealed that application of the highest grain yield was recorded with IET 25713 (4.87 t/ha). At higher level of RDF i.e. 150% followed by IET 26477 (4.55 t/ha). The increase level of NPK increase up to (150% RDF). The highest grain yield was recorded at 150% RDF/ha (3.84 t/ha). The lowest grain yield was recorded with recommended level of RDF (100%/ha) (3.69 t/ha). Shabbagi dhan recorded lower mean grain yield of RDF and higher level of RDF.

Keywords: Growth, productivity, fertilizer recommendation, yield rice

Introduction

A large proportion of world's population utilizes rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) as staple food (Islam *et al.*, 2010; Atera *et al.*, 2011) ^[2,6]. On global scale the cultivation of rice is carried out on about 148 million hectares with production of 710 million tons (FAO, 2011) ^[4]. Out of this almost 90% rice production and consumption takes place in Asian countries (Islam *et al.*, 2010) ^[6]. In Asia, the largest rice producing countries include China, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Pakistan (FAO, 2011) ^[4]. A share of 41.39% in total food grain produced and 55% of cereals produced in the country, contributing 20-25% to Agricultural GDP (Anonymous, 2016) ^[1]. In India, rice is grown on nearly 43.49 m ha with total production of 104.4 m t and productivity of 2400 kg/ha (Anonymous, 2016) ^[1]. It serves as the staple food for more than half of the globe's population (Khan *et al.*, 2013) ^[7]. Rice is the third highest produced cereal after wheat and maize (FAOSTAT, 2012) ^[5].

NPK is the key element in the production of rice and gives by far the largest response. It is the most essential element in determining the yield potential of rice and nitrogenous fertilizer is one of the major inputs to rice production (Mae T, 1997) ^[9]. However, recovery of applied nitrogen in rice is very low owing to various losses. Optimization of applied nitrogen at critical growth stages, coinciding with the period of efficient utilization is essential to meet the nitrogen requirement of crop throughout the growing season (Pandey S *et al.*, 2002) ^[9]. Almost every farmer has the tendency to apply costly N fertilizer excess to get a desirable yield of Aman rice (Saleque MA *et al.* 2004) ^[10], but the imbalance use of N fertilizer causes harm to the crop and decreases grain yield. It is also a fact that improper use of nitrogenous fertilizer, instead of giving yield advantage, may reduce the same. Nitrogen management is an important aspect for obtaining good yield of rice. Optimum dose and schedule of fertilizer application is necessary to achieve higher yields, minimize lodging and damage from insect pests (DRR, 2013) ^[3]. (Sangeetha and Balakrishnan, 2013) ^[11] reported that lower grain yield of rice obtained with absolute control which did not receive organic manures and recommended NPK addition. Nitrogen fertilization and proper time of its application is the major agronomic practice that affects the yield and quality of rice crop (Lampayan RM *et al.*, 2010) ^[8]. Different varieties may have varying responses to N-fertilizer depending on their agronomic traits. Now

a days the identification and release of high yielding very early rice varieties, it becomes imperative to make a comparative assessment of the growth studies and their influence on grain yield under different nutrient combination.

Materials and Methods

A experiment was carried out to assess the influence of various level of NPK fertilizers (F1: 50-30-20 & F2: 100-60-40 kg/ha) on yield of five new rice cultures namely IET 26767, IET 26803, IET 26477, IET 24914, IET 25713 and 4 national checks (Sahbhagi, Varalu, NDR 97 and Govind) and one local check (Shushk Smart) in split plot design with three replications under field condition at Crop Research Station, (ANDUAT), Masodha, Ayodhya, which is situated at 26.47 °N (latitude), 82.12 °E (longitude) and at 113 m (altitude). Soil of the experimental field is sandy loam with pH 7.2, organic carbon 0.40%, Nitrogen 200 kg/ha, P₂O₅ 24 kg/ha and K₂O 234 kg/ha. Crop nursery was grown in raised beds and twenty one days old seedlings were transplanted in the 2nd week of July, two hills of seedlings were planted in each pot with planting depth and distance of 15 cm and 20 cm, respectively. Cultural practices such as weeding, irrigation, pest control etc. were done when necessary. Regular flood irrigation was applied in pots throughout the vegetative stages and left completely dried upon reaching the grain filling stages. Single fertilizer namely urea, single super phosphate (SSP) and muriate of potash (MOP) fertilizer were used as source of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, respectively. Split application of NPK fertilizer (Sariam, 2008) was applied based on the rice varieties growth phase, day after transplanting due to their different maturity period. Urea fertilizer was applied at split application of 50% and 50% during vegetative and heading phase, respectively. Parameters measured for physiological characteristics of rice were: (i) grain yield t/ha, (ii) panicle no per sqm, (iii) panicle weight per panicle (g), (iv) test weight (g) and (vii) days to 50% flowering. Harvesting were carried out when 90% of the grains had turned hard, clear and free from greenish tint (Panda, 2010). The data on grain yield of each plot were

recorded separately by threshing the harvested of rice cultures on tarpaulin followed by proper sun drying and winnowing. Data collected were statistically analysed using two-ways analysis of variance (ANOVA), and Duncan's new multiple range test (DMRT) was employed to determine the mean differences between the treatments using the statistical package.

Results and Discussion

There were significant differences among the potential very early rice genotypes/varieties in plant growth, yield attributes and grain yield. All yield attributing characters (number of panicle/m² and panicle weight) were remained differed with different varieties. The data presented in table-1 and figure 1 clearly revealed that the level of NPK increase grain yield significantly. Among the treatment of 100% recommended dose of fertilizer 50:30:20 NPK, genotypes IET IET 25713 recorded maximum grain yield (4.52 t/ha) followed by IET 25713 (4.51 t/ha). The treatment of 150% recommended dose of fertilizer 100:60:40 NPK IET 25713 recorded maximum grain yield (4.87 t/ha) followed by IET 26477 (4.56 t/ha). Increase the grain yield of 150% recommended dose of fertilizer IET 25713 (7.98) followed by IET 26767 (5.45%). The lower yield t/ha was 100% RDF of Sahbhagidhan 2.90 t/ha and 150% RDF grain yield was recorded Sahbhagidhan 3.13t/ha.

Among the genotypes/varieties, IET 26767 (early rice genotype) recorded maximum number of panicles m⁻² (255 & 266), maximum panicle weight of IET 26477 (3.56 & 4.13 g) and finally recorded highest test weight IET 26477 (23.97 & 26.23 g).

From the present study, it may be concluded that among the potential early rice genotypes/varieties IET 22020 proved most impressive by recording the highest grain yield and IET 27513 exerted second promising early rice genotype under irrigated mid early situation of Eastern Uttar Pradesh. IET 27513 has the potential to be an alternative/replacement as early rice genotype for 150% recommended NPK.

Table 1: Grain yield and ancillary characters of ETP rice at different levels of NPK fertilizer doses

Cultivar	Grain yield t/ha		% increase over F1	Panicle No./m ²		% increase over F1	Panicle weight (g)		% increase over F1	Test weight (g)		% increase over F1	Days to 50% flowering		% Increase over F1
	F1	F2		F1	F2		F1	F2		F1	F2		F1	F2	
IET 26767	4.22	4.45	5.45	256	266	3.91	3.29	3.24	-1.52	23.77	25.67	7.99	85	85	0.00
IET 26477	4.52	4.56	0.88	253	267	5.53	3.56	4.13	16.01	23.97	26.23	9.43	84	87	3.57
IET 24914	4.15	4.08	-1.69	255	267	4.71	3.23	3.65	13.00	22.60	23.47	3.85	85	86	1.18
IET 25713	4.51	4.87	7.98	255	264	3.53	3.31	3.09	-6.65	23.40	24.43	4.40	85	86	1.18
NC-Sahbhagidhan	2.90	3.13	7.93	257	263	2.33	2.90	3.00	3.45	20.40	22.40	9.80	81	81	0.00
ZC-Govind (NW)	3.16	3.43	8.54	253	268	5.93	2.82	3.10	9.93	21.43	24.57	14.65	79	77	-2.53
Varalu	3.33	3.39	1.80	257	257	0.00	2.65	2.78	4.91	22.33	23.77	6.45	83	83	0.00
Local Check Susk samrat	3.26	3.92	20.25	255	266	4.31	3.62	3.53	-2.49	23.63	25.60	8.34	81	85	4.94
Interaction F at same V	NS			3.12			NS			0.57			NS		
V at same F	NS			3.29			NS			0.54			NS		
F1	3.76			255			3.17			22.69			83		
F2	3.98			265			3.30			24.52			84		
C.D. (0.05)	0.19			1.94			NS			0.11			NS		
C.V. (%)	3.88			0.60			18.19			0.37			2.94		

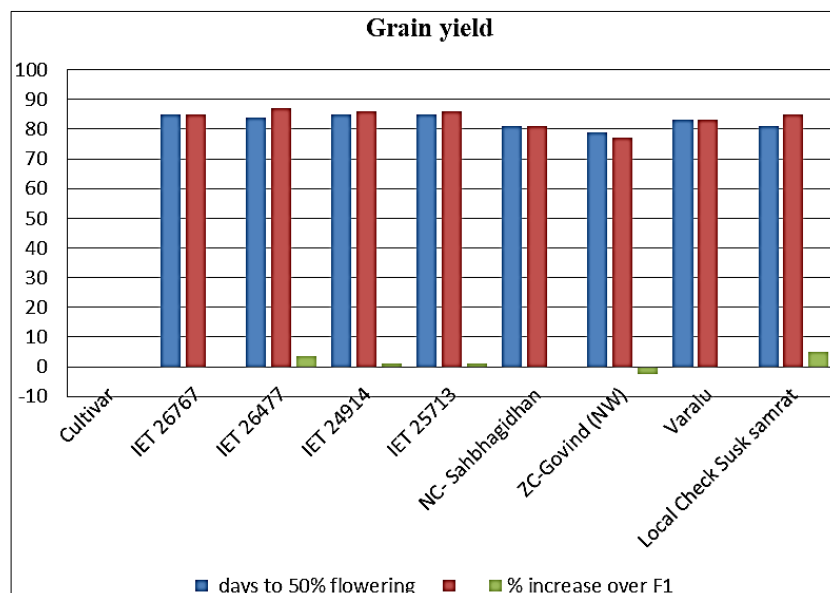


Fig 1: Grain yield and increase % over F1

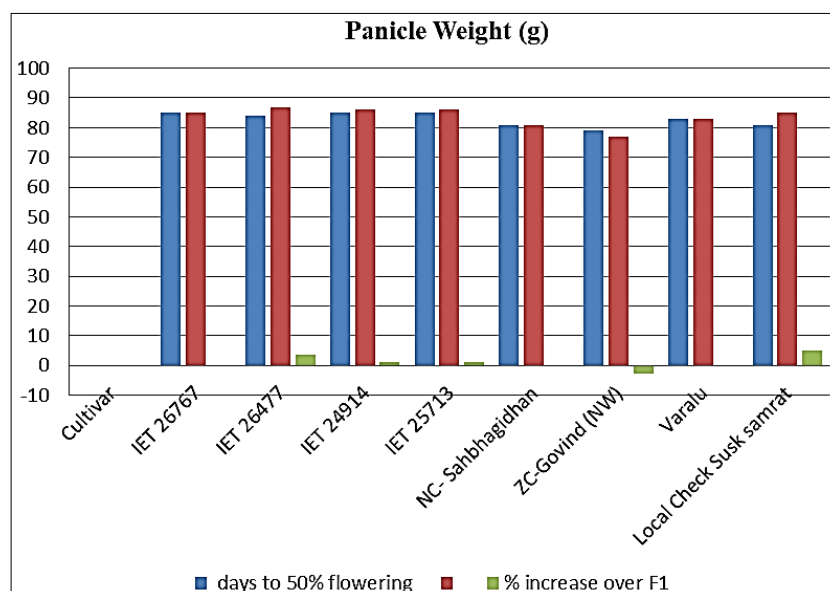


Fig 2: Panicle weight g of ETP rice

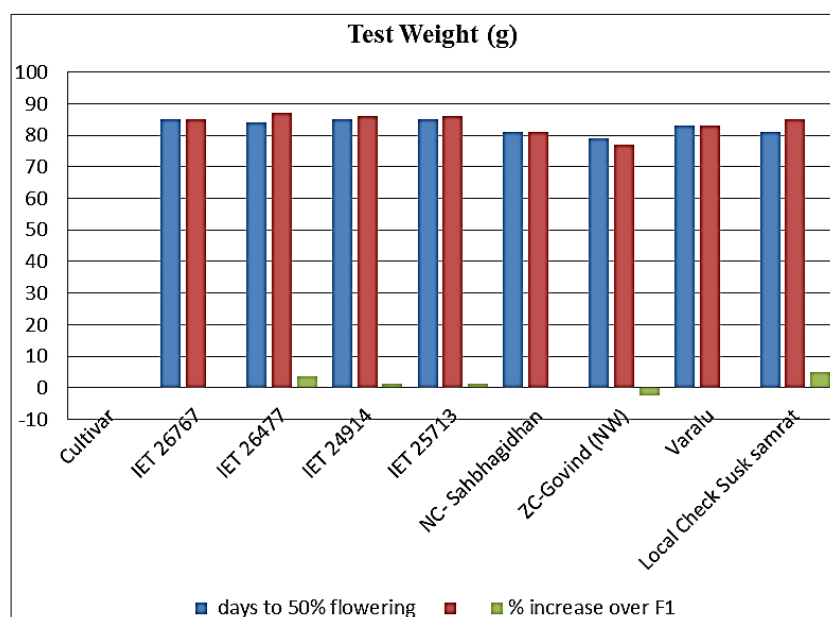


Fig 3: Test weight (g) of ETP rice

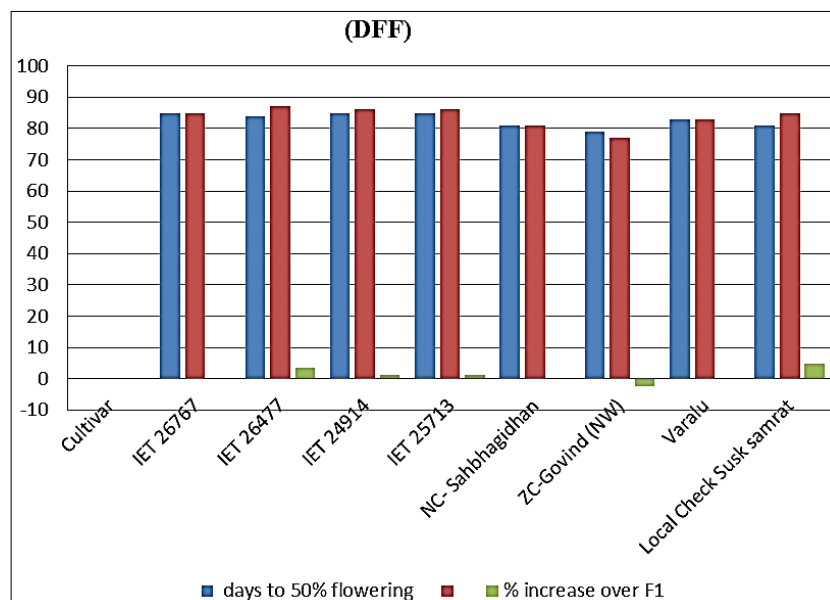


Fig 4: Days to 50% flowering of ETP rice

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