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## Phosphorus Requirement of Timely Sown Irrigated Wheat

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### ABSTRACT

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The Experiment on phosphorus requirement of timely sown irrigated wheat was conducted during 2020-21 under All India coordinated research project on farming system Kuthulia Farm, College of agriculture, JNKVV, Rewa (M.P).. The study reveals that wheat variety GW 322 gave higher yield, gross returns, net return and B.C. ratio as compared to wheat variety JW 3382. Application of 60 kg, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha gave maximum B:C ration 3.05 under timely sown irrigated wheat. The phosphorus requirement was 58.50 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/ha for maximum yield 51.05 q./ha @ 27.8 kg grain/kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, while optimum dose of Phosphorus was 43.8 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha for timely sown irrigated wheat.

## Introduction

Wheat is one of the important staple food crop and widely cultivated leading cereals both in acreage and in production among the grain crops of the world. More than one- third of the world population is feed by wheat.

In India wheat crop is grown in 31.36 million ha, which produced 97.85 million tonnes of grain with the average productivity of 3415 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, The area and production of wheat in 2022-21 increased by 6.95% and 4.11%, respectively as compared to 2019-20 (USDA, 2021). In the state of Madhya Pradesh, wheat is grown in about 5.52 million hectares area with the production of 15.47 million tonnes which clearly indicates that the productivity

of wheat is quite low i.e. 2807 kg/ha than national average (Anonymous, 2019).

Proper nutrition is a key for maximizing wheat yields. Phosphorus is essential nutrients in plants and plays an important role in many physiological processes. Phosphorus deficiency is a yield reducing factor in fertilized soil, particularly soils high in calcium carbonate, which reduces phosphorus solubility, Phosphorus fertilizer is an important element in crop production is well established.

Applied phosphate fertilizer can only move 3-5 cm in soil. Phosphorus utilization efficiency is 15-20% remaining phosphorus is fixed by different soil. Therefore balance fertilizer at proper time is essential. Phosphorus requirement for timely sown

irrigated wheat has not studied in Rewa region. Keeping above facts in view present experiment was taken.

### Materials and Methods

The present experiment was conducted on silty clay loam soil of Kuthulia Farm, College of Agriculture, JNKVV, Rewa during *rabi* season of 2020-21 under All India Coordinated Research Projects on Farming system. The soil of the experimental field was neutral in reaction (Ph 7.1), low in organic carbon (0.39%), low in available nitrogen (163.8 kg/ha) and medium in available phosphorus and potash.

Two wheat varieties GW 322 and JW 3382 were taken as test varieties under the phosphorus level 0kg/ha, 30 kg/ha, 60kg/ha and 90 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/ha. Total eight treatments were arranged in factorial randomized block design with three replication.

All the recommended package of practices were adopted for irrigated wheat. Common dose of potash and nitrogen were given under all the treatment. The crop was planted on 20.11.2020.

Grain yield of wheat was subjected to single degree analysis to see the response of phosphorus in which linear and quadratic response were found significant. Hence quadratic regression equation was developed which was

$$Y = a + bX + C X^2$$

Where a, b, and C are constant to be estimated and X in the Interval between the levels.

### Response of Phosphorus

The response of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> was computed by following equation

$$\text{Response of P}_2\text{O}_5 \text{ V} = \frac{b x - cx^2}{X} \text{ (Kg grain per Kg P}_2\text{O}_5)$$

### X Maxima

Maximum level of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> was computed by following equation.

$$X \text{ maxima} = \frac{-b}{2C} \quad X = \text{kg/ha}$$

### Yield at X Maxima

The maximum level of yield was estimated by putting the value X maximum in quadratic regression equation.

### X Optima

It is that level of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> which is capable of giving maximum net return which was estimated with following equation

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$$X \text{ optima} = \frac{b \frac{\text{Price of P}_2\text{O}_5 \text{ Rs/ha}}{\text{price of grain Rs/ha}} - 2C}{-2C} = \text{kg/ha}$$

## Results and Discussion

### Effect on yield attributes

Yield attributing characters of wheat has been given in Table 1 which reveals that wheat variety G-W 322 gave 10.61 % higher number of productive tillers as compared wheat variety JW 3382. Productive tillers M<sup>2</sup> was significantly maximum at 30, 60 and 90 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> as compared to no phosphorus application. Productive tiller 555.34/ m<sup>2</sup> was maximum at 90 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha but it was at par to 60 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha.

Number of grains / earhead and grain yield / ear head were maximum in wheat variety GW 322 which was 13.19% higher than wheat variety JW

3382. Grain yield per ear head was significantly maximum at 90 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. But there was no significant difference at 30, 60 and 90 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha.

Test weight of wheat variety GW 322 was maximum (45.3 g/1000 grain) which was higher than wheat variety JW 3382.

Application of phosphorus @ 90 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha gave significantly higher test weight (45.93 g/ 1000 grain) as compared to no phosphorus applications. It may be due to varietal differences in response to yield attributing characters Kurmvanshi *et al.*, 2018 and Suryawanshi (2020) have also reported positive response of phosphorus at 80 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha on yield contributing characters of wheat while varietal differences in yield attributing characters were reported by Suryawanshi (2020)

**Effect on yield**

Grain and straw yield of wheat have been presented in Table 2 make it clear that grain yield of wheat variety GW 322 was 5293 kg/ha which was 8.84%

higher than wheat variety JW 3382 It may be due to varietal differences and superior yield contribution characters of wheat variety GW 322 by which productive tillers were increased by 10.61%, grain yield / ear head by 13.19% and test weight by 2.02 % over wheat variety JW3382. Combine effect of all these characters increased the grain yield by 8.84% in wheat variety GW 322 such varietal differences were also reported by Suryawanshi (2020)

Application of phosphorus at 90 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> gave maximum grain yield 5720 kg /ha which was 32.19% higher as compared to no phosphorus application. Application of 60 kg of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> was at par to 90 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha but were significantly superior than lower levels of P application. It is because of fact the P improved the physical conditions of soil by with superior attributing characters like number of productive tillers /m<sup>2</sup>, number of grains/ spike grain yield / spike and test weight were increased at higher level of phosphorus. Similar finding were also reported by Kurmvanshi *et al.*, (2018) and Suryawanshi 2020. Similar trend in straw yield was also reported.

**Table.1** Number of grains ear<sup>-1</sup> grain yield (g ear<sup>-1</sup>) and test weight (g) of wheat as influenced by various varieties and phosphorus levels.

| Treatment  | Number of grains ear-1 | Grain yield (g ear-1) | Test weight (g) |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Varieties</b>   |                        |                       |                 |
| V1- GW 322   | 58.04                  | 2.66                  | 45.30           |
| V2- JW 3382  | 60.94                  | 2.35                  | 44.40           |
| SEm±   | 0.29                   | 0.03                  | 0.06            |
| CD at 5%   | 0.87                   | 0.09                  | 0.18            |
| <b>Phosphorus levels</b>                                 |                        |                       |                 |
| P <sub>0</sub> - 0 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ha  | 54.48                  | 2.39                  | 43.97           |
| P <sub>1</sub> - 30 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ha | 57.98                  | 2.50                  | 44.90           |
| P <sub>2</sub> - 60 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ha | 60.40                  | 2.54                  | 45.93           |
| P <sub>3</sub> - 90 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ha | 65.09                  | 2.59                  | 44.06           |
| SEm±   | 0.57                   | 0.06                  | 0.12            |
| CD at 5%   | 1.73                   | 0.18                  | 0.35            |
| Interaction (VXP)  | NS                     | NS                    | NS              |

V= Varieties, P = Phosphorus levels , NS = Non – Significant

**Table.2** Grain yield (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>), Straw yield (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and harvest index (%) of wheat as influenced by various varieties and phosphorus levels.

| variety         | Grain yield (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ),      |  |   |   |        | straw yield (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )      |  |   |   |      | HI (%)                                   |  |   |   |       |
|-----------------|--|--|---|---|--------|---|--|---|---|------|--|--|---|---|-------|
|                 | 0 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/ha | 30 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/h | 60 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/ha | 90 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/ha | Mean   | 0kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/ha | 30 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/h | 60 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/ha | 90 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/ha | Mean | 0 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/ha | 30 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/h | 60 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/ha | 90 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg/ha | Mean  |
| <b>GW 322</b>   | 4517                                     | 4910                                     | 5833                                      | 5910                                      | 5293   | 5573                                    | 5640                                     | 6940                                      | 7989                                      | 6535 | 4426                                     | 46.91                                    | 45.73                                     | 42.15                                     | 44.81 |
| <b>JW 3382</b>  | 3958                                     | 6309                                     | 4922                                      | 6779                                      | 4563   | 6501                                    | 5919                                     | 7938                                      | 7688                                      | 7282 | 38.85                                    | 37.93                                    | 41.25                                     | 42.01                                     | 40.01 |
| <b>Mean</b>     | 4327                                     | 4588                                     | 5676                                      | 5720                                      |        | 6037                                    | 6280                                     | 7439                                      | 7839                                      |      | 41.65                                    | 42.42                                    | 43.49                                     | 42.08                                     |       |
|                 | V  |  | P   |   | VxP    | V                                       |  | P   |   | VxP  | V  |  | P   |   | VxP   |
| <b>SEm±</b>     | 67.25                                    |  | 134.49                                    |   | 268.98 | 78.21                                   |  | 152.43                                    |   |      | 0.35                                     |  | 0.70                                      |   |       |
| <b>CD at 5%</b> | 203.96                                   |  | 407.91                                    |   | 815.83 | 231.18                                  |  | 462.32                                    |   | NS   | 1.06                                     |  | 2.12                                      |   | NS    |

**Table.3** Cost of cultivation, gross return, net return and B: C ratio

| Treatments   | Cost of Cultivation q/ha | Gross return (Rs.) | Net profits /ha | B:C ratio |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| <b>(a) Variety</b>                                   |                          |                    |                 |           |
| <b>GW 322</b>  | 27935                    | 107775             | 79840           | 2.85      |
| <b>JG 3382</b>                                       | 28435                    | 100075             | 71715           | 2.51      |
| <b>(b) P levels P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha</b> |                          |                    |                 |           |
| <b>0</b>   | 28685                    | 88735              | 62050           | 2.32      |
| <b>30</b>  | 27685                    | 93995              | 66310           | 2.40      |
| <b>60</b>  | 28685                    | 115801             | 87266           | 3.05      |
| <b>90</b>  | 29685                    | 117169             | 87484           | 2.95      |

**Table.4** Response of phosphorus, maximum and optimum phosphorus requirement of wheat

| Equation                      | Yield maxima at X- maxima (Q ha-1) | X- maxima (Kg ha-1) | X- optima (kg ha-1) | Response kg grain/kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| $Y = 48.83 + 3.21x - 0.82x^2$ | 51.092                             | 58.5                | 43.8                | 27.81  |

### Gross and Net Profit

Gross and net profit of wheat varieties under varying level of phosphorus have been given in Table 3. It is evident that gross return Rs. 107775, Net profit 79840 and B:C ratio 2.85 were higher in wheat variety GW 322 while JW 3382 wheat variety gave poor economics as compared to GW 322. Application of 60 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha gave net profit Rs. 87266 / ha and B:C ratio 3.05 which was maximum as compared to others tested levels.

### Phosphorus need of wheat

Regression equation was calculated on the basis of pooled basis which is  $Y = 48.83 + 3.21X - 0.82x^2$  as given in Table 4. Maximum dose of phosphorus was 58.5 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha which gave maximum yield 51.01

q/ha @ 27.81 kg grain /kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> while optimum dose of phosphorus was 43.8 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/ha.

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