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Long Term Effect of Chemical Fertilizer in Rice-Wheat Cropping System under Irrigated Condition of Kymore Satpura Agro Climatic Zone

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ABSTRACT

A long term manurial experiment on chemical fertilizer in rice-wheat cropping system was taken under All India Coordinated Research Project on Farming System Kuthulia Farm Rewa (M.P.) during 1977-78 to 2015-16 to see the changes on soil fertility and productivity of rice-wheat cropping system. The study reveals that application of 120 kg Nitrogen, 80 Kg P₂O₅/ha and 40 kg K₂O/ha maximized the grain yield of rice and wheat without affecting the soil fertility. The grain yield of rice was increased by 32.22% and wheat by 58.18% at 120kg N/ha as compared to lower doses. The response of phosphorus at 80 kg/ha was 18.68 % in rice 29.87 % in wheat. Application of 40 kg K₂O/ha gave 5.54% higher grain yield of rice and 9.46% higher grain yield of wheat as compared to no potash application. The grain yield of rice-wheat cropping system was maximized as 120 kg N/ha 80 kg P₂O₅ /ha and 40 kg k₂O/ha. The net profit was 98.97% higher due to application of 120 kg N/ ha, 35.97 % higher at 80 kg P₂O₅/ha and 12.03 % at 40 kg K₂O/ha as compared to control or lower doses of chemical fertilizer. The chemical property of soil after 38 years rice-wheat crop cycle reveals that available nitrogen status in soil was almost same as initial status. Phosphorus status showed 9.28 % reduction as compared to initial status. The maximum reduction 41.6% was observed in available potash as compared to initial status.

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Introduction

Rice-wheat rotation is the dominant cropping system in India. Approximately, 10.5 million hectare area comes under this cropping system which contributes 25% of total food grain in India. About 33% of India's rice and 42% of wheat is grown in this rotation. Nearly 65% of total fertilizer used in the country is applied to rice and wheat crops alone (Yadav and Kumar, 2009). Rice and wheat are the

important crops of Madhya Pradesh. Both rice and wheat crops grown in a sequence require high quantity of nutrients to obtain real potential yield (Hedge and Pandey, 1989).

Application of inadequate and unbalanced quantity of fertilizer to these crops not only results low crop yield but also deteriorates the soil properties (Sharma *et al.*, 2003). Degradation in soil health has emerged as a major factor responsible for stagnation in agriculture production. The maintenance of

good soil health needs balance fertilization which includes the application of NPK in proper amount and form.

Long-term manurial studies reveal that crop productivity is declining even after applying recommended dose of NPK fertilizers (Yadav and Kumar, 2009). Maurya *et al.*, (2014) reported that application of 120 kg N/ha, 80 kg P₂O₅/ha and 40 kg K₂O/ha gave maximum grain yield, net profit and benefit cost ratio in rice-wheat cropping system. The wheat equivalent yield was also maximum. The response of nitrogen and phosphorus in rice crop was quadratic while in wheat crop it was linear.

The yield of rice crop showed stagnation while wheat crop starts decline. The soil properties after completion of 38 years of rice-wheat crop cycle showed increase in organic carbon, available N and phosphorus while potash status in soil showed reduction as compared to initial soil status.

Materials and Methods

The presented field experiment was taken under, All India Coordinated Research Project on Farming System at Kuthulia Farm of J.N.K.V.V., College of Agriculture Rewa Madhya Pradesh. The present experiment was started in the year 1977-78 and completed in 2015-16. Treatment consisted of three levels of nitrogen i.e. 40, 80 and 120 kg N/ha, three levels of phosphorus i.e. 0, 40 and 80 kg P₂O₅/ha and two level of potash i.e. 0 and 80 kg K₂O/ha in rice and wheat crop. Total 18 treatment combinations were arranged in Randomized Block Design with four replication. The cropping system was rice followed wheat. The same layout plan was used every year in the same field. The test variety was IR-36 in rice and WH-147 in wheat. The rice crop was transplanted in second to third weeks of July while wheat

crop was sown in line in second to third weeks of November during different year (1977 to 2016).

The soil of the experimental field was silty clay loam in texture, neutral in reaction (pH 7.52), medium in organic carbon (0.54%), low in available nitrogen 258 kg/ha, medium in available phosphorus (12.50 kg/ha) and high in available potash (500 kgK₂O/ha). The normal rainfall of the tract is 1140 mm. All the recommended package of practices was adopted in rice and wheat as recommended for irrigated condition. The nitrogen dose was given through urea, phosphorus through single super phosphate and potash through muriate of potash.

Results and Discussion

Effect on rice

The grain yield of rice in response to continuous application of chemical fertilizer (NPK) has been given in Table 1. After perusal of results it is evident that grain yield of rice was maximum at 120 kg N/ha, 80 kg P₂O₅/ha and 40 kg K₂O/ha. The response of nitrogen was linear while response of phosphorus was quadratic.

The grain yield of rice was maximum 49.9 q/ha at maximum tested level i.e. 120 kg N/ha which was 32.22 % higher than lower doses. The response of phosphorus was maximum at 80 kg P₂O₅ but it was at par to 40 kg P₂O₅/ha. The grain yield of rice was increased by 11.52 % at 40 kg P₂O₅/ha and 18.68 % higher at 80 kg P₂O₅/ha as compared to no phosphorus application. Response of potash was only 5.54% as compared to no potash application. The increase in grain yield due to higher doses to NPK through chemical fertilizer was also reported by Yadav and Kumar (2009) and Anonymous (2012).

Table.1 Average grain yield (q/ha) of rice under the effect of continuous application of NPK in rice – wheat cropping system

Treatment	Average of 30 years	Grain yield (q/ha)								
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Mean
Nitrogen levels N (kg/ha)										
N-40	28.64	38.96	41.91	47.00	34.66	39.36	40.34	-	3131	37.77 (00.00)
N- 80	34.32	43.91	49.61	56.00	37.04	53.16	43.26	-	34.47	43.97 (016.41%)
N-120	40.55	51.09	56.75	63.58	41.14	57.33	50.54	-	38.56	49.94 (32.22%)
SEM ±	-	0.60	0.73	0.71	0.91	1.01	0.98	-	0.92	0.83
C.D. (P=0.05)	-	1.69	2.06	2.00	2.57	2.86	2.77	-	2.60	2.35
Phosphorus levels P₂O₅ (kg/ha)										
P-0	29.18	29.18	39.08	50.80	33.99	49.09	42.03	-	33.42	40.35 (0.00)
P-40	34.74	45.55	49.97	55.56	39.06	53.90	43.83	-	34.44	45.00(11.52%)
9P-80	39.59	49.17	53.00	60.22	39.73	56.89	48.18	-	36.35	47.89 (18.68%)
SEM ±	-	0.60	0.73	0.71	0.91	1.01	0.98	-	0.92	0.83
C.D. P=0.05	-	1.69	2.06	2.00	2.57	2.86	2.77	-	2.60	2.35
Potash levels K₂O (kg/ha)										
K-0	33.31	45.77	47.64	54.10	36.52	52.17	43.93	-	33.71	43.09 (0.00)
K-40	35.69	45.77	51.19	56.95	38.67	54.41	45.43	-	35.76	45.48 (05.54%)
SEM ±	-	0.51	0.62	0.50	0.71	0.90	0.85	-	0.75	0.69
C.D. (P=0.05)	-	1.44	1.75	1.41	2.02	2.55	2.40	-	2.12	1.95

Figures in parentheses are percent increase over lower dose

Table.2 Average grain yield of wheat (WH-147 q/ha) under the influence of long – term application of NPK in rice- wheat cropping system

Treatment	Average of 30 years	Grain yield (q/ha)								
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Mean
Nitrogen levels N (kg/ha)										
N-40	14.94	16.46	22.03	28.07	29.12	27.00	22.69	24.04	26.03	23.41 (0.00)
N- 80	21.84	22.72	28.63	32.63	33.26	35.52	32.37	30.61	31.32	29.87 (27.59%)
N-120	30.39	34.61	35.77	40.27	35.32	40.77	39.35	36.78	40.05	37.03 (58.18%)
SEM ±	-	0.50	0.78	0.67	0.68	0.92	1.01	1.10	1.30	0.87
C.D. (P=0.05)	-	1.42	2.21	1.91	1.92	2.60	2.86	3.11	3.68	2.46
Phosphorus levels P₂O₅ (kg/ha)										
P-0	16.16	19.02	26.20	30.02	29.10	29.21	28.28	27.94	29.06	26.11 (00.00)
P-40	21.12	25.02	28.12	34.10	32.50	34.25	31.01	30.45	32.89	29.94 (14.66%)
9P-80	29.81	29.74	32.11	36.85	35.93	36.87	35.05	33.42	35.46	33.91 (29.87%)
SEM ±	-	0.50	0.78	0.67	0.68	0.92	1.01	1.10	1.30	0.87
C.D. (P=0.05)	-	1.42	2.21	1.91	1.92	2.60	2.86	3.11	3.68	2.46
Potash levels K₂O (kg/ha)										
K-0	20.83	23.02	27.62	32.09	31.52	32.61	29.84	28.82	31.37	28.63 (0.00)
K-40	23.96	26.17	30.00	35.22	33.50	34.27	33.05	32.38	33.57	31.34 (09.48%)
SEM ±	-	0.42	0.49	0.53	0.57	0.75	0.90	1.07	1.50	0.53
C.D. (P=0.05)	-	1.21	1.40	1.50	1.61	2.12	2.55	3.03	4.25	1.50

Figures in parentheses are percent increase over lower dose

Table.3 Long term effect of NPK on wheat equivalent yield (q/ha), GMR, NMR and benefit cost ratio in Continuous cropping of rice- wheat

Treatment	Wheat equivalent yield (q/ha)	Cost of cultivation (Rs/ha)	Gross return (Rs/ha)	Net return (Rs/ha)	B:C ratio
Nitrogen levels N (kg/ha)					
N-40	58.91	59480	92194	32714	1.55
N- 80	71.20 (020.86%)	60292	109988	49696 (051.91%)	1.82
N-120	83.97(042.53%)	62006	127100	65094(098.97%)	2.04
SEM ±	-	-	-	-	-
C.D. (P=0.05)	-	-	-	-	-
Phosphorus levels P₂O₅ (kg/ha)					
P-0	64.03	59280	101711	42431	1.71
P-40	72.24(012.82%)	60438	112235	51797 (22.07%)	1.85
P-80	78.92(23.25%)	62080	120047	57967(35.97%)	1.93
SEM ±	-	-	-	-	-
C.D. (P=0.05)	-	-	-	-	-
Potash levels K₂O (kg/ha)					
K-0	69.13	60297	107833	47536	1.78
K-40	74.09(07.17%)	60902	114157	53255(012.03%)	1.87
SEM ±	-	-	-	-	-
C.D. (P=0.05)	-	-	-	-	-

Figures in parentheses are percent increase over lower dose.

Table.4 Change in soil properties over initial status under the influence of continuous application of NPK in rice- wheat cropping system (after 38 years)

Treatment	Soil pH	EC (ds/m)	OC (g/kg)	Available Nutrients (kg/ha)		
Nitrogen levels N (kg/ha)				N	P	K
N-40	7.53	0.51	6.16 (-2.22%)	195 (-24.40%)	11.13 (-10.96%)	292 (-41.60%)
N- 80	7.57	0.50	7.10 (+12.69%)	261 (+1.16%)	11.12 (-11.04%)	292 (-41.60)
N-120	7.48	0.49	7.64 (+21.26%)	273 (+5.81%)	11.34 (-9.28%)	297 (-40.60%)
Phosphorus levels P₂O₅ (kg/ha)						
P-0	7.55	0.48	6.97 (+10.63%)	255 (-1.16%)	9.35 (-25.2%)	292 (-41.60%)
P-40	7.57	0.50	6.92 (+9.84%)	253 (-10.93%)	11.38 (-8.96%)	293 (-41.40%)
P-80	7.53	0.52	7.01 (+11.26%)	256 (-0.77%)	12.86 (+2.88%)	297 (-40.60%)
Potash levels K₂O (kg/ha)						
K-0	7.47	0.52	7.01 (+11.26%)	255 (-1.16)	11.22 (-10.24%)	283 (-43.40%)
K-40	7.52	0.53	6.92 (9.84%)	254 (-1.55%)	11.17 (-10.64%)	304 (-39.20%)
Initial	7.52	0.54	6.30	258	12.50	500

Figures in parentheses are percent increase or decrease over initial status.

Effect on wheat

The grain yield of wheat has been given in Table 2, reveals that grain yield of wheat was affected significantly under continuous application of chemical fertilizer (NPK). On the basis of 38 years of field experimentation it is clear that wheat yield 37.03 q/ha was maximum at 120 kg N/ha. The response of phosphorus was maximum 33.91 q/ha at 80 kg P₂O₅ and response of potash was 31.34 q/ha at 40 kg K₂O/ha. The response of nitrogen at 120 kg/ha was 58.1% higher than lower doses of N. The response of phosphorus was 29.87% at 80 kg P₂O₅ as compared to no phosphorus application. Application of potash @40 kg K₂O/ha gave 9.4 % higher grain yield of wheat as compared to no potash application. The yield of wheat crop showed declined or stagnated after 38 years of field experimentation. It may be due to development of soil sickness in continuous cropping of rice-wheat. Yadav and Kumar (2009), Gupta *et al.*, (2006) and Maurya *et al.*, (2014) were also reported the yield stagnation in wheat due to development of soil sickness under continuous cropping of rice-wheat system.

Effect on wheat equivalent and monetary return

The wheat equivalent yield and monetary gain on pooled basis have been given in Table 3 reveals that wheat equivalent yield 83.97 q/ha was maximum at 120 kg N /ha which was 42.53 % higher as compared to lower tested level of nitrogen. Similar trend in net profit from rice-wheat cropping system was also observed. Response of phosphorus on wheat equivalent yield was maximum 78.92 q/ha at 80 kg P₂O₅ /ha which was 23.25% higher as compared to no phosphorus application. Benefit: cost ratio 1.93 was also maximum with net profit of Rs. 57,967/ha at 80 kg P₂O₅ / ha. Application of Potash increased the what

equivalent yield by 7.17%, net profit by 12.03% at 40 kg K₂O / ha in comparison to no potash application. The chemical fertility sustained the yield in rice-wheat cropping system through increased the availability of nutrients if applied in balanced form was also reported by Yadav and Kumar (2009) and Maurya *et al.* (2014).

Effect on chemical properties of soil

The soil sample from 0 to 15 cm of soil depth were collected and analyzed for PH, electrical conductivity, organic carbon and available NPK after 38 years of field experimentation have been given in Table 4. It is clear from the data that electrical conductivity and soil pH were unaffected due to continuous application of varying levels of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash in rice and wheat crop. Organic carbon status was increased under varying level of phosphorus and potash and higher levels of nitrogen as compared to initial status. Available nitrogen, phosphorus and potash status were decreased under varying level of nitrogen and phosphorus. The major changes in soil fertility under continuous rice-wheat crop cycle was observed in reduction of available potassium status by more than 41% under increasing level of nitrogen and Phosphorus and 39.2% under continuous application of potash 40 kg K₂O / ha in rice and wheat crop each years. The increase in organic carbon and nitrogen in the soil in fertilized plot was due to improved root growth leading to accumulation of more organic residues in rice-wheat cropping system. Such findings were also reported by Yadav and Kumar 2009 and Maurya *et al.*, (2014).

After 38 years of continuous adoption of rice-wheat cropping system and application of NPK in rice and wheat it is concluded that application of balance form of 120 kg N, 80 kg P₂O₅ and 40 kg K₂O/ha, maximized or

stabilized the grain yield of rice- wheat cropping system but soil fertility status was decreased. Major reduction in available potash was observed by 11 to 12% under increasing doses of phosphorus and 39 to 43% under no application of potash.

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