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Effect of Organic Manures and Inorganic Fertilizers on Soybean Yield, Nutrient Content and Uptake

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ABSTRACT

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A field experiment was conducted at research farm of Agricultural Research Institute (ARI), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, Telangana. The experiment was laid out in factorial combination of with and without leaf fall and increasing levels of N along with FYM application in randomized complete block design, each plot measuring 6.1 m x 4.2 m and three replications. ADB-22 (Bhasar) a high yielding variety of soybean was used as the test crop in this experiment. The soil was black clay in texture and moderately alkaline (pH 8.4) in reaction, non-saline in nature (EC 0.16dS m⁻¹) and high in organic carbon content (0.67%). The experiment consisted treatments were viz., 75% RDF, 100% RDF, 75% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹, 100% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹ and in addition absolute control was maintained. The highest grain yield 2318 kg ha⁻¹ was recorded with application of 100% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹ along with leaf fall incorporation. The N content in soybean seeds ranged from 1.74% in control to 2.70% in 100% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹. The highest total N uptake was 113.44 kg ha⁻¹ in 100% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹ with leaf fall incorporation.

Introduction

Soybean is one of the most important oil seed crop in the world. Oil and protein rich soybean has now been recognized all over the world as a potential supplementary source of edible oil and nutrition (Kaul and Das, 1986). The oil of soybean contains 85% unsaturated fatty acid and is cholesterol free. Soybean seeds contain 43.2% protein, 19.5% fat, 20.9% carbohydrate and a good amount of other nutrients like calcium, phosphorus, iron and vitamins (Guptha *et al.*, 2003). In Indian soils, the N is commonly the most limiting plant nutrient and

has very low content because of low organic matter accumulation due to tropical climate. Nutrient availability especially N in the soil depend on organic matter decomposition and mineralization processes. Soil mineralization is influenced by biomass inputs, microbial activities, and different abiotic factors such as micro climatic variations and agricultural practices. Recycling of organic matter from the plants residues is an important source of nitrogen. It is maintained through mineralization and immobilization processes in agro ecosystems. Keeping this in view, a field study was conducted to know the effect

of leaf fall incorporation with different levels of nitrogen on yield and nutrient uptake on soybean.

Materials and Methods

The present study was conducted during *kharif* 2016 at Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) Farm, Hyderabad, Telangana. Soil samples were analyzed for pH, EC, organic carbon, N, P and K by standard procedures (Jackson 1967). The soil was clay in texture and slightly alkaline (pH 8.4) in reaction, non-saline in nature (EC 0.16dS m⁻¹) and high in organic carbon content (0.67%) The available Nitrogen 278 Kg ha⁻¹, Phosphorus 23 Kg ha⁻¹, Potassium 319 Kg ha⁻¹. The experiment was laid out in factorial combination of with and without leaf fall incorporation along with inorganic fertilizers and FYM following randomized complete block design, each plot measuring 6.1 m x 4.1 m and three replications. The experiment consisted Treatments were *viz.* 0, 75% RDF, 100 RDF, 75% RDF + FYM and 100% RDF + FYM and with and without incorporation of leaf fall. In selected treatment plots FYM was applied one week before sowing mixed thoroughly with soil. The fertilizers treatments urea(46% -N), SSP(16%- P₂O₅), MOP (60%-K₂O) were used as source of NPK and recommended dose of fertilizers was 80-60-40 kg ha⁻¹ NPK. The half of the SSP and half of the urea fertilizer were applied as basal dose, remaining urea fertilizer were applied after 30 days of sowing. Bhasar (ADB-22) a high yielding variety of soybean was used as the test crop in this experiment. The experimental field was ploughed with tractor-drawn plough twice and finally with cultivator followed by rotovator to get fine tilth. Later the stubbles were removed and the field was uniformly leveled and layout was implemented for *kharif* soybean. The crop was harvested each plot wise and the yields were expressed in kg ha⁻¹. Plant samples were collected from every individual plot for chemical analysis. Grain and haulm yields

were recorded separately for each plot. Plot-wise grain and haulm samples collected were analysed for nutrient content following standard procedures (Piper, C.S. 1966). The uptakes of nutrients were calculated using the nutrient content and yield of grain and haulm.

Nutrient uptake (kg ha⁻¹)=

Nutrient content (%) × yield (kg ha⁻¹)

100

Results and Discussion

Grain and haulm yield

The data pertaining to effect of fertilizers and manures with and without incorporation of leaf fall on grain and haulm yield of soybean has been presented in Table 1. The highest grain yield was obtained with the application of 100% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₅) (2194 kg ha⁻¹) and it was on par with the application of 75 % RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₄) (2094 kg ha⁻¹) and T₄ treatment is on par with T₃ (100% RDF) (1899 kg ha⁻¹).

T₄ and T₃ were significantly superior to T₂. Fertilizer treatment T₁ produced lowest (1098 kg ha⁻¹) grain yield compared to remaining all other treatments. T₅ and T₄ recorded higher yield as compared to all other treatments. The beneficial effect of FYM was exhibited only when it was applied in conjunction with chemical fertilizers which could be due to synergistic role of FYM in increased the nutrient availability and sustaining the yield over a period of time as compared on their individual application. However the interaction effect of fertilizer treatments and leaf fall has shown inconsistency which resulted in non significant.

Among the treatments the highest haulm yield was obtained with the application of 100%

RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹(T₅) (2852kg ha⁻¹) and it was on par with the application of 75 % RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₄) (2690kg ha⁻¹) and T₄ treatment is on par with T₃ (100% RDF) (2517kg ha⁻¹). T₅ and T₄ recorded higher haulm yield than other treatments. The interaction effect of fertilizer treatments and leaf fall has shown inconsistency which resulted in non significant

From the above results it could be observed that increased yield might be due to rapid mineralization of N from organics which might have met the N requirement of the crop at critical stages. Organics act as nutrient reservoir and upon decomposition produced organic acid, thereby absorbed ions were released slowly during entire growth period leading to higher yield. Similar findings are reported by Mahesh Babu *et al.*, (2008). Vibieliere Mere (2012) reported that application of 125% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹ was recorded higher grain yield due to higher assimilation of nutrients.

Nutrient content (%) and nutrient uptake (kg ha⁻¹) at harvest

It is essential to determine amount of nutrients removed by crop to improve the production efficiency as well as to know the soil fertility status. Amount of uptake of nutrients by crop increased with increased levels of fertilizer application.

Nitrogen content and uptake

It is evident from the data (Table 2) the nitrogen content of Soybean significantly influenced by various treatments. The incorporation of leaf falls as a non significant effect on N content. The maximum N content in grain (2.70%), haulm (1.64%) was recorded with treatment receiving 100% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₅) and was on par with 75% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹ (T₄). Whereas lowest

nitrogen content recorded in T₁. The interaction effect of fertilizer treatments and leaf fall did not influence the N content in grain and haulm at harvest. The increase in N content might be due to enhanced symbiosis fixation (Singh *et al.*, 2016). Nitrogen content was found to increase in direct proportion with the application of increased levels of nitrogen. Similar results are given by Vibieliere Mere (2012), Meshram (2013).

Higher total uptake of nitrogen was recorded with application of 100% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹(T₅) (106.12 kg ha⁻¹) and was on par with 75% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹(T₄) (97.34 kg ha⁻¹) and T₄ on par with treatment receiving 100% RDF (T₃) (86.01 kg ha⁻¹). Lowest nitrogen uptake recorded in T₁ (32.71 kg ha⁻¹). The interaction effect of fertilizer treatments and leaf fall had shown non significant. The increase in the N uptake might be attributed to the increase in number of nodules and thereby increasing the fixation of N by the plant and also due to utilization of carbohydrates for protein synthesis (Vibieliere Mere, 2012).

Phosphorus content and uptake

It is apparent from the data (Table 3) that the phosphorus content of Soybean significantly influenced by various treatments. Higher P content in grain and haulm recorded with treatment involving 100% RDF + 5t ha⁻¹ FYM (T₅) (0.49%, 0.32%, respectively) and was on par with T₄ (75% RDF +5t ha⁻¹ FYM) (0.48%,0.31% in grain and haulm respectively) and T₄ was on par with 100% RDF (T₃) (0.46% and 0.29% in grain and haulm respectively).

However T₃ significantly superior to T₂. Whereas lowest P content recorded in grain and haulm in control. However the interaction effect of leaf fall and treatments was non significant with regard to the P content in grain and haulm.

Table.1 Effect of treatments on grain yield (kg ha⁻¹) and haulm yield (kg ha⁻¹) at harvest of soybean during *kharif* season

Treatments	Grain yield (kg ha ⁻¹)			haulm yield (kg ha ⁻¹)		
	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean
T₁	1092	1104	1098	1312	1321	1317
T₂	1398	1515	1457	2069	2169	2119
T₃	1831	1966	1899	2330	2704	2517
T₄	2033	2156	2095	2617	2763	2690
T₅	2070	2318	2194	2759	2944	2852
Mean	1685	1812		2217	2380	
	SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD	
Leaf fall	43.04	NS		60.64	NS	
Fertilizer Treatments	68.06	203.06		95.87	286.06	
Interaction	96.24	NS		135.58	NS	
CV%	9.54			10.22		

F = F₀= without leaf fall, F₁= with leaf fall. Treatments (T) = T₁= Control, T₂= 75% RDF, T₃= 100% RDF, T₄= 75% RDF+FYM 5t ha⁻¹, T₅= 100% RDF+FYM 5t ha⁻¹

Table.2 Effect of treatments on N content (%) and N uptake (kg ha⁻¹) at harvest of soybean during *kharif* season

Treatments	N content (%)						N uptake (Kg ha ⁻¹)								
	Grain			Haulm			Grain			Haulm			Total		
	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean
T₁	1.69	1.78	1.74	1.00	1.07	1.04	18.45	19.65	19.05	13.12	14.19	13.63	31.57	33.84	32.71
T₂	2.23	2.29	2.26	1.41	1.42	1.42	31.18	34.69	32.93	29.17	30.80	29.99	60.35	65.49	62.92
T₃	2.43	2.55	2.49	1.50	1.57	1.54	44.49	50.13	47.31	34.95	42.45	38.70	79.44	92.58	86.01
T₄	2.55	2.63	2.59	1.56	1.64	1.60	51.84	56.70	54.27	40.83	45.31	43.07	92.67	102.02	97.34
T₅	2.64	2.76	2.70	1.60	1.68	1.64	54.65	63.98	59.31	44.14	49.46	46.80	98.79	113.44	106.12
Mean	2.31	2.40		1.42	1.48		40.12	45.03		32.44	36.43		72.56	81.47	
	SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD	
Leaf Fall	0.03	NS		0.02	NS		1.64	NS		1.32	NS		2.93	NS	
Fertilizer Treatments	0.05	0.16		0.04	0.11		2.58	7.71		2.09	6.24		4.63	13.83	
Interaction	0.08	NS		0.05	NS		3.65	NS		2.96	NS		6.55	NS	
CV%	5.71			6.01			14.85			14.88			14.74		

F = F₀= without leaf fall, F₁= with leaf fall. Treatments (T) = T₁= Control, T₂= 75% RDF, T₃= 100% RDF, T₄= 75% RDF+FYM 5t ha⁻¹, T₅= 100% RDF+FYM 5t ha⁻¹.

Table.3 Effect of treatments on P content (%) and P uptake (kg ha⁻¹) at harvest of soybean during *kharif* season.

Treatments	P content (%)						P uptake (Kg ha ⁻¹)								
	Grain			Haulm			Grain			Haulm			Total		
	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean
T₁	0.33	0.34	0.33	0.16	0.17	0.16	3.60	3.75	3.68	2.10	2.25	2.17	5.70	6.00	5.85
T₂	0.36	0.38	0.37	0.21	0.22	0.22	5.03	5.76	5.39	4.34	4.77	4.56	9.37	10.53	9.95
T₃	0.45	0.47	0.46	0.28	0.30	0.29	8.24	9.24	8.74	6.52	8.11	7.32	14.76	17.35	16.06
T₄	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.30	0.31	0.31	9.56	10.35	9.95	7.85	8.57	8.21	17.41	18.92	18.16
T₅	0.48	0.50	0.49	0.31	0.33	0.32	9.94	11.59	10.76	8.55	9.73	9.13	18.49	21.32	19.89
Mean	0.42	0.43		0.25	0.27		7.27	8.14		5.87	6.68		13.15	14.82	
	SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD	
Leaf fall	0.01	NS		0.00	NS		0.30	NS		0.27	NS		0.56	NS	
Fertilizer Treatments	0.01	0.03		0.01	0.02		0.47	1.40		0.40	1.19		0.88	2.62	
Interaction	0.01	NS		0.01	NS		0.66	NS		0.57	NS		1.24	NS	
CV%	5.05			6.39			14.89			15.56			15.38		

F = F₀= without leaf fall, F₁= with leaf fall treatments (T) = T₁= Control, T₂= 75% RDF, T₃= 100% RDF, T₄= 75% RDF+FYM 5t ha⁻¹, T₅= 100% RDF+FYM 5t ha⁻¹.

Table.4 Effect of treatments on K content (%) and K uptake (kg ha⁻¹) at harvest of soybean during *kharif* season

Treatments	K content (%)						K uptake (Kg ha ⁻¹)						Total		
	Grain			Haulm			Grain			Haulm			F0	F1	Mean
	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean	F ₀	F ₁	Mean
T₁	0.76	0.83	0.80	1.57	1.81	1.69	8.30	9.16	8.73	20.60	23.91	22.25	28.90	33.07	30.98
T₂	0.89	1.05	0.97	1.98	2.07	2.03	12.44	15.91	14.17	40.97	44.90	42.93	53.41	60.81	57.11
T₃	1.13	1.17	1.15	2.17	2.20	2.19	20.69	23.00	21.85	50.56	59.49	55.02	71.25	82.49	76.87
T₄	1.20	1.22	1.21	2.25	2.32	2.28	24.40	26.30	25.35	58.88	64.10	61.49	83.28	90.40	86.84
T₅	1.22	1.23	1.23	2.31	2.34	2.33	25.25	28.51	26.88	63.73	68.89	66.31	88.98	97.40	93.19
Mean	1.04	1.09		2.06	2.15		18.22	20.58		46.95	52.26		65.16	72.83	
	SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD		SE±(m)	CD	
Leaf fall	0.02	NS		0.03	NS		0.75	NS		1.81	NS		2.57	NS	
Fertilizer Treatments	0.03	0.08		0.05	0.15		1.18	3.53		2.87	8.55		4.07	12.13	
Interaction	0.04	NS		0.07	NS		1.67	NS		4.05	NS		5.75	NS	
CV%	6.41			5.85			14.95			14.16			14.46		

F = F₀= without leaf fall, F₁= with leaf fall. Treatments (T) = T₁= Control, T₂= 75% RDF, T₃= 100% RDF, T₄= 75% RDF+FYM 5t ha⁻¹, T₅= 100% RDF+FYM 5t ha⁻¹)

The increase in available P might be due to the organic acids, which were released during microbial decomposition of organic matter which helped in the solubility of native phosphates which resulted in higher P content in grain and haulm. The results are similar to the findings of Morshad *et al*, (2009). Sharma and Misra (1997).

Maximum P uptake by plant recorded with application of 100% RDF +FYM @ 5t ha⁻¹ (T₅) (19.89 kg ha⁻¹) and was on par with T₄ (75% RDF +FYM @ 5t ha⁻¹) (18.16 kg ha⁻¹) and T₄ was on par with 100% RDF (T₃) whereas lowest P uptake by plant recorded in control. However the interaction effect of leaf fall and treatments was non significant.

Potassium content and uptake

The data presented in Table 4 revealed that the potassium content and uptake in grain, haulm and total uptake by plant was not significantly influenced by the incorporation of leaf fall.

Among the treatments, the treatment T₅ recorded higher K content in grain and haulm (1.23%, 2.33% respectively). T₅ on par with T₄ (1.21%, 2.28% in grain and haulm respectively) and T₄ on par with T₃ (1.15%, 2.19% in grain and haulm respectively). Whereas treatment T₅ and T₄ recorded significantly higher K content as compared to the all other treatments in grain and haulm. Lower K content recorded in T₁ (0.80% and 1.69% in grain and haulm respectively). The higher availability of K may be due to beneficial effect of organic manures on the reduction of potassium fixation thereby enhance the content of K in grain and haulm. The results are in conformity with Bulluck *et al.*, (2002). Maximum total K uptake was observed with the application of T₅ (100% RDF + FYM @ 5 t ha⁻¹) (93.19 kg ha⁻¹) and was on par with T₄ (86.84 kg ha⁻¹). T₄ on par with T₃ (). Lower total K uptake by plant

recorded in T₁ (30.98 kg ha⁻¹). Interaction effect of treatments and leaf fall has shown inconsistency which resulted in non significant.

Application of manure and fertilizers increased available N, P₂O₅, and K₂O in Soybean thereby uptake of NPK increased significantly. Similar results also reported by Patel and Chandravanshi (1996), Reddy *et al*, 2003. Najjar *et al.*, (2011) also reported increased uptake of nutrients with their increased application. Sharma and Misra (1997) also observed that the highest uptake of NPK by Soybean produced with the application of 20 kg N ha⁻¹ along with FYM.

It is concluded, in this experiment among all the treatments T₅ and T₄ (100% RDF +FYM @ 5t ha⁻¹, 75% RDF +FYM @ 5t ha⁻¹) shows higher grain, haulm yields and also nutrient content and uptake, it indicates that integrated nutrient management is best over the application of chemical fertilizers alone.

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