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Effect of different fertility level and micronutrients on nodulation and nutrient uptake by chickpea

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Summary

The field experiment was conducted during *Rabi* season 2013-14 to evaluate the effect of different fertility level and micronutrients on nodulation and nutrient uptake of chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.) to fertility levels and micronutrients. Twelve treatments combinations was comprised with three fertility levels -F_1: 40 kg P_2O_5 ha^{-1}, F_2: 60 kg P_2O_5 + 20 kg S ha^{-1} and F_3: 80 kg P_2O_5 + 40 kg S ha^{-1} and four micronutrient levels- M_0: control, M_1: 3 kg Zn ha^{-1}, M_2: 0.3 per cent B spray ha^{-1} and M_3: 3 kg Zn + 0.3 per cent B spray ha^{-1} were laid out in Spilt Plot Design. The maximum growth, yield, nodulation and nutrient uptake were recorded with higher level of fertility application F_3: 80 kg P_2O_5 and 40 kg which was significantly superior over lower level of fertility F_1 and statistically at par with F_2. The minimum response was recorded with the application of lower fertility level F_1 with micronutrient application.

Key words : Chickpea, Fertility level, Micronutrients, Nodulation, Nutrient uptake

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