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Effect of nutrient management on growth attributes, yield and quality of summer green gram (*Vigna radiata* L.)

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Abstract : An present field experiment was carried out to assess the effect of nutrient management on summer green gram (*Vigna radiata* L.) during summer 2020 at Agronomy Research Farm, RCSM College of Agriculture, Kolhapur (MH), India. The soil of experimental field was sandy clay loam textural class, slightly alkaline in reaction (pH 7.43), having electrical conductivity 0.22 dS m⁻¹, bulk density 1.34 mg m⁻³ and low organic carbon content (0.39%), low in available nitrogen (238.29 kg ha⁻¹), high in available phosphorus (30.61 kg ha⁻¹) and medium in available potassium (251.29 kg ha⁻¹). The field experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design (RBD) having eight treatments and three replications. A 30 cm x 10cm spacing and Phule Vaibhav variety was used for seed sowing. The result showed that growth attributes at harvest viz., plant height (66.40 cm), numbers of branches plant⁻¹ (8.20), number of functional leaves plant⁻¹ (29.80), leaf area plant⁻¹ (7.39 dm²) and dry matter accumulation plant⁻¹ (31.70 g) were observed maximum with application of 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ along with biofertilizers seed treatment as compared to other treatment. Also grain yield (15.70 q ha⁻¹), stover yield (33.97 q ha⁻¹), biological yield (49.67 q ha⁻¹) and quality attribute like protein content and protein yield were recorded more with the integrated application of 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ along with biofertilizers seed treatment as compare to other treatments. However, lowest values of growth attributes, yield and protein content were recorded in un manured condition (Control plot).

Key Words : Green gram, Vermicompost, Growth attributes, Yield, Protein

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INTRODUCTION

Pulses are one of the important food crops globally due to higher protein content. Pulses are the edible seeds of plants in the legume family. Summer pulses are very important for improving soil health, providing additional income to farmers and crop diversification in northern states of India. Growing crops like summer green gram can certainly lead to increase in house-hold income of

farmers and help in combating malnutrition and sustaining agricultural production.

Green gram or mung bean (*Vigna radiata* L.) is one of the most ancient and extensively grown leguminous crops of India. It is primarily rainy season crop but with development of early maturing varieties, it has also proved to be an ideal crop for spring and summer seasons. Pulses as a candidate crop, contributes

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immensely towards doubling farmers' income through diminishing cost of production, scaling per unit productivity, efficient marketing networks and successful technology delivery mechanisms by giving emphasis sustainable intensification and crop diversification, climate resilient production technologies backed with strong research outputs in pulses can contribute towards doubling the farmers' income (Singh, 2018). The humble mung bean is a powerhouse of nutrition. It is valued for the protein enriched seed as an important dietary ingredient to overcome protein malnutrition of human beings. India is the highest producer as well as consumer of pulses in the world. Pulses play a vital role in Indian Agriculture. Green gram is a protein rich staple food. It contains about 25 per cent protein, which is almost three times that of cereals.

Integrated use of inorganic sources of nutrient with organic sources of nutrient helps to not only in maintaining higher productivity but also in providing greater stability in crop production. Application of organic amendments may increase supply of macro and micronutrients to plants and could mobilize unavailable nutrients to available forms and as a cumulative effect, nutrient uptake is higher than synthetic fertilizers (Sharma *et al.* 2008). In spite of being widely adapted crop in India, its productivity is very low. Maximum productivity of crop could be achieved with the maximum use of agrochemicals. The impressive gains in food production achieved due to green revolution but due to intensive use of agro-chemicals soil health is being affected. There is now tremendous scope on growers to use integrated nutrient management approach to increase productivity and sustain soil health. Organic amendment offers an alternative or supplementing control tactic to increase production (Meena, 2015).

Organic sources of nutrients like vermicompost are extensively used in various crops. These organic additives can be used to promote the development of beneficial organisms in the soil. Several workers used organic sources of additives to enhance the growth, yield and quality of crops (Meena, 2013; Mujahid and Gupta, 2010).

Keeping all these views in front, a field experiment entitled "Effect of nutrient management on summer green gram", was planned and conducted at the Post Graduate Research Farm, Agronomy Section of Rajarshree Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj College of Agriculture, Kolhapur (M.S.), India, during summer, 2020.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The field experiment was conducted during summer season of 2020 at Agronomy Research Farm, Agronomy Section, RSCM College of Agriculture, Kolhapur (MH). Agro-climatically Kolhapur comes under Sub Mountain Zone of Maharashtra and geographically it is situated on an elevation of 548 meters above the mean sea level on 16° 42' North latitude and 74° 14' East longitude. The soil of the experimental field was sandy clay loam in texture, slightly alkaline in reaction (pH 7.43), having electrical conductivity 0.22 dS m⁻¹ and organic carbon content was (0.39%), low in available nitrogen (238.29 kg ha⁻¹), high in available phosphorus (30.61 kg ha⁻¹) and medium in available potassium (251.29 kg ha⁻¹). The field experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design, consisting eight treatments which was replicated three times. The different nutrient management treatments included in the field experimental study were T₁-Control (un manured), T₂-100% RDF (20:40:00 NPK kg ha⁻¹), T₃-100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹, T₄-100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST), T₅-75% RDF (15:30:00 NPK kg ha⁻¹), T₆-75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹, T₇-75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST), T₈-Vermicompost 5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST). Experimental green gram crop Phule Vaibhav variety sowed at the space of 30 x 10 cm by using 16 kg ha⁻¹ seed rate. The periodical observations of crop growth attributes and yield were recorded after seed emergence w. e. f. 30 DAS on 15 days interval up to harvest and at harvest *viz.*, plant stand, plant height (cm), numbers of branches plant⁻¹, number of functional leaves plant⁻¹, leaf area plant⁻¹ (dm²), dry matter accumulation plant⁻¹(g), grain yield (q ha⁻¹), stover yield (q ha⁻¹), biological yield (q ha⁻¹) and harvest index (%). The protein content in grain of different treatments was also worked out. The experimental data was statistically analyzed by using a standard method of "analysis of variance" as reported by Panse and Sukhatme (1967).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results obtained from the present investigation as well as relevant discussion have been summarized under following heads :

Growth attributes:

The data furnished in Table 1 clearly shows that growth parameters at harvest *viz.*, plant height (66.40

cm), numbers of branches plant⁻¹ (8.20), number of functional leaves plant⁻¹ (29.80), leaf area plant⁻¹ (7.39 dm²) and dry matter accumulation plant⁻¹ (31.70 g) were significantly more with the integrated application of 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ as well as seed treatment with biofertilizer and which was remained on par with application of T₇-75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST), T₃-100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹, T₆-75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ and significantly superior over T₂-100% RDF (20:40:00 NPK kg ha⁻¹), T₈-Vermicompost 5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST), T₅-75% RDF (15:30:00 NPK kg ha⁻¹) and T₁-Control (unmanured). However treatment T₁ (control) was found significantly inferior over the all treatments. Combined application of organic and inorganic source of fertilizer which creates potential source of balanced nutrition

resulted in enhanced growth of summer green gram crop. Similar findings on growth parameters were recorded by Pandey *et al.* (2019), Kumar and Yadav (2018) and Kale (2017). The integrated application of RDF, Vermicompost and biofertilizer increased growth of green gram (Kale, 2017).

Yield:

The different nutrient management treatments greatly influenced the yield of summer green gram. The data furnished in Table 2 indicates that grain yield (15.70 q ha⁻¹), stover yield (33.97 q ha⁻¹), biological yield (49.67 q ha⁻¹), were significantly more with the integrated application of 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ as well as seed treatment with biofertilizer and which was remained on par with application of T₇-75% RDF +

Table 1: Effect of nutrient management treatments on growth attributes of summer green gram

Treatments	Growth attributes				
	Plant height (cm)	Number of branches plant ⁻¹	Number of leaves plant ⁻¹	Leaf area (dm ²)	Dry matter production plant ⁻¹ (g)
T ₁ - Control (un manured)	52.47	6.40	20.13	3.63	23.39
T ₂ - 100% RDF (20:40:00 NPK kg ha ⁻¹)	60.69	7.20	25.27	5.45	28.08
T ₃ - 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha ⁻¹	64.69	7.73	27.73	6.72	30.10
T ₄ - 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha ⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST)	66.40	8.20	29.80	7.39	31.70
T ₅ -75% RDF (15:30:00 NPK kg ha ⁻¹)	58.90	6.93	23.93	4.96	27.12
T ₆ -75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha ⁻¹	63.75	7.60	26.47	6.32	29.24
T ₇ -75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha ⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST)	65.88	8.00	28.87	6.95	30.92
T ₈ - Vermicompost 5 t ha ⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST)	59.68	7.13	24.67	5.14	27.71
S. Em±	1.87	0.31	1.14	0.35	1.14
C. D. at 5%	5.68	0.96	3.47	1.07	3.46
General mean	61.55	7.40	25.85	5.82	28.53

Table 2 : Effect of nutrient management treatments on yield and quality of summer green gram

Treatments	Grain yield (q ha ⁻¹)	Stover yield (q ha ⁻¹)	Biological yield (q ha ⁻¹)	Harvest index (%)	Protein content (%)	Protein yield (kg ha ⁻¹)
T ₁ - Control (un manured)	8.73	24.67	33.40	26.14	20.90	182.89
T ₂ - 100% RDF (20:40:00 NPK kg ha ⁻¹)	13.06	29.43	42.49	30.80	21.44	279.33
T ₃ - 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha ⁻¹	14.76	32.66	47.41	31.12	22.01	325.40
T ₄ - 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha ⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST)	15.70	33.97	49.67	31.61	22.77	357.74
T ₅ -75% RDF (15:30:00 NPK kg ha ⁻¹)	11.95	28.09	40.04	29.88	21.20	253.39
T ₆ -75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha ⁻¹	13.89	31.48	45.37	30.60	21.73	301.47
T ₇ -75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha ⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST)	15.20	33.24	48.44	31.46	22.44	340.59
T ₈ - Vermicompost 5 t ha ⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST)	12.71	28.52	41.24	30.82	21.15	269.76
S. Em±	0.77	1.47	1.49	1.89	0.38	17.83
C. D. at 5%	2.35	4.49	4.54	NS	1.17	17.09
General mean	13.25	30.25	43.50	30.30	21.70	288.82

Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST), T₃-100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹, T₆-75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ and significantly superior over T₂-100% RDF (20:40:00 NPK kg ha⁻¹), T₈-Vermicompost 5 t ha⁻¹+ Biofertilizer (ST), T₅-75% RDF (15:30:00 NPK kg ha⁻¹) and T₁-Control (unmanured). However, lowest yield recorded in control plot (T₁). Due to integrated and balanced dose of nutrients from organic and inorganic source, maximum grain yield, stover yield and biological yield were recorded. Similar results were observed by Singh *et al.* (2019), Pandey *et al.*, (2019) and Tyagi and Singh (2019). Higher availability of both macro and micro nutrient improved root growth which leads to adequate amount of absorption from deeper layer of soil which resulted in highest yield of crop.

Quality attributes (Protein content and protein yield):

The data tabulated in Table 2 clearly shows that protein content in grain reached the level of significance under different nutrient management treatments. The maximum protein content (22.77%) was observed in plot fertilized with 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (T₄) and it was found significantly superior over T₂, T₈, T₅ and T₁ treatments except treatment T₇ [75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST)], T₃ (100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹) and T₆ (75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹), these were found numerically on par with it. However, lowest protein content (20.90%) was observed in unmanured plot (T₁). It might be due to higher absorption of nutrient by crop leading to higher nitrogen content of green gram grains which decides protein content of grain. Dhakal *et al.* (2016) found similar results on protein content. Also the maximum protein yield (357.74 kg ha⁻¹) was observed in plot fertilized with 100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (T₄) due to higher protein content as well as grain yield and it was found significantly superior over T₆, T₂, T₈, T₅ and T₁ treatments except treatment T₇ [75% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹ + Biofertilizer (ST)] and T₃ (100% RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 t ha⁻¹), these were found numerically on par with it. However, lowest protein yield was observed in control treatment (T₁) due to lower nutrient availability, absorption and lower yield.

Conclusion:

Based on above results of the experiment it may be

concluded that for obtaining better growth, yield and quality of plant, application of 75% RDF + Vermicompost @ 2.5 t ha⁻¹ along with seed treatments of biofertilizers is the best nutrient application treatment.

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