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Effect of integrated nutrient management on yield, quality and economics of knolkhol (Brassica oleracea L. cv. GONGYLODES)

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ABSTRACT: An experiment was carried out in the College of Agriculture, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar during Rabi 2012-13. The experiment comprised of 11 treatments replicated three times in a Randomized Block Design. Of the eleven treatments seven comprised of 100 per cent NPK with or without organic nutrient supplements, two treatments with 50 per cent NPK +organic nutrient supplements, one treatment with no nutrients (T, -control), and one treatment with only biofertilizers. The T, which comprised of 100 per cent NPK (@150-38-63 kg NPK ha⁻¹) application along with vermicompost (@ 2.5 t ha⁻¹), biofertilizer @2 kg ha⁻¹ each of Azotobacter, Azospirillum and PSB) recorded significantly higher values for total dry weight per plant (77.8 g), yield (420.0 q ha⁻¹), chlorophyll content (56.96%) TSS (3.1°Brix), ascorbic acid content(55.2 mg/ 100g) and protein content (44.2 g/100g) followed by T_6 . The treatment T_6 had same nutrients as T_7 except, FYM instead of vermicompost. But the T₆ proved to be most economical treatment with a benefit:cost ratio of 2.7.

KEY WORDS: Economics INM, Knolkhol, Quality, Yield

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