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## Effect of organic sources of nutrients on productivity, nutrient contents and uptake of wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.)

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### Abstract

A field experiment was conducted during winter seasons of 2020-21 and 2021-22 at the Research Farm, RVSKVV College of Agriculture, Gwalior (M.P.) to study the effect of organic sources of nutrients on productivity, nutrient contents and uptake of wheat. Amongst the organic sources of nutrients, F<sub>12</sub> (VC 5 t/ha + Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10t/ha) resulted in maximum grain yield (41.82 q/ha) and straw yield (61.70 q/ha). The N, P and K contents in grain and straw were also found in the maximum range. Consequently the total uptake of N, P and K nutrients in grain + straw was 148.78, 24.23 and 125.21 kg/ha, respectively. The second best treatment was Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + VC 5 t/ha + FYM 10 t/ha which recorded total N, P and K uptake 139.77, 21.72 and 120.23 kg/ha, respectively. The third position was attained by Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha. The dual and single applied organic treatments recorded lower yield NPK contents, and their uptake per hectare. In control treatment the total NPK uptake was only 88.22, 11.72 and 68.39 kg/ha, respectively.

**Keywords:** Utilization, nutrients, productivity, wheat organic nutrients

### Introduction

The long-term use of chemical fertilizers is known to degrade physico-chemical and biological properties of soil i.e. soil environment and soil health. Therefore organic manures are the only option for improving the quality and sustain the yield of wheat as well as soil health. There exists wide differences between addition and uptake of such fertilizers by the crops. The general tendency is that the total crop removal of nutrients is never replenished. Wheat is a heavy nutrient feeder and leads to large withdrawal of plant nutrients from soil. Consequently, the danger signals have started coming sooner than expected. Many of our highly productive soils have started showing signs of declining productivity. That is why soil health and sustainable productivity of crops are becoming great threat. Therefore serious attention is being paid to add sufficient amount of different organic sources of nutrients. Among these, FYM, vermicompost are the store-house of plant nutrients which are already in use in different crops. Now-a-days, the cheapest organic growth promoters like Jeewamrit and Panchagavya are also being applied in different crops. However due to lack of relevant information for the gird region, the present research was taken up.

### Materials and Methods

The field experiment was conducted during *rabi* seasons of 2020-21 and 2021-22 at the Research Farm, RVSKVV College of Agriculture, Gwalior (M.P.). The soil of the experimental field was clay loam having pH 7.3 to 7.4, electrical conductivity 0.32 to 0.37 dS m<sup>-1</sup>, organic carbon 4.8 to 5.4 g kg<sup>-1</sup>, available-N 196 to 219 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, available-P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 16.0 to 18.5 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and available-K<sub>2</sub>O 254 to 274 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. The rainfall received during the winter months was 161.2 and 98.6 mm in both the years. The 12 treatments comprised of F<sub>1</sub>= control, F<sub>2</sub>= FYM 10 t/ha, F<sub>3</sub> = Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha, F<sub>4</sub>= Vermicompost 5 t/ha, F<sub>5</sub>= Panchagavya 15 lit./ha, F<sub>6</sub> = Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha, F<sub>7</sub>= VC 5 t/ha + FYM 10 t/ha, F<sub>8</sub> = Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha, F<sub>9</sub> = Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + VC 5 t/ha + FYM 10 t/ha, F<sub>10</sub> = VC 5 t/ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha, F<sub>11</sub>= Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha, and F<sub>12</sub> = VC 5 t/ha + Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha.

The experiment was laid out in randomized block design with three replications. Wheat var. HI-1544 was sown between 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November in both the years @100 kg seed ha<sup>-1</sup> in rows 22.5 cm apart. An uniform dose of N<sub>120</sub> P<sub>60</sub> K<sub>40</sub> was applied through urea, single superphosphate and muriate of potash, respectively in all the treatments. Before sowing, the seeds were first treated with thirum fungicide @3 g kg<sup>-1</sup> seed. Wheat was grown as per recommended package of practices. The crop was harvested on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

## Results and Discussion

### Productivity

The perusal of data in Table 1 reveal that the treatment T<sub>12</sub>

receiving four types of organics (VC 5 t/ha + Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10t/ha) recorded highest grain yield upto 41.82 q/ha and straw yield 61.70 q/ha. This was followed by the treatments receiving three types of organics (F<sub>10</sub>, F<sub>9</sub> and F<sub>11</sub>). The response from combined functions of multi-organics in improving starch and protein contents in grain may be attributed to their significant role in regulating the photosynthesis, root enlargement and better microbial activities and more synthesis of starch and protein as a result of associated metabolism (Singh *et al.*, 2019) [5]. These results are in close conformity with observations made by Yogananda *et al.* (2019) [8], Sutar *et al.* (2018) [6], and Onte *et al.* (2019) [11].

**Table 1:** Productivity and NPK contents of wheat as influenced by organic sources of nutrients

	Treatments	Seed yield (q/ha)	Straw yield (q/ha)	N-Content (%)		P-Content (%)		K-Content (%)	
				Grain	Straw	Grain	Straw	Grain	Straw
F <sub>1</sub>	Control	31.64	50.21	1.86	0.585	0.207	0.103	0.492	1.052
F <sub>2</sub>	FYM 10 t/ha	36.72	53.73	2.06	0.654	0.244	0.110	0.519	1.326
F <sub>3</sub>	Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha	33.61	52.78	2.10	0.600	0.225	0.105	0.511	1.141
F <sub>4</sub>	Vermicompost (VC) 5t/ha	38.06	56.72	2.12	0.674	0.267	0.111	0.535	1.347
F <sub>5</sub>	Panchagavya 15 lit./ha	34.83	53.30	2.11	0.646	0.247	0.108	0.529	1.346
F <sub>6</sub>	Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha	36.69	58.97	2.13	0.670	0.300	0.113	0.547	1.355
F <sub>7</sub>	VC 5 t/ha + FYM 10 t/ha	38.86	58.18	2.17	0.755	0.334	0.119	0.559	1.396
F <sub>8</sub>	Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha	37.65	59.43	2.15	0.692	0.274	0.120	0.555	1.387
F <sub>9</sub>	Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + VC 5 t/ha + FYM 10 t/ha	39.04	61.08	2.20	0.791	0.294	0.128	0.566	1.436
F <sub>10</sub>	VC 5 t/ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha	39.75	60.13	2.25	0.837	0.336	0.139	0.677	1.552
F <sub>11</sub>	Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha	38.74	61.89	2.23	0.817	0.303	0.131	0.569	1.439
F <sub>12</sub>	VC 5 t/ha + Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10t/ha	41.82	61.70	2.28	0.866	0.358	0.150	0.685	1.565
	S.EM±	0.12	0.14	0.06	0.090	0.005	0.007	0.012	0.050
	CD (P=0.05)	0.35	0.40	0.18	NS	0.014	0.019	0.036	0.140

### Nutrient contents in grain and straw

The percentage of N, P and K contents were found higher in wheat grain than in straw, whereas K content was found higher in straw than in grain. This may be due to the fact that seeds acted as a sink for photosynthesis, nitrogen and other nutrients. Amongst the applied organic sources of nutrients, F<sub>12</sub> and then F<sub>10</sub>, F<sub>9</sub> and F<sub>11</sub> resulted in significantly higher N, P and K contents over other treatments. This might be due to stimulation of root growth, increased microbial activities and chlorophyll content of leaves. Consequently plants absorbed multi-nutrients proportionately in higher amounts because the pool of available nutrients was already increased in the soil by supplementing three to four types of organic sources of nutrients.

With the increment in the physico-chemical properties of soil and supply of all the essential nutrients to wheat through all the three or four organics, the availability, acquisition, mobilization of influx into the plant tissues of nutrients increased and thus improved growth and yield components could be achieved. The present results agree with those of

Singh and Bahir (2010) [4], Pradeep Kumar *et al.* (2010) [2], Singh and Anil Kumar (2015) [3], Tyagi and Singh (2019) [7].

### Uptake of nutrients

Application of three to four types of organic sources of nutrients in treatments like F<sub>12</sub>, F<sub>10</sub>, F<sub>9</sub> and then F<sub>11</sub> enhanced the N, P and K uptake by grain and straw significantly. This might be attributed to in accordance with the increased grain and straw yields as well as nutrients contents in grain and straw under these treatments (Table 2). The uptake of N and P was higher in grain than in straw, whereas the K-uptake was higher in straw than in grain. This was due to similar differences in the N, P and K contents in grain and straw. The highly beneficial influence of F<sub>12</sub>, F<sub>10</sub>, F<sub>9</sub> and then F<sub>11</sub> treatments on the plant growth, grain yield and nutrient uptake might be due to its impact on the carbon cycle in plant i.e. higher CO<sub>2</sub> fixation and their efficient translocation towards developing grains. The present results corroborate with those of Singh and Bahir (2010) [4], Singh and Anil Kumar (2015) [3] Tyagi and Singh (2019) [7].

**Table 2:** Nutrients uptake kg/ha of wheat as influenced by organic sources of nutrients

	Treatments	N- Uptake (Kg/ha)			P-Uptake (Kg/ha)			K-Uptake (kg/ha)		
		Grain	Straw	Total	Grain	Straw	Total	Grain	Straw	Total
F <sub>1</sub>	Control	58.85	29.37	88.22	6.55	5.17	11.72	15.57	52.82	68.39
F <sub>2</sub>	FYM 10 t/ha	75.64	35.14	110.78	8.96	5.90	14.86	19.06	71.25	90.31
F <sub>3</sub>	Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha	70.58	31.67	102.25	7.56	5.54	13.10	17.17	60.22	77.39
F <sub>4</sub>	Vermicompost (VC) 5t/ha	80.69	38.23	118.92	10.16	6.30	16.46	20.36	76.40	96.76
F <sub>5</sub>	Panchagavya 15 lit./ha	73.49	34.43	107.92	8.60	5.76	14.36	18.43	71.74	90.17
F <sub>6</sub>	Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha	78.15	39.51	117.66	11.01	6.66	17.67	20.07	79.90	99.97
F <sub>7</sub>	VC 5 t/ha + FYM 10 t/ha	84.33	43.93	128.26	12.98	6.92	19.9	21.72	81.22	102.94
F <sub>8</sub>	Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha	80.95	41.13	122.08	10.32	7.13	17.45	20.90	82.43	103.33
F <sub>9</sub>	Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + VC 5 t/ha + FYM 10 t/ha	85.89	48.31	134.20	11.48	7.82	19.30	22.10	87.71	109.81
F <sub>10</sub>	VC 5 t/ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha	89.44	50.33	139.77	13.36	8.36	21.72	26.91	93.32	120.23
F <sub>11</sub>	Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10 t/ha	86.39	50.56	136.95	11.74	8.11	19.85	22.04	89.06	111.10
F <sub>12</sub>	VC 5 t/ha + Jeewamrit 500 lit./ha + Panchagavya 15 lit./ha + FYM 10t/ha	95.35	53.43	148.78	14.97	9.26	24.23	28.65	96.56	125.21
	S.E.M $\pm$	1.32	0.69	2.01	0.09	0.10	0.19	0.11	1.38	1.49
	CD (P=0.05)	3.82	2.00	5.82	0.25	0.29	0.54	0.31	3.98	4.29

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