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Study on the response of integrated nutrient management on sustainable growth of Tomato

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Abstract

Study on the response of INM on sustainable growth parameter of Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.) was conducted at department of horticulture rajaula farm of MGCGV, Chitrakoot, Satna, (M.P.) during 2019-20 in *rabi* season. The experiment was consisting of 14 treatments with organic manures, biofertilizer and Recommended Dose of Fertilizer (RDF 100:80:80 kg each of N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O ha⁻¹) with three replications was laid out in Randomized block design. The growth attribute parameters viz., plant height (36.7,48.7,67.14), and number of branches (8.59,11.81,17.89), no. of flower cluster per plant (17.8), was recorded highest in the treatment T₂ recommended dose of fertilizers (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O 100:80:80) respectively. Maximum no. Of flower cluster (5.81) per plant was recorded at 60 days after transplanting in recommended dose of fertilizers (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O 100:80:80).

Keywords: organic manure, Bio-fertilizers, N₂, P₂O₅, K₂O, tomato and Growth

Introduction

The cultivated tomato *Solanum lycopersicon* L. It belongs to the family Solanaceae family and has diploid (2n=24). The role of various organic and inorganic source of nutrients in tomato is examined in this brief review article by analysing earlier research and investigations. A fertilizer is any substance which is of natural or synthetic origin, that is applied to soils in order to provide one or more essential plant nutrients and hence addressing plant nutritional deficiencies to improve better plant growth coupled with higher returns in the form of output yield. Synthetic fertilizers have a negative effect that begins with the manufacturing process since they produce hazardous byproducts and toxic gases such as CO₂, CH₄, and NH₄etc., that significantly reduce the air quality and cause alarming environment conditions. Also, application of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides plays crucial role in reaching very high productivity per unit area, but their excess use can lead to issues like environment pollution (air, water and soil pollution). In light of all the aforementioned issues, farmers must manage soil fertility and nutrients in an integrated manner in order to satisfy the demand of expanding population for food in the first decade of the twenty-first century. As a result, nutrient management is a strategy that combines both organic (FYM, compost, green manure, Gobar gas plant manure, oil cake, fish manure, wood ash, sewage, sludge, coir pith, sugar cane press mud, biological sources, biofertilizers) and inorganic (major nutrients and micro nutrients) plant nutrients to achieve maximum crop yield, prevent soil degradation and supports to future food supply needs.

Importance of nutrient application in vegetable

Crops Proper crop growth and development requires sixteen key plant nutrients. Each nutrient has an equal importance and necessary for the plant in proper amounts and these nutrient components are divided into different categories based on their essentialities in plants. There are three types of nutrients like essential (macro) nutrients, secondary vitamins and micronutrients [3]. Nutrients enhances the growth and root development of the soil flora and fauna [4]. Nitrogen (N) plays a vital function in the plant metabolism and hence it is recognised as a key nutrient for growth and development [5]. The primary factor for the yield reduction in global agricultural production system is low phosphorus (P) availability and less availability of phosphorus at all phases of crop growth can minimize yields up to 5-15% [6, 7]. Magnesium is a significant component of cell walls, is pivotal for the process of photosynthesis in the plants. Sulphur (S) is now considered as fourth main nutrient after N,P and K and its significance is being acknowledged due to its significant contribution to crop quality improvement.

Boron (B) is an essential micronutrient crucial for plant growth regulation and is required for the synthesis of cell wall, transport of sugars, the formation of nodules in legumes crops and regulation of carbohydrate metabolism. Zinc (Zn) is regarded as an indispensable component for the plant growth and has been found in a variety of enzymes involved in various biochemical activities.

Impact of Organic manure, bio-fertilizers and INM on Growth Parameters

Meena and Verma ^[21] conducted an experiment on growth and yield of tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.) with different sources of organic manures and bio fertilizers. On the basis of experimental findings, application of Recommended Dose of Fertilizer (100:50:60 N₂, P₂O₅, K₂O kg/ha) resulted into maximum plant height of 117.13 cm and number of primary branches (12.07). Chauhan *et al.* ^[22] carried out an experiment on effect of varieties and INM on growth and productivity of chilli (*Capsicum annum* L.). Significant growth in plant height (71.6 cm) and no. of branches per plant (8.90) were recorded with application of Recommended dose of fertilizer and vermi-compost 2.5 tons/ha. Mengistu *et al.* ^[23] studied the integrated use of excreta-based vermi-compost and inorganic Nitrogen, Phosphorus fertilizer on tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.) fruit yield, quality and soil fertility at Dire Dawa. Results recorded that maximum plant height (75.20cm) and number of main branches (8.90) were obtained with the application of 75% Recommended dose of fertilizer and 11.25 ton/ha vermi-compost. Rani *et al.* ^[24] evaluated the integrated nutrient management practices on growth, yield and economics of green chilli cv. Pusa Jwala (*Capsicum annum* L.). Findings revealed that the combined application of 150 kg nitrogen/ha + 10 t/ha of FYM + 0.5 t/ha of neem cake resulted into maximum plant height (59, 58 cm) and number of branches per plant (23, 23) respectively. Singh *et al.* ^[25] carried out an experiment at research farm of ICAR research complex for NEH Region, Mizoram to study the effect of vermicompost and N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O fertilizer on morpho-physiological traits of plants, yield and quality of tomato fruits (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.). According to the research findings, maximum plant height (96.4cm and 106.5cm) and stem thickness (14.7mm and 16.2mm) was recorded in T₄(N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O 30:15:15 kg/ha and vermicompost 11.25 t/ha) and T₃(N₂, P₂O₅, K₂O 60:30:30 kg/ha and vermicompost 7.50 t/ha) respectively in both the years of study. Narayan *et al.* ^[26] studied the effect of organic manures and inorganic fertilizers on fruit yield of tomato and reported that the combined application of FYM (20 t/ha) and recommended dose of N₂, P₂O₅, K₂O (150:60:60 kg N₂, P₂O₅, K₂O/ha) recorded maximum plant height (47.06 cm).

Materials and Methods

The experiment was carried out during rabi season of 2019-20 of tomato *Solanum lycopersicum* L. cv. Local variety at Department of Horticulture, Rajaula farm, MGCGVV, Satna, Chitrakoot (M.P.), India. This exploration is done in cool season months (October to January). The attribute of treatments is as follows total 14 are T₁ FYM @ 20 t ha⁻¹, T₂ RDF (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O 100:80:80), T₃ SPNF Seed treatment with Bijamrut + soil application of Jivamrut 3 times 1+2 as irrigation water ring at 30 days, T₄ Bio-fertilizer consortium (Azotobacter+Phosphate Solubilizing Bacteria)+Bio enhancer (Panchagavya) Spays at 15 days interval from 20 days + seedling treatment, T₅ 50% FYM+50% RDF (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O 50:40:40), T₆ 50% FYM+ T₄, T₇ RDF (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O 100:80:80) + T₄, T₈ 25% N₂ equivalent from organic source +75% RDF (75:60:60 kg), T₉ 25% Nitrogen from organic source + T₄, T₁₀ 50% N equivalent from organic manures + 50% from chemical fertilizer + T₄, T₁₁ 25% Nitrogen equivalent from organic manures source +75% RDF (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O) + T₄, T₁₂ Zero budget (SPNF)+ T₄, T₁₃ FYM @ 20 t ha⁻¹ + T₄, T₁₄ Farmer practices farm yard manure @ 1 t ha⁻¹+ Urea + DAP (approximate 100:40).

Statistical analysis: The data on growth, components were subjected to Fisher's method of analysis of variance (ANOVA) as outlined by Sundararaj *et al.* (1972) where the 'F' test was significant for comparison of the treatment means, CD values were worked out at 5% probability level.

Results and Discussion

Response of Integrated nutrient management on growth and development characteristic are different treatments of tomato (local cultivars) are available in (Table no. 1).

The maximum plant height (cm) (67.14) 90 days after transplanting was recorded in the treatment T₂ RDF (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O 100:80:80). Whereas the minimum plant height (24.47, 38.40 and 53.80) was recorded in T₁₄: Farmer practices FYM @ 1 t ha⁻¹+ Urea + DAP (approx 100:40).

The maximum number of branches per plant (17.89) 90 days after transplanting was recorded in the treatment T₂ RDF (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O 100:80:80). Whereas the minimum number of branches per plant (12.33) was recorded in Treatment T₁₄+ Urea + DAP (approx 100:40).

The maximum number of flower cluster per plant (17.80) was recorded in the treatment (T₂). Whereas the minimum number of flower cluster per plant (12.23) was recorded in Treatment T₁₄+ DAP (approx 100:40).

The maximum number of flower cluster (5.81) was recorded in the treatment T₂ RDF (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O 100:80:80). Whereas the minimum number of flower cluster (3.09) was recorded in T₁₄: Farmer practices FYM @ 1 t ha⁻¹+ Urea + DAP (approx 100:40).

Table 1: Response of INM on sustainable growth parameter on Plant height (cm), No. of branch, Number of flowers cluster per plant, Number of flowers cluster of tomato (*Solanum lycopersicon* L.). Local cultivar at different intervals during of crop growing period.

S.No.	Treatment No.	Plant height (Cm.)			No. of branch			No. of flowers cluster per plant	NO. of flowers cluster of tomato
		30 DAT	60 DAT	90 DAT	30 DAT	60 DAT	90 DAT		
1	T ₁	35.36	47.04	63.64	7.73	11.07	16.3	16.48	5.24
2	T ₂	36.7	48.77	67.14	8.59	11.81	17.89	17.8	5.81
3	T ₃	31.43	44.57	64.23	8.29	10.43	14.79	15.38	4.82
4	T ₄	28.47	46.42	60.87	7.65	9.58	13.78	15.38	4.42
5	T ₅	25.4	43.64	59.4	6.4	9.31	14.49	14.34	4.51
6	T ₆	28.37	42.75	59.7	7.28	10.38	13.35	13.26	4.49
7	T ₇	30.25	43.12	60.44	6.5	10.32	14.34	15.39	4.31
8	T ₈	35.41	41.38	60.4	6.21	10.72	16.35	14.48	4.42
9	T ₉	35.83	40.35	62.14	7.44	11.43	16.3	13.34	5.31
10	T ₁₀	31.89	43.32	59.42	7.5	11.53	12.54	16.28	5.32
11	T ₁₁	33.68	44.24	59.91	7.6	11.41	14.3	16.22	4.42
12	T ₁₂	34.62	44.46	62.27	7.48	11.51	13.68	14.25	4.83
13	T ₁₃	31.87	43.35	63.6	7.23	11.38	14.29	13.25	4.32
14	T ₁₄	24.47	38.4	53.8	4.97	8.32	12.33	12.23	3.09
	C.D. at5%	0.941	1.596	5.007	0.493	0.488	1.111	0.409	0.308
	S.Ed. (+)	0.457	0.777	2.436	0.24	0.237	0.541	0.199	0.15

Conclusion

In view of experimental results, treatment T₂ RDF (100:80:80), in relation to growth and treatment T₁₁:25% N equivalent from organic manures source +75% RDF (N₂,P₂O₅,K₂O) + Bio-inoculants emerged as excellent result all other treatments, in relation to yield. and attributes of tomato under Bundel Khand agro-climatic condition.

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Conflict of Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

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