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Review of Various Sources of Nutrient Management on Maize (*Zea mays*) under Maize and Mungbean (*Vigna radiata L.*) Intercropping System

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ABSTRACT: Experiment was conducted at Research Farm of Kisan (P.G.) College, Simbhaoli (Ghaziabad) during kharif seasons of 2020 and 2021. Fifteen treatment combinations consisting three cropping system viz. maize sole cropping, mung sole cropping and intercropping of maize and mung and five nutrient sources i.e. recommended doses of NPK (RDF). RDF + Farm Yard Marwure (FYM) 6t/h. RDF + Azospirillum" / Rhizobium. RDF + Phosphorus solubilizing bacteria and RDF- Farm Yard Manure (PYM)a Sub + Azospirillum Rhizobium + PSB were used in factorial RBD in four replications. Application of organic and biofertilisers over NPK increased the yield attributing characters and yield of maize. Highest yield attributing characters of maize was recorded with NPK+FYM A+P which ultimately resulted higher yield 29.67 and 32.22 q/ha during 2020 and 2021 respectively.

I. INTRODUCTION

Maize production in our country rose 9.80 million tones (with the target of 11.5 million tones) which was pretty close to target of 2.5 million tones. Maize with mung is more prominent intercropping prevails in major part of rainfed area of India. The success of the green revolution was the result of the introduction of high yielding varieties clubbed with better management practices adopted for higher productivity in the cereal crops. Now-a-days maize is also assuming importance in changing crop productivity, being a drought and disease resistant type with high grain number/cob. To increase the productivity under Indian conditions, efforts are being made to evolve high yielding, fertilizer responsive and non-lodging varieties. With this, the replenishment of soil nutrients began to involve extensive use of inorganic nitrogenous fertilizers, which are costly and are agents for water and air pollution too. Biofertilizers are coming as a better alternative to inorganic fertilizers. It is not the bacteria alone but the use of fungi, algae and fern is



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also getting predominance in increasing the productivity of different crops. For cereals, the use of nitrogen fixing bacteria such as Azospirillum also reported significant increase in grain yield of maize under field condition due to Azospirillum inoculation Only meager attempts have been made so far on the studies of maize and mungbean in pure and intercrop. Considering above fact the present study was undertaken to find out suitable source of nutrient management under sole as well as intercropping of maize and mung.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experiment was conducted at Research Farm of Kisan (P.G.) College, Simbhaoli (Ghaziabad) during kharif seasons of 2020 and 2021. The latitude and longitude of the farm's location are 29°46' North and 772° 59' East, respectively. Elevation from mean sea level is 227.9 meters. Standard methods were used for soil analysis. Soil of experimental was loam in texture having pH 7.3, organic carbon 0.35%, available N 185.0 kg/ha, available P205 20.8 kg/ha and available K20 127.20 kg/ha. Fifteen treatment combinations consisting three cropping system viz. maize sole cropping, mung sole cropping and intercropping of maize and mung and five nutrient sources i.e. Recommended doses of NPK (RDF), RDF + Farm Yard Manure (FYM)@ 6t/h, RDF + Rhizobium**, RDF + Phosphorus solubilizing bacteria and RDF+ Farm Yard Manure (FYM)@ 6t/h + Azospirillum*/ Rhizobium+ PSB were used in factorial RBD in four replications. The crops were sown during last week of June to first week of July during both the year of experimentations. As per recommendation 120 kg N, 60 kg P205 and 40 kg K20 per hectare was used for maize and 16 kg N and 40 kg P205 was used for mung. Maize crop was sown at 60 cm row spacing while mung was sown at 40 cm. Varieties Kisan composite and Pusa Vaishali were used for maize and mung, respectively. Others standard package of practices were used for growing of both the crops.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Yield attributes

Data presented in table l, revealed that all the treatments significantly influenced all yield attributing characters except on grain wt per cob during both the years. Intercropping of maize mung bean recorded significantly higher yield attributing characters but it did not influence the grain wt. per cob (g) during both the years. Combined application of all the three sources of nutrients (FYM + Azospirillum + phosphorus solubilizing (bacteria) along with `recommended dose of NPR recorded highest number of yield attributing characters which was significantly higher than recommended dose of fertilisers. Application of FYM. Azospirillum and PSB alone or in combination influenced the yield attributing characters significantly. This may be because of creating better nutritional environment for plant growth.



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Table 1: Number of grains per cob, grain weight per cob and 1000 grain weight of maize as influenced by cropping and nutrient sources during 2020 and 2021

Treatment	Number of		Lenght of		Diameter of		Number of		Grain weight		1000 Grain	
	cobs per plant		cob		cob (cm)		grains per cob		per cob (g)		weight (cm)	
Cropping systems												
Sole	1.20	1.20	21.70	22.72	5.40	6.20	362.7	394.8	52.00	52.70	223.0	227.9
Intercropping	1.20	1.23	21.94	22.95	5.67	6.40	380.7	414.3	52.16	54.61	230.8	235.2
(Maize+Mung)												
SEm ±	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	5.55	6.45	0.47	0.55	0.40	0.43
CD5%	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.02	11.34	13.2	NS	NS	0.87	0.88
Nutreint sources												
NPK	1.12	1.17	20.50	21.60	4.86	5.55	335.4	363.9	51.24	52.11	222.6	227.4
+FYM(F)	1.16	1.21	22.04	23.12	5.19	5.90	389.7	424.4	53.69	55.51	228.4	233.8
+Azospirillum (A	1.19	1.23	22.68	23.70	5.42	6.37	372.6	406.4	52.10	53.51	226.7	232.0
+PSB (P)	1.22	1.26	22.45	23.41	5.97	6.64	349.7	377.9	51.46	52.56	225.4	230.7
+F+A+P	1.26	1.32	24.11	25.01	7.27	7.14	410.1	439.9	55.26	55.12	229.0	235.3
SEm±	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.02	8.70	10.15	0.75	0.87	0.69	0.66
CD5%	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.03	0.03	18.90	21.87	1.59	1.86	1.44	1.49



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 $Table \ 2: Grain\ , stover\ and\ biological\ yield\ and\ harvest\ index\ of\ maize\ as\ influenced\ by\ cropping\ and\ nutrient\ sources\ during\ 2020\ and\ 2021$

Treatment	Grain yield (q/h)		Stover yield (q/h)		Biologic	al	Harvest index					
					Yield (q/	h)						
Cropping systems												
Sole	25.48	28.77	64.48	64.01	89.76	95.64	29.48	30.35				
Intercropping (Maize+Mung)	26.61	29.11	64.67	63.21	90.28	96.11	29.60	29.50				
SEm ±	0.47	0.49	1.17	1.08	1.64	1.62	0.04	0.04				
CD5%	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	0.07	0.08				
Nutreint sources												
NPK	24.30	26.62	60.77	60.73	85.90	91.80	29.50	30.36				
+FYM(F)	26.31	28.80	63.97	64.74	89.28	95.12	29.65	30.52				
+Azospirillum (A)	25.21	28.59	63.77	64.14	88.87	94.73	29.57	30.44				
+PSB (P)	25.95	28.43	63.22	61.78	88.17	94.02	29.61	29.59				
+F+A+P	28.67	30.27	70.22	67.69	97.89	103.70	29.56	3.42				
SEm±	0.76	0.79	1.80	1.70	2.58	2.57	0.06	0.08				
CD5%	1.50	1.55	3.80	3.54	5.30	5.29	NS	NS				



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IV. CONCLUSION

Perusal of data given in table 2 revealed that intercropping of maize mung bean did not influence the grain yield, stover yield and biological yield of maize during both the years. Harvest index was significantly influenced by intercropping during both the years. Nutrient sources significantly influenced the grain yield of maize but harvest index was not influenced by the nutrient management during both the years of experimentations. Recommended dose of fertilisers along with FYM+PSB+ Azospirillum recorded significantly highest grain yield, stover yield, biological yield and harvest index of maize over NPK i.e. RDF during both the .4years. Supplementation of RDF through organic and biological source of nutrition increases the yield of maize during both the years. Individual application of nutrient source over RDF increases the grain yield of maize but the difference was not significant. This may be attributed due to provide better nutrition to the crops resulted higher yield attributes and ultimately yield of maize.

On the basis of above study it has been observed that growing of maize with mung as inter-crop is more suitable than sole cropping Supplementation of RD suitable than sole cropping. Supplementation of RDF though FYM, PSB, Azospirillum alone or in combination was found more beneficial. Combined application of RDF+FYM+Azospirillum +PSB recorded higher yield and can be recommended for maize and mung intercrop cultivation.

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