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Impact of NPK, macronutrients and micronutrients on growth and yield parameters of chilli (*Capsicum annum L.*) Pusa Jwala

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Abstract

The present investigation during autumn winter season 2022-2023 with the aim of to study the effect of NPK and micronutrients on growth of chilli, to study the effect of NPK and micronutrients on fruit yield of chilli, to study about cost benefit ratio. The experiment was laid out in RBD considering nine treatments with three replications. Different combination of treatment T₁ Control (NPK), T₂ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha), T₃ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha) + Calcium (30 kg/ha), T₄ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), T₅ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Iron (12 kg/ha), T₆ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), T₇ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), T₈ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), T₉ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha). The results showed that application 50% flowering (41.00), no. of primary branches/plant (4.00), no. of secondary branches/plant (7.5), plant height (85.003), Leaves/plant (109.00), leaf area/plant (115.00), Fruit length (9.250), fruit circumference (14.753), pedicle length (3.50), Average fruit weight (45.00), no. of fruit/plant (124.00), total yield/plant (0.400), benefit cost ratio (1.58) was observed with the treatment T₉ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha).

Keywords: Chilli, NPK, micronutrient, macronutrient, growth and yield parameters

Introduction

Chilli is one of the most important vegetable crops grown almost throughout the country. It belongs to family Solanaceae with chromosome number 2n=24. It is grown for exports as well as for domestic market. Chilli is native to India but it is originated from 'South America' and this was brought to Asia by Portuguese at the end of 15th century. In India subcontinent, chillies are produced throughout the year two crops are produced in *Kharif* and *Rabi* season in the country. Chilli grow best at 20-30 °C and yield suffer when temperatures exceed 30 °C or drops below 15 °C for extended period. The crop can be grown over a wide range of altitudes from sea level upto nearly 2100 meter. In India green chilli is growing in an area of 411 thousand ha with production of 4363 thousand MT and dried chillies (spice) grown an area of 702 thousand ha with production of 2049 thousand MT (Anony., 2020-2021) [2]. Himachal Pradesh, the acreage under chilli and bell pepper is 2072 ha with annual production of 34,132 metric tonnes. Predominantly popular for its green pungent fruits. Pungency is due to the presence of active principal capsaicin (Gokul *et al.*, 2020) [6]. It is an excellent source of Vitamin A, B, C, E and P (Quresh *et al.*, 2015) [10]. It is also a good source of 'oleoresin', which permits better distribution of colour and flavour in foods (Chattopadhyay *et al.*, 2011) [3]. The extensive use of biofertilizers in crop production is the breakthrough as a pollution free low-cost input technology during recent years. Hence biofertilizers and different levels of NPK are the important components of integrated nutrient management. Vegetable inoculated with vesicular arbuscular mycorrhizal (VAM) fungi showed considerable increase in the growth and yield, because of improved uptake of phosphorus and other mineral nutrients particularly in phosphorus deficient soil. However, information on synergistic effect of various biofertilizers is lacking.

Materials and Methods

The present investigation entitled “Impact of NPK, macronutrients and micronutrients on growth and yield parameters of chilli (*Capsicum annum* L.) Pusa Jwala, under Agro climatic conditions of Kanpur” was conducted in the Agriculture Research Farm of Rama University, Mandhana, Kanpur. The experiment was laid out in RBD considering nine treatments with three replications. Different combination of treatment T₁ Control (NPK), T₂ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha), T₃ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha) + Calcium (30 kg/ha), T₄ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), T₅ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Iron (12 kg/ha), T₆ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), T₇ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), T₈ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), T₉ NPK (100:40:40 kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha). The healthy plant of ‘Pusa Jawala’ was brought out from Pusa New Delhi and distance between row to row is 60cm and plant to plant 45cm distance with the help of khurpi on 9th oct on 2022-2023 for investigation. After planting we gave light irrigation. Observations were recorded on thirteen characters viz., days to 50% flowering, primary branches per plant, secondary branches per plant, plant height, Leaves/plant, leaf area/plant, Fruit length, fruit circumference, pedicle length, Average fruit weight, no. of fruit/plant, total yield/plant, benefit cost ratio.

Result and Discussion

The results obtained from the investigation described in the proceeding chapter attempts have been made to collaborate the findings reported by the present investigations with those of various worker in the past.

The minimum 50% flowering 41 days were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 43 days were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the maximum 50% flowering 57 days were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of K. Sha, and P. Karuppaiah (2012) [7].

The maximum No. of primary branches 4.00 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 3.80 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum No. of primary branches 2.44 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of Altaf *et al.* (2019) [1], Gokul *et al.* (2020) [6], Aslam *et al.* (2022) [12], Chauhan *et al.* (2023) [4].

The maximum No. of secondary branches 7.500 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 7.200 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum No. of secondary branches 4.767 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of Chauhan *et al.* (2023) [4].

The maximum plant height 5.003 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 81.000 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum plant height 63.180 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the

findings of Chowdhury *et al.* (2020) [5], Chauhan *et al.* (2023) [4].

The Significantly maximum numbers of leaves/Plant 109.000 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 104.000 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum numbers of leaves/plant 87.299 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of K. Sha, and P. Karuppaiah (2012) [7], Aslam *et al.* (2022) [12]. The Significantly maximum leaf area/plant 115.000 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 108.000 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum leaf area/plant 86.299 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of Gangadhar *et al.* (2019) [8], Ali *et al.* (2020) [11].

The maximum fruit length 9.250 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 8.897 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum fruit length 6.593 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of Aslam *et al.* (2022) [12] and Chauhan *et al.* (2023) [4].

The maximum fruit circumference 14.753 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 13.900 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum fruit circumference 7.987 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of Chowdhury *et al.* (2020) [5].

The maximum pedicle length 3.500 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 3.303 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum pedicle length 2.270 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of Aslam *et al.* (2022) [12].

The maximum average fruit weight 4.5.003 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 42.003 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum average fruit weight 28.550 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of Muhammad *et al.* (2022) [13].

The maximum no. of fruit/plant 45.003 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 42.003 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum no. of fruit/plant 28.550 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of Chowdhury *et al.* (2020) [5], Chauhan *et al.* (2023) [4].

The maximum total fruit yield/plant 0.400 were recorded in T₉ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha), followed by 0.390 were recorded T₆ (NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha), whereas the minimum total fruit yield/plant 0.283 were recorded with control. This result is corroborated with the findings of Chauhan *et al.* (2023) [4].

The benefit cost ratio recorded significant result with the application different treatment. The highest amount of benefit cost ratio was fetched from the treatment T₃ (1.92) which was significantly superior over all other treatments

except treatment T₄ (1.91). The lowest amount of benefit cost ratio was fetched from the treatment T₉ (1.58). Altaf *et al.* (2019)^[1], Kurubetta *et al.* (2020)^[9]

Table 1.1: Impact of NPK, macronutrients and micronutrients on growth and yield parameters of Chilli (*Capsicum annum L.*)

| S. No. | Days to 50% flowering | Primary branches per plant | Secondary branches per plant | Plant height | No. of leaves/plant | Leaf area/plant | Fruit length | Fruit circumference | Pedice length | Average fruit weight | No. of fruit/plant | Total fruit yield/plant | Cast benefit ratio |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| T ₁ | 57.08 | 2.44 | 4.767 | 63.180 | 87.299 | 86.299 | 6.593 | 7.987 | 2.270 | 28.550 | 116.163 | 0.283 | 1.75 |
| T ₂ | 53.00 | 2.50 | 5.503 | 65.000 | 89.000 | 89.000 | 6.800 | 8.000 | 2.680 | 30.000 | 112.000 | 0.293 | 1.82 |
| T ₃ | 51.00 | 2.90 | 6.097 | 68.000 | 95.000 | 95.000 | 7.503 | 9.800 | 2.750 | 33.003 | 114.000 | 0.320 | 1.92 |
| T ₄ | 49.00 | 2.70 | 6.500 | 71.997 | 95.000 | 95.000 | 7.800 | 10.920 | 2.800 | 36.000 | 115.000 | 0.350 | 1.91 |
| T ₅ | 53.00 | 3.00 | 5.700 | 63.000 | 92.000 | 92.000 | 7.000 | 8.800 | 2.700 | 31.000 | 113.000 | 0.297 | 1.83 |
| T ₆ | 43.00 | 3.80 | 7.200 | 81.000 | 104.000 | 108.000 | 8.897 | 13.900 | 3.303 | 42.003 | 119.997 | 0.390 | 1.88 |
| T ₇ | 45.00 | 3.50 | 7.000 | 77.997 | 101.000 | 101.000 | 8.500 | 12.797 | 3.100 | 40.000 | 117.000 | 0.373 | 1.90 |
| T ₈ | 47.00 | 3.20 | 6.800 | 75.003 | 99.000 | 99.000 | 8.100 | 11.500 | 2.900 | 38.000 | 116.000 | 0.363 | 1.66 |
| T ₉ | 41.00 | 4.00 | 7.500 | 85.003 | 109.000 | 115.000 | 9.250 | 14.753 | 3.500 | 45.003 | 124.000 | 0.400 | 1.58 |
| C.D. | 6.00 | 4.53 | 0.858 | 8.162 | 11.244 | 11.313 | 0.903 | 1.222 | 0.448 | 4.118 | 1.225 | 0.043 | 0.216 |
| SEm (±) | 1.98 | 1.50 | 0.284 | 2.699 | 3.719 | 3.741 | 0.299 | 0.404 | 0.148 | 1.362 | 4.442 | 0.014 | 0.071 |

Conclusion

Based on the results obtained from the present investigation, it is conducted that the highest growth and yield parameters viz., 50% flowering (41.00), no. of primary branches/plant (4.00), no. of secondary branches/plant (7.5), plant height (85.003), Leaves/plant (109.00), leaf area/plant (115.00), Fruit length (9.250), fruit circumference (14.753), pedicle length (3.50), Average fruit weight (45.00), no. of fruit/plant (124.00), total yield/plant (0.400), benefit cost ratio (1.58) was observed with the treatment T₉ NPK (100:40:40) kg/ha + Calcium (30 kg/ha) + Sulphur (60 kg/ha) + Iron (12 kg/ha). So, we can suggest to farmers for use of NPK, with micronutrients and macronutrients in production of chilli.

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