

## Effect of Organic manure and Phosphorus Fertilizers on Growth, Yield and Quality of Lentil Plants in Sandy Soil

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**Abstract:** Two field experiments were carried out during the two winter seasons of 2003/ 2004 and 2004/2005 at the Experimental Farm of the National Research Centre at Nubariato study the effect of organic manure at 0,10 and 20 m<sup>3</sup>/ fed. And four phosphorus levels of 0,30,45 and 60 Kg P 2O<sub>5</sub>/ fed. on growth, yield and quality of lentil grown in sandy soil. Results indicated that plant height, number of branches/ plant, number of pods/plant,1000 seed weight, seed yield/plant, seed yield/fed and straw yield ton/fed. were significantly affected by organic manure application. Increasing rates of applied organic manure from 0 to 20 m<sup>3</sup> /fed markedly increased all studded characters. Results also show that plots received 20m<sup>3</sup> /fed gave the highest values of protein, P,K,% and Fe, Mn and Zn in(ppm) respectively compared to the control. Increasing phosphorus levels from 0 to 60 kg/fed increased plant height, number of branches/ plant number of pods /plant,1000 seed Weight, seed yield/plant, seed yield/fed and straw yield/fed of lentil plant. Phosphorus levels caused increased in protein, P, K,( %) and Fe, Mn and Zn in (ppm) contents in seeds of lentil plant. 60 kg P<sub>2</sub> O<sub>5</sub> /fed gave the highest levels of protein, P, K, Fe, Mn and Zn contents in seeds compared with 0,30 and 45 kg /fed

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### INTRODUCTION

Lentil (*lens culinaris*, medic ) is one of the most important leguminous crop grown in Egypt Seeds contain 28.6% protein, 63.1% carbohydrate, 3.1% ash, 0.45% phosphorus, 1.16 % potassium, 10.0% magnesium and 0.07% calcium, since lentil plants grow do well in sandy soils which are valuable for future expansion, great attention should be taken with respect to nutritional status of these soil. early experiments showed that seed and straw yields of lentil were significantly increased with increasing phosphorus up to 10, 20 and 30 ppm P 2O<sub>5</sub> on low, medium and high phosphorus respectively the critical level of available phosphorus for lentil was 15 kg /ha. Singh *et al.*,<sup>[19]</sup> On sandy soils, El-Awady *et al.*,<sup>[8]</sup> revealed that phosphorus addition at 0,30,45 and 60 kg significantly increased seed and straw yields / fed as well as seed protein content. Recently Krishnar and Ahlawat<sup>[13]</sup> concluded that application of 17.2 kg/ha P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> markedly increased number of pods / plant, seed number/pod and seed yield /ha also Okaz *et al.*,<sup>[16]</sup> showed that phosphorous application induced significant increases in seed and straw yields, yield components they also found that seed contents of K were significantly increased by K application. Akhter *et al.*, found that Applying of 15, 30 and 45 kg / ha each of N and K indifferent combinations increased yield and protein contents of lentil seeds.

The use of farm- yard manures and other forms of organic matter can also change plant-available micronutrients by changing both physical and biological characteristics of the soil. In many circumstances these changes improve soil physical structure and water holding capacity, resulting in more extensive root development and chemical soil micro flora and enhanced soil micro flora soil and fauna activity all of which can affect available micronutrients levels in soil to plant<sup>[22,23]</sup> farmyard manures have been shown to improve the solubility and up take of P from sparingly soluble P compounds in soil and enhance the utilization of P from for fertilizers, Organic compounds released during the decomposition of manures increase the availability of P from soil or fertilizers<sup>[10,18]</sup> found that supply of P fertilizers along with cattle manure under a wheat- soybean cropping system over 5 years greatly improved wheat and soybean yield. indicated that phosphorus levels caused increase in protein, P, K, Fe, Mn and Zn contents in seeds of lentil plant. 60 kg P<sub>2</sub> O<sub>5</sub> /fed gave the highest levels of protein, P, K, Fe, Mn and Zn contents in seeds compared with 0,30 and 45 kg /fed. Mosali *et al.*,<sup>[14]</sup> The most essential function of P is storage and transfer of energy in the form of adenosine triphosphate (ATP), a deosinediphosphate (ADP) and it is also important structural component of nucleic acids, coenzymes, phospholipids and nucleotides.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were carried out during the two winter seasons at 2003/ 2004 and 2004/2005 at the Experimental Farm of the National Research Centre at Nubariato study the effect of organic manure and phosphorus fertilizers on lentil growth, yield and quality. The experiments included 12 treatments which were the combinations of three levels of organic manure, i. e. o, 10 and 20 m<sup>2</sup> / fed and four levels of phosphorus, i.e.o, 30, 45 and 60 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/fed. Phosphorus as calcium super phosphate 15.5% P<sub>2</sub> O<sub>5</sub> were added at one dose at sowing to all plots except control, and 30 Kg N as (nitrate ammonium sulphate (21.6%N) and 24Kg K<sub>2</sub>O as sulphate potassium 48%/fed. were added at 30 days after sowing to all treatments. Chemical analysis of the experimental soil and organic manure are shown in Table (1).

**Table 1:** Analysis of the experimental soil and organic manure used. According to Jackson, (1971) :

Property	Soil	Organic manure
Coarse Sand%	58.62	
Fine Sand	34.97	
Silt%	3.88	
Clay %	2.53	
Texture	Sandy	
Organic matter %	0.8	32.86
pH	7.58	6.83
Ecmhos/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.3	
Ca Co <sub>3</sub> %	2.3	
Available N. ppm	9.1	850
Available P ppm	2.23	395
Available K ppm	53.9	853

Seeds of lentil Variety Giza 9 were inoculated prior planting with pure culture of specific rhizobia and sown at the rate of 50 kg/ fed. The plot size was 10.5 m<sup>2</sup> which contained 15 rows, 20 cm apart and 3.5 long. Randomized complete block design in factorial arrangement with four replication was used. Nitrogen fertilizer was added after 15 days after sowing to all plots at the level of 30 kg/fed as ammonium sulphate (20.6% N)

**Chemical Analysis:** Seed content of N P K was determined as follows N % was determined by improved Kjeldahl methods of A.O.A.C.,<sup>[1]</sup> P was determined according A. O.A.C.<sup>[2]</sup> and K% was determined by using Flam photometer. Seed protein was calculated by multiplying (N%) by 6.25. Fe, Mn and Zn contents in seeds were estimated by using atomic absorption spectrophotometer. All data were statistically analyzed according to Snedecor and Cochran<sup>[20]</sup>. The combined analysis was conducted, for all data of the two seasons according to<sup>[21]</sup> The least significant differences (LSD) were used to compare between means.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

**Effect of Organic Manure:** Data presented in Table (2) indicated that plant height, number of branches/ plant, number of pods/plant, 1000 seed weight, seed yield/plant, seed yield/fed and straw yield ton/fed. Were significantly affected by organic manure application. Increasing rates of applied organic manure from 0 to 20 m<sup>3</sup> /fed markedly increased all studied characters. Results show that plots received 20m<sup>3</sup> /fed gave the highest values which gave (32,8,72,15,79,54 and 70 %) increase in plant height, number of branches, plant, number of pods/ plant, 1000 seed weight, seed yield plant, seed yield/fed and straw yield compared with control respectively. The stimulating influence of organic amendments on lentil grown in sandy soils might be attributed to the improved microbial activity in soil which probably improves the availability of the nutrient<sup>[6,9,10]</sup> shown that soil microbial biomass is increased by added manure and the greater effectiveness of the organic manure may be attributed to higher rates of decomposability and mineralization of organic matter and increasing total organic C and total N which improved nutrient uptake<sup>[24]</sup> found that 100- grain weight, grain yield/plant and biological yield/fed of wheat increased by added organic manure.

Results in Table (3) indicated that organic manure had a significant effects on protein, P, K, Fe, Mn and Zn contents in seeds of lentil plants. Results indicated that increasing rate of organic manure from 0 to 20 m<sup>3</sup>/fed markedly increased nutrient contents in seeds. Plots received 20m<sup>3</sup> organic manure/ fed gave 14,24,29,50, and 96 % higher than control in protein, P, K, % and Fe, Mn and Zn in ppm respectively. This increase may be due to farmyard manure containing potassium, magnesium and phosphate in an inorganic form also, the reduction in some traits of lentil seeds in plots received zero organic manure (control) may be due to the leaching of the nutrients with the mass flow of water deep in the soil, nutrients can be lost from the rooting zone, especially in sandy soils. these results are in agreement with<sup>[22,23,24,25]</sup>.

**Effect of Phosphorus:** Data presented in Table (4) revealed that increasing phosphorus levels from 0 to 60 kg/fed increased plant height, number of branches/ plant number of pods /plant, 1000 seed weight, seed yield/plant, seed yield/fed and straw yield/fed of lentil plant, where phosphorus is an essential element for photosynthesis, root development and seed formation as well as nitrogen uptake. Data show that plots received 60 kg P<sub>2</sub> O<sub>5</sub> /fed exceeded control plots by 24, 69, 77, 14, 97, 44 and 14% respectively in plant height, number of branches, number of pods /plant, 1000 seed

**Table 2:** Growth and yield of lentil plant as affected by organic manure (means of tow seasons) :

Organic Manurem 3/fed	Plant Height (cm)	Numberof branches/plant	Numberof pods/plant	1000 Seed weight (g)	Seed Yield Plant (g)	Seed yield /fed (Ardab)	Straw(Yield /Fed (ton)
0	27.2	2.5	12.4	26.09	0.339	1.91	0.88
10	31.6	4.0	14.7	29.12	0.508	2.06	1.23
20	36.0	4.5	21.4	30.10	0.603	2.98	1.50
LSD(0.05)	3.4	0.4	1.3	1.20	0.087	0.38	0.29

**Table 3:** Effect of organic manure on protrin,P,K Fe,Mn and Zn in seeds of lentil plant( means of two seasons)

Organicmanurem3/fed	Protein (%)	P (%)	K (%)	Fe Mg/100g	Mn Mg/100g	Zn Mg/100g
0	24.2	0.272	1.3	8.50	2.23	3.28
10	26.9	0.335	1.58	11.70	3.35	5.38
20	27.6	0.338	1.68	12.83	3.63	6.43
LSD(0.05)	1.9	0.031	0.18	2.27	0.03	2.07

**Table 4:** Effect of phosphorus levels on growth andyieldof lentil plant (means of two seasons)

P Kg /fed	Plant Height (cm)	No of branches Plant	Number of podsPlant	1000 seed Weight (g)	Seed yield Plant	Seed yield fed/(ardab)	Straw yield Ton/fed
0	29.1	2.3	14.7	25.4	0.257	2.1	0.77
30	31.94	2.7	17.8	27.49	0.378	2.45	1.33
45	32.9	3.6	24.0	28.59	0.472	3.11	1.44
60	3.9	26.0	29.01	29.01	0.508	3.04	1.86
LSD(0.05)	1.4	0.5	3.9	1.06	0.10	0.43	0.19

**Table 5:** Effect of phosphorusrates on protein, P,K,Fe,Mn and Zn in seeds of lentil plant (means of two seasons)

P Levels Kg/fed	Protein (%)	P (%)	K (%)	Fe (mg/100g)	Mn (mg/100g)	Zn (mg/100g)
0	24.9	0.27	1.2	8.23	2.25	3.38
30	26.7	0.32	1.4	11.63	3.38	6.63
45	27.8	0.32	1.5	12.38	3.53	3.75
60	27.9	0.38	1.7	12.63	3.73	5.65
LSD	0.7	0.03	0.15	1.51	1.04	2.30

**Table 6:** Effect of interaction between phosphorus and organic manure on growth,yield and nutrient content of lentil seeds (means of two seasons)

Organic m <sup>3</sup> /fedd	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> / kg fed	Number of branches/plant	Number of pods/ plant	Seed yield Ardab/fed	K (%)	Fe (mg./100 g)
0	0	2.0	10.6	1.12	1.18	6.33
	30	3.0	15.0	1.93	1.37	8.00
	45	3.6	19.5	2.02	1.52	8.00
	60	4.1	19.7	2.43	1.60	10.67
10	0	3.0	10.3	1.36	1.34	7.00
	30	3.4	14.5	2.05	1.40	8.00
	45	3.5	12.4	2.20	1.46	10.33
	60	4.1	14.1	2.25	1.48	12.33
20	0	3.3	9	1.28	1.42	7.17
	30	3.5		2.11	1.48	8.50
	45	3.7	15.0.0	2.22	1.46	9.44
	60	4.6	19.9	2.69	1.53	11.78
LSD(0.05)		0.5	4.0	0.23	0.14	1.49

weight, seed yield /plant, seed yield /fed and straw yield /fed. The increase in seed yield by application of 60 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> / fed might be associated with high number of pods /plant, 1000 seed weight and seed yield /plant similar results were reported by<sup>[15,19,3]</sup> found that phosphorus fertilization at 50 kg /P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha increased seed yield as compared with control. Batten<sup>[5]</sup> reported that net CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation, N concentration, and Chlorophyll content decreased when wheat leaf P concentration falls below a critical level. Chandra<sup>[7]</sup> reported that increasing phosphorus fertilization increased seed yield<sup>[17]</sup> pointed out that increased phosphorus levels from 0, 20, 40 and 60 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha significantly increased pods / plant, seed yield / plant, seed yield and straw yield /ha,<sup>[8]</sup> revealed that phosphorus addition at 60 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> / fed significantly increased seed and straw yields /fed. The positive response of lentil plants to phosphorus fertilization may be due to (1) the meristemic activity caused by P application (2) phosphorus caused an increase in the amounts of metabolites by plants as dry matter weight of different parts of the plant become great (3) phosphorus caused an increase in number of flowers and fruit setting percentage/plant<sup>[14]</sup>.

Table (5) indicated that phosphorus levels caused increase in protein, P, K, Fe, Mn and Zn contents in seeds of lentil plant. 60 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /fed gave the highest levels of protein, P, K, Fe, Mn and Zn contents in seeds compared with 0, 30 and 45 kg /fed. These increase might be due to that phosphorus might have improved and developed good root system of lentil plants and the capacity of root to absorb more N, P and K accordingly their contents increased by phosphorus application. These results agreed with those obtained by<sup>[16,5]</sup>.

**Interaction:** Data reported in Table (5) shows that number of branches/ plant, number of pods/ plant, seed yield/ fed, K% and Fe content in seeds of lentil plant were significantly affected by the interaction between organic manure and phosphorus levels. Data shows that the highest values of number of branches/ plant, number of pods/ plant and seed yield ardaab / fed. Were significant obtained when lentil plant fertilized with 60 Kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 20 m<sup>3</sup> / fed. Organic manure. While, 60 Kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> / fed. with zero organic manure gave the highest values of K% in seeds also, the highest values of Fe in seeds were obtained when lentil fertilized by 60Kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/fed. and 20m<sup>3</sup> organic manure/fed.

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