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Effect on Yield and Benefit Cost Ratio of Green gram at Different Phosphorus Levels and Frequency of Boron Levels

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ABSTRACT

Keywords

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Accepted: 17 May 2017 Available Online: 10 June 2017 A field experiment was conducted during Zaid season, 2015 at the Crop Research Farm, Department of Agronomy, SHIATS, Allahabad (U.P.) to concluded the response of different phosphorus levels and frequency of boron levels on growth and yield of summer Greengram (*Vigna radiata* L.) in Randomized Block Design with twelve treatments replicated thrice. Among the different phosphorus levels and frequency of boron levels under in treatment T11 *i.e.*, N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + 0.2% foliar spray of borax at 35DAS (pre-flowering) recorded maximum grain yield (1.62 t ha⁻¹), straw yield (2.85 t ha⁻¹), protein content (24.56%) and harvest index (36.15%), whereas the lowest value 0.99 t ha⁻¹, 2.06 t ha⁻¹, 20.36 % and 32.58 % respectively) in the treatment T1 *i.e.*, N1 (20:40:20 NPK). The highest gross return (78795.00 ha⁻¹), net return (57222.00 ha⁻¹) and benefit cost ratio (2.65) were registered in treatment T11 *i.e.*, N3 (20:60:20NPK) + 0.2% foliar spray of borax at 35DAS (pre-flowering). Whereas the lowest value (48925.50 ha⁻¹), (30075.50 ha-1) and (1.59) respectively in the treatment T1 *i.e.* N1 (20:40:20 NPK).

Introduction

Pulses are the main source of protein particularly for vegetarian and contribute about 14 per cent of the total protein of per average Indian diet. The availability in pulses dwindling fast from 35.0 g/capita per day in 2005 as against the minimum requirement of 84 g per day per capita prescribed by ICMR, which is causing malnutrition among the growing people (Anonymous, 2005-06). Pulse production is very low and become challenging problem against the requirement of increasing

population of our country. It has the capacity to fix atmospheric nitrogen. It's one of the important kharif pulse crops of India which can be grown as catch crop between rabi and kharif -seasons. India alone accounts for 65% of its world acreage and 54% of the total production. It is grown on about 3.50 mha in the country mainly in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Orissa and Bihar. Mung bean is an excellent source of protein (25%) with high quality of lysine (460 mg/g) and tryptophan (60 mg/g). The total area

under pulses is 23.63 mha with an annual production of 14.76 M tonnes in the country. In India green gram occupies 3.4 million hectare area and contributes to 1.4 million tonnes in pulse production (Anonymous, 2010-11). Mung bean contributes 14% in total pulse area and 7% in total pulse production in India. The low productivity of mung bean may be due to nutritional deficiency in soil and imbalanced external fertilization (Awomi et al., 2012). It is mostly grown under dry land farming system where erratic rains often fetch the crop under moisture stress (Malik et al., 2006). Nitrogen requirement of pulse crops is very low than other crops because nitrogen needed only for establishment of plant after that plants fulfill their requirement symbiotic through nitrogen Phosphorus is an important plant nutrient for greengram. Indian soils are poor to medium in available phosphorus. Only about 30 per cent of the applied phosphorus is available for crops and remaining part converted into insoluble phosphorus (Sharma and Khurana, 1997). As the concentration of available P in the soil solution is normally insufficient to support plant growth, continual the replacement of soluble P from inorganic and organic sources is necessary to meet the P requirements of crop (Tisdale et al., 2010).

Additional application of P is Increase nodule formation which increases nitrogen fixation and finally productivity of greengram (Prasad *et al.*, 2014). Nitrogen and phosphorus alone or in combination play a remarkable role in increasing yield and improving the quality of mung bean. Phosphorus deficiency can limit nodulation by legumes and P fertilizer application can overcome the deficiency (Carsky *et al.*, 2001). Efficiency of P fertilizer throughout the world is around 10-25% (Isherword, 1998). Among the various factors responsible for maximizing the yield of greengram, phosphorus levels and frequency of boron levels is most important. It is

essential that greengram should not suffer due to inadequate mineral especially phosphorus. It is necessary to use them economically in combination with phosphorus and boron, as greengram shows high response to high phosphorus levels and frequency of boron levels.

Materials and Methods

Field experiment was conducted during Zaid season 2015 at Crop Research Farm, Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (Deemed-to-be-University) Allahabad. The experimental site is located at 250 57 N latitude, 870 19 E longitude and at an altitude of above mean sea level. The soil of the experimental area was sandy loam with moderately alkaline pH; low in organic carbon (0.32%) and available N (188.30 kg ha⁻¹), available P (34.50 kg ha⁻¹) and available K (87.00 kg ha⁻¹) during zaid 2015 respectively. Α recommended greengram variety (SAMRAT) was chosen for the study. The experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design (RBD) with two different levels of phosphorus [20:50:20 kg ha⁻¹, 20:60:20 kg ha⁻¹ (P3)] and frequency levels of boron [no application, 20 and 35 DAS, 0.2% foliar spray of borax] with twelve treatments combination on a plot size of 3 x 3 m². Before sowing, line were formed in the field as the spacing in treatments. Mungbean was sown in line and covered with the soil. Mungbean seeds were hand dibbled. The total quantity of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium as per treatment in the form of Urea (46%), single super phosphate (16%) and MOP (60%) respectively were applied below the seeds at the time of sowing and 0.2% solution of borax was prepared and sprayed at 20 and 35 DAS. All the agronomic practices were carried out uniformly to raised the crop. For taking data on yield and yield components on mungbean five plants were selected randomly in each plot.

Economics analysis

Cost of cultivation, gross return, net return and benefit cost ratio was worked out to evaluate the economics of each treatment, based on the existing market prices of inputs and output.

Cost of Cultivation (ha⁻¹)

The cost of cultivation for each treatment was work out separately, taking into consideration all the cultural practices followed and costs of inputs used in the cultivation.

Gross return (ha⁻¹)

The gross return from each treatment was calculated

Gross return (ha⁻¹) = Income from grain + income from stover

Net return (ha⁻¹)

The net profit from each treatment was calculated separately, by using the following formula

Net return = Gross return (ha^{-1}) - Cost of cultivation (ha^{-1})

Benefit cost ratio

The benefit cost ratio was calculated using the following formula

Gross return (ha⁻¹)

Benefit cost ratio =

Total cost of cultivation (ha⁻¹)

Results and Discussion

Grain yield

Grain yield differed significantly due to boron application. The highest grain yield (2.85 t ha⁻¹) was found in T11 N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + 35

DAS (0.2% foliar spray of boron) application (Table 1). Boron application significantly increased the seed yield Mondal *et al.*, (2003). Boron has significant effect on seed yield. Highest seed yield (2.85 t ha⁻¹) was found in T11 N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + 35 DAS (0.2% foliar spray of boron) application. The minimum yield was found with no boron application that is T1 N1 (20:40:20 NPK) alone. These results are almost similar to Saha *et al.*, (1996) and Yakardi *et al.*, (2002).

Biological yield

Foliar spray of boron showed that, there is non-significant effect among the treatments on biological yield of mungbean. Highest biological yield (2.85 t ha⁻¹) was found with T11 N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + 35 DAS (0.2% foliar spray of boron) application. Increase in biological yield may be due to foliar spray of boron, which significantly enhances straw and grain yield in mungbean. Boron showed significantly maximum biological yield (2.06 t ha⁻¹) with no application of boron that is T1 N1 (20:40:20) alone. These results are in line with Luikham *et al.*, (2005), Kaisher *et al.*, (2010) and Rathour *et al.*, (2015).

Economics of treatment

Observations regarding the response of different levels of phosphorus and frequency of boron levels on economics of greengram are given in table 1 to 4.

Cost of cultivation

Maximum cost of cultivation (22962.00 ha⁻¹) was recorded in treatment T12 *i.e.*, N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + 20 and 35DAS (0.2% foliar spray of borax), whereas the lowest value (18850.00 ha⁻¹) was observed in treatment T1 *i.e.*, N1 (20:40:20 NPK). According to Ali *et al.*, (2002) and Suman *et al.*, (2007) production value are increased the application of NPK.

Gross return

Maximum gross return (78795.00 ha⁻¹) was recorded in treatment T11 *i.e.*, N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, which was the lowest value (48925.00 ha⁻¹) was observed in treatment T1 *i.e.*, N1 (20:40:20 NPK). Gupta *et al.*, (2007), Narendra *et al.*, (2009) and Rathi *et al.*, (2009) also observed similar finding. Net return

Maximum net return (57222.00 ha⁻¹) was recorded in treatment T11 i.e. N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, whereas the lowest value (30075.50 ha⁻¹) was observed in treatment T1 i.e., N1 (20:40:20 NPK). The results are in conformity with those of, Giller and Cadisch (1995), Ganeshamurthy et al., (2005) and Dixit and Elamathi (2007). Benefit cost ratio: Maximum benefit cost ratio (2:65) was recorded in treatment T11 i.e. N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, whereas the lowest value 1:59 was observed in treatment T1 *i.e.* N1 (20:40:20 NPK). The results are in conformity with those of Hussain *et al.*, (1996) and Jena *et al.*, (2009). The probable reason for increase in economics of treatment T11 *i.e.*, N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, due to high level of P + 0.2% foliar spray of borax at 35DAS (pre flowering) through application of SSP and borax recorded higher net returns, B:C ratio, protein content, N and P uptake and available phosphorus in soil in field pea than that of DAP and AMF are in the findings of Singh *et al.*, (2005).

Soil fertility status

Observations regarding the response of different levels of phosphorus and frequency of boron levels on soil fertility status after harvest of greengram are given in table 5. A perusal of the table reveals that there was a steady increase in the soil fertility status after harvesting of greengram.

Table.1 Cost of cultivation	n (for Agro practice	es) of per common cost of
Cultivation	n fixed cost of all t	reatment

	SI. No.	Particulars	Unit	Qty.	Rate/Unit(₹)	Cost(₹ ha ⁻¹)
A.		Land preparation				
	1	Ploughing	Hours	3 hr	300	900.00
	2	Disc harrowing	Hours	3hr	250	750.00
	3	Leveling	Hours	4hr	200	800.00
	4	Lay out of the field	Labour	8	100	800.00
В.		Seed sowing				
	1	Seed	Rate	20 kg ha ⁻¹	150	3000.00
	2	Sowing	Labour	4	100	400.00
C.		Fertilizer				
	1	Urea	Charges	47 kg ha ⁻¹	10	470.00
	2	MOP	Charges	34 kg ha ⁻¹	20	680.00
D.		Irrigation				
	1	Irrigation	Number	3	800	2400.00
	2	Labour	Charges	6	100	600.00
Ε.		Harvesting				
	1	Harvesting	Labour	15	100	1500.00
	2	Threshing	Labour	8	100	800.00
	3	Winnowing	Labour	6	100	600.00
F.		Depreciation				
G.		Reatal value of land	Months	3	750	2250.00
H.		Supervision charges	Months	3	300	900.00
				Total cost of cultivation(₹ha ⁻¹)		16850.00

Table.2 Variable cost and cost of cultivation on each treatment

	Treatments	Fixed cost (₹ ha ⁻¹)	Cost of SSP (₹ha ⁻¹)	Cost of boron (₹ ha ⁻¹)	Variable cost (₹ ha ⁻¹)	Total cost (₹ ha ⁻¹)
T_1	N ₁ (20:40:20 NPK)	16850.00	2000.00	-	2000.00	18850.00
T_2	N ₂ (20:40:20 NPK)+20 DAS (0.2% FsB)	16850.00	2000.00	1389.00	3389.00	20239.00
T_3	N ₁ (20:40:20 NPK)+35DAS (0.2% FsB)	16850.00	2000.00	1389.00	3389.00	20239.00
T_4	N ₁ (20:40:20NPK)+20&35D AS(0.2% FsB)	16850.00	2000.00	2778.00	4778.00	21628.00
T_5	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)	16850.00	2500.00	-	2500.00	19350.00
T_6	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)+20 DAS (0.2% FsB)	16850.00	2500.00	1389.00	3889.00	20739.00
T_7	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)+35 DAS (0.2% FsB)	16850.00	2500.00	1389.00	3889.00	20739.00
T_8	N ₂ (20:50:20NPK)+20&35D AS(0.2% FsB)	16850.00	2500.00	2778.00	5278.00	22128.00
T_9	N ₃ (20:60:20 NPK)	16850.00	3334.00	-	3334.00	20184.00
T_{10}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+20DAS (0.2% FsB)	16850.00	3334.00	1389.00	4723.00	21573.00
T ₁₁	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+35DAS (0.2% FsB)	16850.00	3334.00	1389.00	4723.00	21573.00
T_{12}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+20&35D AS(0.2% FsB)	16850.00	3334.00	2778.00	6112.00	22962.00
	Urea= 10₹ kg ⁻¹ , SSP=8₹ kg ⁻¹ , MOP= 20₹kg ⁻¹ ,Boron= 50₹ 100 g ⁻¹					

FsB –Foliar spray of Boron

Table.3 Mean grain yield and straw yield grain and straw return and gross return

	Treatments	Yield (t ha ⁻¹)		Return (₹ ha ⁻¹)		Gross return (₹ ha ⁻¹)
		Grain yield	Straw yield	Grain	Straw	
T_1	N ₁ (20:40:20 NPK)	0.99	2.06	45816.00	3109.50	48925.50
T_2	N ₂ (20:40:20 NPK)+20 DAS (0.2% FsB)	1.12	2.28	51566.00	3429.00	54995.00
T_3	N ₁ (20:40:20 NPK)+35DAS (0.2% FsB)	1.22	2.33	56120.00	3499.50	59619.50
T_4	N ₁ (20:40:20NPK)+20&35DAS(0.2% FsB)	1.28	2.38	58880.00	3579.00	62459.00
T_5	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)	1.22	2.33	56120.00	3499.50	59619.50
T_6	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)+20 DAS (0.2% FsB)	1.34	2.46	61778.00	3699.00	65477.00
T_7	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)+35 DAS (0.2% FsB)	1.36	2.67	62836.00	4009.50	66845.50
T_8	N ₂ (20:50:20NPK)+20&35DAS(0.2% FsB)	1.33	2.67	61180.00	4009.50	65189.50
T_9	N ₃ (20:60:20 NPK)	1.24	2.43	57316.00	3645.00	60961.00
T_{10}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+20DAS (0.2% FsB)	1.35	2.48	62238.00	3729.00	65967.00
T_{11}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+35DAS (0.2% FsB)	1.62	2.85	74520.00	4275.00	78795.00
T_{12}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+20&35DAS(0.2% FsB)	1.40	2.69	64400.00	4039.50	68439.50
	Sale rate of grain= 46₹ kg ⁻¹					

FsB –Foliar spray of Boron

Table.4 Total cost of cultivation (₹ ha⁻¹) gross return (₹ ha⁻¹) net return (₹ ha⁻¹) and benefit cost ratio

	Treatments	Cost of cultivation (₹ ha ⁻¹)	Gross return (₹ ha ⁻¹)	Net return (₹ ha ⁻¹)	Benefit cost ratio
T_1	N ₁ (20:40:20 NPK)	18850.00	48925.50	30075.50	1.59
T_2	N ₂ (20:40:20 NPK)+20 DAS (0.2% FsB)	20239.00	54995.00	34756.00	1.71
T_3	N ₁ (20:40:20 NPK)+35DAS (0.2% FsB)	20239.00	59619.50	39380.50	1.94
T_4	N ₁ (20:40:20NPK)+20&35DAS(0.2% FsB)	21628.00	62459.00	40831.00	1.88
T_5	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)	19350.00	59619.50	40269.00	2.08
T_6	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)+20 DAS (0.2% FsB)	20739.00	65477.00	44738.00	2.15
T_7	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)+35 DAS (0.2% FsB)	20739.00	66845.50	46106.50	2.22
T_8	N ₂ (20:50:20NPK)+20&35DAS(0.2% FsB)	22128.00	65189.50	43061.50	1.94
T_9	N ₃ (20:60:20 NPK)	20184.00	60961.00	40777.00	2.08
T_{10}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+20DAS (0.2% FsB)	21573.00	65967.00	44394.00	2.08
T_{11}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+35DAS (0.2% FsB)	21573.00	78795.00	57222.00	2.65
T_{12}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+20&35DAS(0.2% FsB)	22962.00	68439.50	45477.50	1.98

FsB -Foliar spray of Boron

Table.5 Effect of phosphorus levels and frequency of Boron levels on Soil fertility status after harvest of Green gram

	Treatments		Soil			
		pН	parameters	N (kg ha ⁻¹)	P (kg ha ⁻¹)	(kg ha ⁻¹)
		•	OC (%)	,	, 3	, ,
T_1	N ₁ (20:40:20 NPK)	8.06	0.57	313.20	25.82	190.24
T_2	N ₂ (20:40:20 NPK)+20 DAS (0.2% FsB)	8.16	0.64	318.70	26.44	211.04
T_3	N ₁ (20:40:20 NPK)+35DAS (0.2% FsB)	8.33	0.64	323.24	25.94	216.47
T_4	N ₁ (20:40:20NPK)+20&35DAS(0.2% FsB)	8.26	0.61	319.24	25.93	213.31
T_5	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)	8.20	0.66	324.76	31.56	224.29
T_6	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)+20 DAS (0.2% FsB)	8.26	0.63	325.89	31.88	229.15
T_7	N ₂ (20:50:20 NPK)+35 DAS (0.2% FsB)	8.36	0.66	327.09	32.42	223.67
T_8	N ₂ (20:50:20NPK)+20&35DAS(0.2% FsB)	8.10	0.61	325.73	31.92	220.72
T_9	N ₃ (20:60:20 NPK)	8.30	0.65	325.99	34.88	217.72
T_{10}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+20DAS (0.2% FsB)	8.40	0.67	324.06	34.72	223.08
T_{11}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+35DAS (0.2% FsB)	8.40	0.68	329.48	36.04	224.36
T_{12}	N ₃ (20:60:20NPK)+20&35DAS(0.2% FsB)	8.20	0.65	324.71	35.24	218.13

FsB –Foliar spray of Boron

 P_2O_5

Maximum available P2O5 (36.04kg ha⁻¹) was obtained by the application of T11 *i.e.* N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, whereas the lowest value 25.82 kg ha⁻¹ was observed in treatments T1 *i.e.* N1 (20:40:20 NPK).

Maximum available N (329.48 kg ha⁻¹) was obtained by the application of T11 *i.e.* N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, the lowest value 313.20 kg ha⁻¹ was observed in treatments T1 *i.e.* N1 (20:40:20 NPK).

K_2O

Maximum available K_2O (224.36 kg ha⁻¹) was obtained by the application of T11 *i.e.* N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, whereas the lowest value 190.24 kg ha⁻¹ was observed in treatments T1 *i.e.* N1 (20:40:20 NPK).

OC (%)

Maximum Organic carbon (0.68%) was obtained by the application of T11 *i.e.* N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, whereas the lowest value 0.58 % in T1 *i.e.* N1 (20:40:20 NPK).

pН

Maximum pH 8.4 was obtained by the application of T11 *i.e.* N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, whereas the lowest value 8.0 was observed in treatments T1 *i.e.* N1 (20:40:20 NPK).

Probable reason for increase in soil fertility status after harvest of T11 i.e. N3 (20:60:20 NPK) + (0.2% foliar spray of borax) at 35 DAS, due to soil improved the nutritional status, soil physico-chemical properties and soil microbial population which resulted in increased availability of these elements and SSP provided the phosphorus with Ca and sulphur, resulted into their higher uptake by the crop. Uptake of N, P and K is a function of the content of these elements in seed and straw and their respective yields. Thus increase in content of these elements in seeds and straw and significant increase in yields have been resulted due to increased uptake of N, P, and K by the crop. It has also improved the soil physical conditions which in turn improved the nutrient uptake and hence content increased. Similar results were also reposted by Basak and Subodh (2002), Hemalatha et al., (2002) and Kumar et al., (2002).

Phosphorus application might have resulted in root proliferation and increased density of root nodules, which in turn resulted in higher microbial activities in the root and hence better availability of N and P to plant occurred. This increased uptake of nutrient manifested in increased growth. Similar finding was reported by Trivedi (1996), Singh and Tripathi (2005), Havarasi *et al.*, (2007), and Singh *et al.*, (2012).

Among the different phosphorus levels and frequency of boron levels under in treatment T11 i.e., N3 (20:60:20NPK) + 0.2% foliar spray of borax at 35DAS (pre-flowering) recorded maximum grain yield (1.62 t ha⁻¹) and straw yield (2.85 t ha⁻¹), whereas the lowest value (0.99 t ha⁻¹ and 2.06 t ha⁻¹ respectively) in the treatment T1 i.e., N1 (20:40:20 NPK). The highest gross return (78795.00 ha⁻¹), net return (57222.00 ha⁻¹) and benefit cost ratio (2.65) were registered in treatment T11 i.e., N3 (20:60:20NPK) + 0.2% foliar spray of borax at 35DAS (preflowering). Whereas the lowest value (48925.50 ha⁻¹), (30075.50 ha⁻¹) and (1.59) respectively in the treatment T1 i.e., N1 (20:40:20 NPK).

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