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Bioefficacy of Nova *Nutri Boost* for Yield and Yield Components in Paddy (*Oryza sativa* L.)

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ABSTRACT

An investigation was carried out during *kharif*, 2018 in rice crop by application of *Nutri Boost* an amino powered yield booster at different stages of crop growth to mode of action and appropriate time of application in Telangana. The experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design (RBD) with five treatments and control i.e. T₁: control, T₂: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 DAT, T₃: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 45 DAT, T₄: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 70 DAT, T₅: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 and 45 DAT, T₆: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 and 45 and 70 DAT. Experiment revealed that application of T₆ (2.5 ml/l *Nutri Boost* @ 20, 45 and 70 DAT) and T₅ (2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 and 45 DAT) resulted in improved plant height, leaf area index, number of tillers per square meter, panicle length, spikelet fertility (%), test weight, harvest index, grain yield and straw yield compared to other treatments. There is no significance difference between T₅ and T₆ except for spikelet fertility (%), test weight, grain yield and harvest index.

Keywords

Paddy (*Oryza sativa* L.), Bioefficacy, Nova Nutri Boost, Yield

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Introduction

India is mainly known for its agricultural productivity. In order to get a better harvest and to enhance the plant growth, farmers use fertilizer in the soil. The fertilizers can be Chemical fertilizers or Bio fertilizers. Among these two, Bio fertilizers play a crucial role in maintaining soil fertility and essential components that are needed for organic farming (Sasireka *et al.*, 2016). Nowadays, plant and humus extracts have been replaced in agriculture to enhance the plant growth because it acts as biostimulants and bio fertilizers. It contains promoters, plant growth regulators while other macronutrients and

micronutrients along with amino chelates which promote faster seed germination and increase in yield. These extracts are natural amino chelates which promotes faster seed germination and uptake of micro nutrients by plants. Amino acids have a chelating effect on micro nutrients, when applied together with micro nutrients, the absorption and transport of micronutrients inside the plants is easier. It is eco-friendly for sustainable agriculture. Compare to routine fertilizers or other commercially synthetic chelators such as EDTA; however amino chelates represents a safer and more efficient form of fertilizer resulting in better plant performance and less environmental risk (Mohammad Kazem Souri,

2016). The application of plant extracts in crops as foliar spray, fertigation, root drench or seed treatment are mainly focused in many research aspects. Treatment with these increases nutrient uptake of soil and makes them resistant to environmental stress (frost and wind). The most promising and advantageous of Plant and humus-derived-fertilizers in agriculture is to enhance growth rate, nutrient uptake, shoot and root development and to make the plants resistant to climate and pests. Most of the research works that has done so far concentrated on above. This research work provides information concerning different aspects of amino chelate fertilizers including their value and effect on paddy. Here, bio efficacy of Nova *Nutri Boost* amino powered yield booster was evaluated in five different times against control to find better efficiency and faster growth rate to get increased yield.

Materials and Methods

Field experiments were conducted in the rainy season of 2018 at the Nova Agritech Pvt. Ltd. Experimental farm (Latitude 18.3131848 Longitude 78.2544944), Kamareddy, Telangana, India to determine the effects of Nova *Nutri Boost* an amino chelate contains iron, manganese, zinc, boron which will effect on growth, development, yield and yield components of rice. The experiments were laid out in Randomized Block Design (RBD) with three replications the treatments comprised of five dates of applications vis; T₁: controle, T₂: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 DAT, T₃: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 45 DAT, T₄: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 70 DAT, T₅: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 & 45DAT, T₆: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 & 45 &70 DAT. The rice was planted first in nursery and later thinned at four weeks old and transplanted within average of three seedlings per hill on prepared

seed beds, at 20cm x 20cm within and between rows. Data was recorded on established plants using averages of two quadrate (20 cm x 20 cm) throws at 8 weeks after planting, leaf area by using portable leaf area meter in 1 m² area, days to 50% flowering, plant height at maturity and no. tillers per m² on five tagged plants were recorded. Plants at maturity were manually harvested within 10 m² area from base, bound, air dried, panicles separated from stalks, manually threshed, winnowed and recovered paddy weighed and recorded as paddy yield per hectare and 1000 seed weight as test weight. The straw was then weighed and recorded as weight per square area.

Treatments

T₁: controle,

T₂: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 DAT,

T₃: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 45 DAT,

T₄: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 70 DAT,

T₅: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 & 45 DAT,

T₆: 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 20 & 45 &70 DAT

Results and Discussion

The findings in the present study as well as relevant discussion have been presented under following heads.

Plant height

The plant height ranged from 93-110 cm. Among the various times of *Nutri Boost*

application *Nutri Boost* @2.5 ml/l at 20, 40 & 70 DAT (T₆) accounted for significantly higher plant height of 110cm.

Leaf area index

LAI ranged from 3.2-4.4. Among the various times of *Nutri Boost* application *Nutri Boost* @2.5 ml/l at 20, 40&70 DAT (T₆) accounted for significantly higher LAI of 4.4.

Panicle length

Panicle length ranged from 19.9-24.1 cm. Among the various times of *Nutri Boost* application *Nutri Boost* @2.5 ml/l at 20, 40&70 DAT (T₆) accounted for significantly higher panicle length of 24.1cm. Waseem raza *et al.*, (2008) reported that foliar application of amino acid @ 1/100 dilution of amino acid chelated Zn and Fe fertilizer increased growth parameters from 22-77%.

Spikelet fertility%

Spikelet fertility% ranged from 82-98%. Among the various times of *Nutri Boost* application *Nutri Boost* @2.5 ml/l at 20, 40 & 70 DAT (T₆) accounted for significantly higher panicle length of 24.1cm. Indira Chaturvedi (2006) reported that application of recommended NPK + Mn + B + Zn significantly increased spikelet fertility % and boron had vital role on the grain set in rice.

Test weight

Test weight ranged from 28.3-32.6g. Among the various times of *Nutri Boost* application *Nutri Boost* @2.5 ml/l at 20, 40&70 DAT (T₆) accounted for significantly higher test weight of 32.6g. Indira Chaturvedi (2006) reported that application of recommended NPK + Mn + B + Zn significantly increased test weight by 16.60%.

Table.1 Effect of different levels of *Nutri Boost* on yield and yield components in rice

Characters	T ₁	T ₂	T ₃	T ₄	T ₅	T ₆	MEAN	S Ed	C.D (p=0.05)	C.V	% Increase
Plant height (cm)	93	96	102	97	108	110	101.0	2.81	4.2	2.29	18.28
Leaf area index	3.2	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.29	4.4	3.9	0.18	0.44	6.09	37.50
Days to 50% flowering	88	89	90	88	90	82	87.8	1.22	NS	3.29	-6.82
No. of tillers/m ²	179.10	221	210	180	232	241	210.5	10.68	NS	4.14	34.56
Panicle length (cm)	19.93	20.5	23.3	22	23.7	24.1	22.3	0.71	1.96	4.84	20.92
Spikelet fertility%	82.04	88.3	91.3	93.3	95	98	91.3	2.29	2.81	1.69	19.45
Test weight (g)	28.25	29	30.2	31.5	31	32.6	30.4	0.66	1.2	2.16	15.40
Grain yield (t. ha ⁻¹)	2.87	3.01	3.23	3.2	3.8	4.0	3.4	0.18	0.33	5.39	39.37
Straw yield (t. ha ⁻¹)	4.07	4.11	4.19	4.15	4.39	4.42	4.2	0.06	0.13	1.74	8.60
Harvest Index	0.368	0.422	0.435	0.435	0.458	0.475	0.4	0.02	0.03	3.58	29.08

Grain yield

Grain yield ranged from 2.87-4 t.ha⁻¹. Among the various times of *Nutri Boost* application *Nutri Boost* @ 2.5 ml/l at 20, 40 & 70 DAT (T₆) accounted for significantly higher grain yield of 4.0 t.ha⁻¹. Indira chaturvedi (2006) reported that application of recommended

NPK + Mn + B + Zn significantly increased seed yield by 47.6%.

Straw yield

Straw yield ranged from 4.1-4.4 t.ha⁻¹. Among the various times of *Nutri Boost* application *Nutri Boost* @2.5 ml/l at 20, 40 & 70 DAT (T₆)

accounted for significantly higher straw yield of 4.4 t.ha⁻¹.

Harvest index

Harvest index ranged from 0.37-0.48. Among the various times of *Nutri Boost* application *Nutri Boost* @ 2.5 ml/l at 20, 40 & 70 DAT (T₆) accounted for significantly higher harvest index of 0.48. Zayed *et al.*, (2011) reported that micronutrient application significantly increase the harvest index.

Application of 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray @ 45 DAT (T₃) produced more plant height, leaf area index, panicle length, grain yield, straw yield, than in T₁, T₂ and T₄. Zayed *et al.*, 2011 reported that leaf area index as well as plant height and panicle length were significantly higher when rice plant received the micronutrient rather compared to the control. Application of 2.5ml/l *Nutri Boost* through foliar spray (T₄) @ 70 DAT (grain formation stage) produced more 1000 grain weight than T₁, T₂, T₃ and T₅. Zayed *et al.*, 2011 also reported that the combination of Zn⁺² +Fe⁺² + Mn⁺² gave the highest values of grain yield, straw yield, harvest index and yield components; panicle length, spikelet fertility (%) and 1000-grain weight.

There is no significance difference between T₅ & T₆ except for spikelet fertility (%), test weight, grain yield and harvest index.

Data presented in table 1 showed that application of 2.5 ml/l of *Nutri Boost* @ 20, 45, 70 DAT (T₅) resulted in improved plant height, leaf area index, number of tillers per square meter, panicle length, spikelet fertility (%), test weight, harvest index, grain yield and straw yield compared to other treatments. Waseem

raza *et al.*, (2008) reported that foliar application of amino acid @ 1/100 dilution of amino acid chelated Zn and Fe fertilizer increased growth parameters from 22-77%. Here it was concluded that application of 2.5 ml/l of *Nutri Boost* @ 20, 45 & 70 DAT produced high values for grain yield and yield components in rice. It has increased the grain yield and harvest index of 39.4 and 29.1% respectively.

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