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Effect of Sulphur, Zinc, Boron and Iron on Growth and Yield of Wheat [*Triticum aestivum* L.]

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ABSTRACT

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The experiment conducted during Rabi season of 2015-16 at student instructional farm of Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur to study the Effect of sulphur, zinc, boron and iron on growth and yield of wheat [*Triticum aestivum* L.] (Variety K-402). The experiment consist 10 treatments in randomized block design viz., T₁ NPK (150:60:40kg/ha) only, T₂ NPK + Sulphur (25kg/ha), T₃ NPK + Zinc (5kg/ha), T₄ NPK + Boron (1.0kg/ha), T₅ NPK + Iron (5kg/ha), T₆ NPK + FYM (10t/ha), T₇ NPK + Azotobacter + PSB, T₈ NPK + FYM + Azotobacter + PSB, T₉ NPK + S + B + Zn + Fe, T₁₀ NPK + FYM + S + B + Zn + Fe. The treatment NPK + FYM + S + Zn + BO + Fe treatment found superior in terms of plant height, yield attributes and yield. The maximum grain yield (53.05 q/ha.) recorded under NPK + FYM + S + Zn + Bo + Fe and maximum straw yield (80.08 q/ha) recorded under NPK + FYM + Azoto + PSB treatment the increment in grain yield evaluated 34.13% compare to control treatment.

Introduction

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*L.) represents about 30% of the bread wheat is the major staple food source for a large part of global population. Globally wheat is grown in 122 countries and occupies an area of 215 million hectares producing nearly 753.23 million tonne of wheat during 2016.and estimated production of wheat in 2017 is 751.36 million metric tonnes. Could represent and increased of 16.13 million tonne in wheat production around the globe. Wheat is grown in india in

an area of about 31 million hectare with production of 88.90 million tonne and normal productivity of 28.72q/ha. The crop is most successfully grown between latitude of 30⁰ to 60⁰ N and 27⁰ to 40⁰ S in the world, with a high altitude of 5000 m. In India wheat is grown from 11⁰,N to 30⁰ N and from sea level up to an elevation of 3658 m in the Wheat grown all over India except Kerala state. Based on the agro-climatic conditions and varying agro ecological condition, India is broadly divided in to six wheat growing zones. The common bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum*

L.) occupying more than 90 percent of the total wheat area along with 10 percent area under The major wheat producing states of India are Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, and Haryana with production 30.01, 16.47, and 11.63 million tonne respectively, first rank in Uttar Pradesh (32.26%) second is Punjab (18.33%) and third is Haryana (13.50%) out of total wheat production but productivity is maximum in Punjab.

Indian soil are generally deficient in nutrients particularly nitrogen. It has been universally observed that nitrogen use efficiency which is low as about 30-37% is utilized while rest is lost through volatilization, denitrification and leaching. The phosphorus and potash use efficiency is 15-20% and 20-40% respectively while rest is fixed in the soil and not available to the plant easily.

The use of three major nutrient as chemical fertilizer is necessary to achieve production target of wheat. Micro nutrient are also necessary to achieve sustainability in production and to improve quality of wheat. Nitrogen is a major structural constituent of cell, it has been considered most important nutrient for all the development of plant life could hardly be conceivable without this element. Living organisms have a crucial role in controlling the transformation of plant nutrients in soil. In most soil N, P, and S are mainly present as various organic compounds that are unavailable for plant uptake. Understanding the role of micro organisms in regulating the conversion of these organic pools into plant available forms has received considerable attention from soil scientists and agronomist. Extracellular enzymes and organic compounds can be specifically exerted to solubilize plant available nutrients from soil organic matter, crop residues, or manures. Keeping these aspects in mind, the present study was conducted to evaluate the growth and yield of wheat.

Materials and Methods

The experiment was conducted in field number 6 at student instructional farm [SIF] of Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur (U.P.), India, during *Rabi* season 2015-16. Geographically the experimental site situated at an elevation of 125.9 meter above mean sea level, 26°20' 35" North latitude and 80°18'35" East longitude. It is situated in the alluvial belt of indogangetic plain in the central part of Uttar Pradesh, India that comes under agro-climatic zone-V.

The field was well leveled having good irrigation and drainage facilities. It has subtropical type of climate with hot summer and cold winter. During course of investigation since 26-11-2015 to 22-04-2016 the total rainfall received 49.9 mm. in which 13.8mm rainfall received under growth period 3rd, 7th, 8th Standard meteorological week and 10.1mm in 10th, 11th and 13th Standard meteorological week emergence during flowering and milking stage.

The winter rain during 2015-16 quite low compared to previous winter season. The crop responded well to irrigation provided at critical growth stage. The average weekly maximum and minimum temperature during crop growth period range 41.3°C to 17.3°C and 24.1°C to 1.7°C respectively. The relative humidity range between 27% and 94%, wind speed between 1.9 to 6.9 km hr⁻¹. The soil was silt loam in texture with 7.8 pH. The experiment consisted of 10 treatments viz. T₁ NPK(150:60:40kg/ha) only, T₂ NPK+Sulphur (25.0kg/ha), T₃ NPK+Zinc (5.0kg/ha), T₄ NPK+Boron (1.0kg/ha), T₅ NPK+Iron (5.0kg/ha), T₆ NPK+FYM (10t/ha), T₇ NPK+Azotobacter+PSB, T₈ NPK+FYM+Azotobacter+PSB, T₉ NPK+S+B+Zn+Fe, T₁₀ NPK+FYM+S+B+Zn+Fe. The recommended dose of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium @

150 kg, 60 kg and 40 kg ha⁻¹, respectively. Neem coated urea (46 %), DAP (18 % N, 46 % P₂O₅), MOP (60 % K₂O), FYM (0.5 % N, 0.25 % P₂O₅, 0.5 K₂O). The organic manures FYM and in combinations were applied uniformly as per treatment and incorporated into the soil before sowing. Full dose of phosphorus, potassium, sulphur, zinc, boron, iron and half dose of nitrogen were given just before sowing and remaining half dose of nitrogen as top dress after 1st irrigation and 4th irrigation through urea. The row to row spacing 20cm. and plant to plant spacing was 5cm. The data on various growth stages and seed yield were recorded indifferent treatments.

Results and Discussion

Growth attribute

The initial plant population and plant height under different treatments revealed under Table 1. The initial plant population and plant height at 45 DAS was not significantly affected by any of the treatments. Plant height at 90 DAS and at harvest stage was significantly influenced by different treatments.

Application of NPK+FYM+ S+ Zn+ B + Fe (T₁₀) recorded highest plant height at all the growth stages and it was at par with NPK + FYM + Azoto + PSB(T₈) and NPK + S + Zn + Bo + Fe (T₉) at 90 DAS as well as NPK + S (25 Kg/ha) (T₂), NPK + Zn (5Kg/ha) (T₃), NPK + Bo (1 Kg/ha) (T₄), NPK + Fe (5 Kg/ha) (T₅), NPK + FYM (10 tonne/ha) (T₆), NPK + Azoto + PSB (T₇), NPK + FYM + Azoto + PSB(T₈), NPK + S + Zn + Bo + Fe(T₉) at harvest stage. Different micronutrient applied either individually or in combination with or without organic manure and microbial inoculants responded significant impact on increasing plant height of wheat crop. These results in line with the Kushare *et*

al. 2009 nutrient levels and biofertilizers and Bindia and Mankotia 2005 also reported response of biofertilizer on wheat.

Yield attribute and yield

The yield attribute and yield are revealed in Table 2. The yield attributing character viz.length of ear, number of ear/plant and grain wt./ear recorded highest with NPK+FYM+ S+ Zn+ B + Fe (T₁₀) and it was at par with NPK + FYM + Azoto + PSB(T₈) and NPK + S + Zn + Bo + Fe (T₉) at 90 DAS as well as NPK + S (25 Kg/ha) (T₂), NPK + Zn (5Kg/ha) (T₃), NPK + Bo (1 Kg/ha) (T₄), NPK + Fe (5 Kg/ha) (T₅), NPK + FYM (10 tonne/ha) (T₆), NPK + Azoto + PSB (T₇), NPK + FYM + Azoto + PSB(T₈), NPK + S + Zn + Bo + Fe(T₉) similar finding also reported by Khan *et al.* (2013).

Number of grain/ear observed highest with NPK+FYM+ S+ Zn+ B + Fe (T₁₀) and it was at par with NPK + FYM + Azoto + PSB(T₈), NPK + S + Zn + Bo + Fe(T₉).

Biological yield and grain yield recorded highest with NPK+FYM+ S+ Zn+ B + Fe (T₁₀) which was at par with NPK + FYM + Azoto + PSB(T₈) and NPK + S + Zn + Bo + Fe (T₉) at 90 DAS as well as NPK + S (25 Kg/ha) (T₂), NPK + Zn (5Kg/ha) (T₃), NPK + Bo (1 Kg/ha) (T₄), NPK + Fe (5 Kg/ha) (T₅), NPK + FYM (10 tonne/ha) (T₆), NPK + Azoto + PSB (T₇), NPK + FYM + Azoto + PSB(T₈), NPK + S + Zn + Bo + Fe(T₉) and significantly affected by different treatments.

The finding closely conformity with Mali *et al.*(2015). The straw yield recorded maximum under NPK +FYM+ Azoto+PSB (T₈) which was at par with NPK + Zn (5Kg/ha) (T₃), NPK + Bo (1 Kg/ha) (T₄), NPK + Fe (5 Kg/ha) (T₅), NPK + FYM (10 tonne/ha) (T₆) and significantly superior over rest of the treatments.

Table.1 Effect of different treatment on plant population and plant height of wheat

Treatment	Plant population/m² (45 DAS)	Plant height (cm) (45 DAS)	Plant height (cm) (90 DAS)	Plant height (cm)(At harvesting)
NPK (150:60:40)	131.63	34.99	98.35	113.70
NPK + S (25 Kg/ha)	136.67	35.10	98.60	114.24
NPK + Zn (5Kg/ha)	138.127	35.77	99.82	114.37
NPK + Bo (1 Kg/ha)	139.42	36.15	100.50	114.46
NPK + Fe (5 Kg/ha)	132.13	36.27	100.80	114.79
NPK + FYM (10 tonne/ha)	128.03	36.48	101.38	115.19
NPK + Azoto + PSB	130.03	36.62	102.27	115.40
NPK + FYM + Azoto + PSB	134.97	37.56	103.93	116.11
NPK + S + Zn + Bo + Fe	135.96	37.87	105.89	116.32
NPK + FYM + S+Zn+Bo+ Fe	138.40	40.06	106.06	117.81
SE (d)±	4.47	1.35	1.62	1.75
CD	N/A	2.84	3.41	3.68

Table.2 Effect of different treatment on yield attribute and yield of wheat

Treatment	Length of ear (cm)	No. of ear/plant	No. of grain /ear	Grain weight/ ear(g)	Biological yield q/ha	Grain yield q/h	Straw yield (q/ha.)
NPK(150:60:40kg/ha.)	8.82	4.34	47.51	2.10	108.33	39.55	68.77
NPK + S(25 Kg/ha)	8.90	4.52	48.49	2.06	115.27	42.30	72.97
NPK + Zn(5 Kg/ha)	8.91	4.65	48.96	2.24	123.58	43.74	79.86
NPK + Bo(1 Kg/ha)	9.01	4.80	49.17	2.29	124.90	45.83	79.16
NPK + Fe(5 Kg/ha)	9.02	4.94	50.73	2.29	126.38	47.10	79.28
NPK + FYM(10 tonne/ha)	9.14	5.00	51.67	2.42	124.27	47.80	76.47
NPK + Azoto+PSB	9.15	5.27	51.96	2.49	114.88	41.88	73.00
NPK +FYM+ Azoto+PSB	9.22	5.27	52.84	2.58	124.44	44.36	80.08
NPK + S+Zn+Bo+Fe	9.32	5.35	52.95	2.62	127.78	51.49	76.28
NPK+FYM+S+Zn+Bo+Fe	9.69	5.83	54.94	2.78	129.16	53.05	76.11
SE(d)±	0.40	0.56	1.12	0.32	2.66	1.02	1.79
CD	0.84	1.18	2.71	0.68	5.60	2.13	3.77

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