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Different Types of Soil Acidity as Influenced by Nitrogen Application and Soil Types in Dhamtari Block of Chhattisgarh, India

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ABSTRACT

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Accepted: 15 December 2019 Available Online: 20 January 2020 Soil acidification is caused by a number of factors including acidic precipitation and the deposition from the atmosphere of acidifying gases or particles, such as sulphur dioxide, ammonia and nitric acid. The most important causes of soil acidification on agricultural land, however, are the application of ammonium-based fertilizers and urea, elemental S fertilizer and the growth of legumes. Soil samples were collected over a period of 2017-2018 from the entire block, to study physico-chemical parameters of three seasons. A comparative study has been carried out in order to study the extent of pollution caused due to application of chemical fertilizers to soil and water systems. Relative order for all forms of acidity was Inceptisol >Alfisols >Vertisol. On average contribution of soil acidity due to TPA in Inceptisol, Alfisol and Vertisol was found maximum 35.5 %, 35.6 % and 32.3 % at 0-30 cm soil depth, 36.0 %, 34.3 % and 33.0 % at 30-60 cm soil depth and 35.5 %, 34.6 % and 33.0 % at 60 -90 cm soil depth, respectively, while, the minimum contribution in soil acidity was due to exchangeable acidity i.e. 9.2, 8.5 and 9.2 % at 0-30 cm soil depth, 7.5 %, 6.5 % and 7.5 % at 30-60 cm depth and 5.6, 4.8 and 5.5% at 60 - 90 cm soil depth, respectively. The different forms of soil acidity in Dhamtri block of Chhattisgarh in the following order TPA>PDA> Al^{3+} >TA>EA>E- Al^{3+} > exchangeable acidity.

Introduction

Some soils are acidic because of the composition of the parent material (rocks) from which they were formed. Other soils become acid by a number of processes. Cropping and use of nitrogen fertilizers are two main sources of soil acidity while another contributor is rainfall. The net result is that

hydrogen, aluminum, and iron (acidic cations) replace calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium (basic cations) on the soil cation exchange complex. Soil acidity is an important agricultural problem leading to severe toxicity of iron, aluminium and manganese in many crops, coupled with deficiency of phosphorus and low microbial activity that led to poor yield of crops (Reza *et* *al.*, 2012) Exchangeable acidity refers to the sum of the concentrations of hydrogen (H) and aluminium (Al) ions in the soil exchange complex and is inversely related to basic cations of the soil. Correlations of the non-exchangeable Al and forms of soil acidity were positive and significant, indicating the dynamic equilibrium among different forms of aluminium and their role in soil acidity.

The different forms of aluminium had significant contribution to the forms of soil acidity. Therefore, knowledge on different forms of acidity may provide firsthand information on acid soils for their better management. Thus, an attempt has been made here to characterize the different forms of soil acidity in relation to land uses and to evaluate the influence of soil properties on them as very little information is available for soils of Dhamtri block on this aspect.

Materials and Methods

Ninety (90) soil samples were collected from 10 replications as 10 random farmers for each combination dose of fertilizer (F) and soil type (T) during pre monsoon, during monsoon and post monsoon season in April, August and November 2017 respectively at random depth 0-30, 30-60 and 60-90 cm. Location of sampling point were determined using a Global Positioning System (GPS) presented in table 3.2. They were carefully packed in polythene bags.

The total potential acidity were measured by the method of Peech *et al.*, (1962) The pH dependent acidity was estimated by the following equation: pH dependent acidity = Total potential acidity - Exchange acidity. Total soil acidity was measured by shaking the soil with 1N NaOAc for an hour (Kappen, 1934); the Exchangeable Al was determined by the principle of Baruah and Barthakur (1999)

Results and Discussion

Different types of soil acidity as influenced by N application and soil types under the study area during pre-monsoon season

The contribution of different types of soil acidity in different types of soil at various depth are presented in table 1. The maximum (36.8 %) contribution on soil acidity was due to total potential acidity (TPA), While, the minimum (8.9%) contribution was from exchangeable acidity (Ex A) in Inceptisol under the treatment < 92 kg/ha-N at 0 - 30 cm. soil depth and similar trends were observed at 30 - 60 cm. and 60 - 90 cm. soil depth in Inceptisol under < 92 kg/ha -N. The soil acidity of Inceptisol at all 0 - 30, 30 - 60 and 60 - 90 cm. soil depth under same level of nitrogen fertilization followed the order of soil acidity total potential acidity > pH dependent acidity > total acidity > aluminum acidity > exchangeable acidity. Whereas, the maximum contribution in soil acidity due to TPA (36.3, 34.5 and 34.8%) and the minimum from exchangeable acidity i.e. 6.9, 5.4 and 4.2 on soil acidity were observed in Alfisol at 0-30, 30-60 and 60 - 90 cm soil depth, respectively, under < 92 kg/ha-N application. However, the maximum contribution in soil acidity of Vertisol was 32.6, 33.8 and 32.8 % and the minimum was 8.9, 6.9 and 5.6 % as a TPA and Ex. A. at 0-30, 30-60 and 60 - 90 cm soil depth respectively, at <92 kg/ha-N. While, the soil acidity followed the order in Vertisol as TPA >PDA> Al. A > TA >exchangeable acidity. The mean data on soil acidity were also decreased with increasing soil depth during pre-monsoon season.

The maximum involvement of TPA on soil acidity of *Inceptisol*, *Alfisol and Vertisol* 35.7, 35.9 and 33.6% at 0-30 cm soil depth, 35.3, 36.2 and 33.7 % at 30 - 60 cm soil depth and 35.8, 36.3 and 34.5 % at 60 - 90 cm soil depth, respectively and the minimum involvement of

exchangeable acidity on soils were recorded 10.9, 8.9 and 9.6 at 0-30 cm soil depth, 7.8, 6.7 and 7.7 at 30-60 cm soil depth and 6.6,6.4 and 7.0 at 6 - 90 cm soil depth, respectively, under the treatment >138 kg/ha-N application. Whereas, all the above results showed that the soil acidity increased with increasing dose of nitrogenous fertilizer and soil acidity followed the order as *Inceptisol* >*Alfisol*>*Vertisol*.

Soil acidity contribution in Inceptisol, Alfisol and Vertisol was maximum due to TPA i.e. 35.6, 36.1 and 35.8 % at 0-30cm depth, 35.3, 36.3 and 33.2 % at 30-60 cm soil depth and 35.7,36.6 and 33.4 % at 60 -90 cm soil depth, respectively, kg/ha-N under 92-138 application, while the minimum soil acidity of Inceptisol, and Alfisol Vertisol was exchangeable acidity i.e. 10.1,8.0 and 7.6 at 0-30cm depth, 8.3, 6.3 and 6.8 at 30-60 cm depth and 7.4, 5.4 and 5.5 % at 60 - 90 cm soil depth under 92-138 kg/ha-N application. The mean value of soil acidity was decreased from surface to sub-surface soil and soil acidity was found in the order TPA> PDA>Al.A. >TA> Ex. A. in Inceptisol and Vertisol while, TPA>PDA>TA>Al.A.>Ex.A. in Alfisols. Sarangthem et al., (2017) reported that the exchange acidity, pH dependent acidity and aluminum acidity of the studied soil samples indicated that exchange acidity value was low as compare to total potential acidity. Data showed that exchange acidity have relatively low contribution towards total acidity. Similar findings were also observed by Sharma et al., (2017), Das et al., (1991) and Kumar et al., (1995).

Different types of soil acidity as influenced by N application and soil type under the study area during mid-monsoon season

The contribution towards different type of soil acidity on different types of soil at various depth are presented in table 2. The contribution of soil acidity due to TPA in

Inceptisol, Alfisol and Vertisol was found maximum 35.5 %, 35.6 % and 32.3 % at 0-30 cm soil depth, 36.0 %, 34.3 % and 33.0 % at 30-60 cm soil depth and 35.5 %, 34.6 % and 33.0 % at 60 - 90 cm soil depth, respectively, while, the minimum contribution in soil acidity was due to exchangeable acidity i.e. 9.2, 8.5 and 9.2 at 0-30 cm soil depth, 7.5 %, 6.5 % and 7.5 % at 30-60 cm depth and 5.6, 4.8 and 5.5% at 60 - 90 cm soil depth, respectively. under the kg/ha-N <92 application during mid-monsoon season. The acidity in Inceptisol and Alfisol followed increase of TPA>PDA> TA>Al-A> Ex.A while in Vertisol the soil acidity followed increase order of TPA >PDA> Al. A>TA>Ex. A.

The contribution in soil acidity due to TPA of *Inceptisol, Alfisol* and *Vertisol* was higher i. e. 34.0 % increased, 35.6 % and 34.4 % at 0-30 cm soil depth, 34.8 %, 35.6 % and 35.2 % at 30-60 cm depth of soil and 34.0 %, 36.6 % and 35.6% at 60 - 90 cm soil depth, respectively.

Whereas, the minimum contribution in acidity was due to exchangeable acidity which was 11.1 %, 11.0 % and 10.7 % at 0-30 cm soil depth, 9.7 %, 7.2 % and 8.3 % at 30-60 cm soil depth and 7.7 %, 6.5 % and 7.5 % at 60 - 90 cm soil depth under the application of 92-138 kg/ha-N during mid monsoon season.

The maximum contribution in soil acidity of *Inceptisol, Alfisol* and *Vertisol* was observed due to TPA which was 35.2 %, 35.6 % and 33.8% at 0-30 cm soil depth. 34.8 %, 34.7 % and 34.3 % at 30-60cm soil depth and 35.5 %, 35.0 % and 34.6 % at 60 - 90 cm soil depth as TPA, respectively.

Whereas, the lowest contribution in soil acidity was found as exchangeable acidity which was 14.0 %, 11.0 % and 10.0% at 0-30 cm soil depth, 10.6 %, 7.1 % and 6.6 % at 30-

60 cm soil depth and 8.9 %,5.7 % and 4.2 % at 60 - 90 cm soil depth, respectively, under the heavy application of nitrogenous fertilizer i.e. > 138 kg/ha-N during mid-monsoon season. The *Inceptisol* and *Vertisol* were follwed the soil acidity order of TPA >PDA> TA > AI. A > Ex.A, while the *Alfisol* followed the soil acidity order of TPA >PDA> AI. A> TA> Ex.A. It has also been observed that the soil acidity was decreased with increasing soil depth and the soil acidity was recorded in order of *Inceptisol* >*Alfisol* >*Vertisol*.

Different types of soil acidity as influenced by N application and soil types under the study area during post-monsoon season

The contribution of different types of soil acidity on different soils at various depths are presented in table 3. The contribution of soil acidity in Inceptisol, Alfisol and Vertisol was found maximum as TPA 35.5 %, 35.9 % and 35.8 % at 0-30 cm soil depth, 36.1 %, 34.9 % and 34.2 % at 30-60 cm soil depth and 34.3 %, 35.6 % and 35.8 % at 60- 90 cm soil depth, respectively, while, the minimum was exchangeable acidity i.e 9.0 %, 9.1 % and 7.7 % at 0-30 cm soil depth, 7.0 %, 7.7 % and 8.1 % at 30-60 cm depth and 7.9 %, 7.4 % and 6.4 % at 60 -90 cm soil depth, respectively, under the <92 kg/ha-N application during postmonsoon season. Inceptisol and Alfisol were followed the acidity in order of TPA> PDA> TA>Al-A> Ex.A and Vertisol followed soil acidity in order of TPA >PDA> Al. A > TA> Ex.A. The contribution in soil acidity due to TPA of Inceptisol, Alfisol and Vertisol was higher that was 37.6 %, 36.8 % and 35.6 % at 0-30 cm soil depth, 36.2 %, 36.3 % and 34.3% at 30-60 cm depth of soil and 35.8 %, 36.0 % and 35.14 % at 60 - 90 cm soil depth, respectively. Whereas, the minimum contribution was exchangeable acidity which 10.2 %, 10.5 % and 9.5 % at 0-30 cm soil depth, 7.7 %, 7.5 % and 6.8 % at 30-60 cm soil depth and 8.1%, 6.3 % and 5.5 % at 60 - 90 cm soil depth under the application of 92-138 kg/ha-N during post- monsoon season.

Highest contribution in soil acidity of *Inceptisol*, *Alfisol* and *Vertisol* was observed due to TPA which was 36.3, 36.7 and 35.1 % at 0-30 cm soil depth. 36.2, 37.5 and 34.5 % at 30-60 cm soil depth and 36.3, 37.5 and 37.0 % at 60 -90 cm soil depth, respectively. Whereas, the lowest contribution soil acidity was found as exchangeable acidity which was 11.0, 11.0 and 8.9% at 0-30 cm soil depth and 7.8, 7.0 and 5.3% at 60-90 cm soil depth, respectively, under the heavy application of nitrogenous fertilizer i.e. > 138 kg/ha-N during postmonsoon season.

The *Inceptisol* and *Vertisol* were followed the soil acidity in order of TPA >PDA> TA > Al. A > Ex.A, while the *Alfisol* followed the soil acidity order of TPA >PDA> Al. A>TA> Ex.A.it has also been observed that the soil acidity was decreased with increasing soil depth however, in different soil types the soil acidity was found in order of *Inceptisol* >*Alfisol* >*Vertisol*.

Mandal *et al.*, (2006) reported that the lower value of total acidity may be due to low contents of organic carbon as the organic matter might have contributed to total acidity through their functional groups like –COOH and phenolic-OH. Total acidity was present in soil in the pH range of 5.5 to 7.0 as hydroxyl Al-polymers among acidic soil components whenever soil pH decreased total acidity increased.

Table.1 Forms of different type of soil acidity (cmol(+) kg ⁻¹) at various soil depths during pre-monsoon as influenced by nitrogen
levels

	Soil depth															
Soil type			0 –	30 cm			3	0 <mark>– 60 с</mark> і	n							
		Ex. A.	Al. TA TPA PDA		Ex. A.	Al.	TA	TPA	PDA	Ex.	Al.	TA	TPA	PDA		
			А.					А.				А.	А.			
Inceptisol	<92	0.61	0.84	0.96	2.52	1.91	0.45	0.80	0.82	1.87	1.42	0.32	0.57	0.72	1.43	1.11
		(8.9)	(12.3)	(14.0)	(36.8)	(27.9)	(8.4)	(14.9)	(15.3)	(34.9)	(26.5)	(7.7)	(13.7)	(17.3)	(34.4)	(26.74)
	92-138	0.76 (10.1)	0.91	1.24	2.67	1.92	0.47	0.85	0.80	1.98	1.50	0.38	0.76	0.69	1.81	1.43
			(12.1)	(16.5)	(35.6)	(25.6)	(8.3)	(15.1)	(14.2)	(35.3)	(26.7)	(7.4)	(14.9)	(13.6)	(35.7)	(28.2)
	>138	0.94	1.08	1.36	3.06	2.13	0.53	1.07	0.91	2.40	1.88	0.40	0.85	0.86	2.16	1.76
		(10.9)	(12.6)	(15.8)	(35.7)	(24.8)	(7.8)	(15.7)	(13.4)	(35.3)	(27.7)	(6.6)	(14.0)	(14.2)	(35.8)	(29.1)
Alfisols	<92	0.44	0.84	0.90	2.31	1.87	0.26	0.78	0.72	1.67	1.41	0.16	0.41	0.72	1.30	1.14
		(6.9)	(13.2)	(14.4)	(36.3)	(29.4)	(5.4)	(16.1)	(14.9)	(34.5)	(29.1)	(4.2)	(10.9)	(19.3)	(34.8)	(30.5)
	92-138	0.57	0.90	1.4	2.55	1.99	0.42	0.69	1.12	2.41	1.99	0.30	0.59	0.88	2.02	1.72
		(8.0)	(12.7)	(14.7)	(36.1)	(28.2)	(6.3)	(10.4)	(16.8)	(36.3)	(30.0)	(5.4)	(10.7)	((36.6)	(31.2)
														15.9)		
	>138	0.71	1.07	1.16	2.86	2.16	0.45	0.87	0.98	2.42	1.96	0.36	0.67	0.85	2.02	1.65
		(8.9)	(13.4)	(14.5)	(35.9)	(27.1)	(6.7)	(13.0)	(14.6)	(36.2)	(29.3)	(6.4)	(12.0)	(15.3)	(36.3)	(29.7)
Vertisols	<92	0.44	1.00	0.72	1.61	1.16	0.32	0.81	0.67	1.55	1.23	0.22	0.75	0.59	1.28	1.06
		(8.9)	(20.3)	(14.6)	(32.6)	(23.5)	(6.9)	(17.6)	(14.6)	(33.8)	(26.8)	(5.6)	(19.2)	(15.1)	(32.8)	(27.1)
	92-138	0.52	1.00	0.92	2.44	1.92	0.36	0.95	0.81	1.74	1.38	0.25	0.78	0.70	1.50	1.25
		(7.6)	(14.	(13.5)	(35.8)	(28.2)	(6.8)	(18.1)	(15.4)	(33.2)	(26.3)	(5.5)	(17.4)	(15.6)	(33.4)	(27.9)
			7)													
	>138	0.71	1.25	1.11	2.46	1.79	0.48	1.07	0.94	2.10	1.63	0.34	0.72	0.73	1.66	1.36
(9.6)			(17.0)	(15.1)	(33.6)	(24.2)	(7.7)	(17.2)	(15.1)	(33.7)	(26.2)	(7.0)	(14.9)	(15.1)	(34.5)	(28.2)
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	Soil depth															
Soil type			0) – 30 cn	1			3	60 - 60 cn	1						
		Ex. A. Al. A. TA TPA PDA E		Ex. A.	Al. A.	ТА	TPA	PDA	Ex.	Al. A.	ТА	TPA	PDA			
Inceptisol	<92	0.76 (9.2)	0.98 (11.9)	1.40 (17.0)	2.91 (35.5)	2.14 (26.1)	0.46 (7.5)	0.76 (12.3)	0.95 (15.4)	2.21 (36.0)	1.75 (28.5)	0.29 (5.6)	0.65 (12.5)	0.86 (16.6)	1.83 (35.3)	1.54 (29.7)
	92-138	0.97 (11.1)	1.21 (13.8)	1.58 (18.0)	2.97 (34.0)	2.00 (22.9)	0.66 (9.7)	1.07 (15.7)	0.99 (14.6)	2.36 (34.8)	1.70 (25.0)	0.46 (7.7)	0.98 (17.2)	0.85 (14.9)	1.93 (34.0)	1.47 (25.8)
	>138	1.31 (14.0)	1.11 (11.9)	1.63 (17.5)	3.28 (35.2)	1.97 (21.1)	0.77 (10.6)	1.00 (13.7)	1.19 (16.3)	2.53 (34.8)	1.77 (16.1)	0.57 (8.9)	0.89 (13.9)	0.95 (14.8)	2.27 (35.5)	1.70 (26.6)
Alfisols	<92	0.68 (8.5)	1.14 (14.3)	1.14 (14.3)	2.84 (35.6)	2.16 (27.1)	0.39 (6.5)	0.95 (15.8)	0.91 (15.1)	2.06 (34.3)	1.68 (28.0)	0.24 (4.8)	0.74 (14.8)	0.79 (15.9)	1.72 (34.6)	1.48 (29.7)
	92-138	0.89 (11.0)	0.98 (12.1)	1.27 (15.7)	2.87 (35.6)	2.03 (25.2)	0.47 (7.2)	0.87 (13.3)	0.99 (15.2)	2.32 (35.6)	1.85 (28.4)	0.36 (6.5)	0.67 (17.7)	0.78 (14.2)	2.01 (36.6)	1.66 (30.2)
	>138	0.96 (11.0)	1.31 (15.1)	1.17 (13.5)	3.09 (35.6)	2.13 (24.5)	0.50 (7.1)	1.15 (16.3)	0.99 (14.1)	2.44 (34.7)	1.94 (27.6)	0.35 (5.7)	0.97 (15.8)	0.86 (14.0)	2.14 (35.0)	1.79 (29.3)
Vertisols	<92	0.61 (9.2)	1.25 (18.8)	1.09 (16.4)	2.14 (32.3)	1.53 (23.1)	0.42 (7.5)	1.00 (17.9)	0.88 (15.7)	1.85 (33.1)	1.43 (25.6)	0.27 (5.5)	0.84 (17.1)	0.80 (16.3)	1.63 (33.0)	1.36 (27.7)
	92-138	0.80 (10.7)	1.04 (14.0)	1.27 (17.0)	2.56 (34.4)	1.76 (23.6)	0.47 (8.3)	0.81 (14.4)	0.85 (15.1)	1.98 (35.2)	1.51 (26.8)	0.37 (7.5)	0.63 (12.7)	0.78 (15.8)	1.76 (35.6)	1.39 (28.1)
	>138	0.85 (10.0)	1.44 (16.9)	1.31 (15.4)	2.87 (33.8)	2.02 (23.7)	0.45 (6.6)	1.14 (16.8)	0.97 (14.3))	2.32 (34.3)	1.87 (27.7)	0.26 (4.2)	0.99 (16.1)	0.93 (15.1)	2.12 (34.6)	1.85 (30.2)
0.61 (soil acidity mean) 1. Ex. A = Exchangeable acidity 2. (8.9) % contribution					Al. A. = Aluminum acidity 3. TA = Total acidity 4. TPA = Total potential acidity 5. PDA =pH dependent acidity											

Table.2 Forms of different types of soil acidity (cmol(+) kg⁻¹) at various soil depths during mid-monsoon as influence by nitrogen level

	Soil depth																	
Soil type			0 - 3	30 cm			30 - 60 cm							60 - 90 cm				
		Ex. A.	Al. A.	TA	TPA	PDA	Ex. A.	Al. A.	TA	TPA	PDA	Ex.	Al. A.	TA	TPA	PDA		
Inceptisol	<92	0.65 (9.0)	0.92 (12.7)	1.17 (16.2)	2.56 (35.5)	1.91 (26.4)	0.40 (7.0)	0.71 (12.5)	0.86 (15.2)	2.04 (36.1)	1.64 (29.0)	A. 0.36 (7.9)	0.66 (14.5)	0.76 (16.7)	1.56 (34.3)	1.20 (26.4)		
	92-138	0.86 (11.4)	0.77 (10.2)	1.08 (14.3)	2.83 (37.6)	1.97 (26.2)	0.46 (7.7)	0.75 (12.5)	0.90 (15.1)	2.16 (36.2)	1.69 (28.3)	0.42 (8.1)	0.64 (12.4)	0.82 (15.8)	1.85 (35.8)	1.43 (27.7)		
	>138	1.03 (11.6)	0.98 (11.0)	1.43 (16.1)	3.22 (36.3)	2.19 (24.7)	0.67 (9.7)	0.89 (13.0)	1.00 (15.1)	2.48 (36.2)	1.81 (26.4)	0.47 (7.8)	0.76 (12.6)	0.89 (14.8)	2.18 (36.3)	1.70 (28.3)		
Alfisols	<92	0.61 (9.1)	0.88 (13.1)	1.00 (14.9)	2.41 (35.9)	1.80 (26.8)	0.40 (7.7)	0.74 (14.3)	0.81 (15.7)	1.80 (34.9)	1.40 (27.1)	0.32 (7.4)	0.50 (11.6)	0.73 (17.0)	1.53 (35.6)	1.21 (28.2)		
	92-138	0.78 (10.5)	0.89 (12.0)	1.05 (14.1)	2.73 (36.8)	1.95 (26.3)	0.51 (7.5)	0.82 (12.1)	1.01 (14.9)	2.46 (36.3)	1.96 (29.0)	0.33 (6.3)	0.62 (11.9)	0.83 (15.9)	1.88 (36.0)	1.55 (29.7)		
	>138	0.87 (11.0)	1.02 (12.9)	1.07 (13.6)	2.89 (36.7)	2.02 (25.7)	0.41 (6.4)	0.75 (11.7)	0.84 (13.1)	2.40 (37.5)	1.99 (31.1)	0.37 (7.0)	0.55 (10.4)	0.76 (14.4)	1.97 (37.5)	1.60 (30.4)		
Vertisols	<92	0.46 (7.7)	0.92 (15.5)	0.77 (13.0)	2.12 (35.8)	1.65 (27.8)	0.37 (8.1)	0.80 (17.5)	0.64 (14.0)	1.56 (34.2)	1.19 (26.0)	0.26 (6.4)	0.55 (13.6)	0.59 (14.6)	1.44 (35.8)	1.18 (29.3)		
	92-138	0.67 (9.5)	0.92 (13.1)	1.09 (15.5)	2.49 (35.6)	1.82 (26.0)	0.36 (6.8)	0.82 (15.5)	0.83 (15.7)	1.81 (34.3)	1.45 (27.5)	0.27 (5.5)	0.72 (14 .8)	0.72 (14.8)	1.70 (35.1)	1.43 (29.5)		
	>138	0.69 (8.9)	1.14 (14.7)	1.16 (15.0)	2.71 (35.1)	2.01 (26.0)	0.45 (7.4)	0.91 (15.0)	0.96 (15.8)	2.10 (34.5)	1.65 (27.1)	0.26 (5.3)	0.64 (13.2)	0.62 (12.8)	1.78 (37.0)	1.52 (31.5)		
0.61 (s (8.9)	oil acidity % contri	y mean) bution	1. Ex. A = Exchangeable acidity 2. Al. A. = Aluminum acidity 3. TA = Total acidity 4. TPA = Total potential acidity 5. PDA =pH dependent acidity													A =pH		

Table .3 Forms of different types of soil acidity $(cmol(+) kg^{-1})$ at various soil depths during Post-monsoon as influence by N-level

However, surface soils recorded higher total acidity content compared to subsurface layer. Total acidity was highest in Inceptisol followed by Alfisol than *Vertisol*. simillar results were also reported by Bhat et.al (2017), Bandyopadhyay and Chattopadhyay (1997), Ananthnarayana and Ravi (1997). and Pati and Mukhopadhyay (2010).

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