



Studies on impact and economics of various sources of nitrogen on wheat, *Triticum aestivum* L. under the sandy loam soil conditions

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Abstract

An experiment has been conducted during the *Rabi* of 2020-21 with following objectives, to study the growth behaviour of wheat under different organic and inorganic sources of Nitrogen and to assess the economics of each the treatments. The following treatments namely Recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40, RDF 100 % + FYM 2.5 t ha⁻¹, RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha⁻¹, RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha⁻¹, RDF 100 % + FYM 10 t ha⁻¹, RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha⁻¹, 125 % of RDF and 150 % of RDF have been used under this experiment. The studies revealed that the initial population of plants, height and various other morphological parameters were superior in case of RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha⁻¹ followed by Recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40 and RDF 100 % + FYM 10 t ha⁻¹. The greater economics was recorded in recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40 followed by RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha⁻¹ and RDF 100 % + FYM 2.5 t ha⁻¹.

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Introduction

In the Indian subcontinent, wheat is grown in 26.6 million hectares area with the production of 73.0 m tonnes. In eastern Uttar Pradesh, wheat is cultivated on an area of about 2.3 m hectares with an annual production of 6.41 million tonnes having an average yield of 27.93 kg ha⁻¹. The productivity and yield of wheat is significantly influenced by selection of suitable varieties, soil and environmental conditions as well as the management factors (Kashyap and Agarwal, 2021) [6]. The environmental stresses like water stress (water logging and drought), temperature (heat and chilling) and salinity are the major problems of wheat growing areas which substantially reduce the yield and quality of wheat (Gill *et. al.*, 2001) [4]. Each genotype within a plant species has an optimum range of temperature for its normal growth and development. The specific temperature would depend not only on the genotype but also on the stage of growth and development of a given genotype. When temperature moves beyond this optimal range, it generates temperature stress, i.e., temperature interferes with the performance. (Kashyap and Agarwal, 2021) [6]. The environmental stresses like water stress (water logging and drought), temperature (heat and chilling) and salinity are the major problems of wheat growing areas which substantially reduce the yield and quality of wheat (Devi *et. al.*, 2021) [2]. Each genotype within a plant species has an optimum range of temperature for its normal growth and development. The specific temperature would depend not only on the genotype but also on the stage of growth and development of a given genotype. When temperature moves beyond this optimal range, it generates temperature stress, i.e., temperature interferes with the performance. There are

several physiological traits that are associated with heat tolerance. Photo assimilation, chlorophyll retention, chlorophyll a: b ratio, canopy temperature depression, stomatal conductance, membrane stability is some of the examples (Devi *et. al.*, 2021) [2]. At biochemical level, enzymes involved in grain filling like soluble starch synthase (SSS) are deactivated at high temperature. This may lead to reduce the convention of sucrose to starch, which results in the accumulation of carbohydrates in vegetative tissue of wheat, when grain filling is limited by heat stress (Kashyap and Agarwal, 2021) [6]. The effect of heat stress on grain weight were found to associated with reduced levels of starch synthetase activity. Wheat is a sink limited crop and high temperature during grain filling causes the production of shrivelled grains due to forced maturity (Sheoran *et al.*, 2021) [11].

Late planting of wheat in India is common due to the intensive cropping system which so often delays the sowing of wheat up to the middle of January, particularly in North West India where it is generally sown after harvest of paddy, sugarcane, pigeon pea. As a result, a portion of maturity period of the crop pushed forward and thus has to face higher temperature of the summer with hot spells often occurring at the time of maturity. The late sown wheat is more affected by high temperature stress leading to reduced yield and quality (Devi *et. al.*, 2021) [2]. The steady expansion of the environmental changes encompassed by cereals both temperature extremes and water availability have become important factors limiting the production of the cereals in many parts of the world. An added complication is the projected rise in both global mean temperature and frequency of periods of very high

temperature (heat shock), as part of the greenhouse climate change, which may further increase the pressure of heat stress in many cereals growing regions (Sheoran *et al.*, 2021) [11].

Materials and Methods

The whole experimentations have been conducted at College of Agriculture Selu, Parbhani, Maharashtra, during the *Rabi* season of the year 2020-21 with wheat crop. For this field experimentation, CRBD has been utilized with a total number of three replications under the selected three treatments.

- The following treatments namely
- Recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40,
- RDF 100 % + FYM 2.5 t ha-1
- RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha-1
- RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha-1
- RDF 100 % +FYM 10 t ha-1
- RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha-1
- 125 % of RDF
- 150 % of RDF

The field has been prepared by all the recommended practices for sowing of wheat. The field has been prepared

by ploughing 2-3 time with the tractor operated cultivators and a levelling device namely leveller has been used to make the soil suitable for sowing. The following configuration of sowing for wheat has been done. The sowing of wheat has been done with the seed drill and all the observations related to the crop has been taken under their respective objectives as follow:

1. Plant Height
2. Plant Population Per Unit Area
3. Number of Effective Tillers
4. Panicle Length
5. Grain Yield
6. Biological Yield

Results and Discussion

The maximum plant height was recorded in RDF 100 % + FYM 2.5 t ha-1 with 40.00 cm followed by RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha-1 with 36.83 and Recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40 with 36.34 cm of plant height. The minimum height was noted in RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha-1 and 150 % of RDF with 31.00 cm of plant height, while minimum plant height was recorded in RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha-1 and 150 % of RDF with 36.34 of plant height.

Table 1: Effect of Various Combinations of Nutrients on Growth and Yield Parameters of Wheat Crop

Name of Treatments	Plants Morphological and Yield Attributes					
	Plant Height	Plant Population m ²	Number of Effective Tillers	Panicle Length	Grain Yield	Biological Yield
Recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40	36.34	221.34	8.34	5.33	2891.34	8136.95
RDF 100 % + FYM 2.5 t ha-1	40.00	223.00	7.67	5.34	2784.66	7714.66
RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha-1	32.34	219.00	7.34	6.00	3266.34	8717.00
RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha-1	31.00	221.00	8.34	5.66	2934.34	7134.00
RDF 100 % +FYM 10 t ha ⁻¹	32.63	223.34	7.67	4.34	2790.66	7934.66
RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha ⁻¹	36.83	224.63	8.00	5.00	2697.66	7891.00
125 % of RDF	32.34	223.00	7.67	6.67	3094.34	8434.67
150 % of RDF	31.00	220.34	6.67	6.00	2907.66	8136.95
SEm±	1.21	1.63	0.46	0.37	1.08	1.34
CD @ 0.05% (p=0.05)	3.34	4.07	1.37	1.07	3.04	3.97

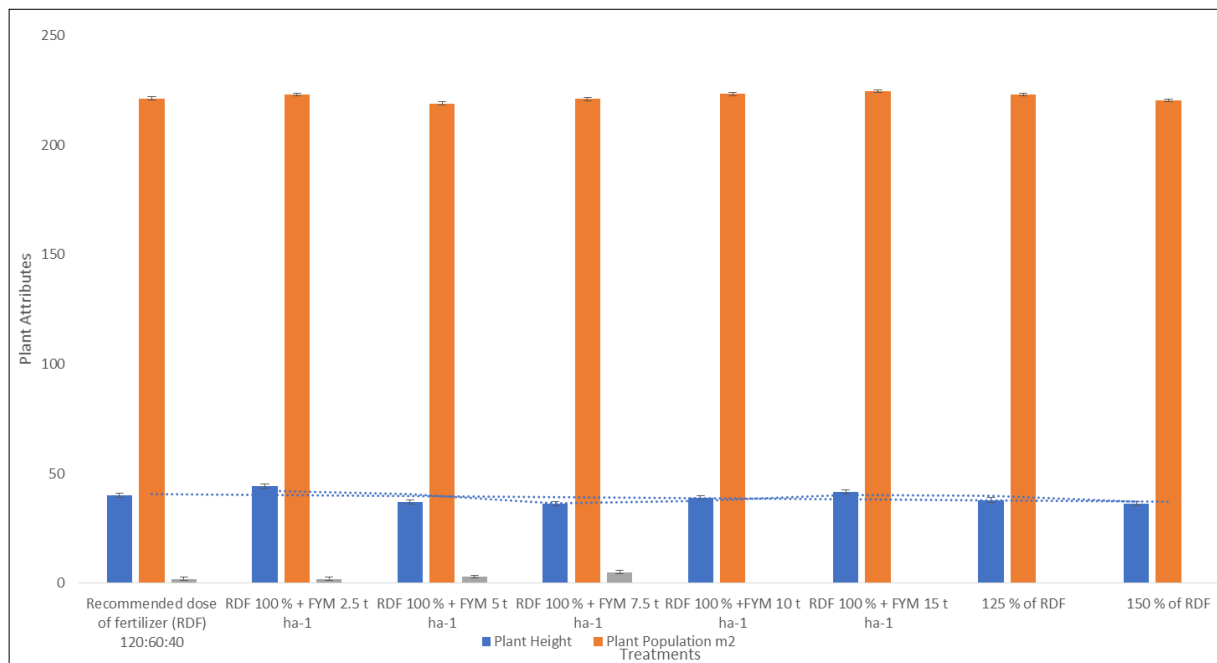


Fig 1: Effect of Various Combinations of Nutrients on Plant Height and Plant Population of Wheat Crop

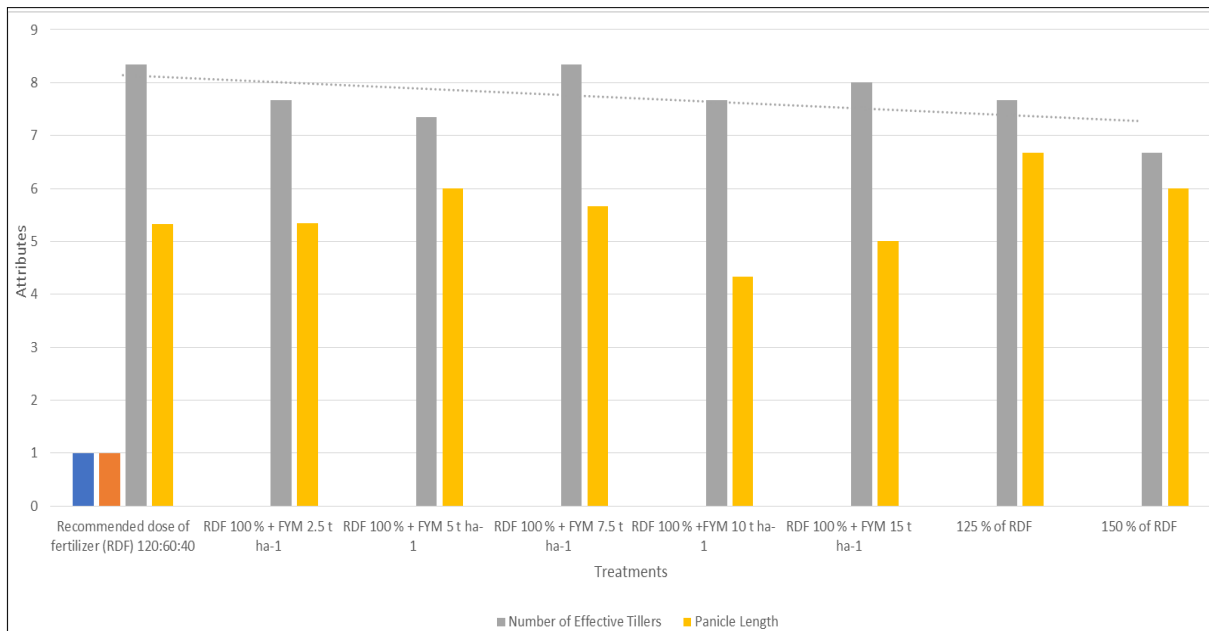


Fig 2: Effect of Various Combinations of Nutrients on Effective Tillers and Panicle Length of Wheat Crop

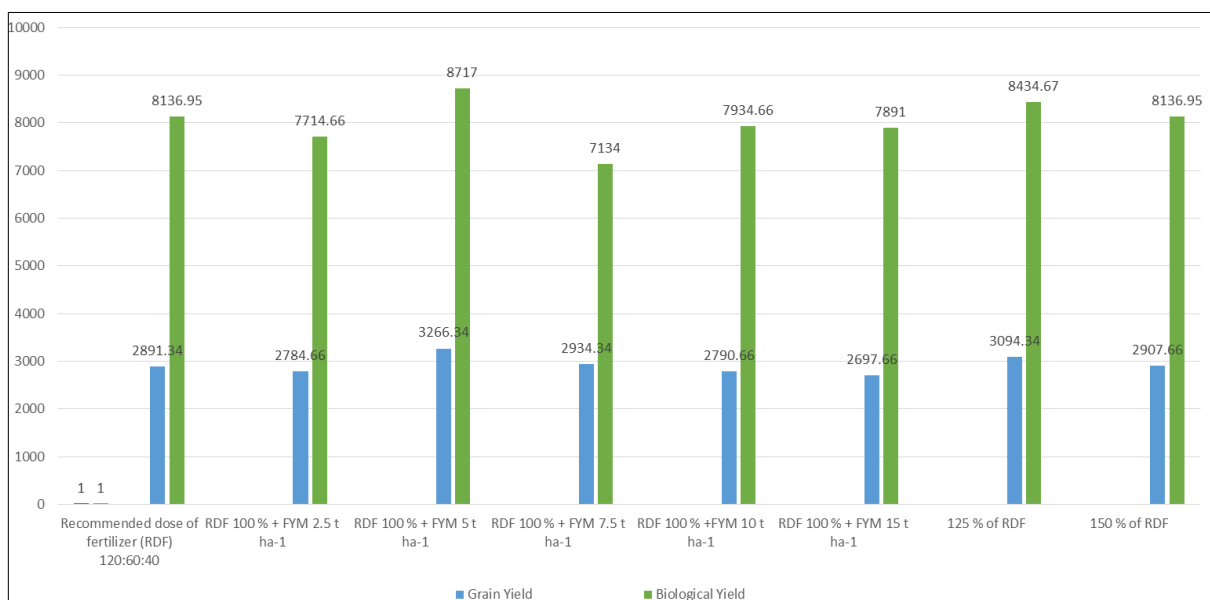


Fig 3: Effect of Various Combinations of Nutrients on Grain Yield and Biological Yield of Wheat Crop

The Data presented in Table 1 showing population of plants per unit area. The maximum initial plant population was recorded in RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha⁻¹ with 224.63 followed by Recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40 and RDF 100 % +FYM 10 t ha⁻¹ with 223.34 plants per meter square while minimum plant population was observed in RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha⁻¹ with 219.00 and 150 % of RDF with 220.34 plants/m². Gill *et al.*, (2000) [3]; Wang *et al.*, (2007) [12]; Claudia *et al.*, (1997) [1] and many other authors have concluded the similar findings by using the various chemicals with recommended doses of nitrogen and reported similar findings.

The Table 1 also showing Yield Attributes of Wheat under Different Fertilizer Treatments in which maximum number of effective tillers per plant were recorded in RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha⁻¹ and Recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40 with 3.34 number of effective tillers per plant while minimum effective tillers per plant was noted in 150 % of RDF with 6.67 followed by RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha-

1 with 7.34 effective tillers per plant. Panicle length was recorded maximum in 125 % of RDF with 6.67 followed by RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha⁻¹ with 6.00 and RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha⁻¹ with 5.67 while minimum Panicle length was recorded in RDF 100 % +FYM 10 t ha⁻¹ with 4.34 and RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha⁻¹ with 5.00 cm of Panicle length. It was noted that the growth of plants is directly proportional to the dose of nitrogen given to the plants. The more amount of used nitrogen in the studies of Kerstin *et al.*, 2015 [7]; Zhu Xin-Kai *et al.*, (2012) [13]; Kumar *et al.*, (2005) [8]; Sana *et al.*, (2009) [10] showed the maximum growth of plants at various stages and these findings are similar to our findings regarding to the growth of plants and various nitrogen and fertilizer combinations.

The Table 1 also showing Yield Attributes of Wheat under Different Fertilizer in which maximum grain yield was recorded in RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha⁻¹ with 3266.34 kg followed by 125 % of RDF with 3094.34 and RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha⁻¹ with 2934.34 kg of grain yield per ha while

minimum was recorded in RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha⁻¹ with 2697.66 kg and RDF 100 % + FYM 2.5 t ha⁻¹ with 2784.66 kg of grain yield per ha. The maximum biological yield was recorded in RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha⁻¹ with 8717.00 kg followed by 125 % of RDF with 8434.67 and RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha⁻¹ with 8136.95 kg per ha while minimum biological yield was recorded in RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha⁻¹ with 7134.00 and RDF 100 % + FYM 2.5 t ha⁻¹ with 7714.66 kg of biological yield. Gunes *et al.*, (2007) ^[5]; Moore *et al.*, (1999) ^[9]; Kerstin *et al.*, (2015) ^[7] and many other authors have concluded the similar findings by using the various chemicals with recommended doses of nitrogen and reported similar findings.

Conclusion

In the case of crops including wheat, the environmental stresses like water stress (water logging and drought), temperature (heat and chilling) and salinity are the major problems of wheat growing areas which substantially reduce the yield and quality of wheat. Each genotype within a plant species has an optimum range of temperature for its normal growth and development. The whole experiment presented under this paper has been conducted during the *Rabi* of 2020-21 with following treatments namely Recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40, RDF 100 % + FYM 2.5 t ha⁻¹, RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha⁻¹, RDF 100 % + FYM 7.5 t ha⁻¹, RDF 100 % + FYM 10 t ha⁻¹, RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha⁻¹, 125 % of RDF and 150 % of RDF. The studies revealed that the initial population of plants, height and various other morphological parameters were superior in case of RDF 100 % + FYM 15 t ha⁻¹ followed by Recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40 and RDF 100 % + FYM 10 t ha⁻¹. The greater economics was recorded in recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) 120:60:40 followed by RDF 100 % + FYM 5 t ha⁻¹ and RDF 100 % + FYM 2.5 t ha⁻¹. The more amount of used nitrogen in this study showed the maximum growth of plants at various stages

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