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Effect of integrated nutrient management and micronutrients on post harvest quality parameters and shelf life of mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) Cv. Banganapalli under high density planting

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Abstract

The field experiment was conducted to know the effect of integrated nutrient management and micronutrients on post harvest quality parameters and shelf life of mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) Cv. Banganapalli under high density planting. The results indicated that maximum total soluble solids (17.76 °Brix), total sugars (13.43 %), Reducing sugars (5.23 %), Non reducing sugars (8.20 %), Ascorbic acid (32.36 mg/100g pulp) and Shelf life (12.90 days) with minimum acidity (0.304 %) are exhibited by the application of F₂M₂ - 50% RDF + 50% VC +250 g *Azotobacter* + (0.8%) ZnSO₄ + (0.5%) H₃BO₃ + (0.5%) FeSO₄ / tree.

Keywords: mango, INM, micronutrients, quality parameters, shelf life

Introduction

Mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) is one of the most important fruit crop among the tropical fruits of India. It is designated as “King of fruits”. It belongs to the family Anacardiaceae and originated in South East Asia. In India, mango is cultivated in an area of 2.21 million hectares with a production of 18.50 MT and 8.3 MT/ha productivity. In India major mango growing states are Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, West Bengal and Gujarat. Telangana state occupies 4th position in mango cultivation in India. In Telangana area, production and productivity of this crop is 1.89 lakh ha, 17.33 lakh tonnes and 9.1 MT/ha respectively. (NHB Data base, 2015).

In recent years, high density planting system of mango is getting popularity. Fruit plant removes large amount of essential nutrient reserves in the soil. Over the time, continues depletion of nutrients decreases fruit yield and soil fertility and lead to soil degradation. On the other hand, excess or continuous use of inorganic fertilizers as source of nutrient in imbalance proportion creates problems, causing economic inefficiency, threaten the environment and human beings. The use of bio-fertilizers and on farm organics as a sources of nutrient is gaining popularities in recent years because of higher cost and hazardous effect of chemical fertilizers. Appropriate measure to ensure optimum nutrient status of soil will go to long way in maintaining mango tree in various stages which will ensure optimum level of productivity in sustainable manner.

Various experiments have been conducted earlier on foliar spray of micro-nutrients in different fruit crops and shown significant response to improve quality of fruits (Kumar *et al.*, 2004) [17]. These micronutrients helps in absorption of major nutrients (Thirupathaiah *et al.*, 2017) [37] there by fruit quality will increase. The weight loss can be decreased by the application of calcium may be due to its role in the maintenance of fruit firmness, retardation of respiratory rates as well as transpiration and delayed senescence (Bangirith *et al.*, 1972; Jones *et al.*, 1970; Mika, 1983; Singh *et al.*, 1982) [5, 13, 19, 31]. Therefore, present investigation was carried out to know the effect of integrated nutrient management and micronutrients on post harvest quality parameters and shelf life of mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) Cv. Banganapalli under high density planting.

Materials and Methods

A field experiment was conducted on 10 years old mango trees at Horticulture Research

Station, Ashwaraopeta, Bhadradi kothagudem during 2017-2018. Soil of the experimental site was sandy clay loamy with pH of 6.7 and electrical conductivity of 0.12 milliohms/cm. It had 179.2 kg/ha of available Nitrogen and 47.2 kg/ha of Phosphorus and 228.7 kg/ha of potassium with uniform topography. The experiment was laid out in Factorial Randomized Block Design (FRBD) with nine treatments and replicated in thrice and fifty four plants of mango Cv. Banganapalli planted (5 × 5m) under high density were randomly selected for this study. The experiment consist of three levels of fertilizer F₁- 100% RDF/tree, F₂- 50% RDF + 50% VC + 250 g of *Azotobacter*/tree, F₃- 50% RDF + 50% FYM + 250 g of *Azotobacter*/ tree and three levels of micronutrients M₁-(0.5%) ZnSO₄ + (0.2%) H₃BO₃ + (0.2%) FeSO₄ / tree, M₂-(0.8%) ZnSO₄ + (0.5%) H₃BO₃ + (0.5%) FeSO₄ / tree, M₃-Water spray / tree.

Results and Discussion

Total soluble solids

The different interaction of fertilizers and micronutrients did not exhibit any significant effect on total soluble solids.

Maximum TSS (17.76 °Brix) recorded with application of F₂M₂ and the second maximum TSS (17.55 °Brix) recorded with F₂M₁. Minimum TSS (16.50 °Brix) recorded with application of F₁M₃. Similar results was observed in (Dutta *et al.*, 2016) [9] in mango suggested that increase in physicochemical parameters in fruits due to bio-fertilizer might be because of their role in nitrogen fixation, production of phytohormone and increased uptake of nitrogen as reported by Dutta and Kundu (2012) [8].

Zinc has great role in improving fruit quality supported by Sharma (2002) [26], Sharma (2003) [27], Sharma (2008) [28]. The results are in close conformity with the findings of Singh *et al.*, (2008) [32] and Yadav *et al.*, (2010) [38] in aonla.

Table: Effect of integrated nutrient management and micronutrients on post harvest quality parameters and shelf life of mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) Cv. Banganapalli under high density planting

Treatments	TSS (°Brix)	Total Sugars (%)	Reducing sugars (%)	Non reducing sugars (%)	Ascorbic acid (mg/100g)	Acidity (%)	Shelf life (days)
T ₁ - F ₁ M ₁	16.86	12.38	4.65	7.73	28.43	0.327	11.16
T ₂ - F ₁ M ₂	17.10	12.29	4.71	7.58	28.93	0.320	11.53
T ₃ - F ₁ M ₃	16.50	12.29	4.21	8.08	27.53	0.333	10.73
T ₄ - F ₂ M ₁	17.55	12.64	5.15	7.49	31.30	0.311	12.63
T ₅ - F ₂ M ₂	17.76	13.43	5.23	8.20	32.36	0.304	12.90
T ₆ - F ₂ M ₃	16.93	12.03	4.83	7.20	28.26	0.321	11.80
T ₇ - F ₃ M ₁	17.30	12.35	4.98	7.37	29.26	0.318	12.20
T ₈ - F ₃ M ₂	17.43	12.31	5.12	7.19	29.60	0.312	12.46
T ₉ - F ₃ M ₃	17.33	12.19	4.87	7.32	28.83	0.319	11.73
Fertilizers	0.24	0.36	0.09	0.39	0.44	0.004	0.40
Micronutrients	0.24	0.36	0.09	NS	0.44	0.004	0.40
F×M	NS	0.63	NS	0.68	0.76	NS	0.69

Total sugars

The interaction of fertilizers and micronutrients exhibit significant effect on total sugars. The maximum total sugars (13.43 %) was recorded with application of F₂M₂ followed by the application of F₃M₂ i.e. (12.64 %). The minimum total sugars (12.19 %) was recorded with application of F₃M₃

Dutta *et al.*, (2016) [9] proved that increase in physicochemical parameters in fruits due to bio-fertilizer might be because of their role in nitrogen fixation. Production of phytohormone and increased uptake of nitrogen as reported by Dutta and Kundu (2012) [8].

According to Yashwant *et al.*, (2018) [39] increase in quality parameters might be due to accumulation of higher level of water soluble compounds viz, total sugars, vitamins, minerals, which were synthesized, translocated and accumulated due to chemical changes during the fruit development and maturity of fruits. The water soluble compounds in developing fruits might have increase due to various levels of nutrients. The present findings are also in agreement with the observations recorded in other fruits by Meena *et al.* (2005) [18] on guava Cv. Sardar, Animesh and Ghosh (2009) [2] in litchi Cv. Bombai, Shukla *et al.* (2011) on aonla fruits 'Banarasi, Modi *et al.*, (2012) [21] in papaya Cv. Madhu Bindu.

Reducing sugars

The interaction of fertilizers and micronutrients did not exhibit any significant effect on reducing sugars.

The significant increasing in reducing sugars might be due to the application of NPK could be attributed to the involvement of nitrogen in various energy sources like amino acids and

amino sugars. These results are in conformity with the results obtained by Kaul and Bhatanagar (2006) [16] in kinnow and Kashyap *et al.*, (2012) [15] in mandarin. Similar findings were earlier reported by Sharma *et al.*, (2013) [25].

Similar results have been obtained by Gaya (2008). Kahlon and Uppal (2005) [14] Arvind bhatt *et al.*, (2012) [4] who suggested that conversion of starch and polysaccharides into simple sugar with the advancement of storage was responsible for the increase of reducing sugar, and onward decline was due to the utilization of sugar in evapotranspiration and other bio chemical activities.

Non reducing sugars

The interaction of fertilizers and micronutrients exhibited significant effect on the content of non reducing sugars. The maximum content of non reducing sugars (8.20 %) was recorded with application of F₂M₂ on par on par with the application of F₁M₃ i.e. (8.08 %). The minimum content of non reducing sugars (7.19 %) was recorded with application of F₃M₂.

The increase in non reducing sugar content of fruits by the use of recommended dose of NPK fertilizers might be due to the enhancement in uptake of nutrients which lead to increased catalytic activities by which the complex substances (starch) degrade into simple sugars and thereby improve the fruit quality. The present results are in accordance with the findings of Dutta *et al.* (2009) [10] and Binpal *et al.* (2013) [6] in guava. Arvind bhatt *et al.*, (2012) [4] reported that conversion of starches and polysaccharides into simple sugar with the advancement of storage was responsible for the

increase of non reducing sugar and onward decline was due to the utilization of sugar in evapotranspiration and other biochemical activities.

Ascorbic acid

The interaction of fertilizers and micronutrients exhibited significant effect on ascorbic acid. The maximum ascorbic acid (32.36 mg/100g) was recorded with application of F₂M₂ followed by the application of F₃M₂ i.e. (31.30 mg/100g). The minimum ascorbic acid (27.53 mg/100g) was recorded with application of F₃M₃. The results are in close conformity with the report of Pandey *et al.*, 1990^[23] in guava. Due to the balanced absorption of macro and micro nutrients which have exerted regulatory role as an important constituent of endogenous factors in affecting the quality of the fruits. The carbohydrate reserves of the roots and stems are drawn upon heavily which might have resulted in higher sugar contents in fruits as has also been reported by Dey, 2005^[7].

The increase in ascorbic acid content of fruit juice with the application of micronutrients is due to increase synthesis of catalytic enzymes and co-enzyme (Shivanand *et al.*, 2017)^[29].

Acidity

The interaction of fertilizers and micronutrients did not exhibit any significant effect on acidity. Dutta *et al.*, (2016)^[9] found that fruits grown under organic manure and biofertilizer had better fruit quality. The increase in physicochemical parameters in fruits due to bio-fertilizer might be due to their role in nitrogen fixation, production of phytohormone-like substances and increased uptake of nitrogen as reported by Dutta and Kundu (2012)^[8]. Further microorganisms are an important component of soil environment and utilization of biofertilizer could be a better preposition for improving biological attributes of soil, which in turn may increase quality and productivity potential of various crops (Allen *et al.*, 2002)^[1] and Arshad and Frankemberger, (1992)^[3].

Acidity was reduced in borax treated fruits which might be due to early ripening induced by this treatment during which degradation of acid might have occurred. It was also observed that total soluble solids increased at the expense of acidity in fruits. The acidity under the influence of borax might have converted into sugars and their derivatives by the reaction involving the reversal of glycolytic path way or be used in respiration (Sukhjit kaur 2017)^[36]. These results are close conformity with Mishra and Khan (1981)^[20] and Singh *et al.*, (2016)^[33] in litchi, Gohlani *et al.*, (2012)^[12] in custard apple and Sharma *et al.*, (2013)^[25] and Gaur *et al.*, (2014)^[11] in guava.

Shelf life

The interaction of fertilizers and micronutrients exhibit significant effect on shelf life. The maximum shelf life (12.90 days) was recorded with application of F₂M₂ on par with the application of F₃M₂ - 50% RDF i.e. (12.63 days). The minimum shelf life (10.73 days) was recorded with application of F₁M₃.

Purnendra kumar *et al.*, (2017)^[24] reported that might be due to altered physiology and biochemistry of the fruit as influenced by both organic and inorganic fertilizers that reduced respiration and transpiration which intern resulted in low cumulative physiological loss in weight and increased shelf life in guava.

Singh *et al.*, (2017)^[35] found that the increase in shelf life of mango fruits might be due to increase in concentration of boron of middle lamella of cell wall which provide physical

strength to cell wall and improve fruit colour development and appearance. These findings are in accordance with the findings of Bhatt *et al.*, (2012)^[4] and Singh *et al.*, (2012)^[34] in mango.

Conclusion

From this study, it can be concluded that T₅ (F₂M₂) -50% RDF + 50% VC +250 g *Azotobacter* + (0.8%) ZnSO₄ + (0.5%) H₃BO₃ + (0.5%) FeSO₄ per tree can be recommended for increased quality parameters (Total soluble solids, Total sugars, Reducing sugars, Non reducing sugars and Ascorbic acid), reduce the acidity and increase shelf life of mango Cv. banganapalli is under high density planting system for fruits.

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