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Influence of organic and inorganic nutrients on yield, physicochemical properties and cooking quality of seeragasamba rice

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Abstract

Field experiments were conducted during samba seasons of 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 to study the effect of organic manures and inorganic nutrients on yield, physicochemical and cooking quality of Seeragasamba rice. The experiments were conducted in sandy clay loam with pH around 7.5. Fourteen treatments comprising different sources of organic manures and inorganic nutrients were replicated thrice under RBD. The treatments are as follows: T₁- 100%N through Green Manure, T₂-75%N through Green Manure+25%N through RDF, T₃-50%N through Green Manure+50% N through RDF, T₄ -100%N through FYM, T₅-75% N through FYM+25% N through RDF, T₆-50% N through FYM+50% N through RDF, T₇-100% N through Composted Poultry Manure, T₈-75%N through Composted Poultry Manure+25%N through RDF, T₉-50% N through Composted Poultry Manure+50%N through RDF, T₁₀-100%N through Vermicomposted Pressmud, T₁₁- 75% N through Vermicomposted Pressmud+25% N through RDF, T₁₂-50% N through Vermicomposted Pressmud + 50% N, T₁₃-RDF @ 56:37:37 NPK Kg/ha through in organic and T₁₄ - Control (No Nitrogen). The results revealed that in both samba seasons, the highest grain yield was obtained in (T₃) application of 50% N through green manure + 50% N through RDF and it was followed by the (T₁₂) application of 50% N through vermicomposted pressmud + 50% N through RDF. However, both treatments were found to be on par with each other. The milling recovery, head rice recovery, protein and starch amylose content were also found to be higher in these treatments as compared to others. The cooking quality evaluated in terms of increased length and breadth of cooked rice were also enhanced in these treatments. The sensory evaluation attributes viz., colour, taste, texture and overall acceptability were also increased in T₃ and T₁₂.

Keywords: Grain yield, milling recovery head rice recovery, protein starch, amylose and sensory

Introduction

Rice can be classified as aromatic and non-aromatic rice by aroma. Aromatic rice emits a unique aroma with cooking. Indian sub-continent is habitat for aromatic rice diversity (Bisne and Sarawgi, 2008) ^[5]. In aromatic rice, the flavor is expressed as one of the most significant factors in market business, which distinguishes aromatic rice from ordinary rice (Laohakunjit and Kerdchoeueh, 2007 ^[14]; Fitzgerald *et al.*, 2009) ^[9]. This flavour compound is stemming primarily from its 2-Acetyl-1-pyrroline content (Bhattacharjee *et al.*, 2002) ^[3], which generally plays a role in consumer acceptability of rice (Bergman *et al.*, 2000) ^[2]. Aromatic rice such as 'Seeragasamba', 'Rascadam' and 'Basmathi' are known for their characteristics fragrance when cooked. They also fetch a premium price in the local and regional markets (often 3 to 4 times more than the ordinary rice varieties), besides attracting good exports. Although a promising foreign exchange earns the cultivation of aromatic rice has been largely confined to the states of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana (Saha *et al.*, 2007) ^[20].

Rice growers have traditionally used organic materials particularly farmyard manure and green manures in the preindustrial age. Green manuring can improve soil physical, chemical, and biological properties and consequently crop yields (Fageria, 2007) ^[8]. Importance of this soil ameliorating practice is increasing in recent years because of increasing prices and low efficiency of chemical N fertilizer and low organic matter content of soils, inclusion of green manuring crops in the rice- based cropping systems, deserves priority consideration (Bhuiyan and Zaman, 1996) ^[4].

But with the present day high yielding cultivars, which have higher nutrient requirements, the use of inorganic fertilizers has increased considerably leading to declining in the use of organic materials (Hossain and Singh, 2000) [12]. It is well known that sustainable production of crops cannot be maintained by using only chemical fertilizers and similarly it is not possible to obtain higher crop yield by using organic manure alone (Bair, 1990) [1]. For sustainable agriculture and to ensure the food production with high quality, it is necessary to combined use of organic and inorganic sources of nutrients (Mahmud *et al.*, 2016) [16]. Keeping in view of the above, the present investigation was carried out to find out the effects of organic and inorganic nutrients on yield, physical, chemical grain quality and cooking quality of Seeragasamba rice.

Materials and Methods

Field experiments were conducted during samba seasons of 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 at Madurai. It is located at Southern agro-climatic zones of Tamil Nadu at 9.54°N Latitude and 78.80°E longitude at an altitude of 147 m above MSL. In the first year experiment, a total of 278.1 mm of rainfall was received in 12 days. The maximum temperature ranged from 29.7 °C to 40.8 °C and minimum temperature ranges from 18.6 °C to 26.1 °C. In the second year experiment, a total rainfall of 377.8 mm was received in 11 days. The maximum and minimum temperature ranged from 29.7 °C to 38.4 °C and from 18.9 °C to 34.4 °C respectively. The soil of the experimental fields was sandy clay loam with pH around 7.5 and EC of 0.37 (dSm⁻¹). The experiment was conducted with fourteen treatments replicated thrice. The treatment details are as follows:

T₁- 100%N through Green Manure, T₂-75%N through Green Manure+25%N through RDF, T₃ - 50%N through Green Manure+50% N through RDF, T₄ -100%N through FYM, T₅- 75% N through FYM+25% N through RDF, T₆-50% N through FYM+50% N through RDF, T₇-100% N through Composted Poultry Manure, T₈-75%N through Composted Poultry Manure+25%N through RDF, T₉-50% N through Composted Poultry Manure+50%N through RDF, T₁₀-100%N

through Vermicomposted Pressmud, T₁₁- 75% N through Vermicomposted Pressmud+25% N through RDF, T₁₂-50% N through Vermicomposted Pressmud+50% N, T₁₃-RDF @ 56:37:37 NPK Kg/ha through In organic and T₁₄- Control (No Nitrogen). All the treatments except T₁₄ received recommended dose of P₂O₅ and K₂O recommended dose of N, P₂O₅ and K₂O for two samba seasons are : 56.37:36 kg/ha.

The observation on grain yield was made at harvest stage. After milling, milling recovery and head rice recovery were assessed as per the method suggested by Saha *et al.* (2007) [21]. The protein (Lowry's *et al.* (1957) [15], starch and protein (Sadasviam and Manickam, 1996) [20] were estimated from the hulled rice sample. After cooking, the colour, texture, taste and overall acceptability were assessed by using Hedonic scale (Peryam and Pilgram, 1957) [19]. Data collected were analyzed as per the method suggested by Gomez and Gomez (1984) [10].

Results and Discussion

Grain yield

The grain yield of rice was significantly influenced by the application of different sources of organic manures and inorganic nutrients in samba in both 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 (Table 1). Among the treatments, the application of (T₃) 50% N through green manure + 50% N through RDF recorded the highest grain yield of 4577 kg/ha in 2017-2018 and 4619 kg/ha in 2018-2019. It was followed by (T₁₂) the application of 50% N through vermicomposted pressmud + 50% N through RDF which recorded the grain yield of 4436 kg/ha during 2017-2018 and 4481 during 2018-2019. The higher grain yield due to the (T₃) application of 50% N through green manure + 50% N through RDF and (T₁₂) application of 50% N through vermicomposted pressmud + 50% N through RDF might be due to the favourable soil condition and synchronized release of nutrients throughout the growth period (Murali and Setty, 2004) [17]. Similar results were also reported by Pandey *et al.* 1999 [18].

Table 1: Effect of different organic manures and inorganic nutrients on grain yield and physical grain quality of Seeragasamba rice

Treatments	Grain yield (kg/ha)		Milling recovery (%)		Head rice recovery (%)	
	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19
T ₁ 100% N through green manure	2701	2754	57.1	58.4	65.8	65.9
T ₂ 75% N through green manure+25% N through RDF	3497	3567	61.6	62.8	69.1	68.6
T ₃ 50% N through green manure+50% N through RDF	4573	4619	69.3	70.4	75.6	76.4
T ₄ 100% N through FYM	2265	2288	55.2	56.5	62.5	64.1
T ₅ 75% N through FYM+25% N through RDF	2934	2963	58.7	59.1	67.2	66.7
T ₆ 50% N through FYM+50% N through RDF	3836	3875	65.1	66.5	73.8	72.3
T ₇ 100% N through composted poultry manure	2562	2488	56.2	57.4	63.7	64.8
T ₈ 75% N through composted poultry manure+25% N through RDF	3189	3222	59.4	60.2	67.9	67.4
T ₉ 50% N through composted poultry manure+50% N through RDF	4070	4212	66.4	67.3	74.3	73.7
T ₁₀ 100% N through vermin composted pressmud	2620	2673	56.5	58	64.4	65.3
T ₁₁ 75% N through vermin composted pressmud+25% N through RDF	3392	3426	60.4	61.3	68.2	68.2
T ₁₂ 50% N through vermin composted pressmud+50% N through RDF	4436	4481	67.1	68.1	73.6	74.5
T ₁₃ RDF @ 56:37:37 NPK kg/ha through inorganic	3760	3800	63.6	64.7	71.5	70.8
T ₁₄ Control (No nitrogen)	2084	2105	54.1	55.6	61.3	62.1
SEd	201.2	181.0	4.63	3.66	3.15	3.60
CD (P=0.05)	413.5	372.0	9.52	7.51	6.46	7.41

Physical grain quality

The milling recovery (per cent) and head rice recovery (per cent) are the most important characters which decides the physical grain quality of rice. With respect to milling recovery, the highest milling recovery (69.3 per cent in 2017-2018 and 70.4 in 2018-2019) were recorded due to the

application of 50% N through green manure + 50% N through RDF (T₃) and it was followed by T₁₂ (67% in 2017-2018 and 68.14 in 2018-2019), T₉ (66.4 in 2017-2018 and 67.3 in 2018-2019). The treatments were found to be significantly higher than the other treatments.

The head rice recovery was significantly improved by the application of organic manures and inorganic nutrients. Significantly, the highest head rice recovery (75.6 in 2017-2018 and 76.4 per cent in 2018-2-19) was recorded in T₃, followed by T₉ (74.3 per cent 2017-2018) and T₁₂ (67.3 per cent in 2018-2019). These treatments *viz.*, T₃ and T₉ were found to be significantly higher than the other treatments during 2017-2018 and T₃ and T₁₂ were found to be significantly higher than the other treatments in 2018-2019.

The superior performances of these treatments might also be owing to improvement in physical, chemical and microbiological environment of soil favouring increased availability of nutrients to the rice crop. On the other hand, chemical fertilizers reduces the physical and microbiological properties of soil. Similar results was reported by Hemalatha *et al.* (2004)^[11].

Biochemical constituents

In the case of protein content, it was significantly increased by the application of different organic manures and inorganic nutrients (Table 2). Among the treatments, T₃ recorded the highest protein content of 8.40 per cent in 2017-18 and 8.91 per cent in 2018-19 followed by T₂ - 8.21 per cent in 2017-18 and 8.39 per cent in 2018-19, T₉ - 8.13 per cent in 2017-2018 and 8.29 per cent in 2018-19. All treatments were significantly superior to the rest of the treatments. The

treatments T₁₄ recorded the lowest protein content (6.57).

The data related to starch content revealed that it was significantly enhanced due to the application of different organic manures and inorganic nutrients. The highest starch content was registered in T₃ - 68.72 per cent in 2017-18 and 70.09 per cent in 2018-10, followed by T₁₂ - 66.32 per cent in 2017-18 and T₂ - 67.4 per cent in 2018-19. These treatments were found to be significantly higher than the other treatments. The lowest starch content (58.57 per cent) was recorded in T₁₄.

Different treatments significantly influenced the amylose content of rice. Among the treatments, T₃ recorded the highest amylose content of 24.10 per cent in 2017-18 and 24.24 per cent in 2018-19 followed by recorded T₁₂ - 23.51 per cent in 2017-18 and 25.75 per cent in 2018-2019 and which register T₉ - 23.52 per cent in 2017-18 and 23.55 per cent in 2018-2019. All these treatments were found to be significantly higher than the other treatments and control. The control (T₁₄) recorded the lowest amylose content (19.00 per cent).

The higher protein, starch and amylose content in these treatments might be due to the more availability of both macro and micronutrients from green manure and vermicomposted and farmyard manures. Improvement in quality parameters of rice due to the combined application of organic sources of nutrients along with inorganic fertilizer was also reported by Dixit and Gupta (2000)^[7].

Table 2: Effect of different organic manures and inorganic nutrients on biochemical constituents of Seeragasamba rice

Treatments		Protein (%)		Starch (%)		Amylose (%)	
		2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19
T ₁	100% N through green manure	7.49	7.64	61.35	62.58	21.40	21.61
T ₂	75% N through green manure+25% N through RDF	7.88	8.04	63.50	64.77	22.45	22.67
T ₃	50% N through green manure+50% N through RDF	8.40	8.91	68.72	70.09	24.10	24.34
T ₄	100% N through FYM	7.26	7.41	60.23	61.43	20.38	20.58
T ₅	75% N through FYM+25% N through RDF	7.57	7.72	62.12	63.36	21.96	22.18
T ₆	50% N through FYM+50% N through RDF	8.09	8.25	65.68	67	23.27	23.5
T ₇	100% N through composted poultry manure	7.37	7.52	60.82	62.04	20.84	21.05
T ₈	75% N through composted poultry manure+25% N through RDF	7.60	7.75	62.44	63.7	22.14	22.36
T ₉	50% N through composted poultry manure+50% N through RDF	8.13	8.29	66.01	67.33	23.32	23.55
T ₁₀	100% N through vermin composted pressmud	7.44	7.51	61.00	62.22	21.02	21.22
T ₁₁	75% N through vermin composted pressmud+25% N through RDF	7.63	7.78	63.16	64.42	22.20	22.42
T ₁₂	50% N through vermin composted pressmud+50% N through RDF	8.21	8.37	66.33	67.64	23.51	23.75
T ₁₃	RDF @ 56:37:37 NPK kg/ha through inorganic	8.00	8.16	64.12	65.4	22.73	23.00
T ₁₄	Control (No nitrogen)	6.57	6.83	58.57	59.74	19.00	19.20
SEd		0.298	0.547	3.343	3.654	0.937	1.370
CD (P=0.05)		0.613	1.124	6.872	7.510	1.926	2.817

Cooking quality

The cooking quality characteristics *viz.* kernel length, kernel breadth, length breadth ratio after cooking of milled rice were estimated in samba seasons of both experiments 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 and the data are presented in Table 3.

In the case of kernel length after cooking, the data revealed that the length of cooked rice was significantly increased by the application of different organic manures and inorganic nutrients in both experiments. Among the treatments, T₃ recorded the (6.27mm in 2017-18 and 6.40 mm in 2018-19) highest kernel length after cooking, followed by T₁₂ (6.20 mm in 2017-18 and 6.30 mm in 2018-2019). All these two treatments found to be significantly superior to the rest of the treatments. The control recorded the lowest kernel length (5.42 mm) after cooking.

With regard to kernel breadth, T₃ recorded the maximum breadth of kernel (2.25 in 2017-18 and 2.28 mm in 2018-19) followed by T₁₂ (2.23 mm in 2017-2018 and 2.24 mm in 2018-2019). These two treatments *viz.* T₃ and T₁₂ were found to be significantly higher than the other treatments. The lowest kernel breadth after cooking was (1.82 mm) obtained in T₁₄ (control).

Similar increase in kernel length and breadth due to the application of organic sources of plant nutrients was also reported by Saha *et al.* (2007)^[20].

The observation on length-breadth ratio after cooking revealed that the highest ratio was 3.0 and 3.5 was recorded in T₁₄ during 2017-18 and 2018-2019 respectively. However, the data were not significantly influenced by the different nutrients treatments.

Table 3: Effect of different organic manures and inorganic nutrients on cooking quality characteristics of Seeragasamba rice

Treatments		KLAC (mm)		KBAC (mm)		LBRAC	
		2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19
T ₁	100% N through green manure	5.73	5.86	1.93	1.95	2.97	3.00
T ₂	75% N through green manure+25% N through RDF	5.88	6.00	2.04	2.06	2.88	2.91
T ₃	50% N through green manure+50% N through RDF	6.27	6.40	2.25	2.28	2.79	2.81
T ₄	100% N through FYM	5.57	5.68	1.87	1.88	2.98	3.02
T ₅	75% N through FYM+25% N through RDF	5.78	5.90	2.00	2.02	2.89	2.92
T ₆	50% N through FYM+50% N through RDF	6.11	6.23	2.20	2.22	2.78	2.80
T ₇	100% N through composted poultry manure	5.63	5.74	1.89	1.90	2.99	3.02
T ₈	75% N through composted poultry manure+25% N through RDF	5.81	5.86	2.01	2.02	2.89	2.90
T ₉	50% N through composted poultry manure+50% N through RDF	6.15	6.27	2.21	2.23	2.78	2.80
T ₁₀	100% N through vermicomposted pressmud	5.69	5.80	1.90	1.92	3.00	3.02
T ₁₁	75% N through vermicomposted pressmud+25% N through RDF	5.84	5.97	2.02	2.04	2.90	2.93
T ₁₂	50% N through vermicomposted pressmud+50% N through RDF	6.20	6.30	2.23	2.24	2.78	2.81
T ₁₃	RDF @ 56:37:37 NPK kg/ha through inorganic	5.90	6.02	2.11	2.13	2.80	2.83
T ₁₄	Control (No nitrogen)	5.42	5.52	1.82	1.85	2.98	3.05
SEd		0.284	0.341	0.098	0.119	0.162	0.144
CD (P=0.05)		0.585	NS	0.202	0.245	NS	NS

KLAC-Kernal Length after cooking; KBAC- Kernal Breath after cooking; LBRAC-Length Breath, Ratio After Cooking

Sensory evaluation

The sensory evaluation parameters viz, colour, texture, taste and overall acceptability were evaluated by using hedonic scale in samba seasons of both 2017-18 and 2018-19 experiments (Table 4). The highest colour score of 8.5 in 2017-18 and 8.7 in 2018-19 were recorded in T₃. It was followed by T₁₂ which recorded 8.3 in 2017-18 and 8.5 in 2018-19.

Data pertaining to the texture of cooked rice, the highest score (8.8 in 2017-18 and 8.9 in 2018-19) were recorded in T₃ and was followed by T₁₂ (8.50 in 2017-18 and 8.6 in 2018-19). However, T₃ and T₁₂ were found to be on par with each other. Similar to the texture, the highest taste score (8.90 in 2017-18 and 9.0 in 2018-19) was recorded in T₃, T₃ was followed by T₁₂ which registered the taste score of 8.70 in 2017-18 and 8.8 in 2018-19. The lowest score of 7.60 during 2017-18 and 7.9 in 2018-19 were recorded in T₁₄.

The overall acceptability was observed in both experiments and the data revealed that the highest overall acceptability (8.8 in 2017-18 and 8.9 in 2018-19) was recorded in T₃ and it was followed by T₁₂ (8.7 in 2017-18 and 8.8 in 2018-19). These two treatments viz, T₃ and T₁₂ were found to be significantly higher than the other treatments. However, these treatments were found to be on par with each other. The lowest score of 7.6 was recorded in both experiments.

The highest overall acceptability in these treatments might be due to the better texture, colour, taste observed. Similarly the highest starch and amylose content was also contributed to the better texture and taste. The higher accumulation of 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline, aromatic biochemical in rice may be also been an added reason for overall acceptability of rice due to the application of organic manure was also reported by Champagne *et al.* 2007^[6].

Table 4: Effect of different organic manures and inorganic nutrients on sensory evaluation of cooked of Seeragasamba rice

Treatments		Colour		Texture		Taste		Overall acceptability	
		2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19
T ₁	100% N through green manure	7.8	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.10	8.2	7.9	8.3
T ₂	75% N through green manure+25% N through RDF	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.30	8.4	8.3	8.5
T ₃	50% N through green manure+50% N through RDF	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.90	9.0	8.8	8.9
T ₄	100% N through FYM	7.8	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.10	8.2	7.9	8.3
T ₅	75% N through FYM+25% N through RDF	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.30	8.4	8.3	8.5
T ₆	50% N through FYM+50% N through RDF	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.70	8.8	8.7	8.8
T ₇	100% N through composted poultry manure	7.8	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.10	8.2	7.9	8.3
T ₈	75% N through composted poultry manure+25% N through RDF	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.30	8.4	8.3	8.5
T ₉	50% N through composted poultry manure+50% N through RDF	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.70	8.8	8.7	8.8
T ₁₀	100% N through vermin composted pressmud	7.8	7.9	7.0	8.0	8.10	8.2	7.9	8.3
T ₁₁	75% N through vermin composted pressmud+25% N through RDF	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.30	8.4	8.3	8.5
T ₁₂	50% N through vermin composted pressmud+50% N through RDF	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.70	8.8	8.7	8.8
T ₁₃	RDF @ 56:37:37 NPK kg/ha through inorganic	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.60	8.6	8.6	8.7
T ₁₄	Control (No nitrogen)	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.60	7.9	7.6	7.6
SEd		0.45	0.56	0.55	0.51	0.50	0.43	0.34	0.51
CD (P=0.05)		NS	1.15	1.11	1.06	1.03	0.85	0.70	1.05

Hedonic 9 point scale: 1 - Dislike extremely, 2 - Dislike very much, 3 - Dislike moderately, 4 - Dislike slightly, 5 - Neither like nor dislike, 6 - Like slightly, 7 - Like moderately, 8 - Like very much, 9 - Like extremely

Conclusion

From the present investigation, it can be concluded that application of 50% N through green manure + 50% N through RDF as well as 50% N through vermicomposted pressmud + 50% N through RDF significantly increased the yield of Seeragasamba. These treatments not only increased the yield

but also enhanced protein, starch and amylose content. The milling recovery, head rice recovery, kernel length and breadth of cooked rice were also found to be increased by the combination of green manure or vermicomposted pressmud along with inorganic nutrients. The cooked rice from these treatments were found to be have higher taste, texture, colour

and overall acceptability than the other treatments.

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