

EFFECT OF SOME NUTRIENT TREATMENTS ON LUPIN (*LUPINUS TERMIS* L.) IN SANDY SOILS

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Abstract

The objective of this research is to study the effect of phosphorus (30,45,60 and 75Kg P2O5/fed.) and potassium (48 and 72 Kg K2O/fed.) applications as a single or in combinations, on lupin yield and some growth characters as well as seed nutrient content of Giza 2 variety. The obtained results showed that P application at 60Kg P2O5/fed. alone or in combination with 48kg K2O/fed. gave significant increases in plant height and number of branches and pods/plant, whereas its combination with 72Kg K2O/fed. significantly increased 100- seed weight and straw and seed yield /fed. as compared to control. Increasing P level up to 60Kg P2O5/fed. increased seed contents of protein, P and K. K application at 72Kg K2O/fed. decreased seed protein and increased P and K percentages in seeds. All combination treatments. except for the combination of 45Kg P2O5 with 48 or 72 Kg K2O/fed., significantly increased seed contents of protein, P and K. It could be concluded that 60Kg P2O5/fed. can be recommended for lupin fertilization in sandy soils.

INTRODUCTION

Sandy soils are mostly located outside the Nile Valley in Egypt and characterized by being well aerated, low organic matter content and low fertility, and the exchangeable capacity is low. Thus crop growing on these soils have low harvest. Physical, chemical and biological characteristics should be improved through in-

creasing nutritive supply of organic matter and best selection of crops which successfully grow in sandy soil. Consequently, lupin is selected as a leguminous crop to be grown in these soils since it has a high capacity to improve their fertility and it has a great economical value. Many investigators (Mikhaillet's 1972, Bonari 1973, Karczmaczyk *et al.* 1978, Abd El-Hadi 1987) had clarified the response of lupin plants to P and K fertilization under sandy soil conditions and demonstrated that seed yield and other growth characters as well as seed mineral content were increased due to P and K fertilization. However, other reseaches (Ivanov 1979 and Gataulind and Mishkina 1972) showed that PK did not affect white lupin seed yield, yield components and crude protein. Altunin *et al.* (1978) found that the application of 30Kg P2O5 + 60Kg K2O/ha on yellow lupin increased dry matter accumulation up to the pod filling stage and plant N content. Sheveleva (1978) showed that application of NPK (45kg N+ 60Kg P2O5 + 120kg K2O/ha) increased N and K contents of lupin, but has no significant effect on P content. The present investigation was carried out to study the effect of some nutrient treatments on yield, yield components, and chemical contents of lupin seeds under sandy soil conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two successive field experiments were carried out in 1985/86 and 1986/87 growing seasons at Ismailia Agricultural Research Station to study the effect of phosphorus at the rates of 30,45,60 and 75Kg P2O5/fed. and potassium at the rates of 48 and 72Kg K2O/fed. and their combinations on yield, yield components and chemical contents of lupin seed under sandy soil condition. The chemical and mechanical analysis of the soil under investigation were performed (Table 1).

Table 1. Chemical and mechanical analysis of the experimental soil during the growing seasons.

Season	Available			pH 1 (soil): 2.5 (water)	T.S.S.	CaCO ₃	O.M.	Coarse sand	Fine sand	Silt	Clay
	N	P	K								
	1% K- sulph ext	Olsane	Amm. acetate ext.								
	p.p.m.	p.p.m.	p.p.m.								
1985/1986	25	8	45	7.9	0.08	1.3	0.12	51.2	38.6	1.7	1.0
1986/1987	10	8	50	8.2	0.07	1.7	0.15	62.3	33.0	1.5	1.0

Phosphorus in the form of Ca-super phosphate 15% P₂O₅ and potassium in the form of potassium sulphate 48% K₂O were applied in two equal doses, preplanting and 21 days after sowing. Nitrogen fertilizer (Ammonium sulphate 20.5% N) was added 21 days after sowing to all experimental plots at the rate of 15Kg N/fed. Randomized complete block design was used with four replicates. Seeds of Egyptian lupin variety Giza (2) were sown at the rate of 50Kg/fed. The size of each plot was 10.5m² (3x3.5m) with six rows, 50cm width and 3.5m long, the distance between hills was 20cm. Plants were thinned at 30 days after sowing to two plants/hill. At harvest, yield and its components (plant height, number of branches and pods/plant and 100 seed weight) were recorded. Seed samples were oven dried at 70°C then finely ground and wet digested to determine protein, phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). N was determined by micro-Kjeldahl method as described by A.O.A.C (1970) then multiplied by 6.25 to obtain protein content. Phosphorus (P) was determined colorimetrically (Jackson, 1968) whereas potassium (K) was determined by flame photometer. Data were statistically analyzed according to Sendecor and Cochran (1967).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Yield and yield components:

Values in Table 2 showed that increasing phosphorus level up to 60Kg P₂O₅/fed. gave significant increase in plant height, number of branches and pods/plant, 100-seed weight and yield of straw and seed in both seasons compared to control. The positive response of these characters to P application might be brought by the favourable effects of this element on plant growth, as expressed by plant height and number of branches/plant, and the rate of photosynthesis due to the increased amounts of metabolites synthesized by plants which, in turn, increased the number of pods/plant, seed filling, 100-seed weight and seed yield. These results are in agreement with Lin (1959), Moursi *et al.* (1976), Ozanne *et al.* (1976), Crosta and Tallarice (1983) Abd-El Hady (1987), and Amin (1987). The low rate of K fertilization (48Kg K₂O/fed.) significantly decreased number of branches and pods/plant and insignificantly decreased seed yield /fed but increased 100- seed weight compared

Table 2. Effect of different fertilizer treatments on yield and yield components of lupin in 1985/1986 and 1986/1987 seasons.

Fertilizer Treatments /Fed	Plant height (cm)		Number of branch- es/plant		Number of pods/ plant		100-seed weight (gm)		Seed yield/ fed.(Ardab)		Straw yield/ fed (ton)	
	85/86	86/87	85/86	86/87	85/86	86/87	85/86	86/87	85/86	86/87	85/86	86/87
Control (Without P and K)	56.9	40.2	14.2	12.6	11.1	10.5	25.06	24.06	5.21	5.04	0.85	0.78
30kg P2O5	63.1	44.5	16.5	15.2	12.4	11.7	26.16	25.15	6.21	6.12	0.94	0.85
45kg P2O5	64.8	45.4	17.5	15.6	13.2	12.3	26.31	25.33	6.43	6.17	1.07	1.00
60kg P2O5	68.3	48.1	19.3	17.8	15.7	13.7	27.46	26.84	6.99	6.75	1.08	1.01
75kg P2O5	61.4	43.4	15.0	14.0	13.2	12.1	26.79	25.87	5.64	5.38	0.94	0.87
48kg K2O	57.1	70.7	12.7	11.4	8.5	8.1	27.69	26.77	5.05	4.93	0.85	0.78
72kg K2O	57.9	41.1	18.6	17.2	10.8	9.4	56.57	25.55	5.24	5.14	0.91	0.84
30 Kg P2O5+48 Kg K2O	61.0	43.0	15.4	14.3	11.5	10.9	25.12	24.12	5.47	5.20	1.06	0.99
30 Kg P2O5+48 Kg K2O	62.0	43.3	16.0	14.6	12.1	11.4	234.65	23.61	5.61	5.35	1.00	0.85
45 Kg P2O5+48 Kg K2O	62.6	44.1	15.4	15.2	12.2	11.5	24.95	23.95	5.20	5.00	1.08	1.01
45 Kg P2O5+48 Kg K2O	63.0	44.5	17.9	15.8	11.3	10.7	25.81	24.49	5.34	5.18	0.96	0.85
60 Kg P2O5+48 Kg K2O	70.6	48.3	19.5	18.4	14.7	12.7	25.49	24.49	5.50	5.26	1.13	1.06
60 Kg P2O5+48 Kg K2O	62.3	43.9	19.3	17.4	13.6	12.5	27.58	26.57	6.61	6.49	1.09	1.02
75 Kg P2O5+48 Kg K2O	60.5	43.0	19.1	16.4	12.3	11.6	24.60	23.51	5.31	5.15	1.06	0.99
75 Kg P2O5+48 Kg K2O	62.1	44.0	13.9	12.2	11.4	10.6	26.14	25.14	5.56	5.35	1.04	0.94
L.S.D. at 0.05	2.4	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.08	0.67	0.53	0.5	0.18	0.08

to control. However, the rate of 72Kg K₂O/fed. caused significant increase in number of branches / plant but insignificant increase in seed and straw yields/fed. In this connection, Chorny (1983) found that addition of K increased the seed yield, on the other hand, Crost and Tallarico (1983) found that seed yield of white lupin decreased by increasing K levels. It was also observed from Table 2 that P application at 60Kg P₂O₅ in combination with 48 or 72Kg K₂O fed. gave significant increases in number of branches and pods/ plant, whereas the same level of P combined with 48 Kg K₂O/fed. significantly increased plant height and straw yield /fed. On the other hand, 100-seed weight and straw yield/fed. were found to be significantly increased by the combination of 60 Kg P₂O₅ and 72Kg K₂O/fed. This may be due to that P counteracted the reduction effect of K when used alone. It could be concluded that phosphorus application at 60Kg P₂O₅/fed alone was the most favourable treatment for lupin fertilization.

2. Chemical contents of seed

Seed contents of protein, P and K showed significant increases due to P application up to 60 Kg P₂O₅/fed, as compared to control as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Effect of different fertilizer treatments on protein, phosphorus and potassium percentage in lupin seeds during 1985/1986 and 1986/1987 seasons.

Fertilizer Treatments /Fed	Protein (%)		Phosphorus (%)		Potassium (%)	
	85/86	86/87	85/86	86/87	85/86	86/87
Control (Without P and K)	36.14	34.49	0.28	0.34	1.03	0.99
30kg P ₂ O ₅	37.06	36.11	0.30	0.37	1.04	1.00
45kg P ₂ O ₅	38.77	37.55	0.31	0.39	1.08	1.06
60kg P ₂ O ₅	38.77	38.53	0.33	0.42	1.12	1.13
75kg P ₂ O ₅	39.85	34.39	0.31	0.38	1.03	0.99
48kg K ₂ O	36.14	33.60	0.27	0.33	1.10	1.08
72Kg K ₂ O	35.80	29.06	0.30	0.37	1.11	1.09
30 Kg P ₂ O ₅ +48 Kg K ₂ O	31.20	27.70	0.30	0.37	1.11	1.09
30 Kg P ₂ O ₅ +48 Kg K ₂ O	28.52	28.72	0.30	0.41	1.12	1.06
45 Kg P ₂ O ₅ +48 Kg K ₂ O	29.80	32.36	0.33	0.35	1.08	1.10
45 Kg P ₂ O ₅ +48 Kg K ₂ O	35.79	33.53	0.29	0.35	1.10	1.08
60 Kg P ₂ O ₅ +48 Kg K ₂ O	35.85	30.86	0.32	0.39	1.10	1.08
60 Kg P ₂ O ₅ +48 Kg K ₂ O	33.21	28.05	0.30	0.37	1.12	1.10
75 Kg P ₂ O ₅ +48 Kg K ₂ O	29.30	29.82	0.31	0.38	1.12	1.10
75 Kg P ₂ O ₅ +48 Kg K ₂ O	34.43	29.05	0.32	0.39	1.10	1.08
L.S.D. at 0.05	31.25	2.46	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.06

Similar results were also obtained by Abd El-Hady (1987) and Amin (1987). Both rates of K fertilization decreased protein content and increased P and K contents of lupin seed during the both seasons especially the higher rate (72Kg K₂O/fed.) which gave significant differences compared to control. All combination treatments induced significant increments in protein, P and K percentages in lupin seed over the control during the both seasons except for the combination of 45 Kg P₂O₅ /fed. with 48 or 72Kg K₂O/fed. These results are in agreement with Abd El-Hadi *et al.* (1984). Finally, it could be concluded that application at 60Kg P₂O₅/fed. alone was the best treatment for lupin growth in sandy soils.

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تأثير بعض المعاملات العادية علي الترمس في الاراضي الرملية

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أقيمت تجريبتان حقليتان في محطة البحوث الزراعية بالاسماعلية خلال موسمي الزراعة ١٩٨٦/٨٥ ، ١٩٨٧/٨٦ لدراسة تأثير أربعة معدلات من التسميد (٧٥، ٦٠، ٤٥، ٣٠ كجم فو/٥ فدان)

ومعدلين من التسميد البوتاسي (٧٢، ٤٨ كجم بو/١٢ فدان) والتوافق بينهما علي المحصول ومكوناته ومحتوي البذور من البروتين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم في الترمس المصري (جيزة ٢) تحت ظروف الاراضي الرملية، وقد اضيفت هذه الاسمدة علي دفعتين متساويتين الاولي عند الزراعة والثانية بعد ٢١ يوم من الزراعة ، وقد اضيفت هذه الاسمدة علي دفعتين متساويتين الاولي عند الزراعة والثانية بعد ٢١ يوم من الزراعة ، وقد اضيف السماد الازوتي لجميع القطع التجريبية بمعدل ١٥ كجم أزوت/ فدان بعد ٢١ يوم من الزراعة . وقد اوضحت النتائج أن اضافة السماد الفوسفاتي بمعدل ٦٠ كجم فو/ ٥١ فدان منفردا او مخلوطا مع ٤٨ كجم بو/ ١٢ فدان أدت الي زيادة معنوية في طول النبات وعدد الافرع والقرون/ نبات بينما خلطة مع ٧٢ كجم بو/ ١٢ فدان أدت الي زيادة معنوية في وزن ١٠٠ بذرة ومحصول القش والبذور/ فدان ، كما اوضحت النتائج أن زيادة معدل التسميد الفوسفاتي الي ٦٠ كجم فو/ ٥١٢ فدان أدت الي زيادة محتوى البذور من البروتين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم. وان اضافة السماد البوتاسي بمعدل ٧٢ كجم بو/ ١٢ فدان ادت الي نقص محتوى البروتين في البذر وزيادة محتواها من الفوسفور والبوتاسيوم وكذلك اظهرت معظم معاملات التوافق بين كلا السمادين زيادة محتوى البذور من البروتين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم.

هذا ويمكن من خلال هذه النتائج التوصية باضافة السماد الفوسفاتي بمعدل ٦٠ كجم فو/ ٥١٢ فدان لنباتات الترمس المنزرع في الاراضي الرملية.