

Integrated use of biogas slurry and chemical fertilizers to improve growth and yield of okra

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What is Biogas Slurry?

- Anaerobically digested organic material released as byproduct from the biogas plant after production of combustible methane gas
- Biogas Slurry is a potential source of different nutrients
- It contains appreciable amounts of organic matter (20 to 30%)

Need to adopt Bio slurry?

- Agriculture- feed about 70% of population
- To meet huge population food requirement, use of chemical fertilizer cause deterioration of soil
- Era of green revolution after 1960s
- Birth of extensive cropping system
- Degradation of soil due to extensive farming
- Increase in barren soils

- Costly chemical.
- Dire need of sustainable agriculture
- Focus on the use of organic fertilizer
- On the other side residues are available in large amounts and their disposal is a major concern for the environment

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- It improve the soil fertility .
 - Bioslurry organic fertilizer is environment friendly

Objective

- Efficient utilization of waste material (BGS) for sustainable agriculture.
- Improvement of the physical structure of the soil.
- Increase soil fertility.
- Increase water-holding capacity of the soil.
- Enhance activity of the micro-organisms in the soil.
- To reduce poverty by sustainable agriculture.



Methodology

- Kind of experiment: Pot Experiment
- Crop: Okra
- No of treatments 13
- No of replication 4
- Experimental design CRD

Treatments Detail

- | Treatment | description |
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| • T1 | Recommended NPK (control) |
| • T2 | Fresh BGS @400kg ha + recommended NPK |
| • T3 | Fresh BGS @ 800kg ha +recommended NPK |
| • T4 | Fresh 100% N from BGS |
| • T5 | Fresh 75% N from BGS+25% N from fertilizer |
| • T6 | Fresh 50% N from BGS+50% N from fertilizer |
| • T7 | Fresh 25% N from BGS+75% N from fertilizer |
| • T8 | Dry BGS @ 400kg ha +recommended NPK |
| • T9 | Dry BGS @800kg ha + recommended NPK |
| • T10 | Dry 100% N from BGS |
| • T11 | Dry 75% N from BGS+25% N from fertilizer |
| • T12 | Dry 50% N from BGS+50% N from fertilizer |
| • T13 | Dry 25% N from BGS+75% N from fertilizer |

- Plant parameters:
 - Plant height
 - Root length
 - No. of fruit
 - No. of flower
 - No. of leaves
 - Total yield of fruit per pot
 - No. of branches
 - Chlorophyll content
 - NPK contents in grain and straw

SUMMARY

- Biogas slurry may be considered as a good source of organic fertilizer for sustainable agriculture



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