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Effect of integrated nutrient management practices on available nutrient status of soil under rice-sorghum cropping system in clay loamy soils

Abstract

A field experiment was conducted for two consecutive years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 on clay loam soil at Agricultural College Farm, Bapatla to study the direct and residual effect of integrated use of organics and inorganics on soil nutrient status under rice-sorghum cropping system. The results revealed that at all the growth stages of rice, the highest available nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium were recorded with the application of 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (T₈) and this was on par with T₉ (100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM), T₃ (125% RDF through inorganic fertilizers) and T₇ (100% RDF + 25% N through FYM, whereas the highest available sulphur was recorded in 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (T₈) and it was on par with T₉ (100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM) and T₇ (100% RDF + 25% N through FYM during 2020 and 2021. In succeeding sorghum, significantly higher soil available N, P₂O₅, K₂O and sulphur were recorded in T₉ (100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM) and it was on par with T₈ (100% RDF + 25% N through GLM) and T₇ (100% RDF + 25% N through FYM) during both the years of study. Irrespective of the treatments applied to rice crop, the status of available nutrients increased significantly (except available sulphur) with increase in fertilizer level from Control (S₁) to 100% RDF (S₃) in *rabi* sorghum.

Key words: direct and residual effect, nutrient status, cropping system

1. Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is one of the most predominant cereal food crops in about 40 countries in the world. In India, it is grown in an area of 43.78 m ha with a total

production of 118.43 m t and a productivity of 2705 kg ha⁻¹. In Andhra Pradesh, rice is cultivated in an area of 2.29 m ha with an annual production of 8.64 m t and productivity of 3770 kg ha⁻¹ (Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India, 2019-20). Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) is a staple crop for millions of farmers in the semi-arid tropics and can be grown in different climates around the world in approximately 48 million ha area annually. In India, it is grown in an area of 4.71 m ha with a total production of 4.73 m t and a productivity of 1005 kg ha⁻¹. In Andhra Pradesh, sorghum is cultivated in an area of 0.16 m ha with an annual production of 0.37 m t and productivity of 2377 kg ha⁻¹ (Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India, 2019-20) [1]. Continuous practice of rice-sorghum sequence is a point of concern as cultivation of two cereal crops in a year involves heavy removal of nutrients, which diminishes the soil health and return productivity. The cereal-cereal sequence for longer periods with low system productivity, and often with poor crop management practices, results in loss of soil fertility due to emergence of multiple nutrient deficiencies (Dwivedi *et al.*, 2001) [2], deterioration of soil physical properties (Tripathi, 1992) [3] and decline of crop yields in high productivity areas (Yadav, 1998) [4]. To compensate this, there is a need to develop Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) system. The concept of integrated nutrient management seeks to sustain soil fertility through an integration of different nutrient sources and their application methods which produce maximum crop yield per unit input use (Bastia, 2002) [5]. A judicious combination of organic sources and inorganics has been found to mutually reinforce the efficiency of both the sources resulting in higher productivity and soil fertility.

2. Materials and Methods

Field experiment were carried out during *kharif* and *rabi* seasons of 2020-21 and 2021-22 at Agricultural College Farm, Bapatla, geographically located at an altitude of 5.49 m above mean sea level, 15°54' North latitude, 80°30' East longitude and about 8 km away from Bay of Bengal. It is located in Krishna agro-climatic zone of Andhra Pradesh. The soil of experimental site was clay loam in texture, neutral in reaction (pH 7.41), low in electrical conductivity (0.45 dS m⁻¹), low in organic carbon (0.49%), low in available nitrogen (224.6 kg ha⁻¹), medium in available phosphorus (42.9 kg ha⁻¹), high in available potassium (383.6 kg ha⁻¹) and sufficient in available sulphur (13.50 mg kg⁻¹).

3. Experimental design and treatments

During *Kharif*, the treatments consisted of T₁- Absolute Control, T₂- 100% RDF through inorganic fertilizers, T₃- 125% RDF through inorganic fertilizers, T₄- 75% RDF + 25% N through FYM, T₅- 75% RDF + 25% N through GLM, T₆- 75% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM, T₇- 100 % RDF + 25% N through FYM, T₈- 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM, T₉- 100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM were imposed to rice crop during *kharif* season and replicated thrice. The *rabi* experiment was continued on the same site without disturbing the soil with sorghum as test crop to study the residual effect of different nutrient sources applied to preceding rice crop. During *rabi*, the treatments consisted of three levels of fertilizers viz., S₁- Control, S₂- 75% RDF and S₃-100% RDF. Popular cultivars of rice and sorghum viz., BPT-5204 and MLSH-296 respectively, were chosen for the study.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1 EFFECT OF INM PRACTICES ON AVAILABLE NUTRIENT STATUS OF SOIL IN *KHARIF* RICE

4.1.1 Available Nitrogen

Data pertaining to the soil available nitrogen (Table 1) indicated that various nutrient management treatments imposed under rice crop have shown significant effect on available nitrogen at all growth stages of rice and during both the years of study.

Table 1. Effect of integrated nutrient management practices on available nitrogen (kg ha^{-1}) in soil at different stages of rice

Treatments	<i>Kharif (2020)</i>			<i>Kharif (2021)</i>		
	Active Tillering	Panicle Initiation	Harvest	Active Tillering	Panicle Initiation	Harvest
T₁	217.42	210.20	204.80	222.65	215.53	206.47
T₂	269.03	248.07	225.40	273.36	252.72	228.06
T₃	290.76	270.07	244.49	295.22	276.84	249.15
T₄	256.78	239.05	218.47	261.78	242.05	220.80
T₅	264.07	244.51	221.16	269.65	247.51	224.16
T₆	260.63	242.98	220.84	264.29	245.98	223.65
T₇	287.68	268.65	242.94	292.41	273.32	247.98
T₈	301.19	278.46	249.70	307.05	284.46	254.87
T₉	294.52	274.84	246.58	299.25	279.84	250.25
SEm \pm	9.6	9.29	8.81	9.71	10.02	8.16
CD (P=0.05)	29.04	28.11	26.67	29.38	30.34	24.69
CV (%)	6.3	6.43	6.62	6.5	6.74	6.04

Significantly higher available nitrogen in soil was recorded in the treatment T₈ *i.e.*, 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (301.19, 278.46, 249.70 kg ha⁻¹ and 307.05, 284.46, 254.87 kg ha⁻¹) in 2020 and 2021 respectively and it was on a par with the treatments that received 100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM (T₉- 294.52, 274.84, 246.58 kg ha⁻¹ and 299.25, 279.84, 250.25 kg ha⁻¹), 125% RDF through inorganic fertilizers (T₃- 290.76, 270.07, 246.58 kg ha⁻¹ and 295.22, 276.07, 249.15 kg ha⁻¹) and 100% RDF + 25% N through FYM (T₇- 287.68, 268.65, 242.94 kg ha⁻¹ and 292.41, 273.32, 247.98 kg ha⁻¹) at active tillering, panicle initiation and harvest stages of rice crop during both the years of study. The lowest available nitrogen was recorded in the treatment T₁ *i.e.* control (217.42, 210.20, 204.80 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020 and 222.65, 215.53, 206.47 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021) which received no fertilizers at all the three stages of crop growth.

Combined application of organics and inorganics recorded the highest available nitrogen content. This might be due to positive response of green manuring with inorganic fertilizers on soil N status and may be attributed to N mineralization from organic sources or by retaining N in labile microbial pool with the changing microbial flush. The moist soil conditions might have helped the mineralization of soil N and greater multiplication of soil microbes, which could convert organically bound nitrogen into readily available form leading to building up of higher available N. The inclusion of green manure (*Sesbania aculeate*) in rice based cropping sequence reduced the loss of native nitrate N accumulated during aerobic cycle of the rice based cropping sequence and also conserved nitrate nitrogen, which would be lost upon flooding (Alagappan and Venkataswamy, 2016) [6].

4.1.2 Available Phosphorus

Close perusal of the data pertaining to available phosphorus in soil (Table 2) revealed that irrespective of the year of study, the available phosphorus at all growth stages of rice crop was significantly influenced by combined application of organics and inorganics.

At all growth stages of rice, among the different sources of organic manures, T₈ *i.e.*, 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (75.18, 68.31, 62.72 kg ha⁻¹ and 77.64, 69.64, 64.08 kg ha⁻¹) in 2020 and 2021 respectively recorded significantly higher available P₂O₅ however it was on a par with the treatments that received 100% RDF + 12.5% N through

FYM + 12.5% N through GLM (T₉- 73.23, 66.75, 59.24 kg ha⁻¹ and 75.66, 68.50, 60.57 kg ha⁻¹), 125% RDF through inorganic fertilizers (T₃- 70.13, 64.24, 57.17 kg ha⁻¹ and 72.46, 65.03, 58.16 kg ha⁻¹) and 100% RDF + 25% N through FYM (T₇- 68.36, 61.50, 56.46 kg ha⁻¹ and 70.59, 67.37, 57.32 kg ha⁻¹) during both the years of study. The lowest available-P was recorded in the treatment T₁ *i.e.*, control (45.12, 43.84, 42.13 and 47.45, 44.67, 43.25 kg ha⁻¹) during 2020 and 2021 at tillering, panicle initiation and harvest stages of rice respectively.

Increase in available P with FYM application and green manuring might be due to additional application of P and mobilization of P of the soil. This increase in P might also be attributed to the decomposition of organic manures accompanied by release of appreciable quantity of CO₂ and organic acids. Available P content of the soil increased with the incorporation of organic manures as compared to its initial status. These results were in conformity with the findings of Mallareddy and Devenderreddy (2008) [7] who, reported that the buildup of available P in soil was due to release of organic acids during microbial decomposition of green manures which might have helped in the solubility of native P.

The build up in available P may be due to the influence of organic manures in increasing the labile P in soil though complexing of cations like Ca⁺² and Mg⁺² which are mainly responsible for fixation of P (Bajpai *et al.*, 2006 [8] and Kamala *et al.*, 2005 [9]). Tolanur and Badanur (2003) [10] also reported that organic manures like FYM and green manuring with inorganic fertilizers had the beneficial effect on increasing the phosphate availability. These results are in general agreement with the findings of Pattanayak *et al.*, 2001 [11]; Parmer and Sharma, 2002 [12]; Singh *et al.*, 2002 [13]; Verma *et al.*, 2002 [14]. The maximum available P recorded in treatments with green leaf manuring may be due to the mobilization of soil P by the acidification of soil and the release of enzymes such as phosphatases and phytases of carboxylates such as gluconates and oxalates (Jones and Oburger, 2011) [15]. Similar results were observed by Hossain *et al.* (2010) [16] and Jemila *et al.* (2017) [17].

Table 2. Effect of integrated nutrient management practices on available phosphorus (kg ha⁻¹) in soil at different stages of rice

Treatments	<i>Kharif (2020)</i>			<i>Kharif (2021)</i>		
	Active Tillering	Panicle Initiation	Harvest	Active Tillering	Panicle Initiation	Harvest
T₁	45.12	43.84	42.13	47.45	44.67	43.25
T₂	65.96	58.72	53.86	66.72	60.86	55.72
T₃	70.13	64.24	57.17	72.46	65.03	58.16
T₄	58.70	53.36	49.23	60.50	55.69	50.45
T₅	63.75	57.62	51.58	64.38	58.45	53.91
T₆	60.78	55.49	50.85	62.08	57.75	51.60
T₇	68.36	61.50	56.46	70.59	63.37	57.32
T₈	75.18	68.31	62.72	77.64	69.64	64.08
T₉	73.23	66.75	59.24	75.66	68.50	60.57
SEm ±	2.89	3.12	2.81	2.99	2.68	2.79
CD (P=0.05)	8.75	9.44	8.51	9.06	8.13	8.46
CV (%)	7.89	9.18	9.07	7.81	7.69	8.80

The soil available phosphorus was decreased with advancement of crop stage during both the years with the application of organic manures. This decrease in phosphorus might be attributed to absorption of P by the growing plants and/or due to refixation of solubilized phosphorus (Veeranagappa *et al.*, 2011 [18]; Chikkaraju, 2012 [19]).

4.1.3 Available-Potassium

The data presented in table 3 indicated that, among the different treatments imposed to *khariif* rice, combined application of organics and inorganics have shown significant effect on available potassium in soil at all the stages of crop.

The results revealed that significantly higher available potassium in soil was recorded in the treatment T₈ *i.e.*, 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (461.31, 443.61, 426.62 kg ha⁻¹ and 466.64, 440.87, 430.62 kg ha⁻¹) in 2020 and 2021 respectively and it was on a par with the treatments that received 100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM (T₉- 456.73, 437.54, 422.64 kg ha⁻¹ and 460.06, 448.12, 425.13 kg ha⁻¹), 125% RDF through inorganic fertilizers (T₃- 453.79, 434.80, 420.40 kg ha⁻¹ and 456.77, 438.13, 424.07 kg ha⁻¹) and 100% RDF + 25% N through FYM (T₇- 450.52, 430.92, 417.13 kg ha⁻¹ and 454.19, 434.56, 420.45 kg ha⁻¹) at active tillering, panicle initiation and harvest stages of rice crop during both the years of study.

The green manures registered significantly higher K availability in soil due to its easy decomposition of mineral constituents and their effect on dislodging the exchangeable K into the soil solution. These results were in conformity with the findings of Maiti *et al.* (2006) [20], Vinay (2006) [21] and Upadhyay *et al.* (2011) [22]. When acid forming compounds are added in the form of compost to the soil, these acids affect potassium availability. The effect is positive resulting in more availability of K to the plants. The hydrogen ions released from organic materials are exchanged with K on exchange site or set free from the fixed site of the clay micelle.

Thus, the overall status of soil regarding availability of potassium content was improved (Selvakumari *et al.*, 2000 [23]; Swarup and Yaduvanshi 2000 [24]; Singh *et al.*, 2001 [25]; Khoshgofarmanesh and Kalbasi, 2002 [26]; Singh *et al.*, 2002) [13]. Verma *et al.* (2002) [14] also reported that continuous use of FYM and green manures enhanced the potassium status in the soil. The beneficial effect of green leaf manuring and FYM on available potassium might be due to reduction of potassium fixation,

solubilisation and release due to the interaction of organic matter with clay besides the direct potassium addition to the potassium pool of soil. Similar results were also observed by Sarkar *et al.* (2014) [27] and Chettri *et al.* (2017) [28].

On the other hand, the available potassium content was gradually decreased with advancement of crop stage *i.e.*, from tillering to harvest stage in both the years. These results were in accordance with the findings of Subhalakshmi and Pratapkumarreddy (2017) [29]. This might be due to the continuous depletion of K by crop uptake and also due to potassium fixation in soils (Veeranagapapa *et al.*, 2011) [18].

4.1.4 Available Sulphur

The data presented in table 4 revealed that available sulphur in soil at different stages of rice was significantly influenced by different sources of nitrogen during both the years of study.

Among the different treatments applied, the treatment that received T₇ *i.e.*, 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (17.24, 17.11, 17.03 mg kg⁻¹ in 2020 and 17.43, 17.18, 17.08 mg kg⁻¹ in 2021) recorded significantly higher available sulphur and it was on a par with the treatments that received 100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM (T₉- 17.05, 16.92, 16.84 mg kg⁻¹ and 17.22, 16.99, 16.84 mg kg⁻¹), 100% RDF + 25% N through FYM (T₈- 16.96, 16.81, 16.72 mg kg⁻¹ and 17.14, 16.88, 16.79 mg kg⁻¹), 75% RDF + 25% N through GLM (T₅- 15.74, 15.60, 15.52 mg kg⁻¹ and 15.91, 15.68, 15.56 mg kg⁻¹) and 75% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM (T₆- 15.65, 15.52, 15.44 mg kg⁻¹ and 15.83, 15.59, 15.48 mg kg⁻¹) during 2020 and 2021 respectively at active tillering, panicle initiation and harvest stages of rice crop. The lowest available sulphur was observed in the treatment T₁ *i.e.*, control at all the three stages (13.47, 13.45, 13.42 mg kg⁻¹ and 13.42, 13.40, 13.39 mg kg⁻¹) during 2020 and 2021.

The treatments that received only inorganics *i.e.*, T₂ (14.10, 14.07, 14.05 mg kg⁻¹ in 2020 and 14.05, 14.02, 14.00 mg kg⁻¹ in 2021) and T₃ (14.25, 14.22, 14.19 mg kg⁻¹ in 2020 and 14.21, 14.17, 14.14 mg kg⁻¹ in 2021) recorded lower available sulphur than the combined treatments at all the growth stages of rice.

Combined application of organics with inorganics have shown a slight increase in available sulphur might be due to mineralization of organic source hat

contributed to accumulation of more amount of sulphur in soil (Bhabeshgogoi *et al.*, 2015) [30]. Thus addition of farmyard manure and green leaf manure in soil might be the possible reason of enhancement of sulphur content. These results were in agreement with findings of Singh *et al.* (2014) [31] and this increase might be due to addition of farmyard manure and green leaf manure which contained sulphur as a constituent element and thus, mineralization of this organic source might have released proportionate amount of sulphate that was adsorbed by colloidal complex and contributed to accumulation of more amount of sulphur over inorganic treatments (Sharma *et al.*, 2001 [32] and Tiryakkumarsamant, 2015) [33].

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Table 3. Effect of integrated nutrient management practices on available potassium (kg ha⁻¹) in soil at different stages of rice

Treatments	<i>Kharif (2020)</i>			<i>Kharif (2021)</i>		
	Active Tillering	Panicle Initiation	Harvest	Active Tillering	Panicle Initiation	Harvest
T₁	376.15	369.36	361.53	378.48	372.69	363.20
T₂	419.16	402.81	386.32	422.50	405.34	388.79
T₃	453.79	434.80	420.40	456.77	438.13	424.07
T₄	408.45	392.83	379.14	407.61	395.20	381.47
T₅	414.56	398.60	383.71	417.23	401.94	385.56
T₆	405.94	395.60	381.25	410.21	399.64	384.40
T₇	450.52	430.92	417.13	454.19	434.56	420.45
T₈	461.31	443.61	426.62	466.64	440.87	430.62
T₉	456.73	437.54	422.64	460.06	448.12	425.13
SEm ±	13.47	13.43	12.88	14.08	13.5	13.17
CD (P=0.05)	40.78	40.63	38.98	42.61	40.87	39.85
CV (%)	6.02	6.25	6.24	6.25	6.23	6.33

Table 4. Effect of integrated nutrient management practices on available sulphur (mg kg^{-1}) in soil at different stages of rice

Treatments	<i>Kharif (2020)</i>			<i>Kharif (2021)</i>		
	Active Tillering	Panicle Initiation	Harvest	Active Tillering	Panicle Initiation	Harvest
T₁	13.47	13.45	13.42	13.42	13.40	13.39
T₂	14.10	14.07	14.05	14.05	14.02	14.00
T₃	14.25	14.22	14.19	14.21	14.17	14.14
T₄	15.52	15.37	15.28	15.73	15.42	15.34
T₅	15.74	15.60	15.52	15.91	15.68	15.56
T₆	15.65	15.52	15.44	15.83	15.59	15.48
T₇	16.96	16.81	16.72	17.14	16.88	16.79
T₈	17.24	17.11	17.03	17.43	17.18	17.08
T₉	17.05	16.92	16.84	17.22	16.99	16.89
SEm ±	0.55	0.55	0.57	0.55	0.54	0.54
CD (P=0.05)	1.66	1.65	1.72	1.66	1.63	1.64
CV (%)	6.11	6.13	6.39	6.06	6.03	6.10

4.2 RESIDUAL EFFECT OF INM PRACTICES ON AVAILABLE NUTRIENT STATUS OF SOIL UNDER SORGHUM IN RICE-SORGHUM CROPPING SYSTEM

4.2.1 Available Nitrogen

The data pertaining to available nitrogen was presented in the tables 5 and 6. The various nutrient management treatments applied to preceding rice showed significant influence on available nitrogen by succeeding sorghum at all the stages during both the years of study.

The highest available nitrogen was recorded in the treatment T₉ (100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM) with 259.2, 252.3, 246.4 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 266.5, 258.7, 253.0 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22 at vegetative, flowering and harvest stages respectively and it was on par with treatments T₈ which received 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (255.9, 249.4, 243.9 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 262.7, 255.8, 250.0 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22), T₇ *i.e.*, 100% RDF + 25% N through FYM (253.6, 246.7, 240.5 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 260.5, 253.2, 247.2 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22) and T₃ *i.e.*, 125% RDF through inorganic fertilizers (250.2, 243.6, 238.0 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 238.2, 232.1, 225.6 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22). It indicates the prominent residual effect of farmyard manure and green leaf manure when compared to all other treatments. This benefit owes to low decomposition and mineralization of major and minor nutrients and their addition to soil nutrient pool left behind in sufficient quantities after their absorption by rice crop

Table 5. Residual effect of INM practices in preceeding rice and NPK levels on available nitrogen (kg ha⁻¹) in soil at different stages of sorghum (Rabi, 2020-21)

	Vegetative			Mean	Flowering			Mean	Harvest			Mean
	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3	
T₁	196.8	215.3	235.6	215.9	191.3	209.5	230.8	210.5	185.6	203.5	225.8	205.0
T₂	214.5	232.4	251.7	234.5	207.7	228.4	247.1	227.7	201.4	222.7	238.2	220.8
T₃	228.6	251.3	270.8	250.2	222.0	246.6	262.3	243.6	216.2	241.6	256.1	238.0
T₄	216.3	235.9	253.5	235.2	209.8	230.3	249.5	229.9	202.3	224.5	241.8	222.9
T₅	217.5	237.3	255.8	236.9	211.3	232.7	250.4	231.5	205.5	225.3	243.7	224.8
T₆	221.1	240.3	258.6	240.0	214.8	234.4	252.6	233.9	207.4	229.3	246.6	227.8
T₇	231.9	255.2	273.6	253.6	226.4	249.2	264.5	246.7	220.1	243.4	258.5	240.7
T₈	234.2	257.6	275.8	255.9	228.4	251.6	268.1	249.4	222.9	246.6	262.2	243.9
T₉	237.2	261.0	279.4	259.2	231.8	254.0	271.1	252.3	225.8	248.2	265.3	246.4
Mean	222.0	244.6	261.6		215.9	237.4	255.2		209.7	231.7	248.7	
	SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)	
M	5.73	17.18	7.09		5.16	15.47	6.56		5.55	16.63	7.23	
S	3.61	10.36	7.74		3.85	11.05	8.48		2.90	8.30	6.54	
M X S	10.84	NS			11.56	NS			8.69	NS		
S X M	9.73	NS			10.12	NS			8.10	NS		

Table 6. Residual effect of INM practices in preceeding rice and NPK levels on available nitrogen (kg ha^{-1}) in soil at different stages of sorghum (Rabi, 2021-22)

	Vegetative			Mean	Flowering			Mean	Harvest			Mean
	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3	
T₁	200.5	219.8	240.9	220.4	194.7	213.8	234.5	214.3	188.1	207.8	229.4	208.4
T₂	219.8	238.7	256.4	238.3	213.3	235.6	252.2	232.1	205.8	227.1	243.8	225.6
T₃	235.9	258.6	277.2	257.2	227.5	253.2	270.7	250.5	220.5	248.2	263.6	244.1
T₄	221.7	240.5	258.8	240.3	212.3	237.6	255.4	234.4	206.8	230.2	246.4	227.8
T₅	222.8	242.7	260.3	241.9	215.7	237.4	254.6	236.2	209.2	232.6	248.2	230.0
T₆	226.5	245.7	263.1	245.1	218.4	239.8	257.1	238.4	211.2	234.8	251.3	232.4
T₇	238.7	262.6	280.3	260.5	231.7	256.5	271.3	253.2	225.8	250.6	265.1	247.2
T₈	241.5	264.3	282.2	262.7	233.7	258.1	275.6	255.8	227.2	253.4	269.5	250.0
T₉	244.4	268.2	286.8	266.5	236.4	261.2	278.5	258.7	230.5	255.9	272.6	253.0
Mean	228.0	249.0	267.3		220.4	243.7	261.1		213.9	237.8	254.4	
	SEm\pm	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm\pm	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm\pm	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)	
M	6.48	19.42	7.83		6.34	19.00	7.87		5.64	16.92	7.19	
S	3.38	9.69	7.08		2.91	8.35	6.26		3.05	8.76	6.74	
M X S	10.14	NS			8.73	NS			9.16	NS		
S X M	9.46	NS			8.42	NS			8.48	NS		

(Subbaiah *et al.*, 2013) [34]. Urea which is most available form of nitrogen when applied to rice is subjected to leaching and volatilization losses in addition to crop uptake. Therefore this resulted in lower availability of nitrogen after *kharif* rice.

Application of manures over the years increases the level of N, P, K, S, Ca and Mg in the soil. Thus creating a reservoir of soil nutrients for several years after application. Use of farmyard manure and green leaf manure might have attributed to the mineralization of N in soil and high enzyme activities in the soil amended with organic manures might have increased the transformation of nutrients to available form. Role of farmyard manure and green leaf manure in releasing N and improving N availability in soil was reported by Singh *et al.* (2008) [35].

At all the stages of crop growth, the lowest available nitrogen in soil was recorded in control *i.e.*, T₁ (215.9, 210.5, 205.0 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 220.4, 214.3, 208.4 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22) which received no fertilizers indicating its negligible residual effect.

Among the subplots, 100% RDF (S₃) recorded significantly higher available nitrogen (261.6, 255.3, 248.7 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 267.3, 261.1, 254.4 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22) at vegetative, flowering and harvest stages respectively when compared to 75% RDF (S₂) and Control (S₁). Increase in available nitrogen with increase in the level of fertilizers might be attributed to the fact that with higher fertilizer dose, higher amount of fertilizer N could be converted into available form by the biochemical reaction of fertilizer N with soil organic matter (Kamla *et al.*, 2005) [9]. The above results were also corroborated with Kaktar *et al.* (2002) [36], Gadhiya *et al.* (2009) [37] and Jat and Nanwal (2013) [38].

The interaction between nutrient management treatments applied during *kharif* season and different levels of fertilizers during *rabi* season was found non significant.

4.2.2 Available Phosphorus

The data presented in the tables 7 and 8 revealed that different INM treatments adopted in *kharif* showed significant residual effect on available phosphorus by sorghum in *rabi*.

Significantly higher available phosphorus was recorded in the treatment T₉ *i.e.*, 100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM with 69.3, 62.6, 58.3 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 73.5, 66.7, 62.5 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22 at vegetative, flowering and harvest stages respectively and it was on par with treatments T₈ which received 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (66.2, 61.1, 56.4 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 70.1, 65.0, 60.4 kg ha⁻¹ in 2022), T₇ *i.e.*, 100% RDF + 25% N through FYM (65.1, 59.9, 54.8 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 69.1, 63.6, 58.8 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22) and T₃ *i.e.*, 125% RDF through inorganic fertilizers (63.8, 57.9, 52.8 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 67.7, 61.8, 56.9 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22). The lowest available phosphorus was recorded in T₁ *i.e.*, control (48.9, 44.8, 42.5 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 51.8, 47.9, 45.5 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22) indicating its negligible residual effect. Superiority of treatments which received farmyard manure and green leaf manure in terms of soil available phosphorus might be due to the persistent material in organic manures *viz.*, cellulose. It requires more time for its decomposition, hence, about 25 to 33% of nitrogen and small fraction of phosphorus and potassium may be available to immediate crop *i.e.* rice and the rest to subsequent crop *i.e.* sorghum (Patel *et al.*, 2018) [39]. Mahala *et al.* (2006) [40], Mallareddy and Devender reddy (2008) [7], Subbaiah *et al.* (2013) [34] also noticed the significant residual effect of organics on succeeding crop in terms of the available phosphorus in soil. High analysis fertilizers might have provided N and P to meet the requirements of rice crop only. It is established that only 30 percent of N and 15 percent of P in inorganic fertilizers is utilized by *kharif* crop and the rest is subjected to loss thus reducing its use efficiency.

Irrespective of the INM treatments in *kharif*, application of 100% RDF (S₃) in *rabi* recorded significantly higher available P₂O₅ (70.1, 62.2, 56.7 kg ha⁻¹ and 74.5, 66.2, 60.8 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively) at all stages of crop when compared to 75% RDF (S₂) and Control (S₁). The interaction between main plots and subplots was found non significant.

However, the soil available phosphorus was decreased with advancement of crop stage during both the years and in all the treatments. This decrease in phosphorus might be attributed to absorption of P by the growing plants and/or due to re-fixation of solubilized phosphorus (Veeranagappa *et al.*, 2011 [18]; Chikkaraju, 2012) [19]. Bhargavi *et al.* (2007) [41] reported that the highest available phosphorus was recorded with sunhemp-rice-rice and buildup of available phosphorus in soil was due to release of organic acids during microbial decomposition of green manure which helped in the

solubility of native phosphorus in soil. As the phosphorus requirement of rice was meagre, organic and inorganic additions increased the soil phosphorus content.

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Table 7. Residual effect of INM practices in preceeding rice and NPK levels on available phosphorus (kg ha⁻¹) in soil at different stages of sorghum (*Rabi*, 2020-21)

	Vegetative			Mean	Flowering			Mean	Harvest			Mean
	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3	
T₁	39.1	50.4	57.2	48.9	37.1	46.0	51.3	44.8	34.1	44.4	49.0	42.5
T₂	47.6	58.4	67.1	57.3	43.6	51.7	58.9	51.4	40.6	47.3	53.8	46.9
T₃	54.2	64.5	72.6	63.8	50.3	58.8	64.5	57.9	47.2	52.7	58.5	52.8
T₄	46.5	59.4	67.8	58.3	44.4	52.7	59.6	52.2	41.5	48.3	52.4	47.4
T₅	48.2	60.3	68.6	59.0	46.2	53.5	60.4	53.4	42.3	49.0	54.2	48.5
T₆	50.6	62.1	69.4	60.7	48.8	56.9	61.7	55.8	44.4	50.8	56.7	50.6
T₇	54.7	66.5	74.2	65.1	52.6	60.8	66.3	59.9	48.7	55.4	60.2	54.8
T₈	55.4	67.9	75.3	66.2	54.0	61.5	67.8	61.1	50.4	57.1	61.8	56.4
T₉	59.1	70.3	78.6	69.3	55.2	63.7	69.0	62.6	52.1	59.3	63.5	58.3
Mean	50.6	62.2	70.1		48.0	56.2	62.2		44.6	51.6	56.7	
	SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)	
M	1.98	5.95	9.76		1.87	5.60	10.11		1.93	5.77	11.33	
S	0.91	2.61	7.76		0.72	2.07	6.75		0.65	1.87	6.64	
M X S	2.73	NS			2.16	NS			1.95	NS		
S X M	2.63	NS			2.20	NS			2.10	NS		

Table 8. Residual effect of INM practices in preceeding rice and NPK levels on available phosphorus (kg ha⁻¹) in soil at different stages of sorghum (*Rabi*, 2021-22)

	Vegetative			Mean	Flowering			Mean	Harvest			Mean
	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3	
T₁	41.6	53.1	60.7	51.8	39.5	49.4	54.8	47.9	36.4	47.8	52.3	45.5
T₂	49.3	60.8	70.5	59.9	45.1	53.4	61.5	53.3	42.5	49.7	55.3	49.2
T₃	57.6	68.2	77.3	67.7	53.8	62.4	69.2	61.8	50.7	56.3	63.8	56.9
T₄	48.2	62.7	71.5	61.2	46.8	55.4	62.2	54.8	43.4	51.8	56.2	50.5
T₅	50.6	63.5	72.1	62.1	48.7	56.1	64.7	56.5	44.9	52.1	58.5	51.8
T₆	52.1	66.5	74.9	64.5	50.6	59.5	65.1	58.4	46.6	53.5	60.6	53.6
T₇	57.1	70.8	79.5	69.1	55.0	64.3	71.6	63.6	51.2	59.8	65.5	58.8
T₈	58.2	71.5	80.6	70.1	57.4	65.2	72.3	65.0	53.6	61.3	66.4	60.4
T₉	62.4	74.7	83.4	73.5	58.5	67.2	74.3	66.7	55.4	63.7	68.3	62.5
Mean	52.8	65.8	74.5		50.6	59.2	66.2		47.2	55.1	60.8	
	SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)	
M	2.10	6.29	9.77		1.73	5.17	8.83		2.10	6.28	11.56	
S	1.02	2.93	8.24		0.68	1.96	6.04		0.72	2.06	6.88	
M X S	3.06	NS			2.05	NS			2.16	NS		
S X M	2.91	NS			2.07	NS			2.30	NS		

4.2.3 Available-Potassium

Available potassium in sorghum at various growth stages was significantly influenced by integrated nutrient management treatments imposed in preceding rice and levels of NPK applied to sorghum during both the years of study (Tables 9 and 10)

Significantly higher available potassium was recorded in the treatment that received 100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM (T_9 - 447.8, 433.3, 424.7 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 456.9, 441.2, 433.0 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22 at vegetative, flowering and harvest stages respectively and it was on par with treatments T_8 which received 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (445.2, 430.5, 422.1 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 453.7, 438.3, 430.6 kg ha⁻¹ in 2022), T_7 i.e., 100% RDF + 25% N through FYM (442.6, 428.7, 419.4 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 451.1, 436.2, 427.8 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22) and T_3 i.e., 125% RDF through inorganic fertilizers (438.0, 424.0, 416.1 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 446.9, 432.0, 424.8 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22). The lowest available potassium was recorded in T_1 i.e., control (376.5, 365.9, 357.0 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 382.3, 371.4, 362.7 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22) indicating its negligible residual effect.

Application of FYM and green leaf manure along with inorganics to preceding rice have improved the available K₂O content in soil under maize when compared to all other treatments. The buildup of soil available K due to FYM and green leaf manure application may be due to addition of K through solubilizing action of certain organic acids produced during decomposition of organics, reduction of potassium fixation, its greater capacity to hold K in the available form. Similar results were also observed by Sarkar *et al.* (2014) [27], Chettri *et al.* (2017) [28], Santhosh *et al.* (2019) [42] and Sankaramoorthy and Rangaswamy, 2019 [43].

Irrespective of the integrated nutrient management practices followed in preceding rice crop, the status of available-K in soil under sorghum significantly increased with increase in level of fertilizer from Control (S_1 - 388.8, 380.4, 374.3 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 367.4, 353.3, 345.7 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22) to 100% RDF (S_3 - 438.6, 421.1, 411.2 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 451.9, 429.7, 420.4 kg ha⁻¹ in 2021-22) during both the years of study at all the stages of crop growth. Interaction effect was found to be statistically insignificant.

Table 9. Residual effect of INM practices in preceeding rice and NPK levels on available potassium (kg ha⁻¹) in soil at different stages of sorghum (*Rabi*, 2020-21)

	Vegetative			Mean	Flowering			Mean	Harvest			Mean
	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3	
T₁	353.53	379.78	396.45	376.59	346.06	368.25	383.53	365.95	340.36	358.23	372.54	357.04
T₂	370.82	398.78	415.96	395.19	364.26	386.94	400.19	383.80	357.06	374.18	389.43	373.56
T₃	405.33	446.70	462.05	438.03	395.92	432.73	443.49	424.05	392.22	421.45	434.76	416.14
T₄	373.14	399.37	418.49	397.00	367.40	388.12	402.27	385.68	360.84	376.17	391.06	376.02
T₅	374.40	401.71	421.53	399.21	366.64	389.47	404.03	386.97	362.00	378.60	394.27	378.29
T₆	379.65	403.86	423.72	402.41	372.12	392.55	406.82	390.50	365.65	380.52	396.19	380.79
T₇	410.49	450.73	466.82	442.68	402.14	436.68	447.54	428.79	394.24	425.66	438.41	419.44
T₈	412.71	453.12	469.93	445.25	403.75	438.20	449.62	430.52	397.15	428.82	440.48	422.15
T₉	415.20	455.31	473.05	447.85	405.70	441.55	452.91	433.39	399.55	430.91	443.76	424.74
Mean	388.36	421.04	438.67		380.44	408.28	421.16		374.34	397.17	411.21	
	SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)	
M	12.85	38.52	9.26		12.31	36.90	9.16		11.38	34.12	8.66	
S	6.58	18.86	8.21		4.89	14.02	6.30		5.54	15.90	7.31	
M X S	19.73	NS			14.67	NS			16.63	NS		
S X M	18.50	NS			14.80	NS			15.78	NS		

Table 10. Residual effect of INM practices in preceding rice and NPK levels on available potassium (kg ha⁻¹) in soil at different stages of sorghum (Rabi, 2021-22)

	Vegetative			Mean	Flowering			Mean	Harvest			Mean
	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3	
T₁	356.86	384.45	405.71	382.34	349.70	373.56	391.20	371.49	343.64	363.36	381.10	362.70
T₂	374.53	404.14	423.63	400.77	368.54	391.49	407.84	389.29	361.41	380.73	397.04	379.73
T₃	411.73	455.35	473.66	446.91	401.14	440.29	454.70	432.04	398.45	430.63	445.39	424.82
T₄	377.32	405.70	426.24	403.09	370.30	393.80	409.72	391.27	364.84	382.15	399.27	382.09
T₅	378.85	407.46	429.89	405.40	371.61	394.73	411.20	392.51	366.13	384.25	402.03	384.14
T₆	383.32	409.19	431.55	408.02	376.47	397.10	414.52	396.03	369.07	386.82	404.31	386.73
T₇	416.75	459.47	477.15	451.12	408.48	444.21	456.08	436.26	400.01	434.42	449.12	427.85
T₈	418.04	462.78	480.27	453.70	409.32	446.60	459.22	438.38	403.52	437.38	451.07	430.66
T₉	421.86	464.67	484.38	456.97	411.03	449.15	463.49	441.22	405.38	439.34	454.45	433.06
Mean	393.25	428.13	448.05		385.18	414.55	429.77		379.16	404.34	420.42	
	SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm±	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)	
M	10.58	31.71	7.50		10.32	30.95	7.56		10.83	32.46	8.10	
S	7.38	21.16	9.06		5.79	16.61	7.34		6.20	17.79	8.03	
M X S	22.13	NS			17.37	NS			18.60	NS		
S X M	19.56	NS			15.95	NS			17.01	NS		

On the other hand, the available potassium content gradually decreased with advancement of crop stage *i.e.*, from vegetative to harvest stage in both the years. This might be due to the continuous depletion of K by crop uptake and also due to potassium fixation in soils (Veeranagapapa *et al.*, 2011) [18]. These results were in coincidence with Subhalakshmi and Pratapkumarreddy (2017) [29].

4.2.4 Available Sulphur

Data pertaining to soil available sulphur was presented in tables 11 and 12. The results revealed that irrespective of the year of study, the available sulphur status at vegetative, flowering and harvest stages of sorghum crop was significantly influenced by different nutrient management practices followed in *kharif* season.

Among the main plots, significantly higher available sulphur was observed in treatment T₉ which received 100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM (16.73, 16.62, 16.54 mg kg⁻¹ and 16.82, 16.68, 16.63 mg kg⁻¹) and it was on par with treatments T₈ which received 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM (16.71, 16.60, 16.51 mg kg⁻¹ and 16.80, 16.66, 16.61 mg kg⁻¹) and T₇ *i.e.*, 100% RDF + 25% N through FYM (16.68, 16.57, 16.50 mg kg⁻¹ and 16.78, 16.64, 16.59 mg kg⁻¹) at vegetative, flowering and harvest stages in 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively indicating the prominent residual effect of integrated nutrient management treatments. The lowest available sulphur was observed in T₁ *i.e.*, control (13.38, 13.36, 13.34 mg kg⁻¹ and 13.34, 13.30, 13.28 mg kg⁻¹) during 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively at all the three stages of sorghum.

The treatments that received inorganics *i.e.*, T₂- 14.00, 13.98, 13.95 mg kg⁻¹ and 13.97, 13.95, 13.93 mg kg⁻¹ and T₃- 14.13, 14.11, 14.08 mg kg⁻¹ and 14.10, 14.08, 14.07 mg kg⁻¹ recorded lower available sulphur compared to combined application of organics and inorganics at all stages of crop growth during 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively.

Though the subplot treatments have not shown significant influence on available sulphur content in soil, the subplot which received 100% RDF (S₃- 15.33, 15.25, 15.19 mg kg⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 15.38, 15.28, 15.23 mg kg⁻¹ in 2021-22) recorded significantly higher available sulphur when compared to 75% RDF (S₂- 15.29, 15.22, 15.15 mg kg⁻¹ and 15.34, 15.24, 15.20 mg kg⁻¹ in 2020) and Control (S₁- 15.23, 15.17, 15.13 mg kg⁻¹ in 2020-21 and 15.29, 15.19, 15.16 mg kg⁻¹ in 2021-22) during both the years of study at all

the stages of crop growth, while the interaction between different nutrient management treatments and levels of fertilizers was found to be non-significant.

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Table 11. Residual effect of INM practices in preceding rice and NPK levels on available sulphur (mg kg^{-1}) in soil at different stages of sorghum (Rabi, 2020-21)

	Vegetative			Mean	Flowering			Mean	Harvest			Mean
	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3	
T₁	13.37	13.38	13.40	13.38	13.34	13.36	13.38	13.36	13.31	13.34	13.36	13.34
T₂	13.96	14.00	14.03	14.00	13.95	13.98	14.00	13.98	13.92	13.95	13.98	13.95
T₃	14.08	14.13	14.17	14.13	14.07	14.11	14.14	14.11	14.06	14.08	14.11	14.08
T₄	15.22	15.29	15.34	15.28	15.15	15.21	15.25	15.20	15.12	15.14	15.16	15.14
T₅	15.24	15.31	15.37	15.31	15.17	15.24	15.28	15.23	15.14	15.16	15.19	15.16
T₆	15.26	15.33	15.39	15.33	15.19	15.25	15.30	15.25	15.16	15.18	15.21	15.18
T₇	16.62	16.68	16.74	16.68	16.52	16.57	16.62	16.57	16.46	16.49	16.54	16.50
T₈	16.65	16.72	16.76	16.71	16.55	16.61	16.65	16.60	16.47	16.51	16.56	16.51
T₉	16.67	16.74	16.79	16.73	16.57	16.63	16.67	16.62	16.49	16.54	16.58	16.54
Mean	15.23	15.29	15.33		15.17	15.22	15.25		15.13	15.15	15.19	
	SEm\pm	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm\pm	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm\pm	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)	
M	0.40	1.20	7.85		0.35	1.06	6.94		0.35	1.04	6.85	
S	0.21	NS	7.26		0.19	NS	6.37		0.18	NS	6.33	
M X S	0.64	NS			0.56	NS			0.55	NS		
S X M	0.59	NS			0.52	NS			0.51	NS		

Table 12. Residual effect of INM practices in preceding rice and NPK levels on available sulphur (mg kg^{-1}) in soil at different stages of sorghum (Rabi, 2021-22)

	Vegetative			Mean	Flowering			Mean	Harvest			Mean
	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3	
T₁	13.30	13.33	13.39	13.34	13.26	13.31	13.33	13.30	13.25	13.28	13.31	13.28
T₂	13.94	13.98	14.00	13.97	13.92	13.95	13.98	13.95	13.91	13.93	13.95	13.93
T₃	14.07	14.10	14.13	14.10	14.04	14.08	14.11	14.08	14.04	14.07	14.09	14.07
T₄	15.34	15.39	15.43	15.39	15.22	15.26	15.30	15.26	15.17	15.22	15.25	15.21
T₅	15.36	15.42	15.45	15.41	15.24	15.29	15.32	15.28	15.19	15.23	15.27	15.23
T₆	15.38	15.44	15.48	15.43	15.26	15.31	15.35	15.31	15.20	15.25	15.29	15.25
T₇	16.73	16.77	16.83	16.78	16.59	16.64	16.69	16.64	16.55	16.59	16.62	16.59
T₈	16.74	16.81	16.85	16.80	16.60	16.66	16.71	16.66	16.57	16.61	16.64	16.61
T₉	16.76	16.83	16.88	16.82	16.62	16.68	16.73	16.68	16.59	16.63	16.66	16.63
Mean	15.29	15.34	15.38		15.19	15.24	15.28		15.16	15.20	15.23	
	SEm\pm	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm\pm	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)		SEm\pm	CD (p=0.05)	CV (%)	
M	0.37	1.11	7.25		0.36	1.09	7.18		0.37	1.11	7.30	
S	0.18	NS	6.11		0.19	NS	6.33		0.18	NS	6.08	
M X S	0.54	NS			0.56	NS			0.53	NS		
S X M	0.51	NS			0.52	NS			0.51	NS		

Conclusion

Application of 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM in *kharif* improved soil available nutrient status (N, P, K and S). Accordingly, Green leaf manure had shown better direct effect in *kharif* among the different organics applied to rice. Substitution of 100% RDF + 12.5% N through FYM + 12.5% N through GLM has shown better residual effect in *rabi* season. Thus, application of 100% RDF + 25% N through GLM in *kharif* and 100% RDF in *rabi* is optimum for improving soil nutrient status of sorghum crop in rice-sorghum cropping system.

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