

Response of Bio-organics on Soil Fertility Status, ~~and~~ Growth and yield Morphological Parameters of Black Gram (*Vigna mungo*) var. Shekar 2

ABSTRACT

An experiment to study the response of bio-organics on soil fertility status, growth and yield parameters of Black Gram (*Vigna mungo*) was conducted during Zaid (April- July) season in 2021-22 at central research farm department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, SHUATS, Prayagraj. The experiment was a randomized block design with two factors and three levels of both vermicompost and neem cake at 0, 50, and 100% per ha resulting in nine treatments. Data collected included soil bulk density, particle density, pore space, water holding capacity, pH, EC, organic carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. On both growth and yield parameters of Black gram plant height, number of leaves per plant, pod length, number of pods per plant, test weight, dry weight and grain yield were collected. Treatment 9 which comprised of 100% vermicompost and 100% neem cake at 10 t ha⁻¹ had an effect on physical and chemical properties of soil. Results were significant with maximum values on pore space 48.20% and 46.96%, water holding capacity of 43.22 and 41.98% , organic carbon (%) (0.181 and 0.182%) , Nitrogen 264.45 and 265.50 kg ha⁻¹ , Phosphorus 24.82 and 24.15 kg ha⁻¹ and Potassium 186.58 and 178.41 per kg at 0-15 and 15-30 cm soil depths respectively. The same treatment 9 recorded maximum plant height of 34.6; number of leaves per plant of number of branches per plant of 37.33; number of pods of 31.66; test weight of 32.88; dry weight per plant of 21.65; maximum (B:C) ratio of 1:1.56; maximum gross returns of Rs/ha⁻¹ 129600 with net profit of Rs/ha⁻¹ 74720 per ha highest grain yield of 12.096 per ha 75 DAS respectively. Further experimentation will help to better understand the effects and make desirable recommendations.

Keyword: Soil nutrients, vermicompost, ~~n~~Neem cake and Blackgram

1. INTRODUCTION

Black gram *Vigna mungo* L is the fourth important pulses crop grown in ~~India~~ ~~country~~ covering an area of about 3.45 million hectares, accounting for the production of 1.55 million tonnes with a productivity of 512 kg ha⁻¹ (The Hindu, 2012). Black gram (Urd) ranks third in terms of ~~tonnes~~ average production after chick ~~p~~Pea (*Cicer arietinum*) and ~~p~~Pigeon pea (*Cajanus cajan*). ~~A leguminous plant species, Vigna mungo L.~~ This crop has been cultivated for a long time in the Indian subcontinent and is known in a ~~wild~~ state. ~~It is a~~ drought resistant crop ~~grown, it is own~~ both during ~~a~~ summer and winter ~~and crop~~; often in rotation with rice.

~~But~~ Sometimes in mixed cultivation it is ~~sually~~ planted on a rough seed bed as too much tilt encourages vegetative growth at the expense of the seed. ~~Black gram Period of~~ maturity of legume crops are in 70-120 days. It is cultivated in about 161,000 acres of land in Bangladesh and total annual production is about 50,000 million tonnes. India is one of the ancient countries in ~~the~~ world growing a wide ~~range~~ of pulse crops as prime source

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of protein. ~~In this case~~ ~~For this~~, India is the leading country in pulse cultivation area wise and 25-27% of the world production and consumption respectively but also the largest importer of pulses with the contribution of 34% of the global food (FAO 2012). ~~(FAO 2012)~~ ~~Among diverse pulse crops, black gram is one of the important legumes after chick pea (*Cicer arietinum*) and pigeon pea (*Cajanus cajan*).~~ India shares 70% of the total world black gram and green gram (*Vigna radiata*) production in which black gram constitute 1.65 MT with the share of 12.4% (Elzebrok, 2008). Black gram is predominantly cultivated and consumed in southern states like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Generally, ~~B~~black gram is ~~used to best~~ consumed along with cereals ~~with its and the~~ benefits of ~~black gram were also~~ mentioned in several ancient literatures as food, feed, medicine and manure (Nene, 2006). The objective of the research was to study the response of bio organics on soil fertility status and morphological parameters of Blackgram (*Vignamungo*) var.

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2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

~~The investigation on “Response of Bio organics on Soil Fertility Status and Morphological Parameters of Blackgram (*Vignamungo*) var. Shekar 2~~ ~~Comprise~~ of a field experiment on Soil Science Research Farm, Naini Agricultural Institute SHUATS, Prayagraj during *Zaid* season (March – June) 2022. The detail of the experiment site, and climate is described in this chapter to get his with the experimental design, Plan layout, cultural practice and ~~techniques techniques~~ employed for growth studies.

2.1 Experimental site

The experiment was conducted at ~~the~~ research Farm of Soil Science at Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj. ~~T~~he area is situated on the south of Prayagraj on the right side of the river Yamuna on the South of Rewa Road at a distance of about 6 km from Prayagraj city. It is situated at 25°57' N latitude, 81°59' E longitude and at the altitude of 98 meter above ~~the~~ sea level.

2.2 Climate condition in the experimental area

The area of Prayagraj district comes under subtropical belt in the South east of Uttar Pradesh, which experience extremely hot summer and fairly cold winter. The maximum temperature of the location reaches up to 46°C – 48°C and seldom falls as low as 4°C – 5°C. The relative humidity ranges ~~sd~~ between 20 to 94 percent. The average rainfall in this area is around 1100 mm annually.

2.3 Soil ~~analy~~analysis

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Method ~~e~~Employed were Soil Colour Munsell (1971) Bulk density (Mg m^{-3}) Muthuaval *et*

al., (1992) Particle Density (Mgm^{-3}) 1992 Pore Space (%) muthuavel *et al.*, (1992) Water holding capacity (%) Muthuaval *et al.*, (1992)

2.3.2 Chemical analysis

Soil pH and the rest of the parameters were determined according to Jackson (1958); EC by Wilcox 1950; Organic carbon (%) by Walkley and Black (1947); Available Nitrogen ($kg\ ha^{-1}$) by Subbiah and Asija (1956); Available phosphorus ($kg\ ha^{-1}$) by Olsen *et al.*, (1954) and available potassium ($kg\ ha^{-1}$) by Toth and Prince (1949).

2.3.3 Treatments and design

The study had nine different treatment combinations of vermicompost and neem cake replicated three times (Table 1) in the randomized block design (RBD).

Table 1: Different combinations of vermicompost and neem cake

S. No.	Treatments No.	Treatment combinations
1.	T ₁	0% Vermicompost + 0% Neem Cake
2.	T ₂	0% Vermicompost + 50% Neem Cake
3.	T ₃	0% Vermicompost + 100% Neem Cake
4.	T ₄	50% Vermicompost + 0% Neem Cake
5.	T ₅	50% Vermicompost + 50% Neem Cake
6.	T ₆	50% Vermicompost + 100% Neem Cake
7.	T ₇	100% Vermicompost + 0% Neem Cake
8.	T ₈	100% Vermicompost + 50% Neem Cake
9.	T ₉	100% Vermicompost + 100% Neem Cake

2.3.4 Data collected

The following data were collected on soil properties: bulk density, particle density, pore space, water holding capacity, pH, EC, organic carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. On both growth and yield parameters of Black gram plant height, number of leaves per plant, pod length, number of pods per plant, test weight, dry weight and grain yield were

collected.

2.4 Statistical Analysis

The data recorded during the course of the investigation was subjected to statistically analysis of variance by randomized block design (RBD), for drawing conclusion. The significant and non-significant effect was judged with the help of "F" (variance ratio) table. The significant difference between the means was tested against the critical difference of 5% level. For testing the hypothesis.

3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

3.1. Response of Bio-organics on Physical properties of soil after harvest

Observations regarding the response of Bio-organics on soil fertility status and morphological status in Vermicompost and Neem cake the three levels of 0, 50 and 100% affected the soil bulk density (mg m^{-3}), particle density (mg m^{-3}), pore space (%), water holding capacity (%) in the 0-15 and 15-30cm soil depths (Table 2 and 3). The result of the data depicted that the minimum bulk density (mg m^{-3}) (1.42 & 1.45) at 0-15 and 15-30 cm soil depth after harvest was found in T₀ with 5 t ha⁻¹ and maximum bulk density (mg m^{-3}) (1.49 and 1.51) was recorded found in T₁. (control) respectively. The maximum particle density (mg m^{-3}) (2.316 and 2.317) pore space (%) (48.20 and 46.96) water holding capacity (%) (43.22 and 41.98) at 0-15 and 15-30 cm soil depth was recorded found in T₀ with 100% Vermicompost + 100% Neemeake @ 5 t ha⁻¹.

3.2. Response of Bio-organics on chemical properties of soil after harvest

Observations regarding the response of Bio-organics on soil fertility status and morphological status in Vermicompost and Neem cake at the three levels of (0, 50 and 100%) affected pH, EC dS m⁻¹, Organic carbon, available nitrogen (kg ha⁻¹), available phosphorus (kg ha⁻¹) and available potassium (kg ha⁻¹). The result showed that the minimum pH (7.250 & 7.567) EC d Sm⁻¹ (0.319 & 0.315) at 0-15 and 15-30 cm soil depths was recorded in T₀ 100% Vermicompost + 100% Neemeake @ 5 t ha⁻¹ and maximum pH (7.657 & 7.810) EC

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dSm⁻¹ (0.338 and 0.334) soil depth was found in T₁ (control) and respectively. The maximum Organic carbon (%) (0.181 and 0.182) nitrogen (kg ha⁻¹) (264.45 and 263.50) phosphorus (kg ha⁻¹) (24.82 and 24.15) potassium (kg ha⁻¹) (186.58 and 178.41) at 0-15 and 15-30 cm soil depths was found in T₉. However minimum values are detected in T₁ (control) 0-15 and 15-30 cm soil depth respectively (Table 2 and 3).

3.3 Response of bio-organics on growth and yield parameters of Black gram

It is indicated from table (4) that nutrient sources significantly improved the growth and yield attributes of cluster bean. Among the nutrient sources 100% Vermicompost+100% Neem cake @5 t ha⁻¹ gave highest and significant values of plant height at 75DAS (34.6cm), number of leaves per plant at 75DAS (93.66), number of pods per plant (31.66), pod test weight (32.88g), Dry weight per plant (21.65g), Grain yield q ha⁻¹ (12.096)

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Table 2: Response of Bio-organics on Physico-chemical Properties of Soil BD, PD, % Porespace, WHC and pH

Treatments No.	Treatment combinations	Bulk Density (mg m ⁻³)		Particle Density (mg m ⁻³)		Pore space(%)		Water holding capacity(%)		pH	
		0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm
T ₁	Control	1.49	1.51	2.310	2.311	42.34	40.12	38.35	36.16	7.657	7.810
T ₂	0% Vermicompost + 50% Neem Cake	1.48	1.49	2.313	2.314	42.99	40.86	38.99	36.87	7.553	7.767
T ₃	0% Vermicompost + 100% Neem Cake	1.46	1.47	2.315	2.316	43.53	41.28	39.51	37.23	7.537	7.697
T ₄	50% Vermicompost + 0% Neem Cake	1.48	1.48	2.313	2.314	43.87	41.98	39.87	37.95	7.503	7.660
T ₅	50% Vermicompost + 50% Neem Cake	1.47	1.49	2.314	2.315	45.38	43.51	40.33	38.52	7.487	7.663
T ₆	50% Vermicompost + 100% Neem Cake	1.46	1.48	2.311	2.312	46.95	45.22	41.96	40.26	7.403	7.633
T ₇	100% Vermicompost + 0% Neem Cake	1.45	1.46	2.311	2.312	47.35	45.98	42.32	40.93	7.400	7.657
T ₈	100% Vermicompost + 50% Neem Cake	1.44	1.46	2.313	2.314	47.86	46.37	42.84	41.31	7.367	7.603
T ₉	100% Vermicompost + 100% Neem Cake	1.42	1.45	2.316	2.317	48.20	46.96	43.22	41.98	7.250	7.567
	Mean	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	F-Test	NS	NS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	C. D. at 0.5%			0.54	0.55	0.03	0.09	0.87	0.76	0.070	0.067
	S.Ed. (+)			1.20	1.21	2.59	1.98	1.87	1.62	0.033	0.032

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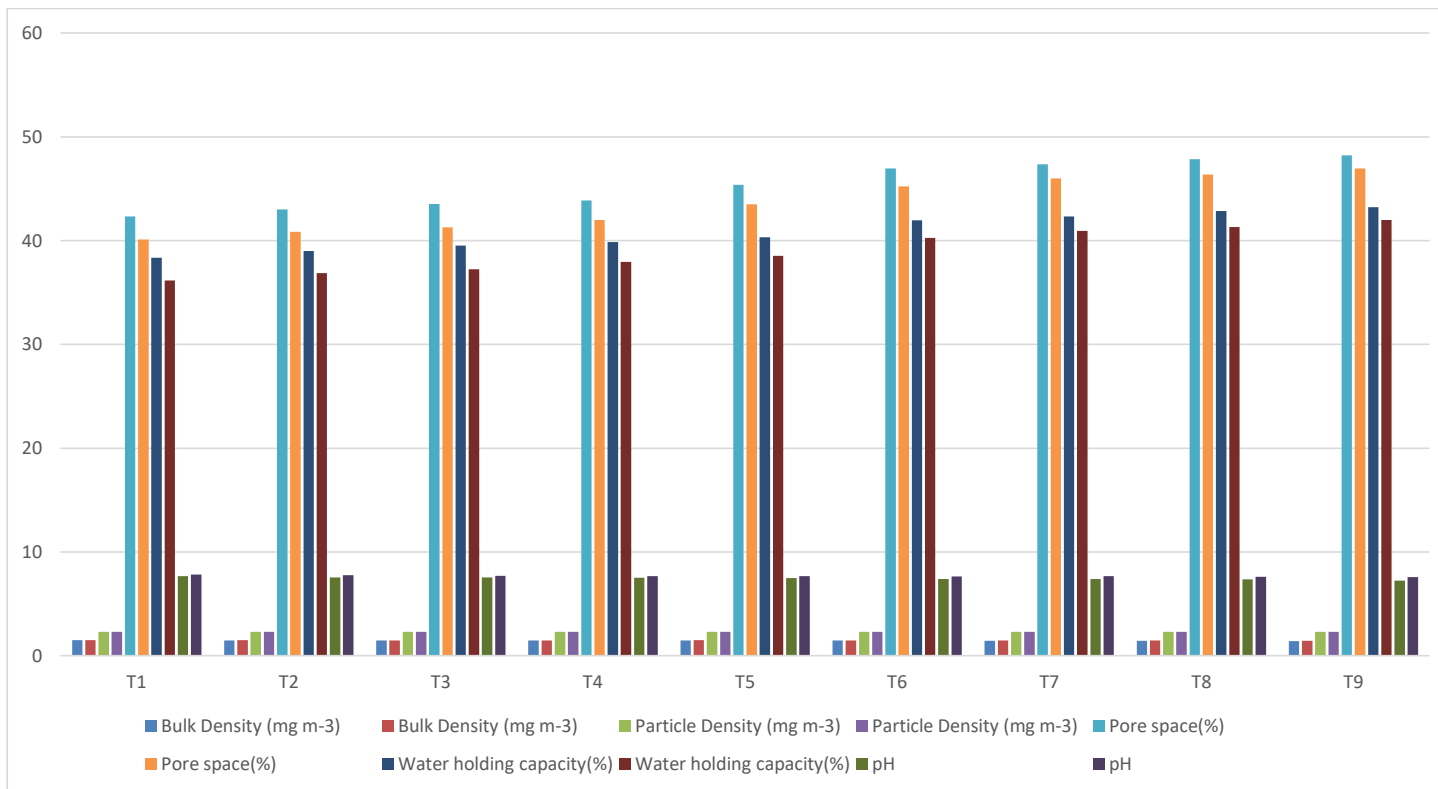


Fig . 1 Response of Bio-organics on physico-Chemical properties of Soil BD,PD,Porespace,WHC,p^H

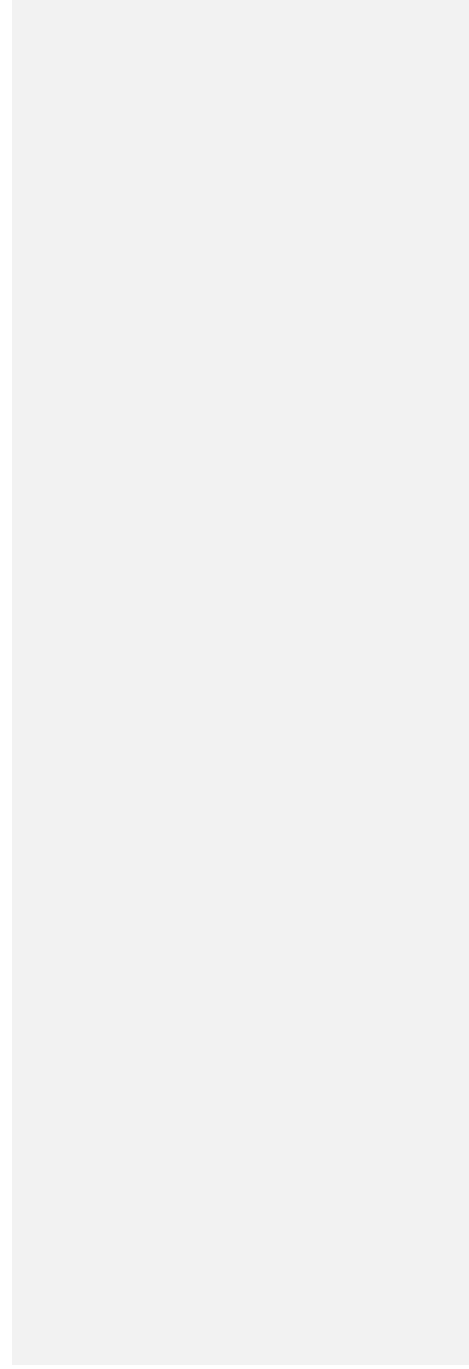
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Table 3: Response of Bio-organics on Physico-chemical Properties of Soil EC, Organic carbon, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium.

Treat-ments No.	Treatment combina-tions	EC (dS m ⁻¹)		Organic car-bon(%)		Nitrogen (kg ha ⁻¹)		Phosphorus (kg ha ⁻¹)		Potassium (kg ha ⁻¹)	
		0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm	0-15 cm	15-30 cm
T ₁	Control	0.319	0.315	0.150	0.151	262.50	261.25	22.30	21.64	140.25	132.08
T ₂	0% Vermicompost +50 Neem Cake	0.321	0.317	0.153	0.154	262.25	260.50	22.50	21.75	142.59	134.43
T ₃	0% Vermicompost +100 Neem Cake	0.324	0.319	0.170	0.171	261.75	260.85	21.75	20.63	169.32	161.15
T ₄	50% vermicompost +0 Neem Cake	0.326	0.321	0.176	0.177	262.65	261.50	22.75	21.75	161.74	153.57
T ₅	50% Vermicompost +50 Neem Cake	0.328	0.323	0.153	0.154	262.45	261.25	22.85	21.50	165.33	157.16
T ₆	50% Vermicompost +100 Neem Cake	0.331	0.325	0.180	0.181	263.15	262.25	23.75	22.85	178.87	170.70
T ₇	100% Vermicompost +0 Neem Cake	0.333	0.328	0.163	0.164	263.75	262.65	23.50	22.06	154.88	146.80
T ₈	100% Vermicompost +50 Neem Cake	0.336	0.331	0.150	0.151	264.25	263.25	24.50	23.65	180.12	171.95
T ₉	100% Vermicompost +100 Neem Cake	0.338	0.334	0.181	0.182	264.45	263.50	24.82	24.15	186.58	178.41
	Mean	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	F-Test	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	C. D. at 0.5%	0.028	0.028	0.041	0.042	0.917	1.21	0.228	0.230	0.90	1.08
	S.Ed. (+)	0.19	0.19	0.145	0.146	1.95	2.25	0.532	0.541	1.90	2.18

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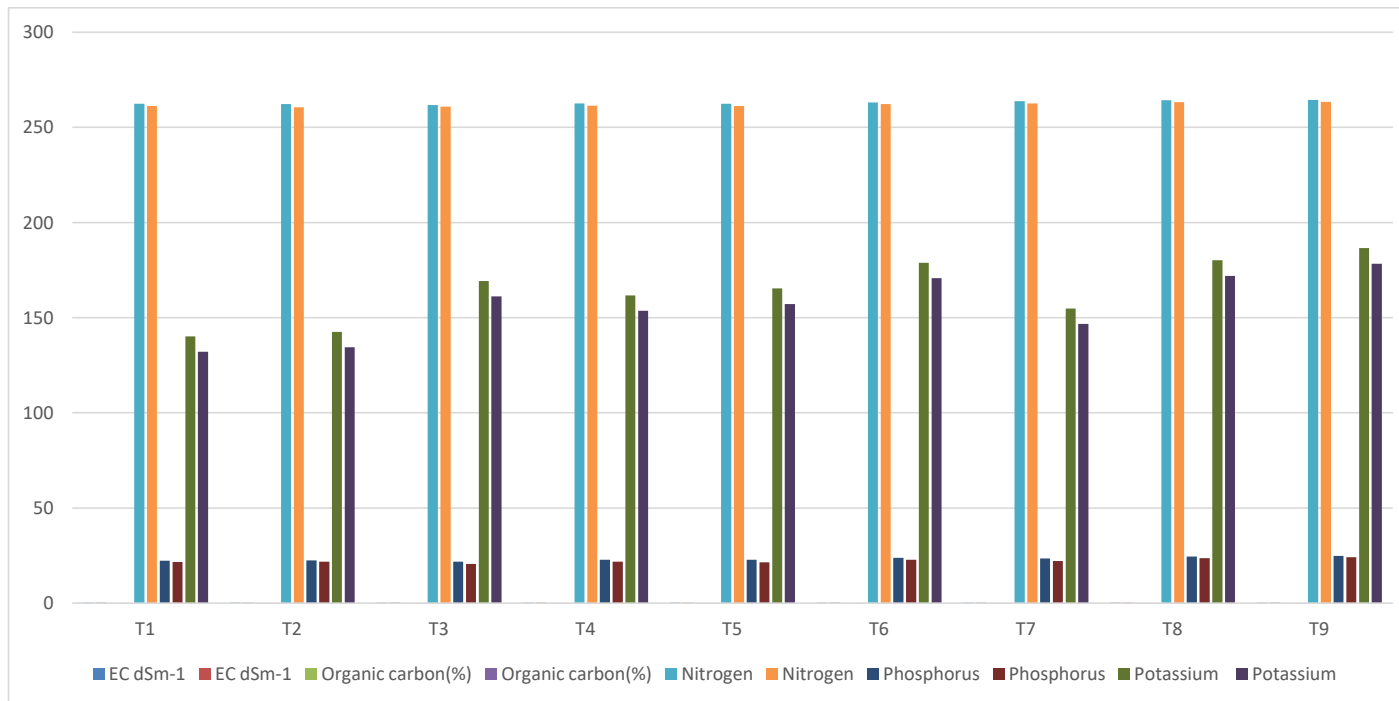


Fig . 2 Response of Bio-organics on physico-Chemical properties of Soil EC dSm⁻¹, Organic carbon(%),Nitrogen,

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Table 4: Response of **bio-organics** on **growth and yield Morphological** parameters of Blackgram

Treatment no	Treatment combination	Plant height (cm)			No. of leaves per plant			Pod length (cm)	No of pods per plant	Test weight (g)	Dry weight (g)	Grain yield (q ha ⁻¹)
		25 DAS	50 DAS	75 DAS	25 DAS	50 DAS	75 DAS	75 DAS	75 DAS	75 DAS	75 DAS	75 DAS
T ₁	Control	9.5	24.5	27.3	12.00	51.00	71.66	10.01	20.00	26.02	11.43	6.90
T ₂	0% Vermicompost +50 Neem Cake	13.5	26.1	28.0	21.00	57.66	74.00	12.24	27.33	29.10	18.10	7.05
T ₃	0% Vermicompost +100 Neem Cake	13.1	25.8	27.0	24.00	46.33	92.00	13.01	25.85	29.75	19.05	7.60
T ₄	50% vermicompost +0 Neem Cake	13.8	29.9	31.0	18.00	54.00	91.66	11.43	27.33	27.60	16.30	8.06
T ₅	50% Vermicompost +50 Neem Cake	10.7	25.2	28.3	13.00	61.33	87.00	12.86	28.66	30.02	19.83	8.62
T ₆	50% Vermicompost +100 Neem Cake	15.2	27.8	30.3	23.00	59.66	92.00	13.17	25.00	31.00	15.15	9.00
T ₇	100% Vermicompost +0 Neem Cake	15.9	29.8	33.1	30.00	52.66	77.33	12.04	26.33	28.00	17.12	9.44
T ₈	100% Vermicompost +50 Neem Cake	12.3	27.5	32.6	25.33	64.33	93.33	13.73	30.00	31.50	20.31	11.16
T ₉	100% Vermicompost +100 Neem Cake	16.2	30.3	34.6	25.00	70.66	93.66	14.11	31.66	32.88	21.65	12.09
	Mean	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	F-Test	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	C.D.at 0.5%	1.883	2.229	1.112	4.559	5.445	4.898	0.705	2.595	0.31	0.25	0.00
	S.Ed.(+)	4.270	6.869	3.014	10.378	9.381	12.819	0.333	6.754	0.66	0.54	0.108

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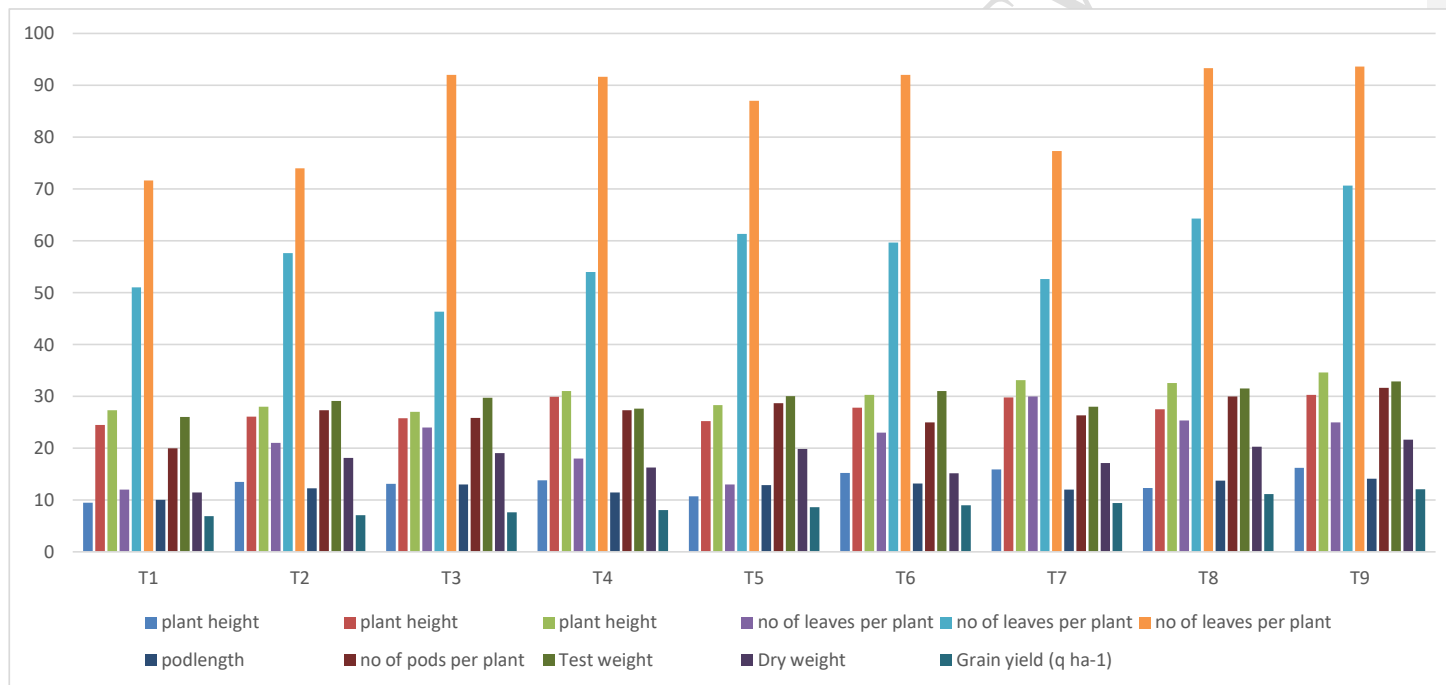


Fig .3 Response of Bio-organics on morphological parameters of Blackgram

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4.0 CONCLUSION

On the basis of [the](#) findings it is concluded that the treatment combination 100%+ Vermicompost +100%_Neem_cake [at](#) 5t ha⁻¹ i.e, ~~Treatment T₀~~, show [eds](#) best result on physio-chemical properties of soil analysis after harvest of Black gram (*Vigna mungo*) in comparison to other treatment combination. Since the findings are based on the research done in one ~~of~~ season further experiments ~~with more than one season~~ will help ~~in better~~ to [better understand study](#) the effect of integrated nutrient on soil health analysis ~~of soil~~ after crop harvest.

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