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RESEARCH ARTICLE:

Enzyme activity and nodulation of soybean [Glycine max (L.) Merrill] as influenced by various levels of nitrogen and phosphorus

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SUMMARY: A field experiment was conducted at Main Agricultural Research Station, Dharwad on medium black soil during *Kharif*-2015. There were twelve treatment combinations consisted of three levels of nitrogen (20, 40 and 60 kg N ha⁻¹) and four levels of phosphorus (40, 60, 80 and 100 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹). Application of nitrogen @ 60 kg ha⁻¹ recorded significantly higher chlorophyll content (44.32) and dehydrogenase activity (5.89 μg TPF formed g soil⁻¹d⁻¹). Among the phosphorus, application of phosphorus @ 80 kg ha⁻¹ recorded significantly higher nodule numbers, dehydrogenase and phosphatase activity (31.60, 5.41μg TPF formed g soil⁻¹d⁻¹ and 8.33 μg PNP formed g soil⁻¹h⁻¹, respectively) compared to other treatments and it was on par with application of phosphorus @ 100 kg ha⁻¹. Application of nitrogen @ 60 kg, phosphorus @ 80 kg and potash @ 25 kg per hectare found optimum to soybean.

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