

IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING AMOUNTS OF NPK NUTRIENTS ON SUGAR BEET YIELD

ZNAČAJ RASTUĆIH KOLIČINA NPK HRANIVA U FORMIRANJU PRINOSA ŠEĆERNE REPE

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Abstract: The root yield, quality and sugar yield were studied in a long-term stationary trial at Rimski Šančevi (Novi Sad, Serbia) experimental station. Sugar beet was grown in a four course rotation (sugar beet, maize, sunflower and wheat). In this trial increasing amounts of NPK nutrients were investigated. The trial included 20 fertilizing variants with 50, 100 and 150 kg ha⁻¹ active matter of each element (N, P₂O₅ and K₂O).

At control variant (unfertilized) in a four-year average was obtained the root yield of 44,3 tha⁻¹. With increasing amount of nitrogen to 50 kg ha⁻¹, the root yield was increased at 62,9 tha⁻¹ while digestion was decreased for 0,26%. As a result, sugar yield was increased for 2,15 tha⁻¹. With increasing nitrogen amount to 100 and 150 kg ha⁻¹ root yield was higher for 5,09 and 5,92 tha⁻¹, respectively. At the same time produced digestion was lower for 0,64% and 1,62%, while refined sugar yield was the same and lower for 0,51 tha⁻¹, respectively. By increasing amounts of phosphorus from 50 to 100 and 150 kg ha⁻¹ root yield was increased for 0,1 and 4,85 tha⁻¹, and sugar yield for 0 and 100 kg ha⁻¹, respectively. Increased doses of potassium were produced that root yield was higher for 0,98 and 2,77 tha⁻¹, while the sugar yield for 200 and 120 kg ha⁻¹, respectively.

Key words: sugar beet, root yield, digestion, nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium

Ključne reči: šećerna repa, đubrenje, prinosa, kvalitet

INTRODUCTION

In agriculture plant production is a part, which is identically important according as livestock production. These two terms of agricultural production together contribute to securely and costly human existence on our planet. There is no less or many important species in crop farming. However, there is plant species, which better use solar kinetic energy in compare to other.

Beyond all question, sugar beet is a crop that great amount of sunny energy turn into energy of organic matter. Thousand kilogram of sugar from sugar beet have energetic value of 17 165,9 KJ. By-product (sugar beet tops and leaves, cuttings and molasses) by root yield of 10t have energetic value like 102,6 kg of maize grain in a meat production. In order that sugar beet is able to transform a big sunny energy in organic matter, they must to have optimally growing conditions. Because of that - sugar beet often called „Queen of fields“.

The goal of this paper work is that, basically on results from long-term stationary trial, indicate on optimally fertilizing level with NPK nutrients.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

In a long-term trial which was established in 1964 year, on calcareous chernozem soil type, we are investigated influence of different doses of NPK nutrients on sugar beet root yield and quality. The trial was carried out as a randomized block design, in which sugar beet was growing in a four-course rotation (sugar beet, maize, sunflower and wheat). In this trial increasing amounts of NPK nutrients were investigated. The trial includes 20 fertilizing variants with 50, 100 and 150 kg ha^{-1} active matter of N, P and K.

The trial has 20 fertilizing variants (experimental plots). Among them, three variants are single (N, P and K), three are double combinations (NP, NK, PK) and 13 variants are with different combinations of NPK nutrient amounts.

Total amounts of P and K and ½ of N were applied in autumn before deep plugging. Remaining amount of nitrogen was applied before sowing. Object of these investigations was variety Sara, selected in Institute of field and vegetable crops in Novi Sad, Serbia. In this paper we will present results obtained in period 2001 to 2004 year. Sowing was carried out in optimal sowing date. All agricultural operations during vegetative period were applied beforehand. At the end of vegetative period (in October) it was pulled root, measured yield, and determined technological quality, sugar utilization and sugar yield. Obtained results were processed by analysis of variance of factorial trial.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Root yield (tha $^{-1}$), digestion (%), sugar utilization (%) and sugar yield (tha $^{-1}$) are shown in Table 1. Average (four years) root yield at control variant, without fertilization was 44,33 tha $^{-1}$. That is significantly smaller yield referring to the yield accomplished with variants where nutrition element were supplied. Root yield at NP variant was smaller only referring to the variants N₁₀₀P₅₀K₅₀, N₁₅₀P₁₀₀K₁₅₀ and N₁₅₀P₁₅₀K₁₅₀, and sugar yield was referring to the variant N₁₀₀P₅₀K₅₀. In relation to the rest of the variants the differences were not significantly significant. With the nitrogen amounts increasing from 50 to 100 kg ha^{-1} yields increased as well, but increasing from 150 kg ha^{-1} didn't influence at yield. The highest yield at 50 kgN ha^{-1} , was accomplished at variant N₅₀P₁₀₀K₅₀. With the usage of 100 kg N ha^{-1} the highest yield was at the variant with 50 kg ha^{-1} of phosphorus and potassium nutrition elements, and the differences weren't statistically significant. Yield at variants with 150 kgN ha^{-1} fluctuated. With the increasing of phosphorus amounts yield increased, but if we increased the amounts of potassium at the same time, yield decreased (for 1,68 and 2,25 tha $^{-1}$). In average, with the increasing phosphorus amounts yield increased for 0,10 and for 3,85 tha $^{-1}$. With the increasing potassium amounts from 50 to 100 and 150 kg ha^{-1} the yield increased for 0,98 and 2,77 tha $^{-1}$. The stated differences weren't statistically significant.

The highest digestion and utilize was at single variants P and K, at PK variant and at control variant (without fertilization). With the increasing nitrogen amounts from 50 to 100 and 150 kg ha^{-1} digestions decreased (0,64 and 0,74%,). The same thing happened with the sugar utilize (1,16 and 0,69%,). With the applying of 50 kgN ha^{-1} nitrogen amounts with 50 or 100

kg ha^{-1} of potassium, the digestion didn't change, but the sugar utilization slightly increased (0,05%). At the same nitrogen level, when we increased the amounts of potassium from 50 to 100 kg ha^{-1} the digestion was smaller for 0,62%, and sugar utilization for 0,12%. With the amount of 100 kg ha^{-1} of nitrogen, significant sugar decreasing was at variant N₁₀₀P₁₅₀K₁₅₀ (that decreasing was smaller referring to the variants with potassium applying). Similar or even the same annotation can be noted at sugar utilization as well). At the variants with 150 kgNha⁻¹ digestion and utilize were the smallest. In average, with phosphorus amounts increasing from 50 to 100 and 150 kg ha^{-1} the digestion was smaller for 0,10 and 0,38%, and sugar utilize for a 0,10 and 0,53%. The differences between 50 and 150 kg ha^{-1} in both cases was significant. The highest digestion and highest utilization was et variant 50 kg ha^{-1} of potassium. With the potassium increasing (100 and 150 kg) the decreasing of sugar 0,35 and 0,47%.

The average sugar yield 6,63 tha⁻¹, at control variant, and at variant NP was 8,78 tha⁻¹. At the low level of nitrogen applying (50 kg ha^{-1}) the sugar yield slightly increased with the 100 kg ha^{-1} of P and K nutrition applying (for 0,40 and 0,42 tha⁻¹). With 100 kg Nha⁻¹ and with P and K nutrition amounts increasing the sugar yield decreased for 140 - 560 kg ha^{-1} . Fertilization with 150 kg Nha⁻¹ contributed to yield decreasing. Increasing the potassium amounts influenced at yield decreasing for a 270 and 420 kg ha⁻¹. All the stated differences weren't statistically significant.

Table 1

Prinos korena i šećera (tha⁻¹), sorta Sara - Root and Sugar Yield (tha⁻¹), Variety Sara

Varijanta dubrenja <i>Dressing variant</i>	Prinos korena (t/ha) <i>Root yield (t/ha)</i>	Digestija (%) <i>Digestion (%)</i>	% iskorišćenja <i>Sugar use (%)</i>	Kristalni šećer (t/ha) <i>Consumable sugar (t/ha)</i>
Ø	44.33	16.02	13.43	6.63
N ₁₀₀	55.57	14.73	11.97	7.40
P ₁₀₀	50.97	16.24	14.06	7.72
K ₁₀₀	47.89	16.36	14.07	7.23
N ₁₀₀ P ₁₀₀	65.15	14.76	12.29	8.78
N ₁₀₀ K ₁₀₀	55.94	14.92	11.69	7.54
P ₁₀₀ K ₁₀₀	54.37	16.37	13.68	8.19
N ₅₀ P ₅₀ K ₅₀	61.37	15.37	13.47	9.04
N ₅₀ P ₁₀₀ K ₅₀	63.79	15.97	13.52	9.40
N ₅₀ P ₁₀₀ K ₁₀₀	63.70	15.35	13.35	9.42
N ₁₀₀ P ₅₀ K ₅₀	70.25	15.16	12.52	9.58
N ₁₀₀ P ₁₀₀ K ₅₀	66.48	15.07	12.11	9.02
N ₁₀₀ P ₁₀₀ K ₁₀₀	66.73	15.23	12.10	9.16
N ₁₀₀ P ₁₅₀ K ₅₀	68.42	15.23	12.64	9.45
N ₁₀₀ P ₁₅₀ P ₁₅₀	68.34	14.92	12.07	9.22
N ₁₅₀ P ₅₀ K ₅₀	66.26	14.44	11.52	8.57
N ₁₅₀ P ₁₀₀ K ₅₀	68.66	11.97	11.73	8.81
N ₁₅₀ P ₁₀₀ K ₁₀₀	66.98	14.43	11.60	8.54
N ₁₅₀ P ₁₅₀ K ₁₀₀	72.36	14.36	11.69	9.20
N ₁₅₀ P ₁₅₀ K ₁₅₀	70.11	14.31	11.48	8.78
LSD	1%	15.08	0.41	0.58
	5%	4.48	0.30	0.43

With the nitrogen amounts increasing the yield was smaller for 0 - 410 kg ha^{-1} . With the phosphorus amounts increasing for 0 -100 kg ha^{-1} and with the potassium for a 0 - 80 kg ha^{-1} . The stated differences weren't statistically significant.

The yield height is dependent from the production factor, which is in minimum. Among equally important production factors, mineral nutrition has the dominant place.

Balanced and optimal mineral nutrition can assure optimal yield and good quality, as well as the good yield. According to our researches the root yield increasing was significant up to 100 kgNha^{-1} . The next nitrogen amount increasing wasn't affected the root yield, which was agreeable with the results of MILOŠEVIĆ AND STEFANOVIĆ (1984), MARINKOVIĆ ET AL. (1998, 2007), JAČIMOVIĆ ET AL. (2006), and not agree with the results of SARIĆ AND JOCIĆ (1977), STANAČEV (1983), MARINKOVIĆ ET AL. (2007) which were stated that the yield increased even with the increased amount of nitrogen (100 kgha^{-1}). Also the results didn't match with the results accomplished by JAČIMOVIĆ ET AL. (2007). They are stating that the yield of above ground parts is increasing up to 150 kgNha^{-1} .

With the nitrogen amounts increasing, the digestion decreased for 0,79 and 2,07%. The similar results gain STANAČEV AND PAVLOVIĆ (1981), MARINKOVIĆ ET AL. (2006), ŠOLTYSOVA (2003). With the increasing of the phosphorus amounts, the digestion decreased for 0,10 and 0,48%, and with the increasing of the potassium amounts, the digestion decreased for 0,35 and 0,57%. Similar or the same results are present at the sugar utilization. With the increasing of the phosphorus amounts, sugar utilization decreased for 1,16 and 1,85%. With the applying of the larger amounts of phosphorus mineral nutrition, the decreasing was 0,10 and 0,53% and with potassium for 0,31 and 0,72%. Our results were similar with the results of many authors, which stated the decreasing of the sugar quality for 0,33% Šoltysova (2003), DRAYCOTT ET AL. (1974), FROSTGARD (1989), CAMPBELL (2002) etc. A large number of native authors claimed that the increasing of NPK nutrition elements (over 100 kgha^{-1}), influenced at quality decreasing: SARIĆ AND JOCIĆ (1977), STANAČEV (1983), NEDIĆ ET AL. (1990, 2003), MARINKOVIĆ ET AL (2003, 2004, 2006).

The sugar yield is depending from the digestion and sugar utilization. In our research, the amounts of refined sugar was decreasing when the NPK amount were higher than 100 kgha^{-1} . The accomplished results were similar with the results of JAČIMOVIĆ (2006), JOCIĆ (1992), MARINKOVIĆ ET AL. (1998 and 2001), although the differences between the amounts of 50 and 100 kgha^{-1} NPK nutrition were higher. The stated results are in agreement with the results of ŠOLTYSOVA (2003), COMPBELL (2002) and the other authors.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the gain results the next conclusions can be made:

Sugar and root yield are dependent from the year of research.

With the nitrogen amounts increasing from 50 to 100 and 150 kgha^{-1} the root yield was higher for 5,09 and $5,92 \text{ tha}^{-1}$, and sugar yield smaller for 0 and 510 kgha^{-1} .

With the phosphorus amounts increasing from 50 kgha^{-1} the root yield was higher for 0,1 and $3,85 \text{ tha}^{-1}$, and sugar yield smaller for 0 and 100 kgha^{-1} .

With the applying of the larger amounts of potassium –larger from 50 kgha^{-1} the root yield was higher for 0,98 and $2,77 \text{ tha}^{-1}$, and sugar yield smaller for 200 kgha^{-1} or 80 kgha^{-1} .

With the nitrogen amounts increasing from 50 to 100 and 150 kgha^{-1} sugar digestion was smaller for 0,64 and 0,74%, and sugar utilization was smaller for 1,16 and 0,69%.

The optimal fertilization variant for the root yield was $N_{100}P_{50}K_{50}$.

The optimal fertilization variant for the quality and sugar yield was $N_{50}P_{50}K_{50}$.

The proper fertilization reference can be given only based on the soil fertility. We must save the soil for the next generation that will come.

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