

Impact of organic and inorganic fertilizers on yield and yield contributing characters of Mustard (*Brassica napus* L.)

Abstract

Bangladesh is a densely populated country where the food crisis is one of the major issues. On the other hand, the balanced fertilizer used is lacking until now. The purpose of the study is to investigate the yield of Mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) Binasarisha-9 is influenced by the different applications of organic fertilizers. The experiment was conducted at Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA), substation, Satkhira during the rabi season of 2020-2021 to observe the effect of organic and inorganic fertilizers on the yield of mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) viz Binasarisha-9 and determine the best dose of combined application of organic and inorganic fertilizers for optimum yield of mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) viz Binasarisha-9. The experiment was laid out in a randomized complete block design (RCBD) comprising five treatments (T1= Absolute control, T2=recommended dose, chemical fertilizer (RDCF), T3=50% RDCF+ 5t/ha vermicompost, T4= 50% RDCF+ 5t/ha poultry manure, T5= 50% RDCF+ cow dung) with three replications were executed to conduct the study. Mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) was responded significantly to T3 treatment (50% RDCF+ 5t/ha vermicompost). The highest mustard yield was recorded (2.14 tons/ha) from T3=(50% RDCF+ 5t/ha vermicompost) treatment whereas the lowest mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) yield (0.81 ton/ha) was obtained from T1= (absolute control) treatment. Balanced nutrient management application significantly increased mustard yield compared to the imbalanced treatment. Organic fertilizers (vermicompost, poultry manure, cow-dung) showed better nutrient uptake compared to chemical fertilizers. However, vermicompost tends to be the most suitable organic source for higher yield and thus is the proper substitute of the most commonly used nutrient sources for the production of mustard.

Keywords: Vermicompost, Fertilizers, Cow-dung, Yield, Mustard (*Brassica napus* L.).

Introduction

Mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) is a plant of broadleaf, cruciferous, and a member of cole crops under the family of Brassicaceae and worldwide a source of cooking oil ([Rahman, et al., 2018](#)). Rapeseed and mustard are one of the popular oil-producing crops grown in the rabi season of Bangladesh ([Kumar, et al., 2014](#)). Brassica, is one of the most important oilseed crops and a principle source of vegetable oil, with 2,70,018 hectares under cultivation and a production of 311740 tones in 2019 ([FAOSTAT, 2019](#)). Mustard is mostly used at the table as a condiment on cold and hot meats. Sometimes it is used as a component in mayonnaise, vinaigrette, marinades, and barbecue sauce and also a famous accompaniment to hot dogs, pretzels, and bratwurst. Due to warming properties, mustard seeds are used in medicine for example mustard plasters. In cosmetology, mustard is used to strengthen hair, cleanse the face and stimulate blood circulation. There are two types of mustard seeds viz black and brown. Black seeds are mostly globular in shape, finely pitted, and odorless whereas brown mustard seeds are light yellow and about 2.5 mm in diameter. Brown mustard seeds which are related to rapeseeds is grown as a source of vegetable oil and is an important crop for industrial purpose with the residual used for animal feed. Yellow mustard seeds are mostly known for their delicate and spicy taste. They are used for whole or milled for preserving vegetables, mushrooms, fish, for cooking vegetable dishes, pork, various game, and meat soups, etc. The bulk of the seeds are used in making a mustard sauce to retain the fragrance. Both types of seeds have similar ingredients: about 35 to 42 percent vegetable oil along with a slightly smaller proportion of protein and a strong enzyme called myosin. Mustard seeds when used as a condiment is sold in three forms: as seeds, as dry powder that is freshly mixed with water for each serving to obtain the most aroma and flavor and made as a paste with other spices or herbs, vinegar or wine, and starch or flour to tone down the sharpness. To affiliate, the yield of the crop, plenty of chemical fertilizers along with a small number of organic fertilizers were being used by different workers which ultimately affects the soil as well as human ([Meena, et al., 2017](#)).

The imbalance use of chemical fertilizers in crop production is a common phenomenon in Bangladesh. As a result, the yield of crops declined due to depleted soil fertility therefore integrated nutrient management is an important demand of the present era ([Attigah, et al., 2013](#)).

Organic fertilizers can play a vital role in sustaining soil fertility and crop production. Besides in Bangladeshi soil, the amount of organic matter is very poor ([Ali, et al., 2014](#)). It is a fact that the use of chemical fertilizers for crop production isn't good for soil health due to residual effects while using organic fertilizers does not create such a problem. Moreover, it increases the productivity of soil as well as crop quality and yield ([Tindall, 2000](#)). The displacement and assortment of nutrients vary due to variation in mobility and competition of metals with other nutrients within the plant system ([Tibbett, et al., 2021](#)). In Bangladesh, farmers use chemical fertilizers for the readily available source of nutrients but they do not apply in balance formation. It impacts on shortage of micronutrient concentrations affecting the yield of different agricultural crops ([Tripathi, et al., 2015](#)). On the other hand, organic matter content in Bangladeshi soil is very poor and is being depleted gradually ([Ali, et al., 2014](#)). Neither chemical fertilizer nor organic manure alone can help in achieving sustainable crop production. Even with the balanced use of only chemical fertilizer, high yield levels could not be maintained over the years because of deterioration in soil physical, chemical, and biological properties ([Khan, et al., 2008](#)). Integrated nutrient management is the best approach to maintain soil fertility and productivity on a sustainable basis.

In Bangladesh, increasing of cropping intensity has made the soil deficient in macro and micro nutrient and thus revealed in decline in productivity and deterioration of soil health ([Tejada, et al., 2009](#)). That's why farmers' can't achieve their desirable production. Therefore, used of chemical fertilizers and organic manures are essentially required to improve the soil health ([Prasad, et al., 2017](#)) and prove a viable option for sustaining the productivity ([Tejada et al. 2009](#)) as well as improves soil health and ensure safer environment ([Babu, et al., 2017](#)). Thus, the combined application of fertilizers alone with organic manures (cow-dung, vermicompost, poultry manure)

and supplementation of soil fertility via mineral nutrients not only to need for higher crop production but also to maintain the physical, chemical and biological properties of the soil where organic matter releases all the plant nutrient in available form ([Edwards, et al., 2015](#)).

It is emergent to find out the optimum dose of organic manures along with inorganic fertilizers for better yield but the research work for the use of combined application of organic manures with inorganic fertilizers are very rare. Therefore, the present experiment was carried out to select definite dose of organic manures along with inorganic fertilizers of mustard cultivation for maximizing seed yield.

Materials and Method

Experimental site and design

The experiment was conducted at the Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA), sub-station, Satkhira during the rabi season of 2020-2021 where the location was 22°45'7" NL to 89°6'24" EL and to observe the effect of organic and inorganic fertilizers on the yield and yield contributing characters of mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) viz. Binasarisha-9 and also find out the best dose of combined application of organic and inorganic fertilizers for optimum yield of Binasarisha-9. The soil belonged to the AEZ-11 and AEZ -13. The land topography was medium-low. The soil of the experimental field is loam in texture with pH 5.7. The experiment was laid out in a Randomized complete block design (RCBD) with five treatments. There were 15 plots which were divided by 3 replications and each replication having five (5) plots with the dimension of 4m x 3m=12m². Distance between replication to replication was 1 m and line to line 25 cm. However, the five treatments were as follows, (T₁= Absolute control, T₂=recommended dose chemical fertilizers (RDCF), T₃=50% RDCF+ 5t/ha vermicompost, T₄= 50% RDCF+ 5t/ha poultry manure, T₅= 50% RDCF+ cow dung) and RDCF=N₂₁₀P₁₈₅K₁₂₄S₁₂₄Zn₁₀B₅.

Varietal information: The mustard variety used in this experiment was Binasarisha-9. The germination percentage of this variety was (90-94)%. The variety was tolerant to temporary waterlogging and alternaria blight disease as well as could be sown in late.

Soil sampling and analysis: Soil samples were collected to a depth of 0-15 cm before initiation of the experiment and after harvesting of crops. Before initiation and the completion of the experiments, composite soil samples were collected from each plot (three replications) at 0-15 cm depth. Three auger samples were taken from each plot and divided into two sets of sub-samples. The collected samples were then air dried and ground to pass through a 2 mm (10 meshes) sieve and stored in a clean plastic container for physical and chemical analyses. Then after harvesting of mustard, soil sample was collected from each plot. After removal of all debris, composite soil sample was made by treatment wise and the soil was labeled as post soil. The soil was air dried in room temperature. Then pH, organic matter, organic carbon (%), total N (%), available P (ppm), exchangeable K (meq/100g soil), S, Zn, B and all other physical and chemical properties were analyzed of initial soil and post soil as presented in (

Table 01, Table 02, from T1 (0.81) treatment (control) and considerable number of findings have also reported related conclusions ([Shankar, et al., 2015](#)).

Figure 02: Impact of organic and inorganic fertilizers on yield (ton/ha) of mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) Binasarisha-9.

Table 05) by the standard methods of [Jackson \(1973\)](#); [Nelsons and Sommers \(1982\)](#); [Black\(1965\)](#); [Olsen and Sommers \(1982\)](#); [Thomas \(1982\)](#).

Field measurement of soil salinity

Soil salinity at different dates was recorded at 08:00-10:00 a.m. every 7 days interval, starting from sowing until harvest. The salinity was measured by EC meter (HANNA: HI 9835). Data were taken in the middle of the plot. Collected data were analyzed using the ANOVA procedure. Once a week, a calibration for the meter was made by comparing it with laboratory data and results have been shown in (Table 02).

Seed sowing, crop and data management

The crop variety was mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) viz Binasarisha-9. There were 15 plots each having the dimension of 4m X 3m and the distance between replication to replication was 1 m and line to line distance 25 cm. Mustard seeds were sown on 18 November 2020. The chemical fertilizers dose was 210, 185, 124, 124, 10, and 5 kg/ha N, P₂O₅, K₂O, S, Zn, and B respectively. All the organic fertilizers were incorporated in soil during the land preparation. The organic matter was dried enough to applied in the field and collected the sample from it for further chemical analysis. One-third of urea is basal dose and the rest of urea is of two equal split doses at 25 DAS and 40 DAS respectively.

Optimum irrigations were applied when needed to the crop. Thinning was done at the 2-3 leaf stage to maintain the line-to-line distance of 25 cm. The crop was kept weed-free and insect pests were also controlled with the proper application of chemicals. Disease and insect pests were always well controlled using suggested applies. Although, There wasn't any significant insect or pest observed in the field. The crop was harvested manually after its maturity on 13 February 2021 and collected data were analyzed statistically by F-test. The mean differences of the treatments were observed by the least significant difference (LSD) test at a 5% level of probability for the interpretation of results (Gomez and Gomez, 1984).

Table 01. Physical properties of the initial soil of the experimental plot, 2020-2021

Particle size distribution	Value
Sand (%)	47
Silt (%)	24
Clay (%)	29
Textural class	Clay Loam
Bulk density (g/cm ³)	1.32
Particle density (g/cm ³)	2.27
Total porosity (%)	43.56

Table 02: Chemical properties of the soil of mustard at the substation, Benarpota, Satkhira during the rabi season of 2020-2021

Soil characteristics	Analytical value (Initial soil)	
	Value	Interpretation
Soil pH	5.7	Slightly acidic
Organic matter (%)	1.20	Moderate
Organic C (%)	0.70	
Total N (%)	0.072	Very low
Available P (ppm)	14.60	Medium
Exchangeable K (meq/100g soil)	0.11	Low
Available S (ppm)	6.67	Very Low
Available Zn (ppm)	0.43	Very low

Available Boron (ppm)	0.27	Medium
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Results and Discussion

The effect of organic manures (vermicompost, poultry manure, and cow dung) in combination with inorganic fertilizers on the 50% flowering days, growth maturity (days), plant height (cm), and branches/plant of Binasarisha-9 have been presented in (

Table 03). Significant variations ($P \leq 0.05$) were observed in 50% flowering days, growth maturity (days), plant height (cm), and branches/plant of Binasarisha-9 when vermicompost, cow dung, and poultry manure were incorporated into the soil. Among the treatments, T3 treatment showed the early flowering (40.33 days), growth duration (83.67 days), highest plant height (92.0 cm) of Binasarisha-9. There was significant variation in the number of branches/plant (8.33) of Binasarisha-9 where 50% recommended dose chemical fertilizers with 5 ton/ha vermicompost were used and the least mean of 50% flowering (47.00), growth duration (92.00), plant height (66.00) and branches/plant (2.33) were recorded from T1 (absolute control) where no fertilizers were used.

Table 03: Impact of organic and inorganic fertilizers on growth attributes of mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) Binasarisha-9.

Treatments	50% flowering days	Growth duration (days)	Plant height (cm)	Branches/Plant
T1	47.00 a	92.33 a	66.00 d	2.33 d
T2	44.33 b	87.67 b	89.33 b	4.33 c
T3	40.33 d	83.67 d	92.00 a	8.33 a
T4	42.67 c	85.33 c	85.67 c	6.33 b
T5	43.33 bc	84.77 cd	86.00 c	5.00 c
LSD 0.05	1.3534	1.1139	2.3567	0.8764
CV%	1.65	0.68	1.49	8.84

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Recorded data in respect of siliqua/plant, seeds/siliqua showed that the effect of organic and inorganic fertilizers i.e. alleviate doses of fertilizers with organic fertilizers was significant at all stages of yield/ton. (

Table 04) indicate that maximum siliquea/plant (66.67), seeds/siliquea (26.33), 1000 seeds weight (3.59 gm) and yield/plot (2.57 ton/ha) were recorded from T3 treatment (50%RDCF+5 ton/ha VC). On the other hand, the least mean value of siliquea/plant (28.67), seeds/siliquea (18.67), 1000 seeds weight (2.46 gm), and yield/plot (0.97 ton/ha) were observed in T1 (absolute control) treatment. Similar results due to the effect of integrated nutrient management were reported by ([Mohapatra, et al., 2013](#)), ([Shree, et al., 2014](#)), ([Meena, et al., 2017](#)). [Diepenbrock \(2021\)](#) stated that siliquea/plant is closely related to the seed output of individual plants. That's why we should try to adjunct a part of chemical fertilizer along with organic ones and application of vermicompost and other fertilizers gave a better performance for the enhancement of yield of Binasarisha-9. As far we know that organic fertilizers can serve as an alternative practice to mineral fertilizers for improving soil structure and microbial biomass ([Dauda, et al., 2008](#)). Vermicompost has a tea-like structure and more nutrient-rich organic fertilizer than other organic fertilizers. It has been reported that vermicompost might have improved soil porosity, soil structure, water-holding capacity, and purvey other growth-promoting substances. Moreover, vermicompost significantly increased plant height. A similar result was reported by ([Walker and Bernal, 2004](#)).

Table 04: Impact of organic and inorganic fertilizers on yield attributes of (*Brassica napus* L.) Binasarisha-9.

Treatments	Siliqueae/Plant	Seeds/siliqueae	1000 seeds weight(g)	Yield/plot (Kg)
T1	28.67 d	18.67 c	2.466 d	0.976 d
T2	47.00 c	23.33 b	2.857 c	1.84 c
T3	66.67 a	26.33 a	3.587 a	2.57 a
T4	56.00 b	24.33 b	3.313 b	2.40 b
T5	51.67 bc	24.00 b	3.321 b	2.35 b
LSD 0.05	5.0346	1.4174	1.44	1.57
CV%	5.35	3.25	0.0843	0.0599

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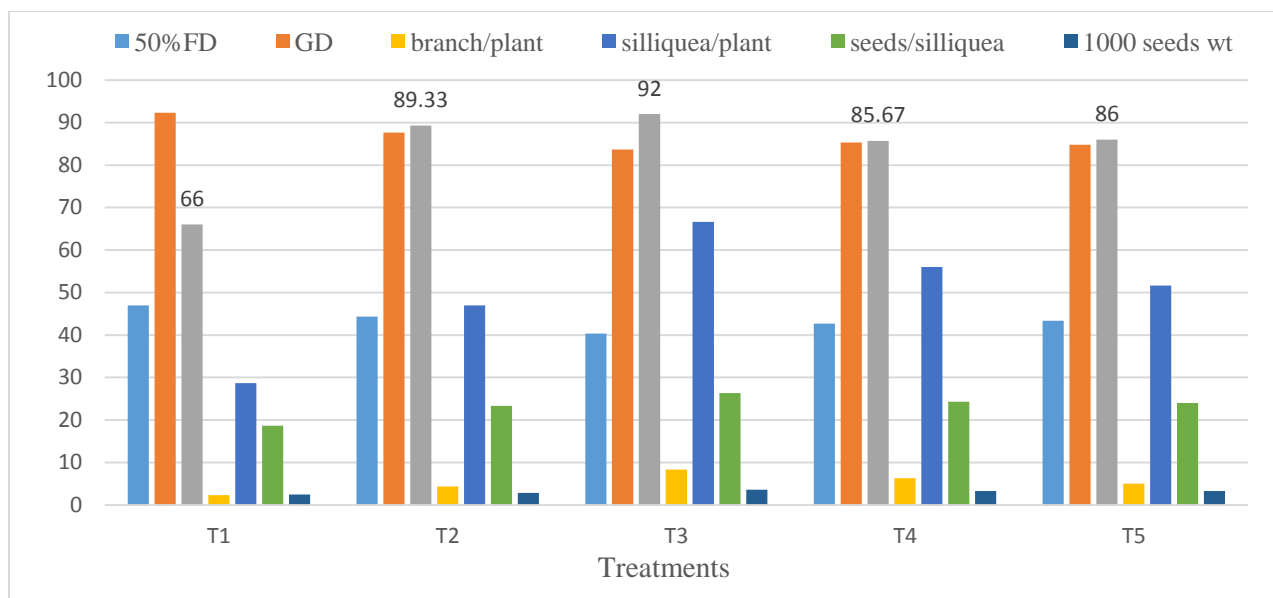
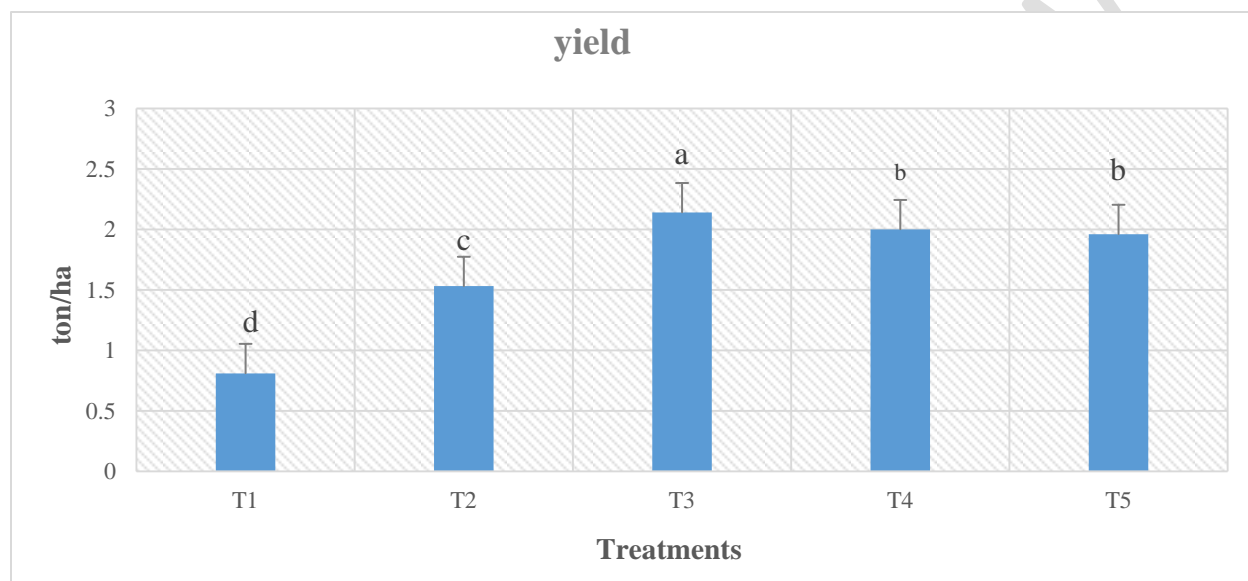


Figure 01: Effect of inorganic and organic fertilizer on growth and its attributing characters of mustard (*Brassica napus* L.) Binasarisha-9.

Yield ton/ha

Combined use of organic fertilizers along with inorganic fertilizers increased the siliquea setting, seed formation and oil synthesis in mustard yield significantly. Among different types of organic fertilizers (vermicompost, cow dung and poultry manure) in combination with inorganic fertilizers, the maximum yield was recorded (2.14 ton/ha) from T₃ treatment (**Figure 02**) which was statistically significant from T₁ (0.81 ton/ha), T₂ (1.53 ton/ha), T₄ (2.00 ton/ha) and T₅ (1.96 ton/ha) respectively. The least yield was recorded from T₁ (0.81) treatment (control) and considerable number of findings have also reported related conclusions ([Shankar, et al., 2015](#)).

Figure 02: Impact of organic and inorganic fertilizers on yield (ton/ha) of mustard



(*Brassica napus* L.) Binasarisha-9.

Table 05: Chemical properties of the soil of mustard at the substation, Benarpota, Satkhira during the rabi season of 2020-2021

Soil characteristics	Analytical value (Soil after harvest)	Critical levels	
	Value	Interpretation	-
Soil pH	6.4	Slightly acidic	-
Organic matter (%)	1.39	Moderate	C:N= 10:1
Organic C (%)	0.81		C:N= 10:1
Total N (%)	0.10	Very low	0.12
Available P (ppm)	20.21	Optimum	10.0
Exchangeable K (meq/100g soil)	0.19	Moderate	0.12
Available S (ppm)	10.42	Low	10.0
Available Zn (ppm)	0.39	Very low	0.6
Available Boron (ppm)	0.33	Medium	0.2

Conclusion

Among all the treatments T₃ performed the maximum yield (2.14 ton/ha). The influence of inorganic and organic fertilizers on 50% flowering days, growth duration, plant height, branches/plant, siliquea/plant, seeds/siliquea, 1000 seeds weight, and yield/ton of mustard (Binasarisha-9) sought to be increased in the treatment receiving nitrogen fixation through

vermicompost leads to increase the yield of mustard per plot or yield ton per hectare. This results resemble with finding with (Kumar, et al., 2013). Hence, soil application of 50%RDCF with 5 ton/ha vermicompost was found to be the best for obtaining the maximum yield (2.14 ton/ha).

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