

Impact of Biofertilizers on Paddy (*Oryza sativa* L.) Cultivar Jaya

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Abstract: In present study, impact of various biofertilizers on growth parameters (height of the plant & number of tillers) in Paddy (*Oryza sativa* L. cv. Jaya) was assessed. Randomized block design techniques was followed and was replicated thrice with twelve treatments such as T0: Control (without fertilizer), T1: Chemical fertilizer (19:19:19), T2: Blue Green Algae (BGA), T3: *Azospirillum brasilense*, T4: *Bacillus megaterium*, T5: *Trichoderma viride*, T6: *Mycorrhizae*, T7: *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, T8: BGA+*Pseudomonas fluorescens*, T9: BGA+*Mycorrhizae*, T10: *Azospirillum brasilense*+*Bacillus megaterium* and T11: *Azospirillum brasilense*+*Bacillus megaterium*+*Pseudomonas fluorescens*. Three splitted doses of chemical fertilizers were followed. The results show that all biofertilizers reveal significant impact on height and number of tillers in Paddy, *Oryza sativa* (L. cv. Jaya). Also, combination of biofertilizers (T8 to T11) exhibit enhanced growth parameters than application of sole biofertilizers (T1 to T7). The results suggest that biofertilizers from microorganisms can replace chemical fertilizers to increase crop production. The study recommends that biofertilizers from microorganisms can replace chemical fertilizers to increase crop production. In principle, biofertilizers are less expensive and are more environmentally-friendly than chemical fertilizers.

Keywords: Biofertilizers, Growth Parameters, *Oryza sativa*, Paddy, Randomized Block Design

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