EFFECT OF PHOSPHORUS AND ZINC APPLICATION ON YIELD AND NUTRIENT COMPOSITION OF RICE CROP WITH WATER SALINITY

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Abstract: Two year pot experiment were conducted in green house to study the effect of phosphorus doses viz-P-40, P_2 -80; P_3 -120 kgha⁻¹. Four levels zinc sulphate viz-Control, Zn_1 -25, Zn_2 -50 and Zn_3 -75 kgha⁻¹ and three levels of water salinity viz-ECo- Control EC₁ 8, and EC₂-16 dSm⁻¹, significantly decreased grain yield with increasing levels of salinity yet increased higher dose of P and Zn. The maximum grain yield was recorded at P_2 (80 p_{205kg} ha⁻¹) and Zn_2 (50 kg ZnSo4 kgha⁻¹) and yield to extent of 19.04 and 28.96% and 46.11 and 43.24% during 1st and 2nd years respectively. The increased the N,K and Ca. However incensement doses of P increased P content (%) but Na & Zn content (%) decreased. While zinc sulphate application enhanced the Zn content (%) and decreased that of P and Na contents.

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