

# Effect of Integrated Plant Nutrition System on the Growth and Yield of Boro Rice Varieties in the haorareas of Bangladesh

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**Abstract**—The experiment was conducted at farmer's field in the Haluagaon village of Sadarupazilla under Dekarhaor of Sunamganj district, Bangladesh during November 2016 to April 2017 to find out the effect of IPNS on the growth and yield of boro rice varieties in the haorareas. Two varieties-  $V_1 = \text{BRRI dhan29}$  and  $V_2 = \text{BRRI dhan58}$ ; and six fertilizers treatments-  $F_1 = N_{150}P_{20}K_{35}S_{6.0}Zn_{1.3}$  (FRG- 2012),  $F_2 = N_{131}P_{38}K_{103}S_{13}Zn_{1.0}$  (Soil Test Based),  $F_3 = \text{IPNS [Cowdung + } N_{81}P_{23}K_{80}S_{13}Zn_{1.0}]$ ,  $F_4 = \text{IPNS [Poultrymanure + } N_{69}P_{3.0}K_{56}S_{13}Zn_{1.0}]$ ,  $F_5 = N_{57}P_{12}K_{12}S_{4.0}Zn_0$  (Farmer's practice) and  $F_6 = \text{Control}$ . The experiment was laid out in randomized complete block design with three replications. The rice crops were transplanted on 28 December 2016 and harvested from 22-28 April 2017 from the experimental field. The data on growth and yield parameters were taken as per objectives of the study. Plant height, number of total tillers hill<sup>-1</sup>, number of effective tillers hill<sup>-1</sup>, number of non-effective tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> and panicle length varied significantly between two rice varieties where BRRI dhan58 showed the better performance. Growth and yield contributing characters varied significantly among different fertilizers treatments. Best results were observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure +  $N_{69}P_{3.0}K_{56}S_{13}Zn_{1.0}$ ] treatment. BRRI dhan58 produced the highest grain yield with IPNS [Poultrymanure +  $N_{69}P_{3.0}K_{56}S_{13}Zn_{1.0}$ ] treatment.

**Keywords:** Haor, Boro rice, Fertilizer, IPNS, Yield.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Bangladesh is an agriculture based country. Total rice growing area in the year 2015-16 was 11.38 million hectares in Bangladesh which covers 74.85% of the total cultivable area and the total production was 36.05 million metric tons [2]. Bangladesh is a high dense populated country but land resource is limited. To supply sufficient food for the huge population, there is no alternative to increase crop yield per unit area. Haor basin is more significant for crop production. Haor goes under water between April to November each year. So haor region is only rabi crop based and mainly boro rice cultivated area. Geographically most of the haors are situated in seven districts of the North-East Bangladesh [9]. Fertilizers are applied to soil to enhance the ability of a soil to supply

nutrients to plants adequate as well as proportionately in order to overcome nutrient deficiency and to ensure higher crop yield. Inorganic fertilizers have been introduced in this country during early 1950's as a supplemental source of plant nutrients. During the past few years, total fertilizer nutrients use in Bangladesh has increased significantly. Integrated Plant Nutrient System (IPNS) is the management of all available plant nutrient sources organic and inorganic to provide optimum and sustainable crop production conditions within the prevailing farming system [1].

## OBJECTIVES

- To recommend rice variety (ies) based on yield and other performance for the haor areas.
- To recommend the appropriate combination of organic and inorganic fertilizers to maintain long term soil fertility for farmers.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experiment was conducted at farmer's field in the Haluagaon village of Sadarupazilla under Dekarhaor of Sunamganj district, Bangladesh during November 2016 to April 2017. Two varieties-  $V_1 = \text{BRRI dhan29}$  and  $V_2 = \text{BRRI dhan58}$ ; and six fertilizer treatments-  $F_1 = N_{150}P_{20}K_{35}S_{6.0}Zn_{1.3}$  (AEZ basis fertilizer recommendation through FRG-2012),  $F_2 = N_{131}P_{38}K_{103}S_{13}Zn_{1.0}$  (Soil Test Based),  $F_3 = \text{IPNS [Cowdung + } N_{81}P_{23}K_{80}S_{13}Zn_{1.0}]$ ,  $F_4 = \text{IPNS [Poultrymanure + } N_{69}P_{3.0}K_{56}S_{13}Zn_{1.0}]$ ,  $F_5 = N_{57}P_{12}K_{12}S_{4.0}Zn_0$  (Farmer's practice) and  $F_6 = \text{Control}$ . The experiment was laid out in randomized complete block design with three replications. Each replication was divided into twelve plots where varieties and fertilizers are allocated at random. The size of unit plot was 5 m × 4 m e.i. 20 m<sup>2</sup>. The total number of unit plots was 36. Initial soil sample of the experimental plots was collected and analyzed. Two rice

seedlings were transplanted in each hill with the spacing of 20 cm × 15 cm on 28 December 2016. All fertilizers were applied during final land preparation except urea. Cowdung and poultrymanure were applied 7 days before transplanting. Urea was applied in three equal splits by topdressing at 15, 35 and 55 DAT. The experimental field was frequently monitored and necessary management practices such as irrigation, weeding, pesticide application were done as per required. The data on growth and yield parameters were taken as per objectives of the study. Two rice varieties were harvested from 22-28 April 2017 from the experimental field. The data were analyzed following randomized completely block design and mean separation was done by DMRT (Gomez and Gomez, 1984) [5].

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Plant heights varied significantly between two rice varieties and among the different fertilizers treatments (Table 1). BRRI dhan58 produced the taller plant (85.67 cm) over BRRI dhan29 (Table 1). The tallest plant (88.23 cm) was observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment which was identical with N<sub>150</sub>P<sub>20</sub>K<sub>35</sub>S<sub>6.0</sub>Zn<sub>1.3</sub> (AEZ), N<sub>131</sub>P<sub>38</sub>K<sub>103</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>(STB) and IPNS [Cowdung + N<sub>81</sub>P<sub>23</sub>K<sub>80</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatments.

The highest number of total tillers (17.50) hill<sup>-1</sup> was observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3.0</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment (Table 1). Meena *et al.* (2003) found that application of 125 kg K ha<sup>-1</sup> increased the number of total tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> [11] and Wang (1976) also observed for 12 and 24 kg S ha<sup>-1</sup> increased the number of total tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> by 42 and 80% [13], respectively.

BRRI dhan58 produced the higher number of effective tillers (12.47) hill<sup>-1</sup> in comparison to BRRI dhan29 (Table 1). The highest number of effective tillers (14.43) hill<sup>-1</sup> was observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3.0</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment which was identical with IPNS [Cowdung + N<sub>81</sub>P<sub>23</sub>K<sub>80</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment (Table 1). Kalita *et al.* (2002) described that the number of effective tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> increased significantly at 100 kg K ha<sup>-1</sup> as applied MoP in 2 splits [8].

BRRI dhan29 produced the higher number of non-effective tillers (4.72) hill<sup>-1</sup> over BRRI dhan58. BRRI dhan58 produced the taller panicle (21.39 cm) in comparison to BRRI dhan29 (Table 1). Kabiret *et al.* (2004) who found that the cultivar Chinigura produced the tallest panicle length (26.86 cm) followed by Begunbitchi and Kalijira varieties [7]. Hossain *et al.* (2014) also found the similar results for different cultivars [6].

The tallest panicle (21.72 cm) was observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment and the shortest panicle (19.61 cm) was observed in control treatment (Table 1). Masthan *et al.* (1999) observed that due to the application of 60 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> increased the panicle length [10].

**Table 1: Effect of variety and fertilizer on growth and yield characters of modern boro rice of haor areas**

Treatments	Growth and yield characters					
	Plant height (cm)	Total tillers hill <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Effective tillers hill <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Non-effective tillers hill <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Panicle length (cm)	Total spikelets panicle <sup>-1</sup> (no.)
<b>Variety</b>						
BRRI dhan29	81.3 2b	15.74	11.02 b	4.72a	20.1 9b	149.02b
BRRI dhan58	85.6 7a	14.81	12.47 a	2.34b	21.3 9a	162.49a
LS	**	NS	*	**	**	*
<b>Fertilizer</b>						
N <sub>150</sub> P <sub>20</sub> K <sub>35</sub> S <sub>6.0</sub> Zn <sub>1.3</sub> (AEZ)	85.5 8a	15.13 abc	11.57 abc	3.57	20.6 6ab	158.60a b
N <sub>131</sub> P <sub>38</sub> K <sub>103</sub> S <sub>13</sub> Zn <sub>1.0</sub> (STB)	86.3 2a	15.90 ab	12.17 ab	3.73	21.0 4a	161.83a b
IPNS [Cowdung+N <sub>81</sub> P <sub>23</sub> K <sub>80</sub> S <sub>13</sub> Zn <sub>1.0</sub> ]	86.8 2a	16.90 ab	13.47 a	3.43	21.3 9a	169.20a b
IPNS Poultrymanure+N <sub>69</sub> P <sub>3.0</sub> K <sub>56</sub> S <sub>13</sub> Zn <sub>1.0</sub> ]	88.2 3a	17.50 a	14.43 a	3.07	21.7 2a	183.33a
N <sub>57</sub> P <sub>12</sub> K <sub>12</sub> S <sub>4.0</sub> Zn <sub>0</sub> (Farmer's practice)	79.1 8b	13.83 bc	10.03 bc	3.80	20.3 5ab	147.73b
Control	74.8 3c	12.38 c	8.78c	3.60	19.6 1b	113.83c
S <sub>x</sub>	0.85	0.75	0.71	-	0.33	6.31
LS	**	**	**	NS	**	**

Table 1 (Continued) Effect of variety and fertilizer on growth and yield characters of modern boro rice of haor areas

Treatments	Growth and yield characters					
	Grain panicle <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Sterile spikelets panicle <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	1000-grain weight (g)	Grain yield (t ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Straw yield (t ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Harvest index (%)
<b>Variety</b>						
BRRI dhan29	119.7 2b	29.30	21.55	5.38	8.58 a	38.2 2b
BRRI dhan58	135.7 6a	26.73	21.90	6.41	7.75 b	45.0 0a
LS	*	NS	NS	*	*	**
<b>Fertilizer</b>						
N <sub>150</sub> P <sub>20</sub> K <sub>35</sub> S <sub>6.0</sub> Zn <sub>1.3</sub> (AEZ)	127.0 3b	31.57ab c	21.60 bc	5.86 ab	8.13 abc	41.6 1
N <sub>131</sub> P <sub>38</sub> K <sub>103</sub> S <sub>13</sub> Zn <sub>1.0</sub> (STB)	135.2 7ab	26.57bc d	21.93 abc	6.09 ab	8.53 ab	41.5 0
IPNS [Cowdung+N <sub>81</sub> P <sub>23</sub> K <sub>80</sub> S <sub>13</sub> Zn <sub>1.0</sub> ]	148.0 7ab	21.13cd	22.03 ab	6.39 a	8.72 ab	42.0 6
IPNS Poultrymanure+N <sub>69</sub> P <sub>3.0</sub> K <sub>56</sub> S <sub>13</sub> Zn <sub>1.0</sub> ]	166.1 7a	17.17d	22.68 a	7.09 a	9.02 a	44.0 6

N <sub>57</sub> P <sub>12</sub> K <sub>12</sub> S <sub>4.0</sub> Zn <sub>0</sub> (Farmer's practice)	114.5 0b	33.23ab	21.17 bc	5.69 ab	7.65 bc	42.6 1
Control	75.40 c	38.43a	20.93 c	4.25 b	6.93 c	37.8 4
S <sub>x</sub>	8.85	2.70	0.25	0.46	0.42	-
LS	**	**	**	**	*	NS

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\*\* = Significant at 1 % level of probability, \* = Significant at 5 % level of probability, NS= Not significant, LS= Level of significance, STB= Soil Test Based, AEZ= Agro Ecological Zone

BRR1 dhan58 produced the higher number of total spikelets (162.49) panicle<sup>-1</sup> in comparison to BRR1 dhan29 (Table 1). The highest number of total spikelets (183.33) panicle<sup>-1</sup> was observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3.0</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment and the lowest number of total spikelets (113.83) panicle<sup>-1</sup> was observed in control treatment (Table 1).

BRR1 dhan58 produced the higher number of grains (135.76) panicle<sup>-1</sup> over BRR1 dhan29 (Table 1). The highest number of grains (166.17) panicle<sup>-1</sup> was observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3.0</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment and the lowest number of grains (75.40) panicle<sup>-1</sup> was observed in control treatment (Table 1). Mizan (2010) reported that the highest number of grains (137.57) panicle<sup>-1</sup> was obtained from 120 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> [12].

The lowest number of sterile spikelets (17.17) panicle<sup>-1</sup> was observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3.0</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment and the highest number of sterile spikelets (38.43) panicle<sup>-1</sup> was observed in control treatment (Table 1).

The highest 1000-grain weight (22.68 g) was observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3.0</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment and the lowest 1000-grain weight (20.93 g) was observed in control treatment (Table 1).

Grain yield varied significantly between two rice varieties and among the different fertilizers treatments. BRR1 dhan58 produced the higher grain yield (6.41 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) over BRR1 dhan29 (5.38 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) (Table 1). The highest grain yield (7.09 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) was observed in IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3.0</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment and the lowest grain yield (4.25 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) was observed in control treatment (Table 1). Choudhury and Khan (2002) reported that yield of rice significantly increased with application of 120 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> over farmer's practice (80 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>) [4]. Biswas *et al.* (2001) found the highest grain yield (6.27 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) with the application of K @ 60 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> [3]. Straw yield also followed similar patterns as in grain yield.

Harvest index varied significantly between two rice varieties with higher harvest index (45 %) in BRR1 dhan58 (Table 1).

**Table 2: Interaction effect of variety and fertilizer on growth and yield characters of modern boro rice of haor areas**

Variety and Fertilizer	Plant height (cm)	Total tillers hill <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Effective tillers hill <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Non-effective tillers hill <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Panicle length (cm)	Total spikelets panicle <sup>-1</sup> (no.)
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>1</sub>	83.10	15.00	10.13	4.87	20.05	151.87
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	83.27	16.20	10.93	5.27	20.36	154.73
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>3</sub>	84.10	17.67	12.93	4.73	20.73	166.13
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>4</sub>	86.07	18.27	14.07	4.20	21.07	173.13
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>5</sub>	78.23	14.47	9.87	4.60	19.82	143.87
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>6</sub>	73.13	12.83	8.17	4.67	19.13	104.40
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>1</sub>	88.07	15.27	13.00	2.27	21.26	165.33
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	89.37	15.60	13.40	2.20	21.71	168.93
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>3</sub>	89.53	16.13	14.00	2.13	22.04	172.27
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>	90.40	16.73	14.80	1.93	22.36	193.53
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>5</sub>	80.13	13.20	10.20	3.00	20.88	151.60
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub>	76.53	11.93	9.40	2.53	20.08	123.27
LS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

**Table 2 (Continued) Interaction effect of variety and fertilizer on growth and yield characters of modern boro rice of haor areas**

Variety and Fertilizer	Grains panicle <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Sterile spikelets panicle <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	1000-grain weight (g)	Grain yield (t ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Straw yield (t ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Harvest index (%)
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>1</sub>	119.67	32.20	21.67	5.23	8.50	37.84
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	124.40	30.33	21.80	5.50	8.93	37.84
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>3</sub>	141.93	24.20	21.97	5.68	9.15	38.08
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>4</sub>	153.53	19.60	22.43	6.71	9.28	42.02
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>5</sub>	110.53	33.33	20.90	5.17	8.53	38.51
V <sub>1</sub> F <sub>6</sub>	68.27	36.13	20.53	3.98	7.28	35.01
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>1</sub>	134.40	30.93	21.53	6.49	7.76	45.37
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	146.13	22.80	22.07	6.68	8.13	45.15
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>3</sub>	154.20	18.07	22.10	7.09	8.30	46.05
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>	178.80	14.73	22.93	7.48	8.75	46.09
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>5</sub>	118.47	33.13	21.43	6.22	6.98	46.71
V <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub>	82.53	40.73	21.33	4.51	6.59	40.66
LS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

V<sub>1</sub>= BRR1 dhan29, V<sub>2</sub>= BRR1 dhan58

F<sub>1</sub>= N<sub>150</sub>P<sub>20</sub>K<sub>35</sub>S<sub>6.0</sub>Zn<sub>1.3</sub> (AEZ), F<sub>2</sub>= N<sub>131</sub>P<sub>38</sub>K<sub>103</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>(STB), F<sub>3</sub>= IPNS [Cowdung+ N<sub>81</sub>P<sub>23</sub>K<sub>80</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>], F<sub>4</sub>= IPNS [Poultrymanure+ N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3.0</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>], F<sub>5</sub>= N<sub>57</sub>P<sub>12</sub>K<sub>12</sub>S<sub>4.0</sub>Zn<sub>0</sub> (Farmer's practice), F<sub>6</sub>=Control  
NS= Not significant, LS= Level of significance

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The experimental results showed that BRR1 dhan58 produced the highest grain yield (7.48tha<sup>-1</sup>) with IPNS [Poultrymanure + N<sub>69</sub>P<sub>3.0</sub>K<sub>56</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment which was similar to IPNS [Cowdung + N<sub>81</sub>P<sub>23</sub>K<sub>80</sub>S<sub>13</sub>Zn<sub>1.0</sub>] treatment. Moreover BRR1 dhan58 required 7-8 days less field duration in comparison to BRR1 dhan29 which can avert the early flash flood in haor area. Farmers of the haor area suggested to plant BRR1 dhan58 following IPNS fertilizer application for sustainability of soil and crop yield.

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