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Residual Availability of Phosphate Fertilizers :

I. Greenhouse Study¹

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Soils of Thailand are generally low in available phosphorus, as indicated by the response of crops to the application of phosphate fertilizers. The low phosphorus status of the soils may be due to generally mature soils containing large amounts of iron and aluminum oxides. It is well known that soluble phosphate in soils is readily tied up by these oxides and become difficultly available to the plant. Therefore the soluble or available phosphate in the soil, at any one time, is generally low. Soluble phosphate fertilizers, applied to the soil, are not completely available to the plant. Large portions of them may be fixed and become unavailable to the immediate crop. The fixed phosphate fertilizers, however, may not be lost forever, but will accumulate in soils and can be utilized by the following crops to certain degree. The availability of residual phosphate fertilizer in soils depends largely on the kind of soil and crop and also upon the amounts of phosphate fertilizer applied previously. The objective of this study was to determine to what extent

the previously applied phosphate fertilizer become available to the following crop.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Soil samples were taken from 72 subplots, after harvest, from the Agronomy Farm¹, at Pakchong. These plots had been previously treated with different levels of nitrogen, phosphate and potash fertilizers (Table 1). The samples were brought to the greenhouse, dried and pulverized. The experiment was conducted in duplicate. Two - 5 kg. of each of the soil sample were placed in one-gallon plastic pails. One gram of ammonium sulfate and one gram of potassium chloride was added to the soil in each pot and thoroughly mixed. This was done in order to maintain the nitrogen and potassium status of the soil at the optimum level, so that only the phosphorus status of the soil was carried directly into the pot. When the plants were about two-inches high, they were thinned to one plant per pot. Soil moisture was maintained at field capacity level as much as possible. The crop was harvested at the flowering stage by cutting at the base and the stumps

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were allowed to ratoon. The ratoon crop was then harvested again at the same stage of maturity. The harvested plants were placed in hot air oven at 60°C., to drive off moisture, for 24 hours. The oven dried top growth obtained from each treatment was weighed and recorded. The plant parts were then ground in a Wiley Mill and collected in a plastic cup for determination of phosphorus content of the crop.

Phosphorus determinations in the plant tissue

The plant samples were wet digested and analyzed for phosphorus as follows: the samples were first predigested with concen-

trated nitric acid until the brown nitric oxide fume disappeared. This mixture was then further digested with perchloric acid on the hot plate until the solution was clear, and fumes of perchloric acid persisted. About 20 ml. of distilled water was then added and the mixture heated to boiling for a few minutes. The solution was cooled, filtered and diluted with water to 90 ml. Phosphorus in the solution was determined by ammonium molybdate-1,2,4 aminonaphthol sulfonic acid. Perchloric acid was employed to acidize the system. The transmittancy of the developed blue colored solution was measured on a Cenco Photelometer using a red filter (645 micron).

Table 1
Previous treatment of the soil samples used in the greenhouse study

Number of soil samples in each level of P	Level of P (kg/rai) **			
	P ₀	P ₁	P ₂	P ₃
3	0-0-0*	0-8-0	0-16-0	0-24-0
3	0-0-8	0-8-8	0-16-8	0-24-8
3	0-0-16	0-8-16	0-16-16	0-24-16
3	24-0-0	24-8-0	24-16-0	24-24-0
3	24-0-8	24-8-8	24-16-8	24-24-8
3	24-0-16	24-8-16	24-16-16	24-24-16
Total number of soil samples in each level of P	18	18	18	18

* The first, second and third digit represent the levels of N, P₂O₅ and K₂O previously applied to the soil respectively.

** 2.5 rai = 1 acre

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Yield dry weight of the first and second cuttings and the amounts of phosphorus taken by the plant at each cutting were recorded. Data are shown in Tables 2 and 3 respectively. Analysis of variance of yield was performed and found to be non-significant, Table 4. The data indicate that the residual phosphate in the soil has no significant influence upon the amount of yield of *Sorghum alnum*. In other words the availability of the residual phosphate in the soil is insufficient to promote significant differences in growth of the indicator crop.

The data further indicate that total phosphorus content of plants increases with the increasing levels of residual phosphate in the soil. Analysis of variance of the phosphorus taken up by *Sorghum alnum* is shown in Table 5. Data indicate the F ratios of the first cutting and of the total of two cuttings to be significant at 5 percent probability level, whereas that of the second cutting is non-significant. This indicates that the amount of residual phosphate fertilizer in the soil can be partially utilized by the following

crop. However, when the ratoon was allowed to grow, the growth of the ratoon crop was rather poor and the amount of P taken up was approximately half of that of the first cutting. Apparently the residual phosphate fertilizer in the soil became available with difficulty to the ratoon crop while indicated no significant difference in the P content regardless of the differences in the residual phosphate level. It can be concluded that phosphate fertilizer applied previously to a crop of corn at the rate of 8, 16 and 24 kg./of P₂O₅ per rai, the remaining fertilizer in the soils can be partially utilized by the next crop. However, the availability of the residual phosphate is not sufficient to cause significant increase in the yield of the second crop, especially when the native P in soil is medium to moderately high. The merit of this study indicates that the application of phosphate fertilizer to the crop immediately following the preceding corn crop, can be made at a lower rate since part of the phosphate fertilizer applied earlier is still available to the following crop.

Table 2
Total yield dried weight of *Sorghum alnum* growth in Pakchong soil
containing different levels of residual phosphate (data expressed in gram)*

Sample number	Levels of Residual Phosphate											
	P ₀			P ₁			P ₂			P ₃		
	Cutting		total	Cutting		total	Cutting		total	Cutting		total
	I	II		I	II		I	II		I	II	
1	38.67	26.38	65.05	55.54	37.16	92.70	24.30	25.34	49.64	46.13	28.52	74.65
2	35.11	35.94	71.05	38.00	28.49	66.49	30.62	14.95	45.57	52.59	21.83	74.42
3	23.64	12.32	35.96	40.26	22.79	63.05	57.76	25.09	85.85	42.90	20.62	63.52
4	20.83	20.67	41.50	23.05	24.13	47.18	37.02	16.92	53.94	35.25	17.72	52.97
5	40.57	21.40	61.97	40.95	39.59	80.54	52.91	38.30	91.21	25.60	35.88	61.48
6	31.15	24.01	55.16	26.48	25.25	51.73	59.27	27.99	87.26	38.26	28.53	66.79
7	37.28	29.06	66.34	49.38	18.01	67.39	34.20	25.92	60.12	52.18	26.28	78.46
8	35.29	10.19	45.48	41.20	34.46	75.66	35.30	33.32	68.62	52.76	24.94	77.70
9	44.31	43.33	87.64	48.61	17.44	66.05	24.38	24.46	48.84	34.65	25.70	60.35
10	49.68	15.91	65.59	57.66	14.69	72.35	57.06	25.74	82.80	69.68	34.28	103.96
11	39.75	32.71	72.46	48.80	26.81	75.61	30.28	25.47	55.75	63.22	23.28	86.50
12	24.90	20.55	45.45	48.74	28.67	77.41	28.22	25.51	53.43	45.58	37.52	83.10
13	44.59	36.11	80.70	63.67	25.54	89.21	41.45	29.61	71.06	49.03	42.77	91.80
14	27.48	26.93	54.41	37.60	28.08	65.68	42.46	40.52	82.98	62.95	42.80	105.75
15	37.54	26.41	63.95	76.19	32.36	108.55	39.48	29.59	69.07	33.10	34.41	67.51
16	35.35	31.65	67.00	41.90	35.11	77.01	64.52	44.19	107.71	32.55	31.97	64.52
17	41.54	28.52	70.06	34.14	45.92	80.06	41.04	23.66	64.70	33.35	39.91	63.26
18	53.94	24.39	78.33	40.50	31.15	71.65	50.63	16.46	67.09	35.64	27.87	63.51
Mean Cut. I	36.76			45.15			41.72			44.75		
Mean Cut. I		25.92			28.65			27.37			29.71	
Mean two cuttings			62.67			73.80			69.10			83.77

Phosphorus taken up by *Sorghum album* grown in Pakchong soil of different residual phosphate levels (data is expressed mg. of P)*

Sample number	Levels of Residual Phosphate											
	P ₀			P ₁			P ₂			P ₃		
	Cutting		total	Cutting		total	Cutting		total	Cutting		total
I	II		I	II		I	II		I	II		
1	42.5	26.0	68.5	42.8	18.1	60.9	23.7	14.6	38.3	34.6	13.2	47.8
2	22.9	14.7	37.6	50.2	26.2	76.4	42.3	13.5	55.8	56.5	17.4	73.9
3	14.3	4.4	21.7	57.4	19.6	77.0	41.6	32.7	74.3	26.3	15.7	42.0
4	15.5	10.2	25.7	22.4	10.4	32.8	16.3	8.1	24.4	47.5	17.0	64.5
5	31.4	10.2	41.6	46.3	33.0	79.3	74.8	18.4	93.2	40.2	29.3	69.5
6	3.42	18.2	52.4	26.1	18.6	44.7	48.9	22.3	71.2	40.7	19.1	59.8
7	24.4	15.1	39.5	47.9	17.7	65.6	38.6	18.7	57.3	30.0	12.8	42.8
8	22.1	5.9	28.0	41.2	15.1	56.3	42.2	14.2	56.4	45.3	16.5	61.8
9	34.8	17.8	52.6	41.1	9.7	50.8	19.7	13.7	33.4	39.8	31.4	71.2
10	41.0	14.4	55.4	46.0	6.1	52.1	46.4	11.6	58.0	52.0	20.6	72.6
11	32.2	21.3	53.5	31.1	16.8	49.9	32.9	16.5	49.4	51.9	19.2	71.1
12	19.1	8.6	27.7	28.0	16.9	44.9	26.3	17.0	43.3	44.4	30.7	75.1
13	36.3	30.6	66.9	57.2	14.3	71.5	34.2	20.2	54.4	40.4	26.6	67.0
14	21.7	17.0	38.7	46.4	20.4	66.8	34.2	26.9	61.1	70.8	21.6	92.4
15	37.7	13.2	50.9	66.6	21.3	87.9	37.3	10.7	48.0	22.0	22.0	44.0
16	45.0	21.0	66.0	49.4	33.0	82.4	62.3	31.8	94.1	36.4	22.1	58.8
17	44.7	23.6	68.3	34.5	41.2	75.7	45.1	19.2	64.3	49.1	25.2	74.3
18	53.3	21.0	74.3	53.2	26.6	79.8	38.8	11.0	49.8	26.5	27.7	54.2
Average of cutting I	32.06			43.77			39.20			41.91		
Average of cutting II		26.23			20.37			17.83			21.56	
Average of two cutting		48.29			64.14			57.03			63.47	
				Cutting			total	two cutting				
				L.S.D. at 5 % level			7.98			10.37		
				L.S.D. at 1 % level			10.58			14.17		

*Each figure is an average of a duplicate experiment.

Table 4

Analysis of variance of yield dry weight of *Sorghum alnum* in each cutting as affected by soils of different residual phosphate levels

Analysis of Variance

Source of Variation	d.f.	Mean Square			F Ratios		
		total 2			cut. I	cut. II	total 2 cutting
		cut. I	cut. II	cutting			
Total	71						
Among sample	3	269.934	48.349	532.832	0.134	0.054	0.098
Error	68	2014.086	887.334	5419.091			

Table 5

Analysis of variance of phosphorus taken up by *Sorghum alnum* in each cutting as affected by soils of different residual phosphate levels

Analysis of Variance

Source of Variation	d.f.	S.S.			M.S.			F ratios		
		cut. I cut. II total			cut. I cut. II total			cut. I cut. II total		
		cut. I	cut. II	total	cut. I	cut. II	total	cut. I	cut. II	total
Total	71	11228.31	3875.12	20493.72						
Among sample	3	1439.33	304.03	2929.09	479.78	101.34	976.363	3.332*	1.929	3.77†
Error	68	9788.98	3571.09	17564.63	143.955	52.515	258.303			

significance at 5% probability level

SUMMARY

This experiment was conducted to study the degree of availability of residual phosphate fertilizer in Pakchong clay loam soil, where corn had been grown. Soils previously treated with different levels of phosphate fertilizer for the corn crop were brought to the greenhouse and planted to *Sorghum alnum* as indicator crop. The results indicate that phosphate fertilizer remaining in the soil after the corn crop was partially available to the following crop. The amount available may be sufficient to support moderate growth of a short-season crop but may not be sufficient for a long season crop. Additional fertilizer needs to be applied but the quantity may be reduced.

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