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ABSTRACT

Bris soils are knowingly unstructured, have high moisture stress, and low in water holding capacity. Furthermore, it is also low in nutrient content and has high surface temperature since it has less water holding capacity. Thus, the way to solve this problem is to build up humus in the soil as well as facilitating nutrient cycling. It needs organic matter to improve water holding capacity to make it suitable to be used for crop planting. The use of inorganic fertilizer such as POME (palm oil mill effluent) will improve the soil, reduce the cost of production and provide nutrients for plants. The aim of this study is to see the effect of POME on growth, fruiting and post harvest quality of brinjal on bris soil. In this study, there were 5 treatments with different ratios of Bris soil and POME. The evaluation of effect of POME on brinjal plants was based on several parameters. On growth effects, Bris soil treated with the highest ratio of POME (3:4) gave even better plant growth and greater stem diameter after four weeks of planting. This showed that the plants growth were vigorous with the addition of POME. On fruiting effect, Bris soil treated with POME gave even greater yield and the weight of each produce was greater compared to plants without POME's treatment. For the post harvest quality of brinjal, plants treated with POME gave better fruit firmness, total soluble solid and pH. Generally, these traits are much preferred by the consumers.

ABSTRAK

Tanah Bris adalah tanah yang tidak berstruktur, mempunyai tekanan kelembapan yang tinggi dan keupayaan untuk memegang air yang rendah. Di samping itu, tanah Bris juga mengandungi kurang nutrient dan suhu permukaannya yang tinggi disebabkan oleh keupayaan memegang air yang rendah. Oleh itu, untuk menyelesaikan masalah ini adalah dengan menambah humus ke dalam tanah Bris untuk memudahkan kitar nutrien. Bahan organic seperti POME (bahan buangan kisaran kelapa sawit) boleh digunakan bersama tanah Bris untuk tujuan penanaman kerana mempunyai keupayaan untuk memegang air, memperbaiki keadaan struktur tanah, menyediakan nutrient kepada tumbuhan dan boleh menjimatkan kos pengeluaran tanaman. Tujuan utama kajian ini adalah untuk mengetahui kesan menggunakan POME pada tanah bris untuk pertumbuhan, pembuahan dan kualiti lepas tuai terhadap penanaman terung. Dalam kajian ini, terdapat 5 rawatan dengan kadar tanah Bris dan POME yang berbeza dengan penggunaan baja bukan organik yang sama rata. Kesan penggunaan POME ke atas pokok dan hasilan berdasarkan beberapa parameter. Untuk kesan pertumbuhan, tanah Bris yang dirawat menggunakan kadar POME yang paling tinggi (3:4) menunjukkan pertumbuhan pokok dan diameter batang yang paling tinggi. Ini menunjukkan bahawa dengan penggunaan POME, pertumbuhan adalah pesat. Untuk kesan pembuahan, tanah Bris yang dirawat menggunakan POME memberikan hasil dan berat buah yang tinggi berbanding pokok yang tidak dirawat dengan POME. Untuk kesan kualiti lepas tuai hasilan, pokok yang dirawat dengan POME menunjukkan nilai keteguhan isi yang baik, kandungan pepejal terlarut yang tinggi dan pH yang boleh diterima di peringkat pengguna.