

Regulation of nutritive regime of typical black earth at entering defecation residues in conditions of Forest-steppe

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The purpose. To study influence of defecation residues gained with the help of new technique in grainbeet crop rotation upon content of primary nutritive elements in typical leached slightly sour black earth. **Methods.** Physical and chemical agrochemical analysis of soil and phenological observation over growth and development of plants. **Results.** Use of improver in dose of 1,0 (calculated using index of hydrolytic acidity of soil (4,9 t/hectare in physical weight)) with mineral fertilizer (N90P60K90) in the autumn under disking of stubble with the subsequent ploughing, promotes heightening of content of alkali-hydrolyzed nitrogen up to 137,0 mg/kg, mobile phosphorus — up to 201,4, exchangeable potassium — up to 117,3 kg/kg of soil that exceeds indexes of control treatments for 11,0; 64,0; 53,3 mg/kg of soil accordingly. **Conclusions.** Importation of defecation residues gained with the help of new technique promotes restoration of the content of primary nutritive elements in typical leached slightly sour black earth.

Key words: *nutritive regime of soil, improver, defecation residues, soil, technique, alkali-hydrolyzed nitrogen, mobile phosphorus, exchangeable potassium.*

Introduction. In the forest-steppe zone of Ukraine, soil is a complex combination of soil formation factors characterized by great diversity. Agrochemical properties of the soil differ, which makes it necessary to apply lime fertilizer in grain-beet crop rotations.

Research on the effect of liming, fertilizer and crop by-products on restoration of degraded dark grey ashed soils found out increasing humus content in the soil from 1.21 to 1.3%, easily hydrolyzed nitrogen from 73 to 118 mg/kg, mobile forms of phosphorus from 105 to 187 mg/kg, exchange potassium from 43 to 122 mg/kg of soil, therefore promoting optimization of the physical and chemical properties of soil [1-4].

Agronomical value of lime is well-know; however, its conservation value is not less important. Importantly, while optimizing the reaction of medium, nitrogen and phosphate regime also are getting improved. The positive effect of ameliorant on the phosphate soil regime treatment is now known long time. Therefore, when applying full dose of lime it is possible to reduce the dose of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers by 15-20%. Improving nitrogen nutrition in limed soil is essential and must be taken into account when calculating the dose of nitrogen in order to reduce crop losses and avoid deterioration of the quality. When limed, the soil need in potassium usually increases. At the same time, potassium leaching with infiltration water decreases by 30-40%. The ecological role of liming reveals in the activation

of beneficial microorganisms, especially nitrogen fixing and nitrifying bacteria, which improve plant nitrogen nutrition [5, 6].

Application of half-standard doses of lime on acidic sod-loamy soils improves their agronomic and chemical properties. It increases the content of soluble phosphorus in the soil (by 19.6-34.8%). Increased content of the soluble phosphorus in soil occurs mainly due to water-soluble loose-bounded phosphorus and aluminium phosphate. While application of fertilizer increases the amount of water-soluble exchange potassium and its mobility, liming, on the contrary, slightly reduces these forms of potassium, however increases the number of non-exchange forms (by 15.4%) [7].

Proved is a significant effect of high lime doses on phosphate regime in loamy sod-podzolic soils. The mobilizing effect of lime on phosphate was determined at the lime doses calculated by 1.5-2.0 hydrolytic acidity (h.a.). A small dose of lime (h.a. = 0.5) did not improve soil phosphate treatment. Thus, the lime doses of 1.5-2.0 h.a. reduced the need of sod-podzolic soils in phosphate fertilizers. Application of high doses of lime along with small doses of phosphorus fertilizers (superphosphate) may be recommended for poorly cultivated sod-podzolic soils [8].

Under the influence of liming and fertilization, only content of exchange potassium increased significantly. In terms of amount, this form of potassium was 2-3 times smaller than non-exchange and 3-4 times less that fixed in the treatment without fertilizers. In fertilized and limed treatments, this ratio significantly changed, and against the background of double doses of NPK, non-exchange potassium content was less than the exchange. Liming contributed to increase in non-exchange potassium content of both fertilized and non-fertilized backgrounds. At the same time, liming helped to reduce the content of fixed potassium in the soil against all the fertilization backgrounds. Most likely this occurs due to the fact that calcium replaces potassium and compensates for excess charge on cationic structure fractures and in the caves of vermiculite and smectite packadges. In limed soil, exchange potassium accumulated slowly in the 1m soil layer, however, there was specific difference to the depth of 60 cm. This gives reason to believe that liming is capable of preventing / reducing to its minimum potassium loss.

Liming must precede fertilizing on sandy and coherently-sandy soils, increasing their fertility that cannot be restored in any other way. A peculiarity in lime application on these soils is necessity of application not full ameliorant dose at once, but partitioned in order to prevent losses of lime to infiltration [9,10].

The purpose of research was to study the effect of defecation sludge received by the new technology on nutrient regime under the conditions of the Central Forest-Steppe of Ukraine.

Materials and methods. The study was conducted in 2011-2013 at Uladovo-Liulynetska Experimental Breeding Station, Institute of Bioenergy Crops and Sugar Beet NAAS, located in the Central Forest-Steppe of Ukraine. Field experiments were conducted in grain-beet crop rotation in typical weakly acidic leached chernozem. Sown area for the experiment was 100 m², accounting area 50 m². Agrochemical characteristics of soil topsoil were as follows: humus 3.3%, total N 0.28%, mobile P 160.3 mg/kg, exchange K 80.4 mg/kg soil, pH_z 5.3, H_z 3.96 mg equivalent/100 g of soil.

To calculate the application rate of ameliorant we accepted the content of the nutrients in dry defecation sludge as following: CaCO₃ + MgCO₃ of 84.5%, N 0.6-0.8%, P₂O₅ 0.7-0.9%, K₂O 0.7-1.0% organic matter 13-15%, moisture 3.2%. Ameliorant was applied along with autumn disking of stubble followed by ploughing-in. The doses were calculated by hydrolytic acidity and pH_z values.

To carry out physical, chemical and agrochemical analysis we took samples of soil and plants (for phenological observations) and analyzed them according to method of research in sugar beet [11].

Results. Application of defecation sludge obtained by the new technology in grain-row crop rotation on typical slightly acidic leached chernozem calculated in terms of hydrolytic acidity positively affected soil nutrient regime.

Thus, the content of alkali hydrolyzed nitrogen in the control variant (without fertilizers and defecation sludge) was 126.0 mg/kg soil, while with fertilizer (N₂P₂K₂) 133.0 mg/kg soil (Fig. 1).

When applied at the rate of 1.0 CaCO₃ by h.a (4.9 t/ha), defecation sludge did not contribute to a marked increase in nitrogen alkali hydrolyzed (125.0 mg/kg). Joint application of defecation sludge (by

pH_s) and complete fertilizer as well as without fertilizer increased content of alkali hydrolyzed nitrogen in the soil only by 1.0-8.0 mg/kg of soil.

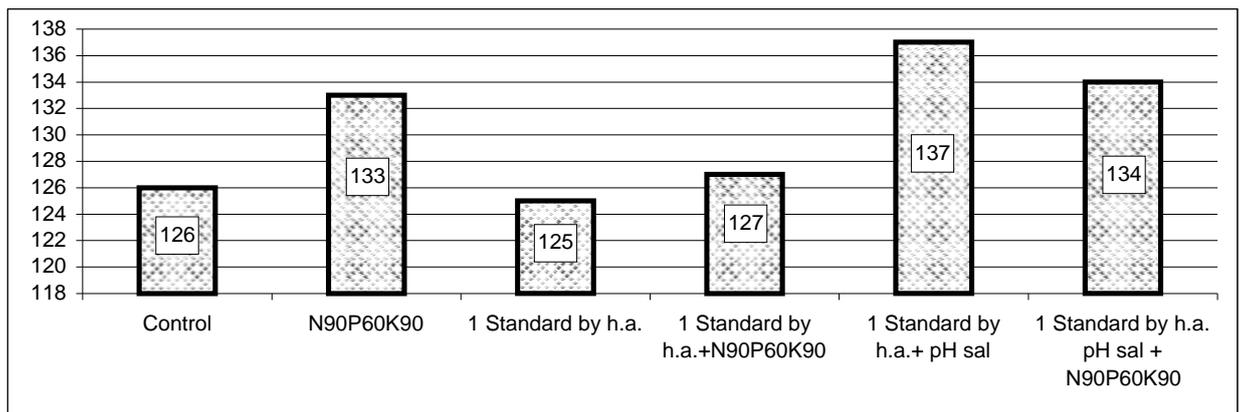


Figure 1. Effect of defecation sludge obtained by the new technology on the content of alkali hydrolyzed nitrogen in chernozem, 0-30 cm (mg/kg soil).

Application of defecation sludge at the rate of 1.0 CaCO₃ by h.a (4.9 t/ha) in one go with fertilizer (N₉₀P₆₀K₉₀) increases nitrogen content to 137.0 mg/kg soil compared to control option by 11.0 mg/kg.

Noteworthy is the fact that defecation sludge obtained by the new technology (cleaned of impurities) provides positive effect on the content of mobile phosphorus in leached chernozem. Thus, application of defecation sludge in autumn followed by disking of stubble and ploughing into the soil increases the content of mobile phosphorus in the test field soil up to 157.5- 201.4 mg/kg (in the control treatment 147.4 mg/kg and in the fertilization treatment 175.9 mg/kg of soil). Application of defecation sludge at the dose of 1.0 CaCO₃ calculated by h.a and pH_s increased content of mobile phosphorus up to 184.4 and 157.5 mg/kg soil, respectively (Figure 2).

When applied defecation sludge at the dose of 1.0 by pH_s in one go with N₉₀P₆₀K₉₀ fertilizer, mobile phosphorus was 187.3 mg/kg soil.

The maximum content of mobile phosphorus was determined when applied 1.0 standard rate of the ameliorant calculated by h.a combined with mineral fertilizer N₉₀P₆₀K₉₀ (201.4 mg/kg) indicating high level of provision of the crop.

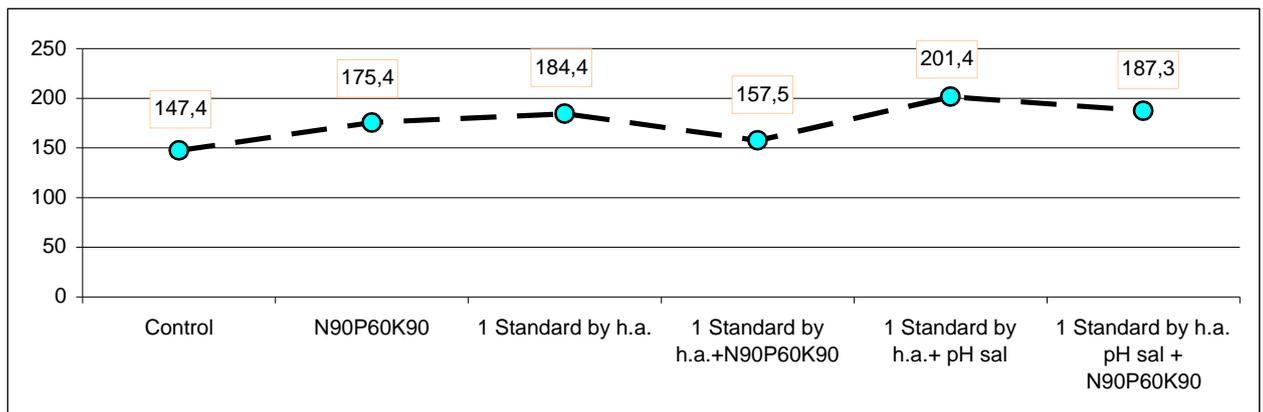


Fig. 2. Effect of defecation sludge applied under ploughing on the content of mobile phosphorus in chernozem, 0-30 cm (mg/kg soil).

In experiments on studying the effect of defecation sludge obtained by the new technology on potassium regime in slightly acidic chernozem, significant differences between the treatments (namely, control, without fertilizer and ameliorant) were found in exchangeable potassium content. Its content in the non-fertilized soil samples was 64.0 mg/kg soil. When applied defecation sludge at the rate of 1.0

CaCO₃ calculated by h.a and pH_s in one go with mineral fertilizer (N₃₀P₃₀K₃₀), exchangeable potassium content increased to 74.6 and 85.3 mg/kg, respectively.

Application of 1.0 CaCO₃ by h.a along with mineral fertilizer (N₃₀P₃₀K₃₀) increased exchangeable potassium content to 117.3 mg/kg of soil that was twice as much compared to non-fertilized treatment (Fig. 3).

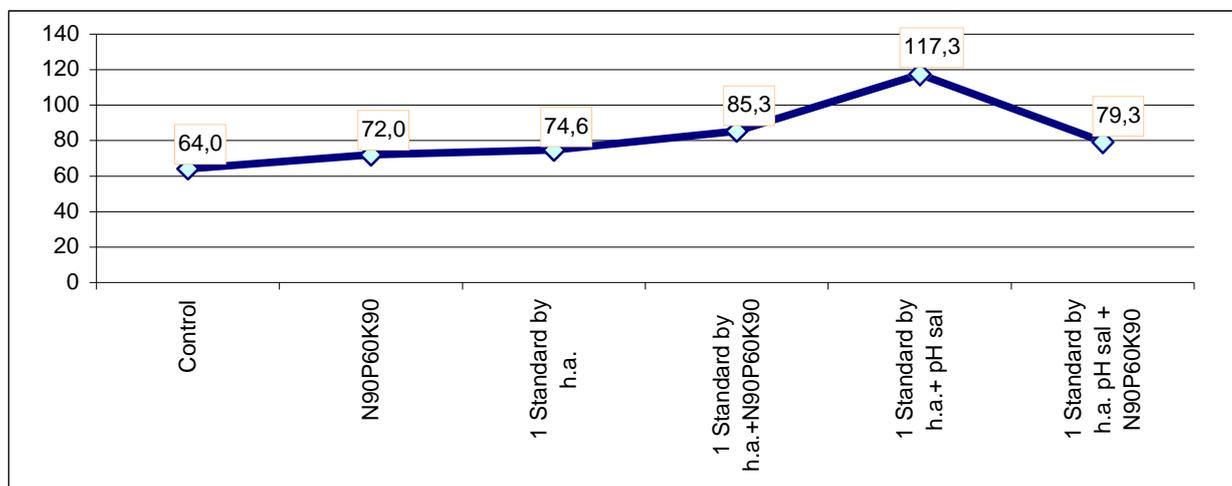


Fig. 3. Effect of defecation sludge on the content of exchange potassium in soil (mg/kg)

Application defecation sludge at the rate of 1.0 CaCO₃ by pH_s in one go with fertilizer contributed to a slight increase in the content of exchangeable potassium to 79.3 mg/kg soil, which is only 15.3 mg/kg soil higher when compared to non-fertilized control treatment.

Thus, application of defecation sludge at the rate calculated by hydrolytic acidity (h.a) appeared to be more effective that by pH_s in terms of the content of essential nutrients in soil.

Conclusion

1. According to the research carried out in 2011-2013 under the conditions of the Central Forest-Steppe of Ukraine, it was found out that application of defecation sludge in grain-row crop rotation improves nutrient regime of leached slightly acid chernozem.

2. When applied ameliorant at the rate of 1.0 CaCO₃ calculated by value of soil hydrolytic acidity (4.9 t/ha) in autumn followed by disking of stubble and ploughing into the soil, content of essential nutrients of the soil (mg/kg) increased, in particular nitrogen to 137.0, mobile phosphorus to 201.4 exchange potassium to 117.3, that is by 11.0, 64.0 and 53.3 higher compared to the control treatment, respectively.

3. Application of defecation sludge at the rate calculated in terms of pH_s (3.7 t/ha in physical weight) along with fertilizers (N₃₀P₃₀K₃₀) according to the above mentioned technology was less effective than calculated in terms of hydrolytic soil acidity. The content of main nutrients in the soil increased (compared to the control treatment by 8.0, 39.9 and 15.0 mg/kg of soil, respectively).

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