RESPONSE OF CABBAGE, H'MONG MUSTARD AND BROCCOLI TO NITROGEN APPLICATION

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INTRODUCTION

Nitrogen (N) plays a key role in both crop productivity and environmental impacts, especially in vegetable production. From our survey in Lao Cai, we found that most of the farmers applied inappropriate N rates for vegetables due to a lack of information specific to this area. To fill this information gap for some important vegetables (cabbage, H'Mong mustard and broccoli) in Lao Cai province, we conducted a field trial from October 2015 to January 2016 at the Fruit and Vegetable Research Station in Bac Ha town, Bac Ha district, Lao Cai province.

METHODS

The experimental treatments: 5 levels of N fertilizer application for each crop.

N fertilizer application treatments (kg N per hectare)

	CABBAGE	H'MONG MUSTARD	BROCCOLI
Treatment 1	30	0	40
Treatment 2	90	60	100
Treatment 3	150	120	160
Treatment 4	210	180	220
Treatment 5	270	240	280

Field survey for selecting experimental site

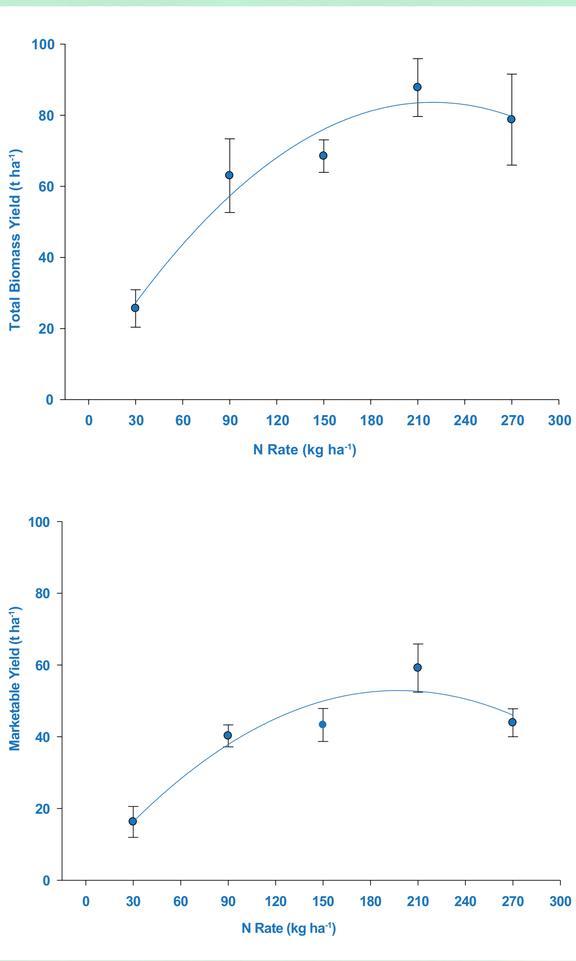
Guide for field technicians for soil preparation

Vegetable planting

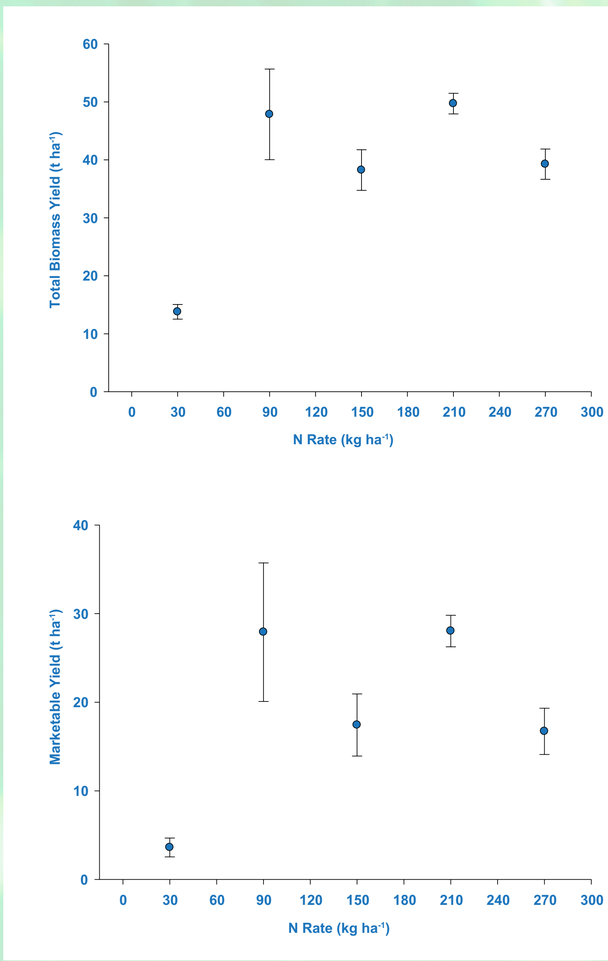
Field trial after fertilizer application

RESULTS

Cabbage:



H'Mong mustard:



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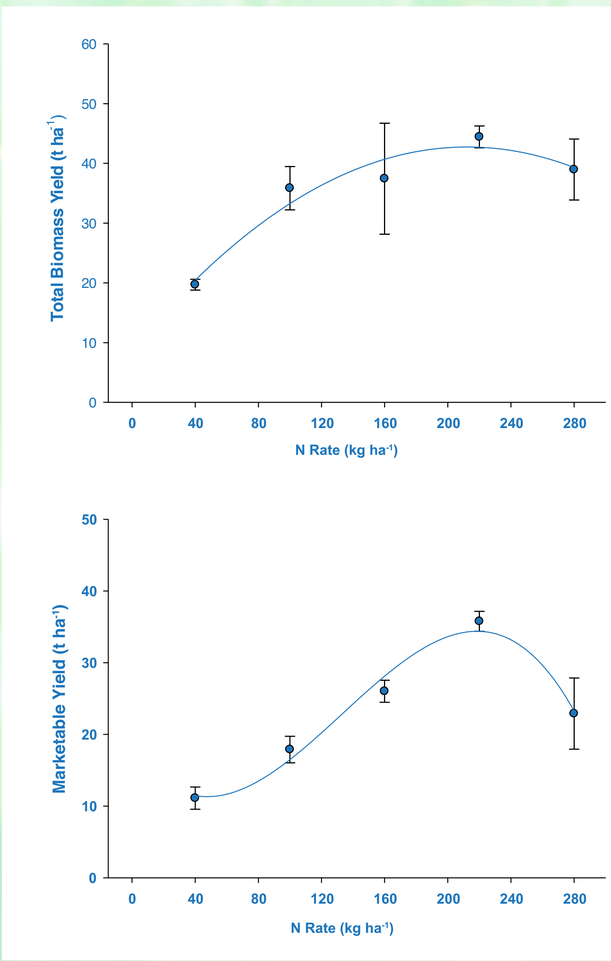

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The suitable rate of N application for cabbage was probably about 210 kg N ha^{-1} and for broccoli was 220 kg N ha^{-1}.

2. The experiment must be repeated to estimate the effects of N application rates, as well as micronutrients on cabbage, H'Mong mustard and broccoli for the identification of the most suitable fertiliser applications for these vegetables.

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