
Effect of Organic, Inorganic and Nano Fertilizers on Agronomic Traits of Maize

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Abstract

Integrated nutrient management is a judicious application of fertilizer from different sources for sustainable agriculture. Two-year field experiment was conducted at the Agric. Res. and Exp. Center, Fac. of Agric., Moshtohor, Banha Univ., Kalubia Governorate, during the two growing seasons 2016 and 2017, to study the influence of three biogas sludge manure rates (0, 3.5, 7 ton/fed), four mineral NP fertilizer i.e. (N₀P₀, N₄₀P_{7.5}, N₈₀P₁₅, N₁₂₀P_{22.5} kg/fed) and three levels of nano micronutrients foliar application (0, 100 and 200 g/fed) on growth, yield and its component of maize (*Zea mays* L.). The experiment was laid out in split-split-plot design with three replications. Results of combined analysis of the two seasons showed that increasing biogas rate to 3.5 ton/fed significantly increased grain weight/ear as well as grain and biological yield/fed compared with control. Yield components (ear length, grain weight/ear and 100-grain weight) as well as grain and biological yield (ton/fed) were significantly increased by increasing NP fertilizer levels up to N₈₀P₁₅ kg/fed. Significant effect of nano micronutrients application on No. of ears/plant and 100-grain weight at rate 100 g/fed and plant height, grain weight/ear as well as grain and biological yield/fed at rate 200 g/fed were detected. Interaction effect between biogas x NP x nano had significant effect on ear length, grain weight/ear as well as grain and biological yield. Treatment 3.5 ton biogas x N₈₀P₁₅ kg x 200 g nano/fed was the best treatment had 56.02% more grain yield, in comparison to control with increased soil fertility and saving 33.3% of mineral fertilizer compared with high fertilizer level.

Key words: Organic, Inorganic, Nano Micronutrients, IFM (Integrated Fertilizer Management), Maize.

Introduction

Maize is considered the most important cereal crop in the world and Egypt came after wheat and rice. It's popularly called "Queen of cereals" due to high genetic yield potentials than any other cereals counterpart (Kannan et al., 2013). It supply nutrients to human and animal as well as used as a source of raw material for the production of oil, protein, starch, food sweeteners and alcoholic beverages as well as fuel source. The highest maize yield production depended on many factors i.e. cultivars and nitrogen fertilization (Hokmalipour and Darbandi, 2011).

Soil fertility improvement is required to stimulate agricultural productivity, improve food security, and raise rural incomes. This can be achieved not only through substantial increases in fertilizer use but also by using different types of fertilizers (Mahmood et al., 2017).

So, integrated nutrient management is a wise application of fertilizer or manure from different sources to field will maintain the environmental sustainability for generations used without affecting the environmental health (Dadarwal et al., 2009, Wisdom et al., 2012 and Ranjan et al., 2013). Combined application of organic and inorganic nutrient sources improved maize performance than sole application of organic or inorganic fertilizer (Quansah, 2010, Uwah et al., 2011 and Mahmood et al., 2017).

Application of biogas sludge manure significantly increased plant height, leaf area of the topmost ear, stem diameter (El-Hassanin et al., 2002), hastened days to 50% tasseling (Uwah et al., 2011), enhanced No. of ears/plant, ear characters, 100 grain weight and grain and biological yield/fed (El-Hassanin et al., 2002 and Malav et al., 2015a). While Damiyal et al. (2017) stated that there was no significant difference among cattle manure (CM) means for days to 50% tasseling in both seasons.

Increasing mineral NP fertilizer significantly increased growth, yield and yield components of maize (Olusegun, 2015, Damiyal et al., 2017 and Reddy et al., 2018). On the other hand, sufficient amount of mineral NP fertilizer decreased No. of days to 50% tasseling and silking (Fosu-Mensah and Mensah 2016 and Damiyal et al., 2017).

Micronutrients play a significant role in plant growth and metabolic processes associated with photosynthesis, chlorophyll formation and enzyme activities involved in the synthesis of primary and secondary metabolites (Adhikary et al., 2010).

Several investigators indicated that applied nano micronutrients fertilizer clearly improved growth traits of maize. Plant height and dry matter weight increased due to application of zinc oxide nano-particle (Adhikari et al., 2015), application of Cu nano-particles enhanced the growth (51%) of maize plant in comparison to control (Adhikari et al., 2016), leaf area, stem diameter, relative water content, and chlorophyll content enhancement due to application of complete nano-micronutrients (Fe, Cu,

Zn, B, Mn) over the control (Janmohammadi *et al.*, 2016 and Subbaiah *et al.*, 2016). Similarly, nano fertilizer increased yield and its components of maize (Mosavifeyzabadi *et al.*, 2013, Farnia and Omid, 2015, Babaeia *et al.*, 2017 and Tiwari 2017).

By considering all these points, the research was conducted to study the effect of organic manure and mineral fertilizers as well as application nano fertilizer on the growth and yield of maize.

Materials and Methods

Two field experiments were conducted at the Agricultural Research and Experimental Center,

Faculty of Agriculture, Moshtohor, Banha University, Kalubia Governorate, during the two growing seasons 2016 and 2017, to study the influence of organic, mineral and nano fertilizers on some growth, yield and its component of maize (*Zea mays* L.).

Soil analysis:

Soil type of the experimental site was clay textured. Soil samples were taken before sowing of crop to depth of (0-30 cm) for physical and chemical analysis according Rowell (1995). The soil sample analytic report is presented in Table 1. The preceding crop was wheat in both seasons.

Table 1. Soil physical and chemical analysis (pre-sowing) of experimental farm (Average of the two seasons).

Texture class	Field water capacity, %	O.M %	O.C %	pH (1:2.5)	EC (dSm ⁻¹)	CaCO ₃ %
Clay	40.84	1.53	0.32	7.81	1.51	2.69
Available mg/kg			HCO ₃ ⁻ mmolc/L		Na ⁺ , mmolc/L	Ca ⁺⁺ , mmolc/L
N	P	K				
19.56	7.98	113.89	3.90		3.32	3.68
Available micronutrients mg/kg						
Mn	Fe	Zn	Cu			
8.5	27.0	2.8	1.9			

Treatments:

Thirty six treatments which were the combinations of three levels of biogas sludge manure (0, 3.5, 7.0 ton/fed), four level of NP mineral fertilizer (N₀P₀, N₄₀P_{7.5}, N₈₀P₁₅, N₁₂₀P_{22.5} kg/fed) and three levels of mixed Nano-micronutrients fertilizer (0, 100, 200 g/fed).

Biogas sludge manure obtained from anaerobic digestion of organic matter was collected from the training center for biogas and recycling the agricultural residues (TCRAR), Moshtohor, Kalubia Governorate, Soils, Water and Environment Res. Inst., A.R.C. Giza, Egypt. The Biogas sludge manure was air-dried and was added prior to final plowing. Chemical analysis is presented in (Table 2).

Table 2. Chemical analysis of the Biogas sludge manure (BSM) (Average of the two seasons).

Properties	Value
pH (1:10 BSM -water)	7.50
EC dS m ⁻¹ (1:10 BSM -water)	2.52
Organic matter (%)	40.8
Macronutrients	
Total N (%)	1.71
Total P (%)	0.72
Total K (%)	0.78
Micronutrients (ppm)	
Zn	42
Fe	315
Mn	44
Cu	6

Urea CO(NH₂)₂ (46.5% N) was used as the nitrogen source in both seasons which applied to the soil in two equal doses before 1st and 2nd irrigation, while calcium super phosphate (15.5% P₂O₅) was used as the phosphor source in both season was applied to the soil before planting irrigation.

Magrow NanoMix® was used as Nano-micronutrients fertilizer obtained from the Ministry of Agric. and Land Rec., Egypt, under registration

No. : 5443. It contained Fe (6%), Mn (5%), Cu (1%), B (2%), Mo (0.1%) and Citric acid (4%). Synthesized nanoparticles were characterized morphologically by transmission electron microscopy and the average of its particles was 63.81 nm. Application of Nano-micronutrients was sprayed after 45 days. Spray solution was 600 L/fed.

Experimental design:

The experiment was laid out in split-split-plot design with three replications. The main plots were devoted for biogas sludge manure and sub plots were occupied by mineral NP fertilizer levels. Whereas, three foliar application of Nano-microelements fertilizer were randomly distributed in the sub-sub-plot. The area of sub-sub plot was 10.5 m² contains 5 ridges (3m long x 0.7m width).

Yellow maize hybrid (SC 168) was produced by Field Crops Research Institute of the Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt. It was planted on 13th June and 14th June in 2016 and 2017 seasons, respectively and harvested on 3th October and 5th October in 2016 and 2017 seasons, respectively. Maize seeds were planted in hills at 25cm apart and then plants were thinned to one plant/hill (24000 plant/fed) before the first irrigation. Culture practices of growing maize followed as recommended for the region.

Collected data:

Number of days from planting to 50% tasseling and silking, plant height at maturity (cm), ear position (%) was estimated by dividing (ear height×100) by plant height, No. of ears per plant, ear length (cm), ear diameter (mm), grain weight/ear (g), 100-grains weight (g), grain and biological yields (ton/fed).

Statistical analysis:

Analysis of variance was performed using MSTATC statistical software package (Freed, 1991). Before conducting a combined analysis over years, error variances were tested for homogeneity by using Bartlett test and mean combined comparisons were performed using the least significant differences (LSD) test with a significance level of 5% (Gomez and Gomez, 1984).

Results and Discussion

I. Effect of organic manure (biogas):

Results presented in Table 3 show that application of different rates of biogas sludge manure had no significant effects ($P < 0.05$) on growth and yield attributes of maize, except ear grain weight as well as grain and biological yield, in the combined analysis of both seasons. Application the highest rate of biogas sludge manure 7 ton/fed was accompanied by decreased in number of days to 50% tasseling and silking, increased plant height and number of ears/plant, ear length and diameter, 100 grain weight, ear grain weight as well as grain and biological yields/fed. On the other hand, ear position behaved the reverse. Increasing biogas up to 7 ton/fed significantly increased ($P < 0.05$) ear grain weight, grain and biological yields /fed by 4.49%, 15.70 and 5.70 %, respectively, as compared to control (no biogas) in combined analysis of the two seasons. It

seemed that applied biogas sludge manure provided a constant supply of macro and micronutrients during life cycle of maize which enhanced photosynthesis and protein synthesis in the leaves and this in turn to growth and yield (Malav *et al.*, 2015b and Nyang'au *et al.*, 2016). These results are in agreement with those obtained with (El-Hassanin *et al.*, 2002 and Malav *et al.*, 2015a). It is worth to noting that, Biogas sludge manure due the slow release of its nutrient for uptake by maize plants probably no had significant effect on some traits of maize. These results are in accordance with Damiyal *et al.* (2017) stated that there was no significant difference among cattle manure (CM) means for days to 50% tasseling in both seasons.

II. Effect of mineral NP fertilizer:

Data listed in Table 3 indicate that mineral NP fertilizer had no significant effect ($P < 0.05$) on No. of days to 50% tasseling and silking, ear position, No. of ears/plant and ear diameter in analysis pooled. However, increasing NP rate up to N₈₀P₁₅ kg/fed hastened days to 50% tasseling (58.87 days) and silking (60.82 days) as compared to N₀P₀ (control) were 59.13 and 61.37 days, respectively. Ear grain weight as well as grain and biological yields/fed significantly increased ($P < 0.05$) by increasing NP fertilizer levels up to N₈₀ P₁₅ kg/fed compared with lower fertilizer levels and control. While plant height, ear length and 100 grain weight significantly increased up to N₁₂₀ P_{22.5} kg/fed. These results clarified that increasing mineral NP fertilizer significantly increased growth, yield and yield components of maize (Olusegun 2015, Damiyal *et al.*, 2017 and Reddy *et al.*, 2018).

Maximum grain yield (5.89 ton/fed) was achieved by the application of N₈₀ P₁₅ kg/fed compared to the other treatments. This treatment produced also the highest No. of ears/plant (1.21), ear diameter (48.19 mm) and ear grain weight (192.16 g), this indicated strongly correlated between yield and its attributes. The application of N₄₀P_{7.5}, N₈₀P₁₅ and N₁₂₀P_{22.5} kg/fed increased the grain yield over the control treatment by 14.14, 20.70 and 15.16%, and biological yield by 10.60, 15.42 and 12.04% respectively. It seemed that, yield and its attributes of maize were significantly increased with application of N₈₀P₁₅ /fed than high N₁₂₀P_{22.5} /fed fertilizer rate. This might be due to the well utilization of NP fertilizer in metabolism under N₈₀P₁₅ kg/fed over than high rate of mineral NP fertilizer. The application of N at 250 kg ha⁻¹ produced highest grain yield (8.27 t ha⁻¹) contrary grain yield decreased with increased application of N up to 300 kg ha⁻¹ (Hammad *et al.*, 2011). Similar results were reported by Oktem *et al.* (2010) and Bavec *et al.* (2013).

Table 3. Effect of organic, inorganic and nano fertilizer levels on agronomic traits of maize in the combined analysis of both seasons.

Trait	50% tasseling	50% silking	Plant height	Ear position	ears/plant	Ear length	Ear diameter	Grain weight/ear	100-grain weight	Grain yield	Biological Yield
	----- day-----		(cm)	(%)	(No.)	(cm)	(mm)	----- (g) -----		----- ton/fed -----	
A- Biogas manure (ton/fed)											
Zero	58.92	61.17	263.54	48.93	1.16	19.92	47.97	181.13	33.45	5.03	8.77
3.5	59.38	61.29	262.29	48.39	1.17	20.12	47.89	189.23	33.51	5.62	9.21
7	58.90	60.86	266.86	48.52	1.19	20.23	48.08	189.27	33.70	5.82	9.29
B- Mineral NP fertilizer (kg/fed)											
N₀P₀ (control)	59.13	61.37	261.19	48.08	1.13	19.69	47.92	179.89	32.89	4.88	8.30
N₄₀P_{7.5}	59.13	61.08	264.91	48.81	1.18	20.02	48.06	183.75	33.28	5.57	9.18
N₈₀P₁₅	58.87	60.82	265.13	48.74	1.21	20.14	48.19	192.16	33.95	5.89	9.58
N₁₂₀P_{22.5}	59.13	61.17	265.69	48.82	1.17	20.51	47.74	190.37	34.10	5.62	9.30
C- Nano micronutrients (g/fed)											
Zero	59.07	61.06	262.16	48.85	1.11	20.09	47.93	184.63	33.04	5.07	8.64
100	59.11	61.14	264.83	48.43	1.22	20.05	48.02	187.45	33.85	5.60	9.26
200	59.02	61.13	265.70	48.56	1.19	20.14	47.99	187.56	33.77	5.80	9.36
LSD at 0.05											
A (Organic)	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	2.31	N.S	0.16	0.28
B (Mineral)	N.S	N.S	3.04	N.S	N.S	0.40	N.S	2.05	0.71	0.13	0.25
C (Nano)	N.S	N.S	1.91	N.S	0.04	N.S	N.S	1.84	0.56	0.11	0.20
AxB	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	3.54	N.S	0.22	0.43
AxC	N.S	N.S	3.32	1.45	N.S	N.S	N.S	3.19	N.S	0.18	0.34
BxC	N.S	N.	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	3.69	N.S	0.21	0.39
AxBxC	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	0.94	N.S	6.38	N.S	0.36	0.68

III. Effect of nano fertilizer:

Application of different rates of nano micronutrients fertilizer showed non-significant effect on days to 50% tasseling and silking of maize (Table 3). However, application nano fertilizer rate at 200 g/fed reduced days to 50% tasseling (59.02 days). Similarly ear position, ear length and ear diameter were not differed significantly by application of nano micronutrients fertilizer. In the contrary, foliar application of nano fertilizer significantly affected ($P < 0.05$) on plant height, number of ears/plant, ear grain weight, 100 grain weight as well as grain and biological yields/fed. The highest values of number of ears/plant and 100 grain weight were recorded with nano fertilizer at 100g nano/fed, but the maximum plant height, ear grain weight as well as grain and biological yields were detected at 200 g nano/fed. While the lowest values of these traits were recorded with control (untreated). The increase in grain yield due to foliar application of nano micronutrients at 100 and 200g/fed were 10.45 and 14.40% compared to control. This indicated that applied nano micronutrients fertilizer clearly increased maize grain yield and its components (Mosavifeyzabadi *et al.*, 2013, Farnia and Omid, 2015, Babaeia *et al.*, 2017 and Tiwari 2017).

Interaction effect:

IV-1 Interaction between biogas sludge manure and mineral fertilizer (AB):

It is evident from the results in Table 4 that the effect of this interaction on ear grain weight, grain and biological yields/fed was significant ($P < 0.05$) in the combined analysis of two seasons. The maximum ear grain weight and biological yield was produced by supplementary application of $N_{120}P_{22.5}$ kg/fed fertilizer with 7 ton/fed biogas sludge manure, whereas applied $N_{80}P_{15}$ kg/fed with the same rate of biogas sludge manure was achieved the highest grain yield/fed (6.22 ton/fed). The lowest values in these traits were obtained from no application of organic and mineral fertilizer. These results clearly indicated that combined application of organic and inorganic nutrient sources improved maize performance than sole application of organic or inorganic fertilizer. These results here are harmony with those obtained by Quansah (2010) Uwah *et al.*, (2011), Endris and Dawid (2015) and Mahmood *et al.* (2017). Malav *et al.* (2015a) indicating that 50% biogas slurry (BGS) along with 50% chemical fertilizer gave 20% more yield in terms of cob as well as biomass.

Table 4. Interaction effect of organic, inorganic fertilizer levels on agronomic traits of maize in the combined analysis of both seasons.

Biogas Ton/fed	Mineral Kg/fed	Grain weight/ear (g)	Grain yield ----- ton/fed -----	Biological yield -----
Zero	N_0P_0	171.96	4.38	7.56
	$N_{40}P_{7.5}$	180.34	5.01	9.02
	$N_{80}P_{15}$	189.21	5.53	9.63
	$N_{120}P_{22.5}$	183.02	5.20	8.83
3.5	N_0P_0	182.08	5.15	8.87
	$N_{40}P_{7.5}$	190.78	5.80	9.36
	$N_{80}P_{15}$	193.99	5.92	9.42
	$N_{120}P_{22.5}$	190.25	5.59	9.19
7	N_0P_0	185.65	5.12	8.47
	$N_{40}P_{7.5}$	180.14	5.91	9.13
	$N_{80}P_{15}$	193.27	6.22	9.67
	$N_{120}P_{22.5}$	197.85	6.08	9.86
LSD 0.05 (AB)		3.54	0.22	0.43

IV-2 Interaction between biogas sludge manure and nano fertilizer (AC):

Interaction between biogas sludge manure and nano fertilizer had significant effect ($P < 0.05$) on ear position, grain weight/ear, grain and biological yields/fed as shown in Table 5. The best plant height (267.33) was produced by applied 7 ton biogas + 200 g nano/fed whereas, the lowest one resulted from zero biogas + zero nano. But the best ear position (47.50%) was produced by applied 3.5ton biogas + 100 g nano/fed, whereas the highest ear position was recorded by control. Maize plants that received 7 ton/fed biogas achieved the highest values of grain weight/ear and grain yield/fed when nano fertilizer

applied at zero and 200 g/fed, respectively, while the lowest values of these traits were produced by zero biogas and zero nano fertilizer. These results may be due to high rate of biogas which is rich in nutrients and can supply all major macronutrients (N, P, K, Ca, Mg, S) essential for plant development, as well as micronutrients (Alam, 2006 and Nyang'au *et al.*, 2016). However, the maximum biological yield (9.41 ton/fed) was obtained with 3.5 ton biogas and 100 or 200 g/fed nano fertilizer, while the lowest values was achieved with control. This result indicated vital role of organic and nano micronutrients fertilizer in increased grain and biological yields/fed. These

results are in agreement with those obtained by Babaeia *et al.* (2017) and Tiwari (2017).
Table 5. Interaction effect of organic and nano fertilizer levels on agronomic traits of maize in the combined analysis of both seasons.

Biogas ton/fed	Nano g/fed	Plant height (cm)	Ear position %	Grain weight/ear (g)	Grain yield -----ton/fed-----	Biological yield
Zero	Zero	259.65	49.73	175.57	4.53	8.06
	100	266.87	48.28	185.25	5.19	8.96
	200	264.09	48.67	182.58	5.38	9.26
3.5	Zero	260.00	48.80	183.84	5.35	8.80
	100	261.19	47.50	191.69	5.57	9.41
	200	265.69	48.87	192.30	5.92	9.41
7	Zero	266.83	48.02	194.47	5.38	9.06
	100	266.43	49.50	185.42	6.04	9.37
	200	267.33	48.05	187.80	6.08	9.40
LSD 0.05 (AC)		3.32	1.45	3.19	0.18	0.34

IV-3 Interaction between NP mineral fertilizer and nano fertilizer (BC):

Data illustrated in Table 6 clearly indicated that mineral NP and nano fertilizer had significantly affected ($P < 0.05$) on grain weight/ear, grain and biological yields/fed. The highest grain weight/ear as well as grain and biological yields/fed were obtained by applied $N_{80}P_{15}$ and foliar application of nano fertilizer at 100 or 200 g/fed. It is worth to noting that, differences between two rates of nano fertilizer failed to reach level of significance with

respect to grain and biological yields. While the lowest values of these traits were recorded with N_0P_0 and zero nano fertilizer. These results may be attributed to the improving role of NP and nano fertilizer in encouraging biosynthesis, cell division and cell enlargement as well as its effect in activating enzymes and increased yield and its components. Similar results were reported by Oktem *et al.* (2010), Bavec *et al.* (2013), Farnia and Omidi (2015), Babaeia *et al.* (2017) and Tiwari (2017).

Table 6. Interaction effect of inorganic and nano fertilizer levels on agronomic traits of maize in the combined analysis of both seasons.

Mineral Kg/fed	Nano (g/fed)	Grain weight/ear (g)	Grain yield ----- ton/fed-----	Biological yield
N_0P_0 Control	Zero	178.60	4.59	7.71
	100	176.31	4.99	8.59
	200	184.77	5.06	8.60
$N_{40}P_{7.5}$	Zero	182.16	4.97	8.28
	100	185.80	5.69	9.48
	200	183.30	6.06	9.76
$N_{80}P_{15}$	Zero	190.67	5.44	9.38
	100	195.75	6.10	9.82
	200	190.06	6.12	9.54
$N_{120}P_{22.5}$	Zero	187.07	5.33	9.20
	100	191.95	5.62	9.13
	200	192.10	5.93	9.55
LSD 0.05 (BC)		3.69	0.36	0.68

IV-4 Interaction between three factors (ABC):

Ear length, grain weight/ear as well as grain and biological yields/fed were significantly affected ($P < 0.05$) by interaction between three different sources of fertilizers (Table 7). The highest values of ear length (21.13cm) and grain weight/ear (201.14 g) were obtained by 7 ton biogas combined and $N_{120}P_{22.5}$ without nano fertilizers applied. While combined 3.5 ton biogas and $N_{80}P_{15}$ with 100 or 200

g/fed nano micronutrients achieved maximum grain and biological yields/fed. No fertilizer of biogas, mineral and nano fertilizer recorded the lowest values of these traits in the combined analysis of both seasons. This indicated integrated different sources of fertilizer enhancement maize grain yield and can reduce the use of chemical fertilizers (about 33.3% NP per fed).

Table 7. Interaction effect of organic, inorganic and nano fertilizer levels on agronomic traits of maize in the combined analysis of both seasons.

Treatment	Trait	Ear length			Grain weight/ear			Grain yield			Biological yield		
		(cm)			(g)			----- (ton/fed) -----					
		Nano (g/fed)			Nano (g/fed)			Nano (g/fed)			Nano (g/fed)		
Biogas Ton/fed	Mineral Kg/fed	Zero	100	200	Zero	100	200	Zero	100	200	Zero	100	200
Zero	N ₀ P ₀	18.75	20.29	19.91	168.00	171.47	176.40	4.07	4.42	4.65	7.23	7.48	7.98
	N ₄₀ P _{7.5}	19.37	19.70	20.37	175.32	185.46	180.24	4.45	5.09	5.51	7.50	9.49	10.11
	N ₈₀ P ₁₅	20.30	19.61	19.85	183.84	195.59	188.20	4.99	5.88	5.72	9.69	9.64	9.57
	N ₁₂₀ P _{22.5}	20.14	20.50	20.26	175.10	188.49	185.47	4.59	5.38	5.64	7.86	9.24	9.39
3.5	N ₀ P ₀	20.11	19.15	19.94	179.56	182.55	184.12	5.07	5.16	5.22	7.88	9.45	9.28
	N ₄₀ P _{7.5}	20.35	20.35	20.78	182.81	193.79	195.73	5.17	5.89	6.34	8.33	9.81	9.95
	N ₈₀ P ₁₅	19.49	20.68	19.98	188.02	199.46	194.50	5.31	6.10	6.35	8.94	10.16	9.57
	N ₁₂₀ P _{22.5}	20.45	19.90	20.29	184.98	190.94	194.83	5.85	5.14	5.80	10.04	8.26	9.29
7	N ₀ P ₀	20.05	19.47	19.56	188.24	174.90	193.80	4.62	5.41	5.33	8.03	8.84	8.54
	N ₄₀ P _{7.5}	20.16	19.66	19.47	188.34	178.14	173.94	5.30	6.10	6.33	9.02	9.15	9.23
	N ₈₀ P ₁₅	20.74	20.31	20.29	200.16	192.19	187.47	6.02	6.32	6.31	9.51	9.65	9.47
	N ₁₂₀ P _{22.5}	21.13	20.95	20.98	201.14	196.43	195.99	5.56	6.34	6.34	9.70	9.90	9.98
LSD 0.05 (ABC)			0.94		6.38		0.36		0.68				

Conclusion

It can be concluded that, 3.5 ton biogas sludge manure improved performance of maize and significantly increased grain yield/fed. The maximum grain yield and biological yield were obtained by N₈₀P₁₅kg/fed applied. This application saved about 33.33% of mineral NP fertilizer which reduced environmental pollution and cost of fertilizer. Nano micronutrients fertilizer stimulated maize grain yield. Therefore, combined application of organic, inorganic and nano fertilizers at moderate (3.5 ton biogas plus N₈₀ P₁₅ and foliar application of nano fertilizer at 200g/fed) may be recommended under the condition of this study.

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تأثير السماد العضوي وغير العضوي والنانو على الصفات المحصولية للذرة الشامية
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تعتبر الإدارة المتكاملة لمصادر الأسمدة المختلفة من التطبيقات الحتمية للزراعة المستدامة لذا، أقيمت تجربتان حقليةتان بمركز البحوث الزراعية بكلية زراعة مشهر - جامعة بنها، محافظة القليوبية، خلال موسم النمو ٢٠١٦ و ٢٠١٧. وذلك لدراسة تأثير ثلاث معدلات من سماد البيوجاز (صفر، ٣،٥، ٧ طن/فدان) وأربعة مستويات من السماد المعدني النتروجين والفوسفور (صفر ن + صفر فو٢ أ هـ - ٤٠ ن + ٧,٥ فو٢ أ هـ - ٨٠ ن + ١٥ فو٢ أ هـ - ١٢٠ ن + ٢٢,٥ فو٢ أ هـ كجم/فدان) وثلاث مستويات سماد نانو (صفر-١٠٠-٢٠٠ جم/فدان) في صورة مخلوط عناصر صغرى على النمو ومحصول الذرة الشامية ومكوناته. استخدام تصميم القطع المنشقة مرتين في ثلاث مكررات. أوضحت نتائج التحليل التجميعي للموسمين أن زيادة سماد البيوجاز من صفر إلى ٣,٥ طن/فدان أدى إلى زيادة وزن حبوب الكوز ومحصول الحبوب والبيولوجي/فدان معنوياً. زادت مكونات الكوز (طول الكوز- وزن حبوب الكوز- وزن حبة) ومحصول الحبوب والبيولوجي/فدان معنوياً بزيادة مستوى التسميد المعدني إلى ٨٠ كجم ن + ١٥ كجم فو٢ أ هـ /فدان. أثر سماد النانو للعناصر الصغرى معنوياً على عدد الكيزان/النبات ووزن حبة عند التسميد بمعدل ١٠٠ جم نانو/فدان وعلى وزن حبوب الكوز ومحصول الذرة (حبوب- بيولوجي) للفدان باستخدام المعدل ٢٠٠ جم نانو/الفدان. هناك تأثير معنوي للتفاعل بين عوامل الدراسة الثلاثة على طول الكوز ووزن حبوب الكوز ومحصول الذرة من الحبوب والبيولوجي. كانت أفضل معاملة ناتجة من التسميد بمعدل ٣,٥ طن بيوجاز مع إضافة ٨٠ كجم ن + ١٥ كجم فو٢ أ هـ والتسميد بالنانو بمعدل ٢٠٠ جم/فدان، حيث حققت زيادة في محصول الحبوب بنسبة ٥٦,٠٢% مقارنة بالكنترول مع زيادة خصوبة التربة وتوفير ٣٣,٣% من السماد المعدني.