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Agrochemical characteristics and ways of efficient utilization of bioresidues separated in the process of obtaining biogas from poultry droppings

Objectives:

- effective utilization of natural resources,
- environmental protection.

Issues:

- soil scarcity,
- conventional/intensive ways of soil cultivation,
- limited amount of organic fertilizers.



Armenian - Norwegian project to develop renewable energy industry in Armenia.

Several experiments have been carried out in Hrazdan area of Kotayk region to utilize the bio-residues from biogas production as organic fertilizers for potato growing purposes.

Agrochemical characteristics of the bio-residues separated during the process of biogas production from poultry manure

Name of the sample	N %	P2O5 %	K2O %	pН
Liquid residues	0.43	0.14	0.12	6.4
Solid residues	0.99	0.29	0.30	6.6

Bio-residues impact on potato yield amount

Variants	Average yield per replications q/ha		Average yield	Additional yield		
	I	II	III	q/ha	q/ha	%
Control (without fertilizers)	205.4	210.0	214.6	210.0	-	-
Solid phase 20 t/ha	309.4	304.8	302.0	305.4	94.5	45.4
Liquid phase 45 t/ha	292.6	284.0	282.0	286.2	76.2	36.3

Impact of bio-residues on potato yield qualitative characteristics

Variants	Starch %	Vitamin C %	Nitrates mg/kg
Control (without fertilizers)	14.8	12.6	134.0
Solid phase 20 t/ha	16.4	14.0	174.0
Liquid phase 45 t/ha	15.2	13.8	173.0

Economic efficiency of solid and liquid residues application on potato crops

	Variants				
Indexes	Control (without fertilizers)	Solid phase 20 t/ha	Liquid phase 45 t/ha		
Mean yielding of variant, q/ha	210.0	305.4	286.2		
Excessive yield compared with the control, q/ha	-	95.4	76.2		
Cost of excessive yield, 1000 AMD	-	1908	1524		
Fertilizers and costs, 1000 AMD	-	90	135		
Harvesting, transportation and storage costs of excessive yield, 1000 AMD	-	109.7	87.6		
Total costs, 1000 AMD	-	199.7	222.6		
Additional benefit, 1000 AMD	-	1708.3	1301.4		

Recommendations:

- -use bio-residues in order to:
- replenish the lack of organic fertilizers in RA,
- get high yield of ecologically sound and safe for human health crops.

THANK YOU!