



Influence of Biofertilizers on Growth, Yield, Quality and Nutrient Uptake in Onion (*Allium cepa* L.)

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Abstract: The *Azotobacter* was beneficial for improving plant height, leaf area and bulb diameter when applied along with recommended dose of fertilizers (RDF). Likewise *Azospirillum* along with RDF the (234.4 q/ha) which was 11.2 % higher bulb yield than the RDF. The application of *Azospirillum* along with 75 % recommended dose of nitrogen or *Azotobacter* along with VAM and 75 % N and 75 % P of the recommended dose of nitrogen and phosphorus recorded yield which was statistically at par with RDF. The *Azospirillum* also improved TSS and ascorbic acid. The uptake of nitrogen and potassium also improved with the application of *Azospirillum* along with RDF. *Azotobacter* along with VAM and 75 % dose of N and P saves the nitrogenous and phosphorus fertilizers without any significant reduction in yield. *Azospirillum* either along with RDF or with 75 % dose of N suggested for sustainable production of onion.

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