



## Effect of Organic and Inorganic Sources of Fertilizers on Plant and Soil in Pomegranate Orchard

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**Abstract:** The three years pooled data revealed that highest plant height (16.457 cm), stem girth (20.313 cm) and plant spread towards east-west (20.626 cm) and north-south (21.84 cm) were with the application of 265.6 g N + 725.6 g P + 622.4 g K ( $T_2$ ) through organic and inorganic fertilizer. Soil characters like pH, organic carbon, nitrogen and phosphorous, leaf nitrogen and leaf phosphorous were with 241.6 g N + 711.6 g P + 592.42 g K ( $T_4$ ), whereas, the highest soil potassium and leaf potassium contents were with the application of 328 g N + 828 g P + 620 g K ( $T_7$ ). The pooled analysis of three year data also indicates that 241.6 g N + 711.6 g P + 592.42 g K ( $T_4$ ), through organic and inorganic fertilizers showed highest fruit yield before monsoon ( $12.76 \text{ kg plant}^{-1}$ ), total fruit yield ( $24.106 \text{ kg plant}^{-1}$ ), maximum fruit length (7.767 cm), fruit breadth (8.033 cm) and fruit weight (189.463 g), juice content (74.613), TSS/acid ratio and minimum acidity (0.293) while, 265.6 g N + 725.6 g P + 622.4 g K  $\text{plant}^{-1}$  ( $T_2$ ) through organic and inorganic fertilizer showed highest TSS (14.067 Brix) and total sugars (11.717 %). Application of 241.6 g N + 711.6 g P + 592.42 g K ( $T_4$ ) through three split doses was found as a good approach for production of high yield and good quality pomegranate fruits in a larger quantity before monsoon started (before June).

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