

## 4-RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1: Effects on N uptake at flowering stage (Table2).

#### 4.1.1: Main effect of irrigation system.

Results in Table 2 show that N uptake (NU) at flowering stage under sprinkler irrigation system significantly surpassed that under drip irrigation system. Average values of NU amounted to 3454.0 and 3333.4(mg/plant) under sprinkler and drip irrigation systems respectively, with an increase about 3.6% for sprinkler over drip irrigation. Thus sprinkler is a more efficient application of irrigation water by comparative to drip irrigation. Such results are in harmony with **Power et al. (2000)** who, reported that sprinkler irrigation system allows for a uniform and efficient application of irrigation water which minimizes water and nitrate losses through deep percolation.

#### 4.1.2: Main effect of inoculation.

Data in Table 2 show that microbical inoculation considerably increased NU at flowering stage. Obtained values of NU show averages of (2045, 3610 and 4527) mg plant<sup>-1</sup> for non-inoculation as compared with inoculation with *Paenibacillus polymyxa* and *Bacillus megaterium*, respectively. Thus *P.polymyxa* increased NU by 76.5% while *B. megaterium* increased NU by 121.4%. This result agrees with the findings of **Shotokhina and Khristenko. (1996)** who found that inoculation with phosphate dissolving bacteria increased NU by maize plants. **El-Etr (2006)** reported that the inoculation with *Bacillus megaterium* increased N-uptake by both shoots and roots, at flowering stage.

#### **4.1.3: Main effect of nitrogen source.**

Results indicate that NU averages under the N sources, ammonium sulphate and FYM were 3390.0 and 3414.0 mg plant<sup>-1</sup>, respectively; with FYM surpassed ammonium sulfate by 0.71%. Such results agree with those of **Bolt and Bruggenwert, (1978)** who reported that inorganic fertilizers represent a readily available source of nutrient for plant fertilizer. Readily soluble forms of N are easily utilized by growing plants.

#### **4.1.4: Main effect of P source.**

Data show that applied P sources of rock phosphate "RP" and super phosphate "SP" gave average NU values of 3263 and 3525 mg plant<sup>-1</sup> respectively with SP surpassing RP by 8.0%. **Abd el-Aziz et al.(1991)** reported that rock phosphates have alkaline pH values their effect is less positive than soluble phosphorus .

#### **4.1.5: Interaction effect of N sources and inoculation.**

Results in Table 1 show values of NU at flowering stage under inorganic source of ammonium sulphate (AS). Obtained values of NU show the following order; *B. megaterium* > *P. polymyxa* > no-inoculation with values of 4488, 3687 and 1995 mg N plant<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The increase in (NU) under *P. polymyxa* and *B. megaterium* over that under the non-inoculation amounted to 84.8 and 125%, respectively. Under conditions of organic FYM, values of the inoculation treatments are 2095, 3530 and 4566 mg/plant for the non-inoculation, *P. polymyxa* and *B. megaterium* respectively; showing increases for *P. polymyxa* and *B. megaterium* of 68 and 118% over than no-inoculation respectively. Inoculation under FYM yielded slightly higher NU

as compared with under source. Thus organic N fertilization may be recommended for treatments of bio fertilization. Such results are in agreement with **Shatokhina and Khristenko, (1996)** who reported that inoculation of maize with N<sub>2</sub>-fixing bacteria combined with P-dissolving bacteria enhanced uptake of nutrients, and decreased mineral fertilizer application rate by 50%. **EL-sayed (1998)** showed that combined inoculation of Rhizobia and *P.polymyxa* increased the uptake of nutrients.

#### **4.1.6 .Interaction effect of P sources and inoculation.**

Data show dramatic increase in NU at flowering stage under rock phosphate (RP) application. Values of NU were 1918, 3590 and 4280 under (RP+ no inoculation), (RP+*P.polymyxa*) and (RP+ *B.megaterium*), respectively. It can be seen that the under application of RP, the increase over the non-inoculated were 87% and 123% due to inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and inoculation with *B.megaterium*, respectively. Under conditions of super phosphate (SP) application, corresponding NU uptake values were 2172, 3628 and 4774, showing increases of 67% and 120% due to inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium*, respectively. It can be concluded that *Bacillus megaterium* inoculation showed more positive response than *P.polymyxa* inoculation in presence of RP than in presence of SP. **Shatokhina and Khristenko (1996)** showed that inoculation of maize seeds with associative N<sub>2</sub>-fixing bacteria in combination with phosphate dissolving bacteria increased nutrients uptake by plant.

Table (2): N-uptake by maize (mg plant<sup>-1</sup>) at flowering stage under the tested treatments

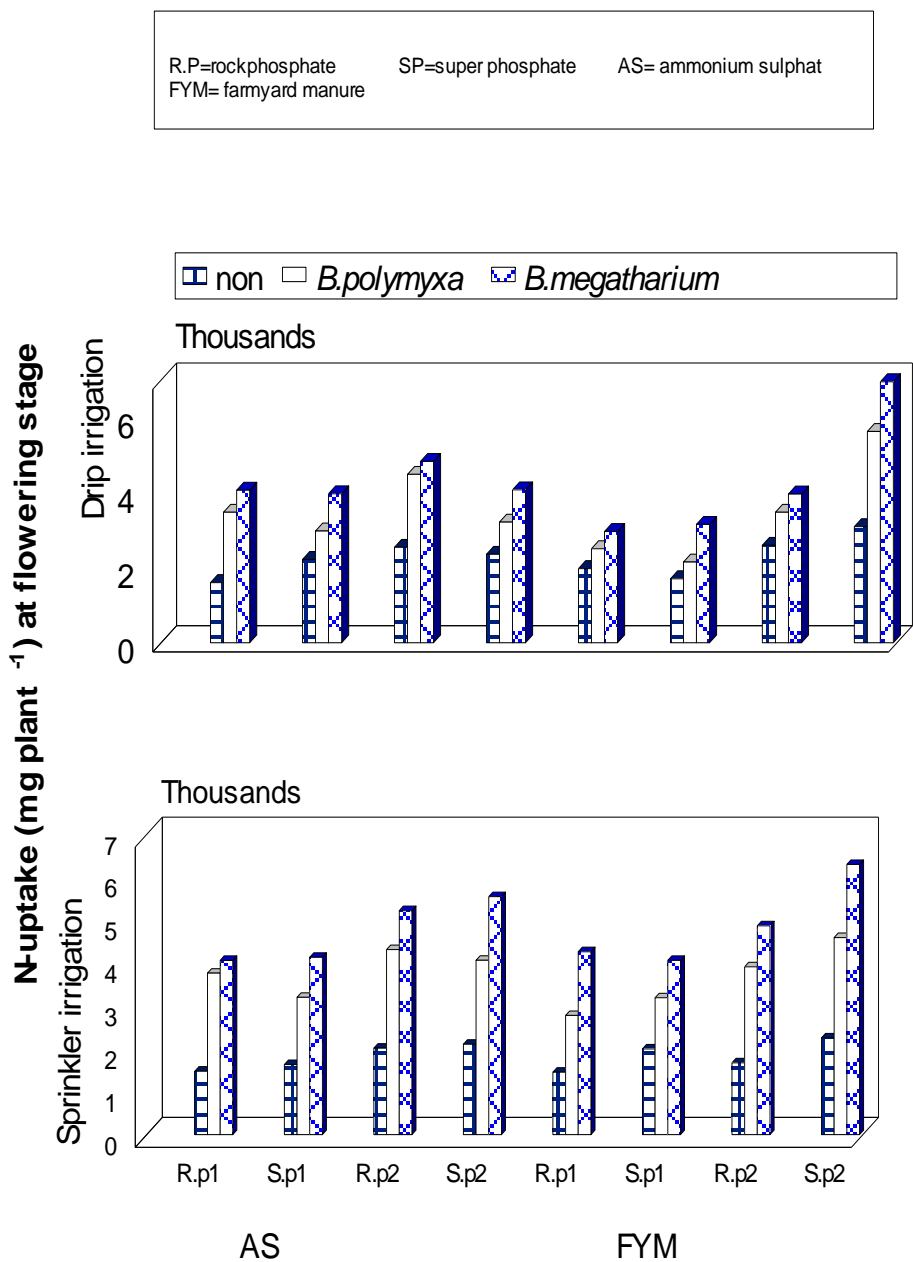
Irrigation system(A)	Nitrogen sources&rate(C)	Phosphorus Forms(D)	Inoculation(B)			mean
			Non	<i>P.poly</i>	<i>B.mega</i>	
Drip irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> (AS1) (AS2) (AS2)	RP1	1603	3476	4065	3048
		SP1	2220	2980	3969	3056
		RP2	2545	4488	4833	3955
		SP2	2358	3215	4074	3216
	<b>Mean</b>		2181	3540	4235	3319
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> (FYM1) (FYM2) (FYM2)	RP1	1976	2506	2963	2482
		SP1	1705	2152	3153	2337
		RP2	2596	3477	3965	3346
		SP2	3096	5632	6956	5228
<b>Mean</b>		2343	3442	4259	3348	
<b>Mean</b>		2262	3491	4247	3333	
Sprinkler irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> (AS1) (AS2) (AS2)	RP1	1479	3764	4061	3101
		SP1	1634	3200	4133	2989
		RP2	2015	4315	5221	3850
		SP2	2108	4064	5548	3907
	<b>Mean</b>		1808.9	3836	4741	3462
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> (FYM1) (FYM2) (FYM2)	RP1	1456.7	2778	4265	2833
		SP1	1999.2	3190	4062	3084
		RP2	1675.9	3913	4867	3486
		SP2	2256.1	4594	6298	4383
<b>Mean</b>		1847	3619	4873	3446	
<b>Mean</b>		1828	3727	4807	3454	
<b>Grand Mean</b>		2046	3609	4527	3394	

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**Table (2) cont.**

	Mean of(AS)	RP1 SP1 RP2 SP2	1541 1928 2280 2233	3620 3090 4402 3640	4063 4051 5027 4811	3075 3023 3903 3561
	Mean		1996	3688	4488	3390
	Mean of(FYM)	RP1 SP1 RP2 SP2	1716 1852 2136 2676	2642 2671 3896 5113	3614 3608 4416 6625	2657 2710 3482 4805
	Mean		2095	3581	4566	3414
	Mean of (P)	RP SP	1918 2172	3590 3629	4280 4774	3263 3525
	Mean		2045	3609	4527	3394
	Mean of Drip	RP1 SP1 RP2 SP2	1789 1962 2570 2727	2991 2566 3983 4424	3514 3561 4399 5515	2765 2697 3651 4222
	Mean		2262	3491	4247	3333
	Mean of Sprinkler	RP1 SP1 RP2 SP2	1468 1817 1845 2182	3271 3195 4114 4329	4163 4098 5044 5923	2967 3036 3668 4145
	Mean		1828	3727	4807	3454
	L.S.D (0.05) Irrigation(A)=78.89 Inoculation(B)=459.1 Nitrogen(C)=n.s Phosphorus(D) =242.2					
	AB=649.3 AC =n.s BC=n.s AD=n.s BD=419.4					
	CD=342.5 ABC=419.4 ABD=593.2 ACD=484.3 BCD=593.2					
	ABCD=838.9					

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Fig(1) :Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on N-uptake at flowering stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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## **4.2. Effect on P-uptake at flowering stage (Table 3).**

### **4.2.1: Main effect of irrigation system.**

Data in Table 3 show that values of the main effect on P uptake (PU) at flowering stage indicate that sprinkler irrigation was slightly superior to drip irrigation by about 7.7% on average.

### **4.2.2: Main effect of inoculation.**

Data of microbial inoculation show increases in PU at flowering stage. Average values were 730, 1227.6 and 1534.9 mg/plant under no inoculation, inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium*, respectively. Thus the increase due to treatment with *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium* were 68% and 110% over the control, respectively. These findings are similar to the findings reported by. **Yadav and Singh (1990)** who observed an increase in yield of sugar cane and its P uptake by inoculation with *B.megaterium* under conditions of alluvial soils. **El sayed (1998)** showed that inoculation with bacteria, *B.Polymyxa* increased the P-uptake in lentil plants. **Shotokhina and khristenko (1994)** reported that inoculation of maize with N<sub>2</sub>-fixing bacteria in combination with phosphate solubilizing bacteria enhanced the biological potential of soil and increased nutrient uptake.

### **4.2.3: Main effect of N source.**

Results in Table 3 indicate that the main effect of application of mineral N (Ammonium sulfate AS) and organic N source of farmyard manure (FYM) show superiority of the FYM organic source. Average values were 1129.9 and 1198.7 mg plant<sup>-1</sup> under AS and FYM, respectively. The increase in PU under FYM reflects the effect of organic acids and other

compounds resulted from decomposition of FYM. **Holanda et al. (1984)** observed that with increasing the rate of applied farmyard manure up to about 60 metric tons ha<sup>-1</sup> to the soil positively affected the availability of soil P and consequently P uptake by soybean plants.

#### **4.2.4: Main effect of P sources.**

Data of PU indicate that the main effect of super phosphate application to the soil under maize plant show an increase of about 15% over that of rock phosphate, due to the greater soluble in super phosphate than in rock phosphate. **Abd El-Aziz et al. (1991)** reported that rock phosphate is not an efficient source of phosphorus in soils having high pH.

#### **4. 2.5: Interaction effect of N sources and inoculation.**

Results in Table 3 show that values of PU at flowering stage under inorganic sources (AS) are 696, 1204 and 1490 under no inoculation, inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and inoculation with *B.megaterium*, respectively. It can be seen from such data that under (AS), PU was increased by 72.8% and 113.9% due to inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium*, respectively. Under conditions of the organic source FYM the obtained values of PU were 764,1252 and 1580 mg plant<sup>-1</sup> due to no-inoculation, inoculation with *P .Polymyxa* and inoculation with *B.megaterium* respectively; giving increases of 63.8% and 106.8% due to *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium* ,respectively. Thus *P. polymyxa* inoculation showed a considerable increase *B.megaterium* inoculation gave a further marked increase. Although the main effect of N-source showed significant difference between FYM over AS; the interaction effect caused



by inoculation show a superiority of FYM over the mineral source of AS was considerable under conditions of *B. megaterium* in particular. This superiority of the organic source which was particularly significant under conditions of inoculation with *B. megaterium* indicates that Farmyard manure can be used with *B. megaterium*. **Gaind and Gaur (1991)** found that phosphate-dissolving bacteria utilize organic compounds as sources for carbon and energy and produce organic acids, which solubilize insoluble phosphates. **Wu et al (2004)** showed that inoculation with phosphorus-dissolving micro-organisms had an effect similar to adding organic fertilizer P.

#### **4.2.6: Interaction effect of P sources and inoculation.**

Data show the increase in PU at flowering stage due to inoculation under rock phosphate RP application. Values of PU under RP conditions are 644.7, 1167 and 1430 mg/plant due to no- inoculation, inoculation with *P. polymyxa* and inoculation with *B. megaterium* respectively. It can be seen that the increases over non-inoculated treatment are 81.0% and 121.7% due to *P. polymyxa* and *B. megaterium*, respectively. Comparable data under super phosphate (SP) application, show average values of 816, 1288 and 1640 mg/plant, with average increases as a result of inoculation averaging 73 and 114% due to *P. polymyxa* and *B. megaterium* inoculation, respectively. It may be concluded that *B. megaterium* inoculation showed a higher positive effect over *P. polymyxa* inoculation either in presence of RP or SP. Application of super phosphate combined with *B. megaterium* was of more positive effect than (RP) combined with *P. polymyxa* inoculation.

Table (3): P-uptake by maize (mg plant<sup>-1</sup>) at flowering stage under the tested treatments

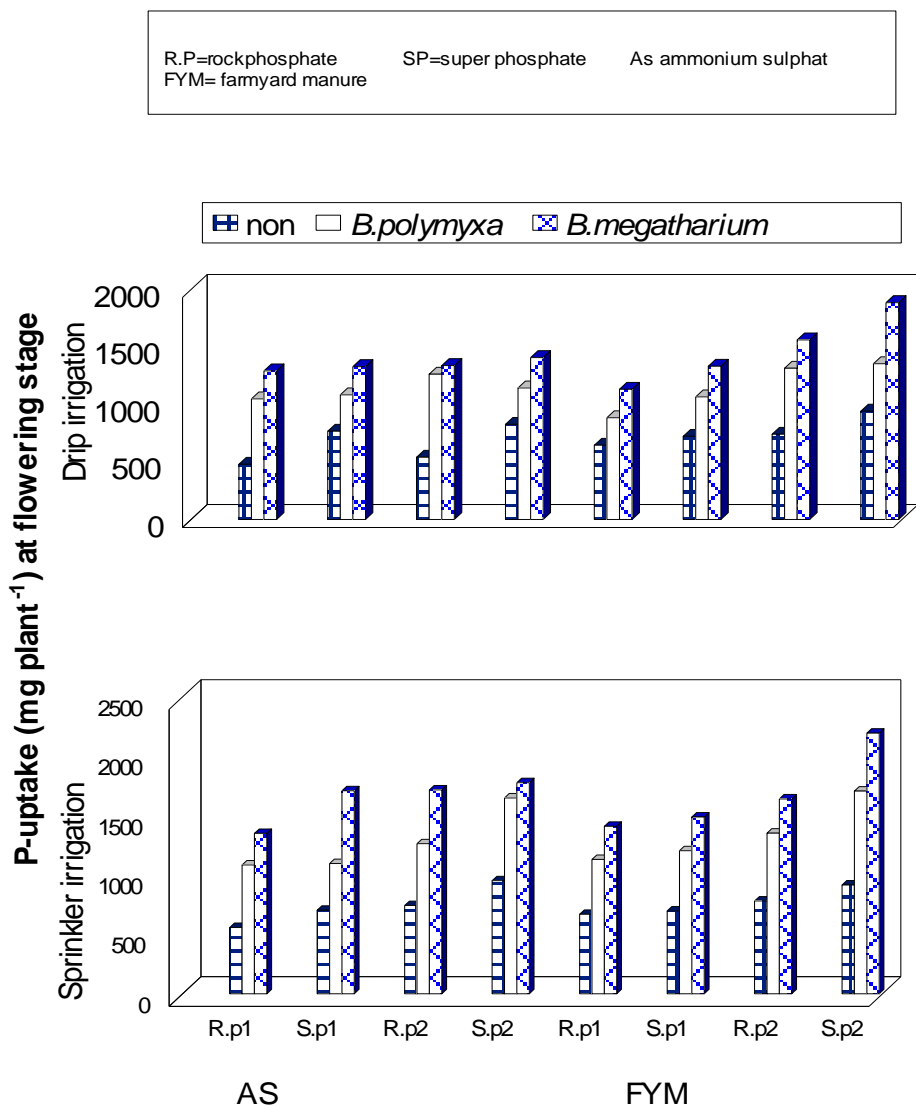
Irrigation system(A)	Nitrogen sources&rate(C)	Phosphorus Forms(D)	Inoculation(B)			mean
			Non	<i>P.poly</i>	<i>B.mega</i>	
Drip irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> <b>(AS1)</b> <b>(AS2)</b> <b>(AS2)</b>	RP1	480	1048	1292	940
		SP1	767	1083	1329	1060
		RP2	541	1263	1338	1571
		SP2	827	1143	1407	1126
	Mean		654	1134	1341	1174
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b>	RP1	645	884	1132	887
SP1		723	1066	1332	1040	
RP2		741	1315	1561	1206	
SP2		942	1354	1885	1394	
Mean		763	1155	1477	1132	
Mean		708	1145	1409	1153	
Sprinkler irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> <b>(AS1)</b> <b>(AS2)</b> <b>(AS2)</b>	RP1	558	1084	1350	997
		SP1	703	1096	1709	1169
		RP2	743	1263	1716	1241
		SP2	952	1649	1777	1459
	Mean		739	1273	1638	1217
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b>	RP1	669	1131	1410	1070
		SP1	697	1204	1488	1130
		RP2	781	1352	1640	1258
SP2		916	1706	2194	1606	
Mean		766	1348	1683	1266	
Mean		752	1311	1661	1241	
Grand Mean		730	1228	1535	1197	

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	Mean of(AS)	RP1	519	1066	1321	969
		SP1	735	1090	1519	1055
		RP2	642	1263	1527	1144
		SP2	890	1396	1592	1293
	Mean		696	1204	1490	1130
	Mean of(FYM)	RP1	657	1008	1271	978
		SP1	710	1135	1410	1085
		RP2	761	1334	1600	1232
		SP2	929	1530	2040	1500
	Mean		764	1252	1580	1199
	Mean of (P)	RP	645	1168	1430	1081
		SP	816	1288	1640	1248
	Mean		730	1228	1535	1164
	Mean of Drip	RP1	563	966	1212	913
		SP1	745	1075	1330	1050
		RP2	641	1289	1450	1127
SP2		885	1249	1646	1260	
Mean		708	1252	1409	1087	
Mean Of Sprinkler	RP1	613	1107	1380	1034	
	SP1	700	1150	1599	1150	
	RP2	762	1307	1678	1249	
	SP2	934	1678	1985	1532	
Mean		752	1311	1661	1241	
L.S.D (0.05)			AB=310.4		ABC=132.8	
Irrigation(A)=n.s			AC=76.66		ABD=187.8	
Inoculation(B)=219.5			BC=93.89		ACD=153.3	
Nitrogen(C)=53.43			AD=108.4		BCD=187.8	
Phosphorus(D) =76.66			BD=132.8		ABCD=265.6	

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Fig(2): Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on P-uptake at flowering stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

### **4.3: Effect on K-uptake at flowering (Table 4).**

#### **4.3.1: Main effect of the irrigation system.**

Results in Table 4 show that K uptake (KU) at flowering stage under sprinkler irrigation system significantly surpassed that under drip irrigation system. The mean values of KU amounted to 3878 and 2927 mg plant<sup>-1</sup> under sprinkler and drip irrigation system, respectively. Such effect could be due to greater amounts of available water for plant utilization under the sprinkler system compared with the drip one.

#### **4.3.2: Main effect of inoculation.**

Data show a considerable increase in KU due to microbial inoculation. Mean values for inoculation (2238, 3560 and 4409 mg plant<sup>-1</sup> occurred) under no inoculation, inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and inoculation with *B.megaterium*, respectively. It can be seen from the data that *P.polymyxa* increased KU by 59% but *B.megaterium* increased the KU by 97%. Such results agree with those of **Saber et al. (1981)** who found that K-uptake increased by P-dissolving microorganisms inoculation for Pea plants. **Shatokina and Khristenko (1996)** reported that inoculation of maize with associative N<sub>2</sub>-fixing bacteria in combination with phosphate dissolving bacteria enhanced the biological potential of soil and increased nutrient uptake.

#### **4.3.3: Main effect of N-source.**

Results show that differences due to application of N sources AS and FYM gave rather similar effect. The mean

values of KU are 3419 and 3402 mg/plant for AS and FYM respectively.

#### **4.3.4: Main effect of P sources.**

These results show that SP application gave more KU than RP. Mean values for were 3529 and 3276 mg/plant for SP and RP, respectively, where SP source was superior by 7.7% over the RP source.

#### **4.3.5. Interaction effect of N sources and inoculation on K-uptake.**

Results of KU by maize at flowering stage showed interaction between N-source and inoculation. Although the main effect show similarity between the two N sources, the interaction effect caused by inoculation show that (1) under conditions of no inoculation, FYM was superior to AS. ; (2) under conditions of inoculation, the reverse occurred where AS was superior to FYM. Inoculation was effective under both N sources. **Saber, et al (1981)** reported that the percent of K-uptake increase from control were persistently higher in the inoculated treatments with phosphate dissolving bacteria.

#### **4.3.6. Interaction effect of P-source and inoculation on K-uptake.**

Inoculation under RP application gave values of 2152, 3385 and 4291 mg/plant for no-inoculation, inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and inoculation with *B.megaterium*, respectively ; the increases over the no-inoculation were 57 and 99% due to *p. polymyxa* and *B.megaterium var.phosphaticum*, respectively .Inoculation under SP application, gave values of 2325,3735 and

4528 mg/plant for the no-inoculation, inoculation with *P.polymyxa*, and *B.megaterium* respectively with increases of 60.6 and 94.8% .Thus, superiority of SP over RP was more pronounced under *P.polymyxa* inoculation, but was little under no-inoculation . Under no inoculation, SP was superior to RP by 8.0%; under *P.polymyxa* inoculation the superiority was slightly higher (10.4%). **Heggo and Barakah (1993)** found that inoculation of maize grain with phosphate dissolving bacteria increased K-uptake.

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Table (4): K-uptake by maize (mg plant<sup>-1</sup>) at flowering stage under the tested treatments

Irrigation system(A)	Nitrogen sources&rate(C)	Phosphorus Forms(D)	Inoculation(B)			mean
			Non	<i>P.poly</i>	<i>B.mega</i>	
Drip irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> <b>(AS1)</b> <b>(AS2)</b> <b>(AS2)</b>	RP1	1624	2594	3114	2444
		SP1	1756	2659	3189	2535
		RP2	1779	2747	3673	2733
		SP2	1981	2871	3905	2919
	Mean		1785	2718	3470	2658
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b>	RP1	2295	2601	3240	2712
SP1		2322	2804	3668	2931	
RP2		2579	3636	4369	3528	
SP2		2776	3644	4434	3618	
Mean		2493	3171	3928	3197	
Mean		2139	2944	3699	2927	
Sprinkler irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> <b>(AS1)</b> <b>(AS2)</b> <b>(AS2)</b>	RP1	1948	3334	5151	3477
		SP1	1954	3993	5235	3727
		RP2	2322	4856	6035	4404
		SP2	2370	6299	6299	4989
	Mean		2148	4620	5680	4150
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b>	RP1	1730	3544	3989	3088
		SP1	2464	3643	4713	3607
		RP2	2939	3772	4755	3822
		SP2	2977	3969	4780	3909
Mean		2527	3732	4559	3606	
Mean		2338	4176	5120	3878	
Grand Mean		2238	3560	4409	3403	

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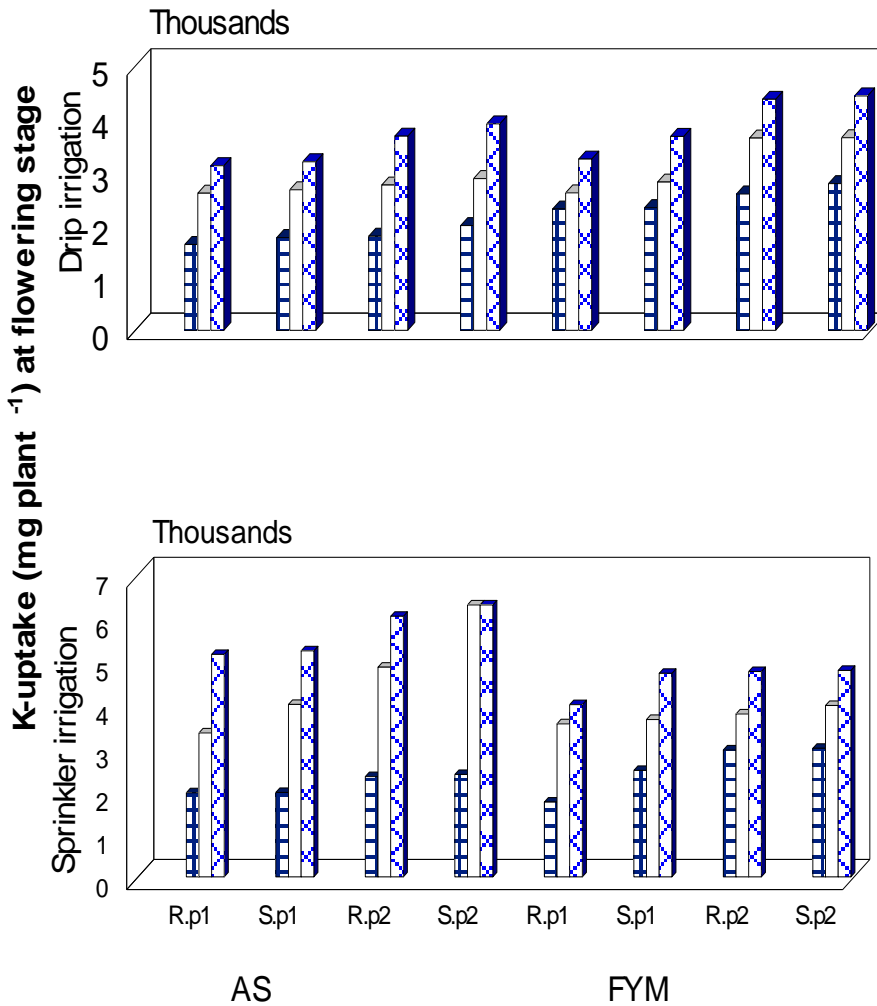
	Mean of(AS)		RP1	1786	2964	4132	2961
			SP1	2039	3326	4212	3193
			RP2	2050	3801	4853	3568
			SP2	2175	4585	5102	3954
	Mean			2013	3669	4575	3419
	Mean of(FYM)		RP1	2012	3073	3614	2900
			SP1	2393	3223	4191	3269
			RP2	2759	3704	4562	3675
			SP2	2876	3807	4607	3763
	Mean			2510	3452	4243	3402
	Mean of (P)		RP	2152	3385	4291	3276
			SP	2325	3735	4528	3529
	Mean			2238	3560	4410	3403
	Mean of Drip		RP1	1959	2598	3177	2578
			SP1	2039	2731	3429	2733
			RP2	2179	3191	4021	3130
			SP2	2378	3258	4170	3269
	Mean			2139	2944	3699.0	2927
	Mean of Sprinkler	RP1	1839	3439	4570	3283	
		SP1	2209	3818	4974	3667	
		RP2	2630	4314	5395	4113	
		SP2	2673	5134	5539	4449	
	Mean			2338	4176	5120	3878
L.S.D (0.05) AB=407.2 CD=295.6 ABCD=724.1							
Irrigation(A)=502.49 AC=209.0 ABC=362.0							
Inoculation(B)=287.9 BC=256.0 ABD=512.0							
Nitrogen(C)=n.s AD=295.6 ACD=418.0							
Phosphorus(D)=209.0 BD=362.0 BCD=512.0							

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As= ammonium sulphat

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☒ non ☐ *B.polymyxa* ☐ *B.megatharium*



Fig(3) : Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on K-uptake at flowering stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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#### **4.4: Effect on N-uptake at harvest (Table 5).**

##### **4.4.1: Main effect of irrigation system.**

Results in Table 5 show that total N uptake( NU)( straw+ grain) by maize plants at harvest showed the same trend as that at flowering stage .Uptake under sprinkler irrigation system significantly surpassed about 18.5% that under the drip irrigation system, with values of to 5287 and 4463 mg N plant<sup>-1</sup> under sprinkler and drip systems, respectively.

##### **4.4.2: Main effect of inoculation on N-uptake.**

Data in Table 5 show a marked increase in NU due to inoculation. Main values of NU amounted to 3288, 5133 and 6210 mg N plant<sup>-1</sup> under no inoculation, inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and inoculation with *B.megaterium*, respectively ; giving increases of 56.1, 88.4% due to *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium* ,respectively.

##### **4.4.3: Main effect of N source on N-uptake.**

Results in Table (5) indicate that the main effect of (FYM) significantly surpassed that of (AS) by about 4.6%. Such trends agree with **Sakr (1985)** who showed that farmyard manure was of a positive effect on both sandy calcareous soils.

##### **4.4.4: Main effect of P-source on N uptake.**

Data in Table (5) show a significant difference between SP and RP where. SP effect slightly surpassed that of RP (by 3.0%).

#### **4.4.5: Effect of N source and inoculation interaction on N-uptake.**

There was a significant interaction caused by inoculation affecting the pattern of response to N-source FYM was superior to AS only where inoculation was done; with no-inoculation, both FYM and AS were rather

Similar in effect. On the other hand the interaction worked in another way; the N-source affected the pattern of response to inoculation. Inoculation was more pronounced where FYM was present, reflecting 65% and 92% increase due to *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium*, respectively. The corresponding increases under AS addition were 48% and 87% respectively.

#### **4.4.6: Interaction effect of P source and inoculation on N-uptake.**

Superiority of SP over RP occurred only where no-inoculation was done, or where *B.megaterium* inoculation was done. Under condition of inoculation with *P.polymyxa*, it was RP which surpassed SP. On the other hand inoculation in general surpassed no inoculation by a greater percentage under conditions of applying RP; giving 67.4% and 91.3% increases due to *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium* respectively. Corresponding increases under applying SP were 44.7% and 86.4% respectively.

Table (5): N-uptake by maize (mg plant<sup>-1</sup>) at harvesting stage under the tested treatments.

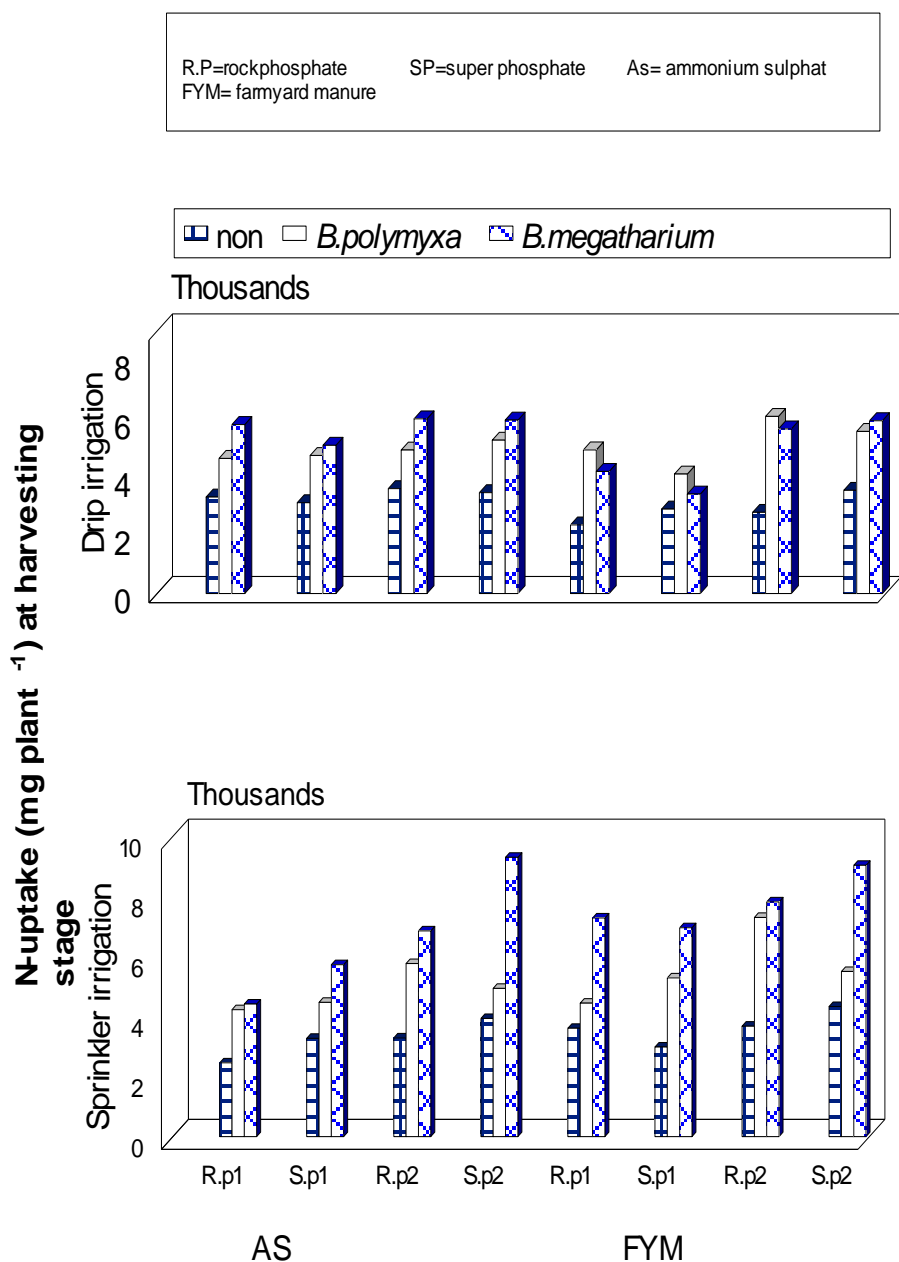
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Drip irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1) (AS1) (AS2) (AS2)</b>	RP1	3309	4630	5792	4577
		SP1	3115	4731	5081	6463
		RP2	3596	4921	5988	4835
		SP2	3459	5256	5947	4887
	Mean		3370	4884	5702	4652
	<b>Organic(FYM1) (FYM1) (FYM2) (FYM2)</b>	RP1	2352	4924	4187	3821
		SP1	2896	4096	3408	3467
		RP2	2783	6071	5643	4832
		SP2	3537	5557	5924	5006
	Mean		2892	5162	4791	4273
	Mean		3131	5023	5246	4463
Sprinkler irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1) (AS1) (AS2) (AS2)</b>	RP1	2456	4228	4417	3700
		SP1	3275	4473	5727	4492
		RP2	3287	5762	6852	5300
		SP2	3935	4939	9301	6059
	Mean		3238	4850	6574	4888
	<b>Organic(FYM1) (FYM1) (FYM2) (FYM2)</b>	RP1	3609	4445	7283	5112
		SP1	2985	5285	6958	5076
		RP2	3679	7298	7816	6264
		SP2	4333	5503	9037	6291
	Mean		3651	5633	7774	5686
	Mean		3445	5242	7174	5287
	Grand Mean		3288	5133	6210	4875

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	Mean of(AS)		RP1	2883	4429	5104	4139
			SP1	3195	4602	5404	4400
			RP2	3442	5342	6420	5068
			SP2	3622	5098	7624	5448
	Mean			3285	4897	6138	4764
	Mean of(FYM)		RP1	2981	4685	5735	4467
			SP1	2941	4691	5183	4271
			RP2	3231	6684	6730	5548
			SP2	3935	5530	7480	5649
	Mean			3272	5398	6282.	4984
	Mean of (P)		RP	3134	5285	5997	4805
			SP	3442	4980	6423	4948
	Mean			3288	5132	6210	4877
	Mean of Drip		RP1	2830	4777	4990	4199
			SP1	3005	4413	4245	3888
		RP2	3189	5496	5815	4834	
		SP2	3498	5406	5936	4947	
Mean			3131	5023	5246	4467	
Mean of Sprinkler		RP1	3033	4336	5850	4406	
		SP1	3130	4879	7382	5130	
		RP2	3483	6530	7334	5782	
		SP2	4134	5221	8130	5828	
Mean			3445	5242	7174	5287	
L.S.D (0.05) AB=156.9 CD=126.5 ABCD=309.8							
Irrigation(A)=264.90 AC=89.44 ABC=154.9							
Inoculation(B)=110.9 BC=109.5 ABD=219.1							
Nitrogen(C)=62.33 AD=126.5 ACD=178.9							
Phosphorus(D) =89.44 BD=154.9 BCD=219.1							

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Fig(4) :Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on N-uptakeat harvesting under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

## **4.5: Effect on P-uptake at harvest (Table 6).**

### **4.5.1: Main effect of irrigation system.**

Data in (Table 6) show the values of P uptake PU in (straw+ grains) by maize plants at harvesting stage. Results show (like with PU at the flowering stage) no significant differences between the sprinkler and drip irrigation systems on PU. However sprinkler irrigation was superior to drip irrigation in treatments inoculated with *B. megaterium*.

### **4.5. 2: Main effect of inoculation.**

Data in Table (6) show a considerable significant increase in PU values of maize plants (like at the flowering stage) as a result of inoculation. Mean values amounted to 13.96, 2309 and 3004 mg N plant<sup>-1</sup> under no inoculation, inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and inoculation with *B.megaterium* var. *phosphaticum*, respectively. Such effect reflects the capability of these types of bacteria in solubilize insoluble phosphate in soil. The increases due to inoculation averaged 65 and 115% for *P. polymyxa* and *B.megaterium*, respectively.

### **4.5.3: Main effect of N source.**

Results in Table( 6) show the main effect of mineral N source ammonium sulphate (AS) and organic N source (FYM).The average (mean) values of PU were 1934 and 2538 mg P / plant under AS and FYM, respectively, showing an increase of 31.2% for FYM over AS which elucidates the considerable effect of organic manures in enhancing soil P availability. Farmyard manure would enhance solubility of P via two principal ways (1), firstly, the P-content in the manure; and (2) secondly the indirect solubilizing effects of the manure due to



different organic acids and growth inducing compounds release during decomposition of the manure. Such results are in agree with those of **Holanda and Bezerra (1984)** who observed that with increasing the rate of applied FYM there was an increased availability of P and P uptake by Soya bean plants.

#### **4.5.4: Main effect of P sources on (PU).**

Data of PU indicate that the main effect of super phosphate and in comparison with that of rock phosphate application gave rather similar response and there is no significant difference between the two sources. **Singh and Amberger (1991)** showed that application of rock phosphate in combination with organic manure increased both yield and uptake of phosphorus by crops which were mainly attributed to an increase in P availability induced by organic matter decomposition.

#### **4.5.5: Interaction effect of N sources and inoculation.**

Results in Table (6) show the values of PU at harvest stage due to the inorganic sources of AS and the organic source of (FYM) under each of the following conditions: no inoculation, inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium*. The superiority of FYM over AS was highest under conditions of *P.polymyxa*. On the other hand results also show the response to inoculation under the following conditions: applying (FYM) and AS. The *B.megaterium* effect surpassed that of *P. polymyxa* by a higher percentage (35.9%) in presence of AS, but a lower percentage (26.0%) in presence of FYM. **Laheurte and Berthelin (1988)** asserted the potential efficiency of P-solubilizing microorganisms as inoculants to increase P-availability to plants.

#### **4.5.6: Interaction effect of P source and inoculation.**

Results in Table 6 show the values of PU at the harvesting stage due to rock phosphate (RP) and super phosphate (SP) under inoculation or no-inoculation. Although the results showed that the main effects of SP and RP were similar, the interaction caused by inoculation treatments no inoculation, SP was significantly superior to RP ; (1), under inoculation, RP was slightly and non significantly superior to SP(2). This shows that RP would be effective when combined under inoculation with phosphate dissolving microorganisms, this superiority was more induced in presence of (FYM) than presence of (AS).

Table (6): P-uptake by maize (mg plant<sup>-1</sup>) at harvesting stage under the tested treatments.

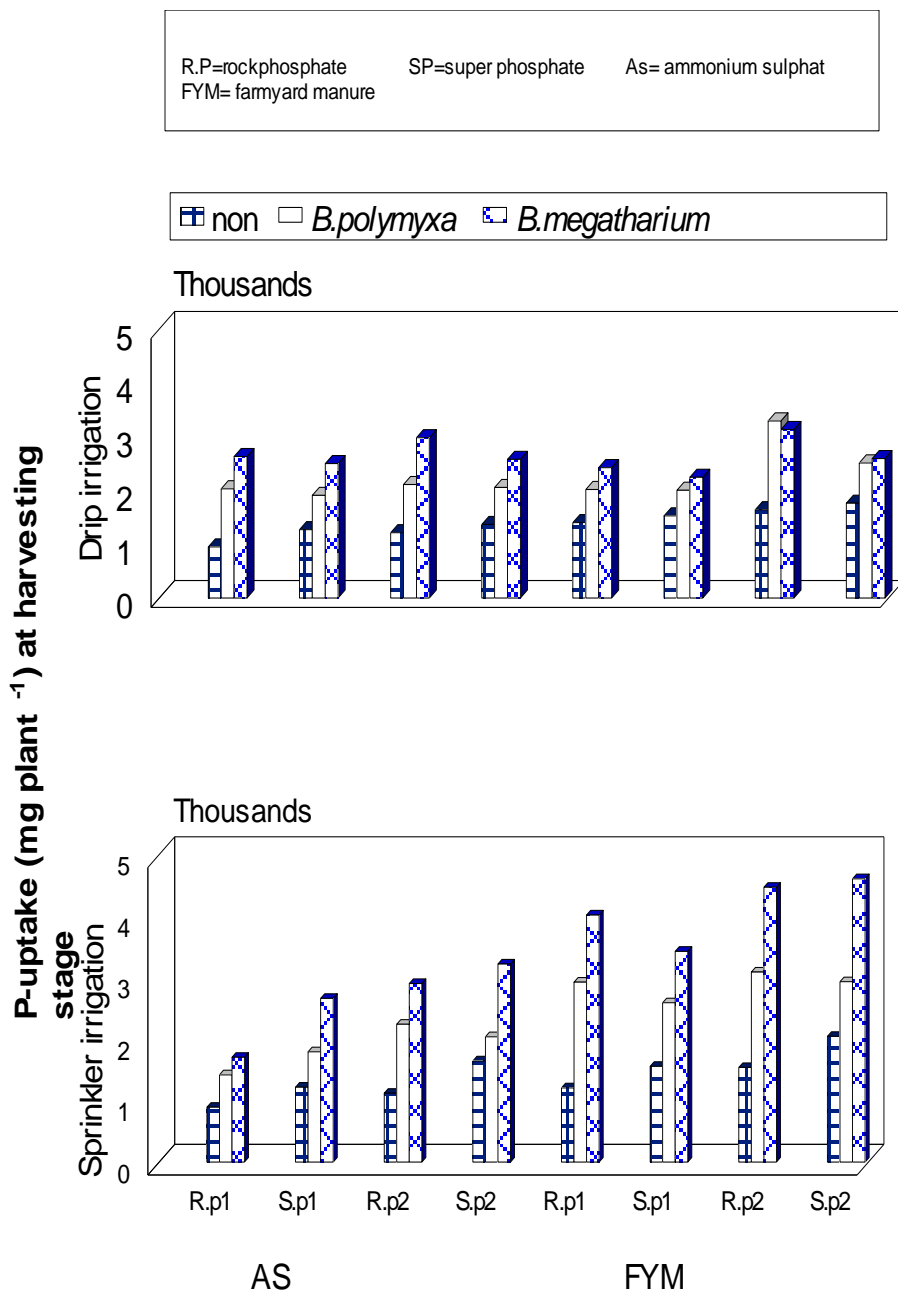
Irrigation system(A)	Nitrogen sources&rate(C)	Phosphorus Forms(D)	Inoculation(B)			mean
			Non	<i>P.poly</i>	<i>B.mega</i>	
Drip irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> (AS1) <b>(AS2)</b> (AS2)	RP1	949	2029	2630	1869
		SP1	1270	1907	2498	1892
		RP2	1213	2108	2978	2099
		SP2	1365	2055	2578	1999
	Mean		1199	2025	2671	1965
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> (FYM1) <b>(FYM2)</b> (FYM2)	RP1	1401	2017	2424	1948
		SP1	1526	2002	2244	1924
		RP2	1641	3292	3131	2688
		SP2	1761	2510	2591	2287
	Mean		1582	2455	2598	2212
	Mean		1391	2240	2634	2088
Sprinkler irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> (AS1) <b>(AS2)</b> (AS2)	RP1	890	1417	1702	1336
		SP1	1217	1792	2660	1890
		RP2	1118	2239	2901	2086
		SP2	1643	2036	3218	2299
	Mean		1217	1871	2620	1903
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> (FYM1) <b>(FYM2)</b> (FYM2)	RP1	1206	2924	4015	2715
		SP1	1554	2589	3425	2523
		RP2	1536	3087	4466	3030
		SP2	2043	2931	4605	3193
	Mean		1585	2883	4128	2865
	Mean		1401	2377	3374	2384
	Grand Mean		1396	2309	3004	2236

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Table (6) cont.

	Mean of(AS)	RP1	919	1723	2166	1603
		SP1	1244	1850	2579	1891
		RP2	1165	2174	2940	2093
		SP2	1504	2045	2898	2150
	Mean		1208	1948	2646	1934
	Mean of(FYM)	RP1	1303	2471	3220	2331
		SP1	1540	2295	2835	2223
		RP2	1589	3190	3798	2859
		SP2	1902	2720	3598	2740
	Mean		1584	2669	3363	2538
	Mean of (P)	RP	1244	2389	3031	2221
		SP	1548	2228	2978	2251
	Mean		1396	2309	3004	2236
Mean of Drip	RP1	1175	2023	2527	1908	
	SP1	1398	1954	2371	1908	
	RP2	1427	2700	3054	2394	
	SP2	1563	2282	2585	2143	
Mean		1391	2240	2634	2088	
Mean of Sprinkler	RP1	1048	2171	2858	2026	
	SP1	1386	2191	3633	2403	
	RP2	1327	2663	3683	2558	
	SP2	1843	2484	3322	2550	
Mean		1401	2377	3374	2384	
L.S.D (0.05)		AB=570.0	CD=190.8	ABCD=467.4		
Irrigation(A)=n.s		AC=134.9	ABC=233.7			
Inoculation(B)=403.0		BC=165.2	ABD=330.5			
Nitrogen(C)=94.03		AD=190.8	ACD=269.8			
Phosphorus(D) =n.s		BD=233.7	BCD=330.5			

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Fig(5) : Effect of micropial inoculation,N and P fertilization and farmyard application on P-uptake at harvesting stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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## **4.6: Effect on K uptake at harvest.**

### **4.6.1: Main effect of irrigation system.**

Results in Table 7 show that K uptake KU in (straw+ grains) at harvesting stage under drip irrigation system was rather similar to that sprinkler irrigation.

### **4.6.2: Main effect of inoculation.**

Microbial inoculation considerably increased KU at harvesting stage. Mean values of KU were 4915, 7452 and 8651 mg K plant<sup>-1</sup> under no inoculation, *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium* treatments, respectively. It can be seen from the data that *P.polymyxa* increased KU by 52% but *B.megaterium* increased it by 76%, respectively over the no inoculation treatment.

### **4.6.3: Main effect of nitrogen source.**

Results show significant differences in KU values between the N sources of FYM and AS with FYM surpassing AS by 22%.

### **4.6.4: Main Effect of phosphorus source.**

Data in Table 7 show that according to the main effect, there was no significant difference between applications either P source (RP or SP).

### **4.6.5: Interaction effect of N source and inoculation.**

Superiority of (FYM) over AS was highest (33%) under *P.polymyxa* inoculation, and lowest (12%) under conditions of no-inoculation. On the other hand the effectiveness of inoculation was much greater under FYM (57% and 81%) due to

*P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium* respectively, than where AS was present (32.6% and 70.4%) for *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium*, respectively.

#### **4.6.6: Interaction effect of interaction between P sources and inoculation.**

Although the main effect indicates rather similarity between SP and RP, the interaction effect caused by inoculation shows .That SP was superior to RP under inoculation particularly under conditions of *P.polymyxa*. Under conditions of no inoculation a slight, and non-significant, superiority was given by RP. **Saber et al., (1983)** found that increased K-uptake when phosphate dissolving bacteria was mixed with super phosphate.

Table (7): K-uptake by maize (mg plant<sup>-1</sup>) at harvesting stage under the tested treatments.

Irrigation system(A)	Nitrogen sources&rate(C)	Phosphorus	Inoculation(B)			mean
		Forms(D)	Non	<i>P.poly</i>	<i>B.mega</i>	
Drip irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> <b>(AS1)</b> <b>(AS2)</b> <b>(AS2)</b>	RP1	5231	5902	6389	5841
		SP1	4386	5826	5826	5346
		RP2	7223	9389	10195	8936
		SP2	5253	7069	6961	6428
	Mean		5523	7046	733	6638
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b>	RP1	4948	5986	8937	6624
		SP1	4554	8257	7409	6740
		RP2	4986	10915	12054	7822
		SP2	6115	8318	9108	7847
	Mean		5151	8367.0	9377	6962
Mean		5337	7707	8360	6800	
Sprinkler irrigation	<b>Inorganic (AS1)</b> <b>(AS1)</b> <b>(AS2)</b> <b>(AS2)</b>	RP1	2691	5269	5555	4505
		SP1	3475	7256	8522	6418
		RP2	3752	5517	7686	5652
		SP2	5013	7617	11956	8195
	Mean		3733	6415	8430	6193
	<b>Organic(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM1)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b> <b>(FYM2)</b>	RP1	5860	9147	8696	7363
		SP1	3684	6261	9103	6349
		RP2	5641	7752	8849	7952
		SP2	5822	8763	11176	8587
	Mean		5252	7981	9456	7563
Mean		4492	7198	8943	6878	
Grand Mean		4915	7452	8651	6819	

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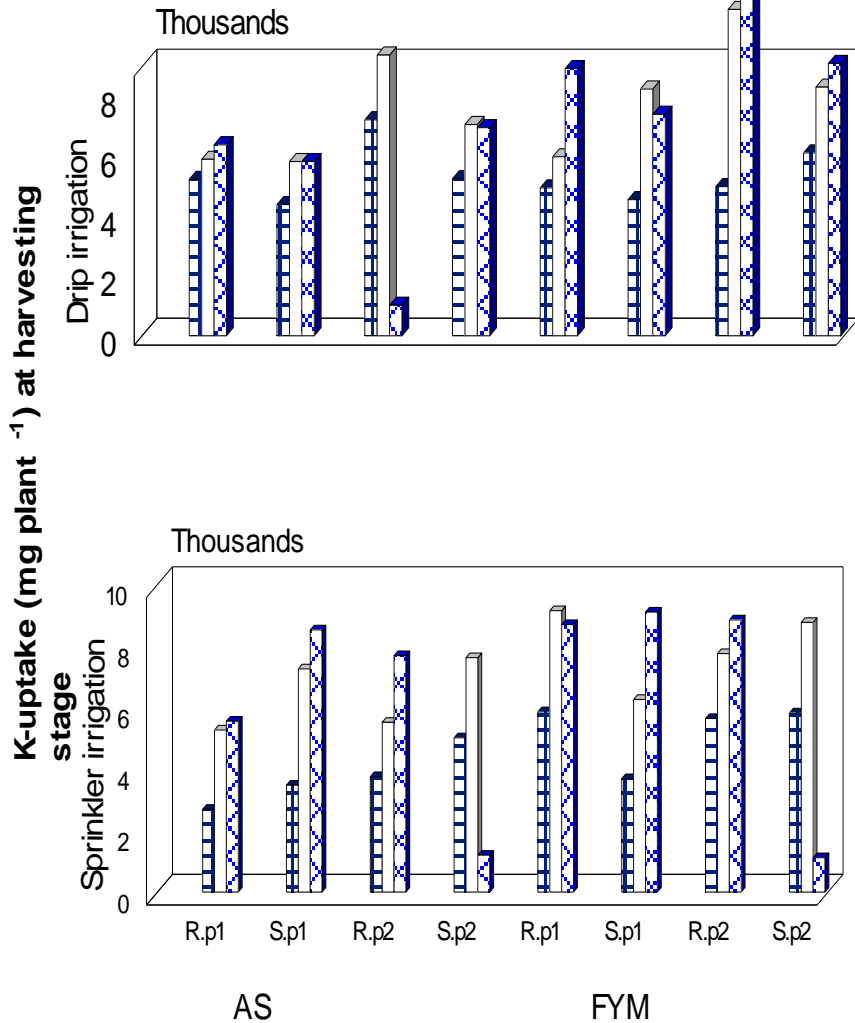
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	Mean of(AS)		RP1 SP1 RP2 SP2	3961 3930 5487 5133	5710 6722 4958 7163	5972 7174 8941 9458	5214 5942 6462 7251	
	Mean			4628	6138	7886	6217	
	Mean of(FYM)		RP1 SP1 RP2 SP2	5404 4119 5313 5969	10031 7259 6869 8541	10375 8256 8893 10142	8603 6545 7025 8217	
	Mean			5201	8175	9416	7597.5	
	Mean of (P)		RP SP	5042 4788	6257 7421	8545 8758	6614 6582	
	Mean			4915	6838.8	8651	6598	
	Mean of Drip		RP1 SP1 RP2 SP2	5090 4470 6104 5684	5944 7042 1015 7694	7663 6618 11125 8034	6232 6043 7786 7137	
	Mean			5337	7708	8360	6800	
	Mean of Sprinkler		RP1 SP1 RP2 SP2	4276 3579 4697 5418	7332 6939 6511 8010	7126 8812 8267 11566	5934 6383 6802 8391	
	Mean			4992	7198	8943	6878	
	L.S.D (0.05) AB=381.8 CD=372.4 ABCD=912.2							
	Irrigation(A)=n.s AC=263.3 ABC=456.1							
	Inoculation(B)=270.0 BC=322.5 ABD=645.0							
Nitrogen(C)=183.526 AD=372.4 ACD=526.7								
Phosphorus(D) =n.s BD=456.1 BCD=645.0								

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R.P=rockphosphate      SP=super phosphate      As= ammonium sulphat  
FYM= farmyard manure

☒ non ☐ *B.polymyxa* ☒ *B.megatharium*



Fig(6): Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on K-uptake at harvesting stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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#### **4.7: Effect on available N in soil at 60 and 120 day periods of plant growth.**

Data in Table (8) show contents of available N at flowering stage (60 days growth) and at harvest (120 days growth).

##### **4.7.1: Main effect of irrigation system.**

Results show that main contents of available nitrogen in soil under sprinkler and drip irrigation. Such reveal suggest that soil N content under drip irrigation after 60 days growth, 5.3% surpassed that under sprinkler irrigation; while under the sprinkler irrigation system, the soil available N content at 120 days growth 5.9% surpassed that under drip irrigation. Accordingly one may suggests that under the experimental conditions, the soil under sprinkler irrigation contained slightly higher available N at the harvest time if compared with that under drip irrigation system. Such results agree at least porbly with **Hergert (1978)** who reported that N loss via leaching losses could be considerable under sprinkler irrigation although such a system could be more efficient than surface irrigation (**Hanks et al, (1976)** and **Singh and Kavia( 1978)**)

##### **4.7.2: Main effect of inoculation.**

Results indicate that available soil nitrogen content under at flowering by inoculation giving average increases of 11.1 and 11.1% due *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium* respectively. Respective increases at harvest were 5.9 and 11.8 %. Such results agree with **Barea et al. (2005)**, concluded that the

presence of phosphate dissolving bacteria is responsible for increased nodulation and N<sub>2</sub>-fixation in soil / plant systems.

#### **4.7.3: Main effect of nitrogen source.**

Results reveal that the available nitrogen content in soil did not differ significantly, on average when compared with AS at flowering as well as at harvest.

#### **4.7.4: Main effect of phosphorus source.**

Results reveal that, on average and as the main effect shows that at flowering, the nitrogen content in soil under SP was not significantly different from that under RP. At harvest, the SP soil contained more available N.

#### **4.7.5: Interaction effect of N-sources and inoculation.**

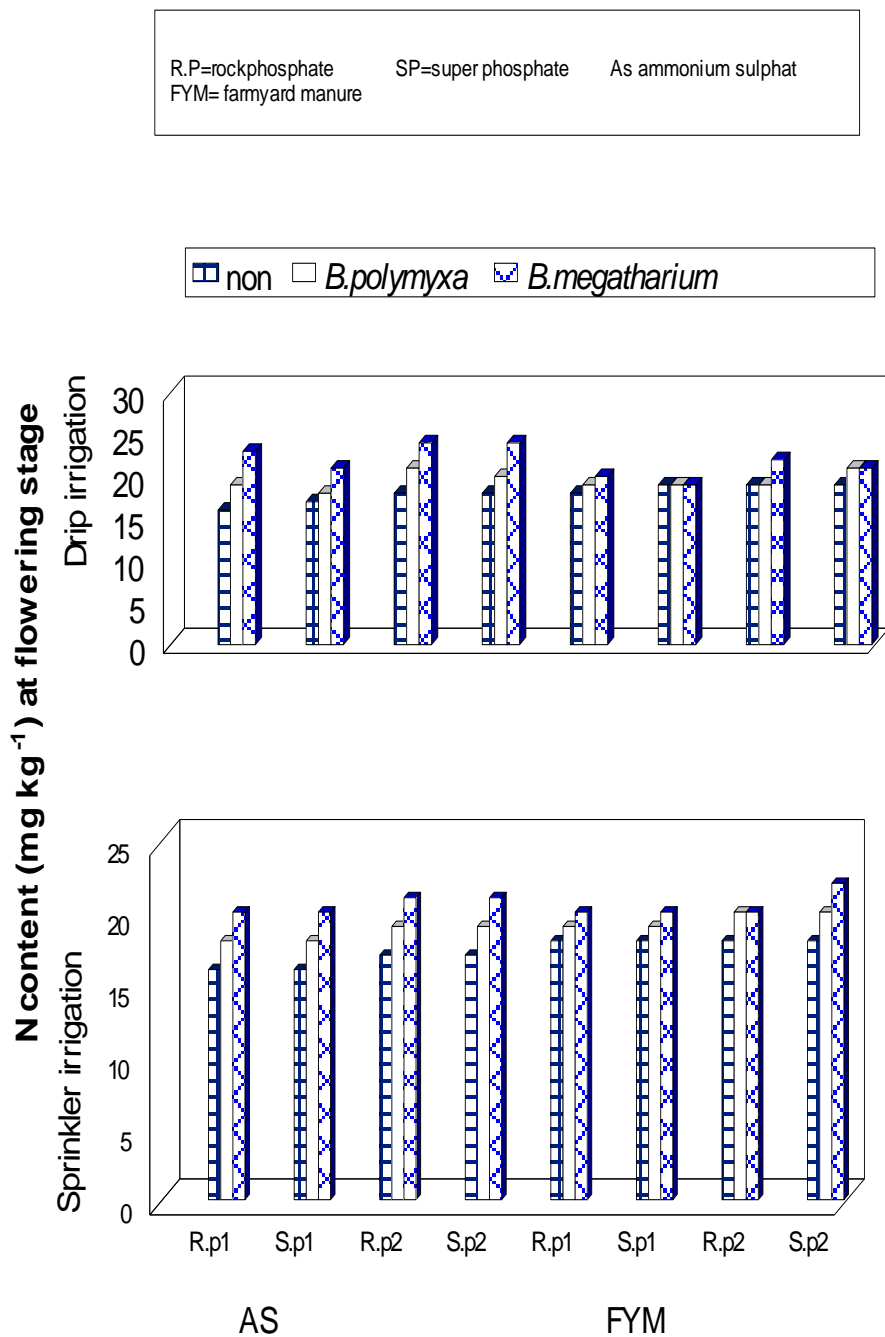
Although the main effect shows no significant difference between FYM and AS, the interaction effect caused by inoculation shows significant differences depending on the status of inoculation as follows: (1) under no-inoculation, FYM surpassed AS at flowering but was inferior to AS at harvest. (2) under *B.megaterium* FYM was inferior to AS at flowering but both were similar at harvest. Under *P.polymyxa* both FYM and AS were of similar effect at both stages. Superiority of FYM over the soluble AS reflects the slow-release nature of organic fertilizers (**Bott and Bruggen 1978**) the availability and the different nutrients present in them in available forms (**El-Ghozoli 1998**). Application of organic fertilizers was reported to increase the soil content of available nitrogen (**Mahmoud1994**).

#### **4.7.6: Interaction effect of P-source and inoculation.**

The similarity of SP and RP (shown by the main effect) was in all inoculation treatments at flowering. At harvest, SP surpassed RP under *B.megaterium*, under no inoculation or under inoculation with *P.polymyxa* no difference occurred between SP and RP. This shows an interaction caused by inoculation status, affecting the response to P source.

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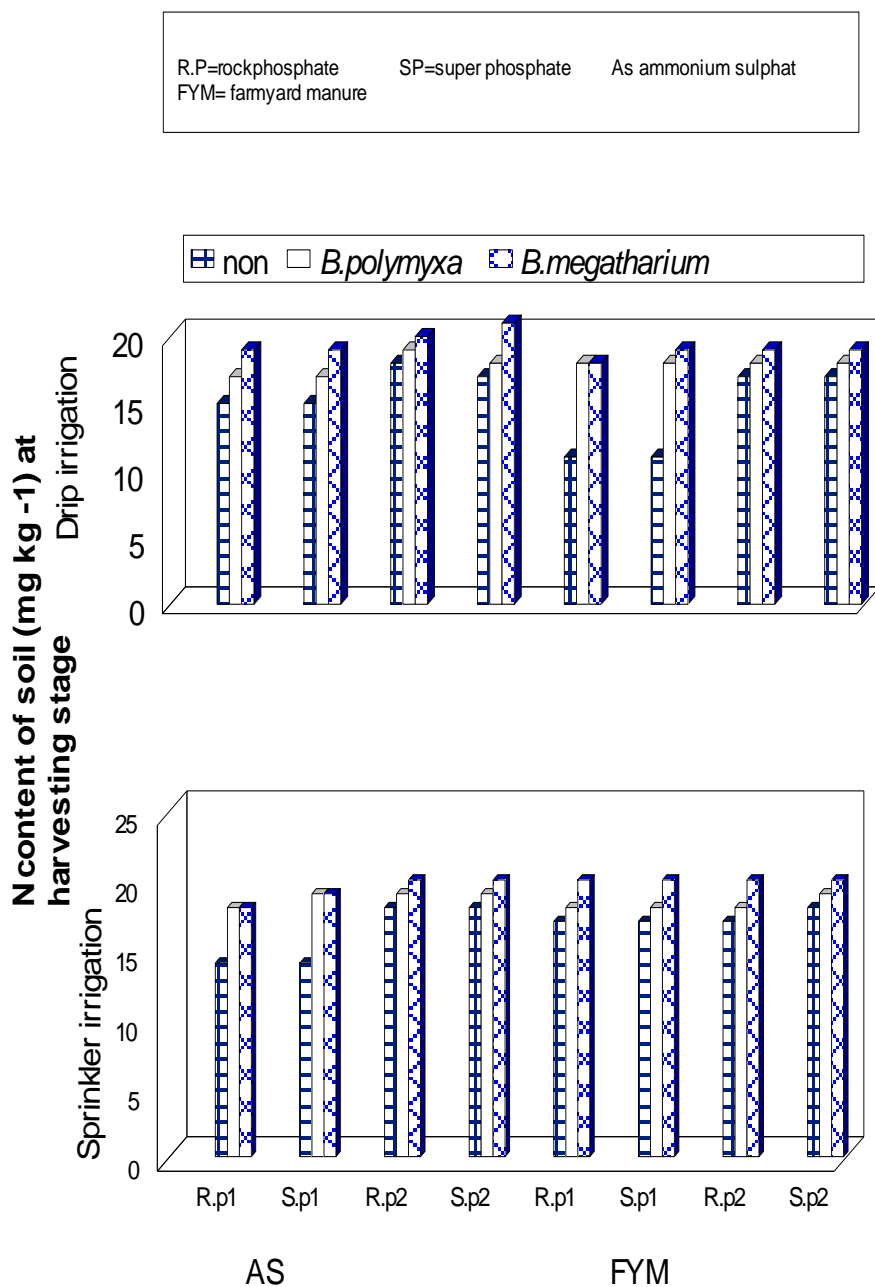
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Fig(7);Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and farmacyd application on N content of soil at flowering stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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Fig(8);Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on N content of soil at harvesting stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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#### **4.8: Effect on available P content.**

Data in Table (9) show the effect of inoculation and applied AS, FYM, SP and RP under drip and sprinkler irrigation system on available P in soil.

##### **4.8.1: Main effect of irrigation system.**

Results indicate that the average values of available P in soil at both flowering and harvesting stages no significant increase between drip and sprinkler irrigation.

##### **4.8.2: Main effect of inoculation.**

Results indicate that available soil phosphorus content at 60 days increased by 72.9, and 85.6 %, on average, as a result of inoculating with *P. Polymyxa* and *B. megaterium*, respectively. At 120 day the corresponding percentages were 66.2% and 139%, respectively .**El-Sayed (1998)** used the P-solubilizing bacteria, of *Pseudomonas striata* and *Paenibacillus polymyxa* in inoculating lentil and obtained an increase in available phosphorus in soil .**Sundara et al., (2002)** using *Bacillus megaterium var.phosphaticum* found that soil available P was increased.

##### **4.8.3: Main effect of nitrogen source.**

The main effect of N-sources shown at 60 day timing was greater by 7.5% with FYM as compared with AS, at 120-day no significant difference was detected between for FYM and AS. Such results may suggest that under FYM application, soil was more fertile at 60 day. Under FYM the decompositions of this organic manure decomposed and released organic acids

which must have decreased soil pH, leading to more P solubility. **Holanda et al., (1984)** found an increase in available P in the sandy soil with increasing rates of farm yard manure up to about 60 metric tons /ha. **Fagbami et al., (1985)** showed that the availability of soil macronutrients increased with application of organic manure.

#### **4.8.4: Main effect of phosphorus source.**

Results reveal that values of soil available P under SP were **greater** than that under RP by 4.4% at 60 day; and by 23.8% at 120 day. This reflects the higher P solubility under SP than RP. **Abd El- Aziz et al., (1991)** showed that rock phosphate is not an efficient source of phosphorus in soils of high pH.

#### **4.8.5: Interaction of N-source and inoculation.**

Results indicate that soil inoculation induced its available P content. At 60-day, the superiority of FYM over AS was obvious, where no inoculation or where inoculations was by *P.polymyxa* under AS and FYM. At 120-day time, very little difference occurred between the two N-sources. **Kucey, et al (1989)** showed that many rhizobacteria and rhizofungi are able to solubilizing sparingly soluble phosphates, usually by releasing chelating organic acids,

#### **4.8.6: Interaction effect of P source and inoculation.**

At 60-120 day time, the superiority of SP over RP was most prominent under no inoculation, or with *B. Polymyxa*; with *B. megaterium* both RP and SP were similar in effect. Thus with *B.megaterium*, solubilization of RP seemed more efficient than *P.polymyxa*. **Laheurte and Berthelin (1988)** reported high

efficiency of *B.megaterium* for P-solubilizing in presence of rock phosphate to increase P availability to growing plants.

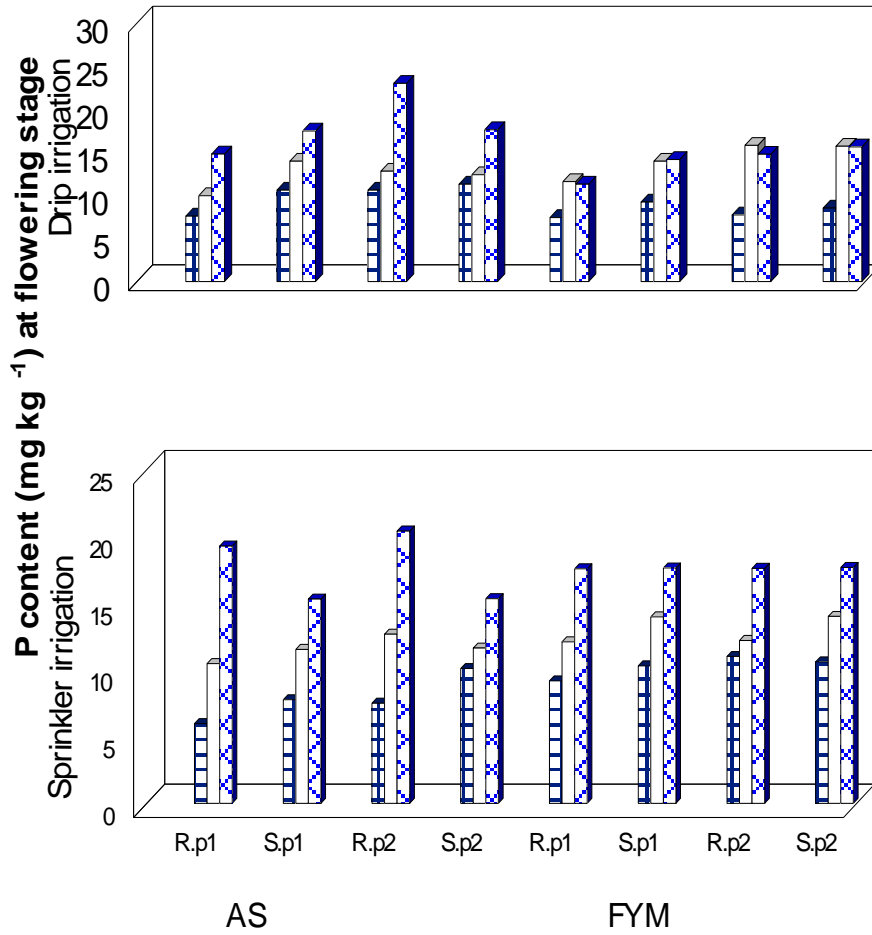
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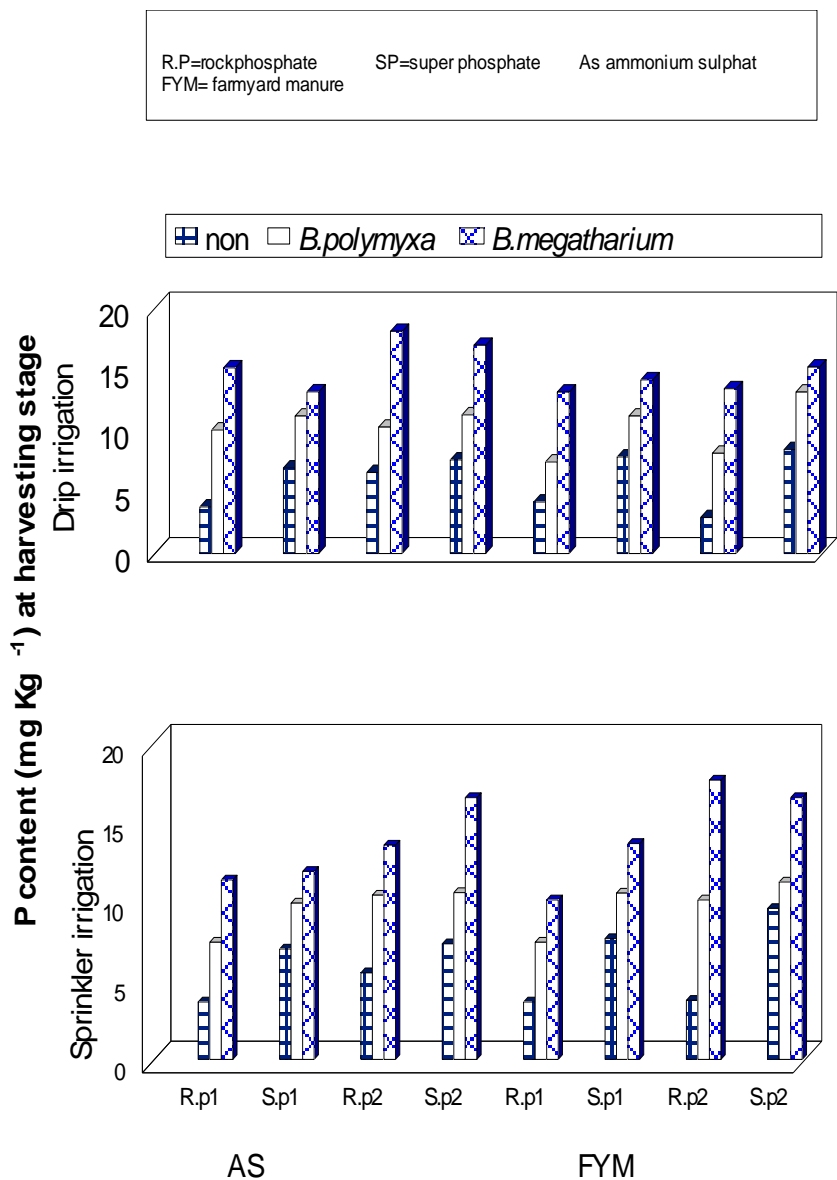
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Fig(9); Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and farmyard application on P content of soil at flowering stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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Fig(10);:Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on P content of soil at harvesting stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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## **4.9: Effect on available K in soil.**

Data in Table (10) show the effect on available K.

### **4.9.1: Main effect of irrigation system.**

Results reveal that average available potassium values in soil under sprinkler irrigation were significantly greater than under drip irrigation by an average of 9.1%.

### **4.9.2: Main effect of inoculation.**

Results indicate that soil inoculation gave greater contents of available K. The increase in available K due to inoculation with *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium* averaged 20.0 and 44.2% at flowering respectively and 20.0% and 42.5% at harvest **Heggo and Barakah (1993)** found that maize inoculation with phosphate dissolving bacteria increased available K in soil .

### **4.9.3: Main effect of nitrogen source.**

Results reveal that **the** main effect of N-source show different patterns, according to the growth stage. Regarding flowering stage, AS surpassed FY M significantly (by 3.1%). At harvest, FYM also, surpassed AS by significantly (by 4.9%). It may be concluded that by time, at harvest increasing available K under FYM occurred due to the K-contents in FYM and increasing the decomposition of FYM which release more K to the soil solution **Montaser (1987), Prasad et al (1982) and Fagbmi et al., (1985).**

#### **4.9.4: Main effect of phosphorus source.**

Results reveal that the values of soil available potassium under SP application significantly greater than under RP by an average of 8.3%. Under RP, there was a relatively lower K at harvest than at flowering.

#### **4.9.5: Interaction effect of N-source and inoculation.**

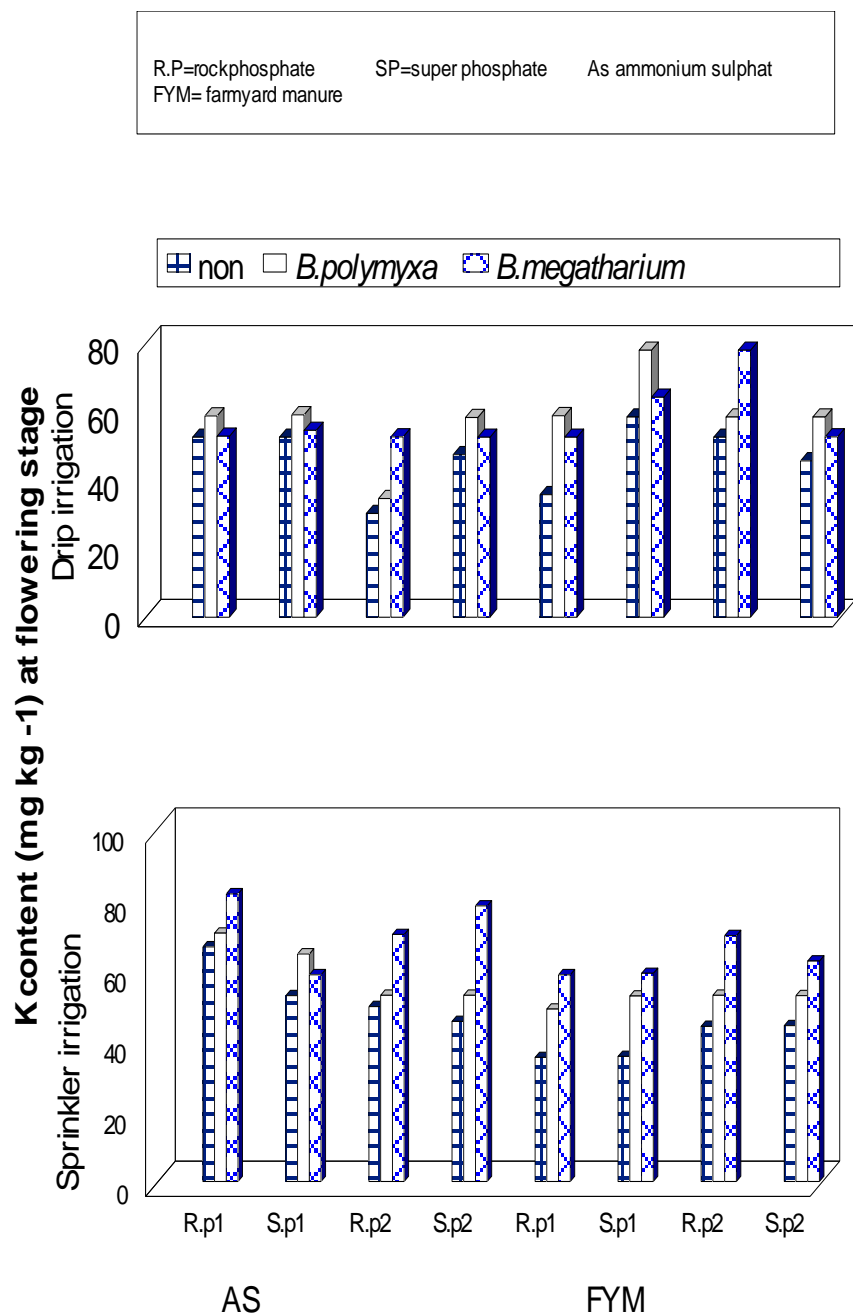
The superiority of FYM effect over that of AS in giving more available K (during harvest time) was particularly evident *B. megaterium* inoculation. Under *P. polymyxa* or no inoculation, no significant difference was shown between FYM and AS at harvest.

#### **4.9.6: Interaction effect of P source and inoculation.**

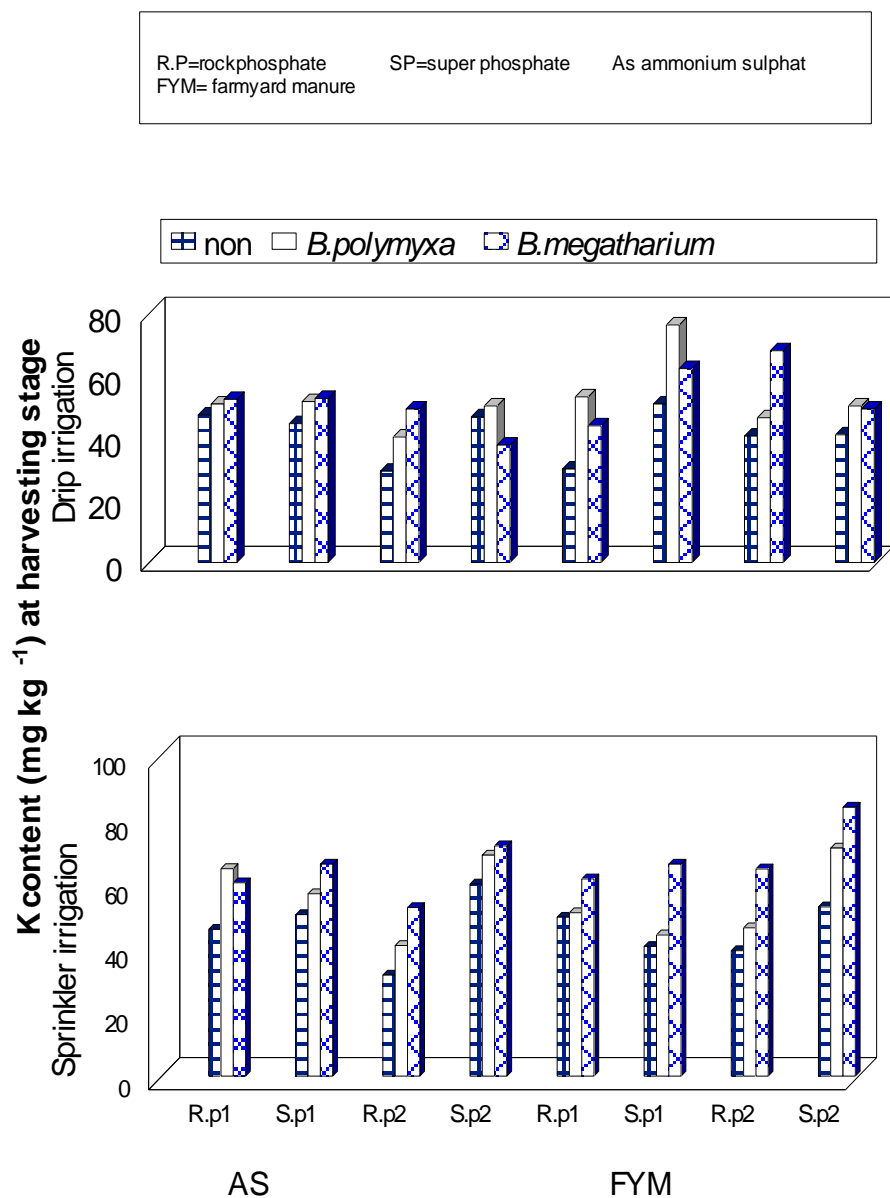
Although the main effects indicates that SP was superior to RP in the two stages (flowering and harvest), there was a significant interaction between to P sources, and inoculation, follows: Regarding flowering stage, and under conditions of no inoculation both RP and SP were rather similar, but it was RP which surpassed SP under conditions of *B. megaterium* inoculation. The only case where SP surpassed RP (during the same flowering stage) is where *P. polymyxa* was used. Such are the cases where inoculation status affected the way available K responded to P-source. A combination of FYM addition and *B. megaterium* inoculation enhanced RP treatment to cause increased availability of K during the flowering stage.

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Fig(11); ;Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on K content of soil at flowering stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.



Fig(12);:Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on K content of soil at harvesting stage under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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## **4.10: Effect on 100-grain weight and yield of maize grains.**

### **4.10.1: Main effect of irrigation system.**

Data in Table (11) and Fig (1) reveal that the average weight of 100-grain of maize under drip irrigation was 25.5 gm as compared with 24.9gm under sprinkler and showing a slight, but significant superiority of the drip over the sprinkler irrigation system. However the sprinkler system was much superior to the drip system giving a yield more than twice the yield given by the drip system. Yield given by the sprinkler averaged 6.18 metric tons / fed as compared with 2.68 metric tons / fed given by the drip system . This shows that the sprinkler system is more efficient to field crops such as maize **Prakash et al. (1990), Ruzyczka and Gadek (1991)** reported that grain crops gave optimum yields under sprinkler irrigation systems.

### **4.10.2: Main effect of inoculation.**

Results indicate that the 100-grain weight was increased by inoculation. The increase averaged 1.6 and 9.1 % due to *P. polymyxa* and *B.megaterium*, respectively. The grain yield also showed significant increase by inoculation. Averaging 40.4 and 52.9% due to *P.polymyxa* and *B.megaterium*, respectively. **Alagawadi and Gawr (1998)** examined the inoculation of sorghum using the N-fixing *Azospirillum bresilense* and the phosphate dissolving, *Pseudomonas strata* and *P.polymyxa* and their influence on yield of sorghum. They obtained an increase in the yield with more than one species in comparison with single species inoculation, indicating a positive enhancement due to

combined inoculation. **El- Sayed (1998)** examined the influence of *Rhizobium* species and phosphate dissolving bacteria on nutrient uptake and yield of lentil in a newly reclaimed desert soils and found that inoculation of *R.leguminosarum* increased nodulation as well as nitrogenase activity. The same researcher used P-dissolving *Pseudomonas Striata* as well as *P. polymyxa* and obtained an increase in available phosphorus in soil. The combined inoculation increased plant growth, seed yield, and nitrogen and phosphorus uptake.

#### **4.10.3: Main effect of nitrogen source.**

Results indicate that both the weight of 100-maize grain and the grain yield under AS was significantly higher (by 9.7% higher) than under FYM. This shows that the inorganic source which is readily soluble supplies available N for plant utilization while the FYM acts as slow release source with regard to yield, results show that AS gave about 40.5% greater yield) than by FYM. **Bolt and Bruggen (1978)** showed that inorganic fertilizer represents a readily available source of nutrients for plant.

#### **4.10.4: Main of phosphorus source.**

Results indicate that the average weight of 100-maize grain amounted to 25.6 g and 24.8 g under SP and RP, respectively. There fore SP significantly surpassed RP effect, (by about 3.2 %). Regarding to yield of grains, SP gave very slight increase (insignificant) over RP effect.

#### **4.10.5: Interaction between N-source and inoculation.**

The superiority of AS over FYM in giving more (weight of 100-grain and yield) was particularly evident with *B. megaterium* inoculation. Treatments of *P. polymyxa* surpassed



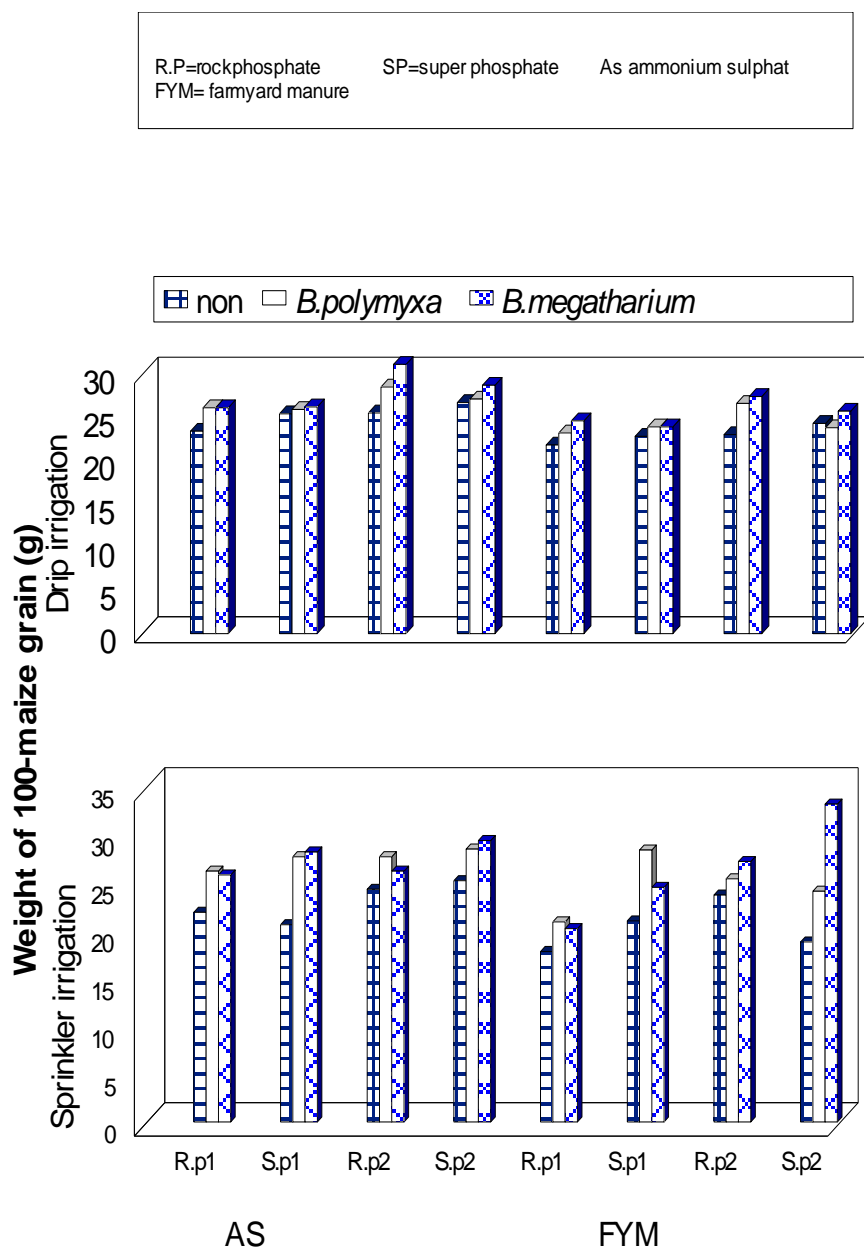
that of no inoculation under FYM and AS. **Kumaraswamy., et al (1992)** showed an increase in cane yield by the combined application of phosphate dissolving bacteria and FYM. **Grubiger (1992)** reported that soil organic matter and associated microbical activity have major role in the nutrient cycling process in soil through which nutrients availability and plant biomass production per unit cropped area increased mean while the loss in soil organic matter is reduced.

#### **4.10.6: Interaction effect of P-source and inoculation.**

Although the main effect indicates that SP surpassed RP by a bout 3.2% only , for this superiority was reduced more yield of a grains, However, there was a significant interaction for response to P sources, under inoculation. Under conditions of *B.megaterium* inoculation. SP effect surpassed RP (that of respect to weight of 100-grain and yield). Whereas under of *P.polymyxa* inoculation RP effect surpassed that of SP on grain yield .**Dubey and Billore (1992)** reported that the addition of rock phosphate combined and inoculation with phosphate solubilizing microorganisms increased yields of legumes and other field crops. **El-sayed (1995)** reported that seed or soil inoculation with phosphate solubilizing bacteria and simultaneous application of rock phosphate to soil have proved the reliability of RP to substitute for SP apparently without any reduction in crop yield.

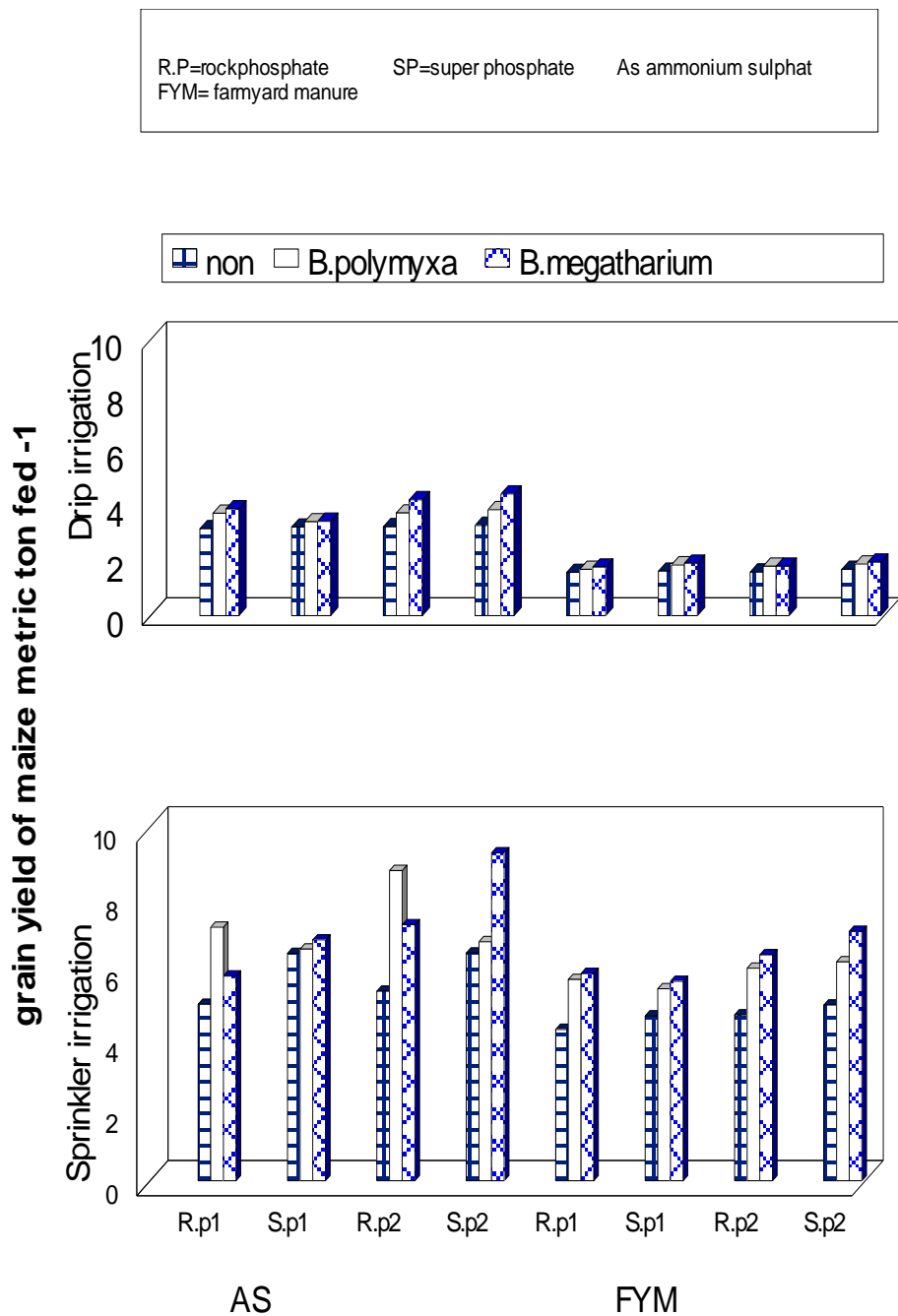
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Fig(13); ;Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on weight of 100-maize grain under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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Fig(14);;Effect of micropial inoculation, N and P fertilization and famyard application on the grain yield under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

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