

Application of amino acids and micronutrients on yield of common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.).

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ABSTRACT

Aiming to verify the effects of the use of sources of amino acids associated to micronutrients on the final yield of common bean, was conducted an experiment at FAZU in Uberaba-MG, using Carioca kind of bean, cultivar Pérola. The design was in randomized blocks with eight treatments and four repetitions. The sowing was done in August 18, 2008, the final stand of 240.000 plants ha⁻¹. Fertilization was held with 8-28-16 and coverage with urea. The treatments were constituted of T1: witness; T2: seed treatment (B: 0,1%; Cu: 0,1%; Mo: 2,%; Zn: 4,6%); T3: seed treatment + foliar fertilization at 25 DAE (B: 0,3%; Mn: 2,%; Mo: 1%; Zn: 3% + amino acids); T4: seed treatment + foliar application of amino acids at 25 DAE; T5: seed treatment + foliar application of amino acids in the pre and post-bloom (40 and 50 DAE); T6: foliar fertilization at 25 DAE (B: 0,3%; Mn: 2%; Mo: 1,%; Zn: 3% + amino acids); T7: foliar application of amino acids at 25 DAE; T8: foliar application (B: 0,3%; Mn: 2%; Mo: 1,%; Zn: 3% + amino acids) in the pre and post-bloom (40 and 50 DAE). It was evaluated: final yield, number of pods/plants, number of grains/pods and the mass of 100 grains. The results did not show relevant difference.

Key-words: *Phaseolus vulgaris*, foliar fertilization, micronutrients, amino acids and plant physiology

INTRODUCTION

The common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.), despite being a basic constituent in the diet for the most of Brazilian population, showed from 2002 to 2007, a supply very variable of the product, which has caused significant disturbance and inconstancy in its business scenario (Fancelli and Dourado Neto, 2007).

By presenting a relevant role in the diet of the Brazilian, the common bean is one of the agricultural products of utmost importance economic and social, mainly due to the labor using during the crop cycle. It is estimated that only in Minas Gerais are used in bean crop about 7 million of man/days in its cycle of production, involving about 295 thousand producers (EMBRAPA, 2007). The productivity of the common bean is very associated to the availability of nutrients in the soil and the way of availability of nutrients is strictly related to the availability of water, pH and minerals because all mineral nutrients move in the

either by diffusion or mass flow (Fancelli and Dourado Neto, 2007).

The objective of this study was compare the use of sources of amino acids associated to micronutrients in an isolated way and combined in the development and productivity of common bean.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The experiment was conducted in the experimental area of the demonstration farm of FAZU - Faculdades Associadas de Uberaba (Associated Faculties of Uberaba), under center pivot, in the agricultural year of 2008, located at 19°44' South latitude and 47°57' West longitude and altitude of 780m. The climate according to the classification of Köppen classified as Aw (hot and humid tropical climate with cold and dry winter), with an annual rainfall of 1750mm and average annual temperature of 23 °C. The soil is classified as dystrophic red latosol (oxisol).

Experimental design used was randomized with eight treatments and four repetitions,

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total of 32 plots. The plot was composed by six rows of 5 m of length, spaced 0,5 m, being the floor area the two central rows, eliminating 0,5 m at each end.

The fertilization in the furrow sowing was performed in a continuous bead, using 380 kg ha⁻¹ of the formulation 08-28-16 of NPK, taking into consideration the soil chemical properties, according to Table 1.

Table 1. Analysis of soil of the experimental area (0-20 cm).

pH	Mo	P	K	H+Al	Ca	Mg	SB	V(%)
		mg dm ⁻³			(cmoldm ⁻³)			
6,29	1,47	11,1	72	2,3	1,66	0,52	2,36	50,69
Wa	Lo	Lo	M	Lo	M	M	M	M

Wa = weak acidity; Lo = Low; M = Medium; Interpretation according to Ribeiro et al., (1999).

It was used the cultivar Pérola carioca type, that has the normal cycle of 85 to 100 days, indeterminate and prostrate growth habit.

The sowing was held manually in the planting furrows on August 18, 2008 considering the rainy season, but sown late, in an area of 560 m².

After the emergence (10 Days After Sowing) of plants, when they presented the first leaf stage, was performed a thinning leaving 12 plants per linear meter, aiming for a final stand of 240.000 plants ha⁻¹.

Two coverage fertilizations were also conducted, being the first at 20 days after the emergence (DAE), applying 45,96 kg ha⁻¹ of urea by throwing on the sides of the planting lines and again at 30 DAE the same quantity of the fertilizer.

It was used the center pivot irrigation, applying a total depth of water of 550mm.

The seeds were treated with insecticide Tiametoxam (300 ml 100 kg of seeds⁻¹) and the fungicides Fludioxonil + Metalaxil-M (200 ml 100 kg seeds⁻¹). In all plots were also made manual weeding at 4 and 16 DAE.

Beyond the manual weeding for control of weeds, was used the pre-emergent herbicide Trifluralina (1,8 L ha⁻¹) the following day after sowing, with the backpack pump, with a capacity of 20 liters and a spraying rod.

In relation to the phytosanitary management, there was the monitoring of the culture, using the insecticides Abamectina (0,2 L ha⁻¹) at 25 DAE; Lambda-cialotrina (250 ml ha⁻¹) at 35 DAE; Cipermetrina and Tiametoxam (300 ml ha⁻¹) at 45 and 65 DAE and the fungicide Azoxistrobina (120 g ha⁻¹) + mineral Oil (0,5 L ha⁻¹) at 25, 45 and 65 DAE.

The treatments consisted to hold in different phenological stages of plant, applications using amino acids and foliar fertilizer (B:3,6g; Mn:16g; Mo:11,27g; Zn:37,17g), of joint ways with associations of both or in isolated ways. In some treatments, the seeds were treated with micronutrients (B: 0,24 g; Cu: 0,24 g; Mo: 4,96 g; Zn: 11,4 g) and used in isolated ways, joint with amino acids, or with association of both, according to Table 2.

To evaluate the yield, the plants were desiccated at 98 DAE with the herbicide Dibrometodiquate (2,5 L ha⁻¹) + mineral Oil (0,5 L ha⁻¹).

The harvest was held at 110 DAE due to the coincidence with the rainy period. To the analyses of the final stand, were counted all the plants of the floor area of plots.

The characteristic mass of 100 grains was obtained by weighing grains samples of the pods harvested in the floor area of each plot.

Table 2. Treatments used.

Treatment (g. 100 kg of seed ⁻¹)	Foliar Fertilization (1.ha ⁻¹ containing the equivalent values)	Application time
1 Without supplementation	Without supplementation	
2 B and Cu: 0,24; Mo: 4,96; Zn: 11,4		
3 B and Cu: 0,24; Mo: 4,96; Zn: 11,4	B: 3,6; Mn: 16; Mo: 11,27; Zn: 37,17 + amino acids	25 DAE
4 B and Cu: 0,24; Mo: 4,96; Zn: 11,4	Amino acids	25 DAE
5 B and Cu: 0,24; Mo: 4,96; Zn: 11,4	Amino acids	Pre-flowering (45 DAE) and post-flowering (50 DAE)
6	B: 3,6; Mn: 16; Mo: 11,27; Zn: 37,17 + amino acids	25 DAE
7	Amino acids	25 DAE
8	B: 3,6; Mn: 16; Mo: 11,27; Zn: 37,17 + amino acids	Pre-flowering (45 DAE) and post-flowering (50 DAE)

The determination of the humidity was performed through the electrical conductivity and the values obtained were corrected for humidity of 13%.

There was obtained, thus, the yield of each plot using the equations:

$$Y = \frac{(P \times V_p \times G_p \times M)}{100000}$$

$$Y_c = \frac{[(Y \times H) \div H_r] \times [(100 - H)]}{(100 - H_r)}$$

In which Y refers to the yield in kg ha⁻¹, P to the population of plants (plants ha⁻¹), V_p to the average number of pods per plant, G_p to the average number of grains per pod, M to the mass of 100 grains or seeds, Y_c the yield (kg ha⁻¹) corrected according to the humidity required, H to the humidity measured and H_r to the humidity required (in this case, 13%).

The data were submitted to the analysis of variance by the program SISVAR and the comparison of the averages of the treatments, were performed by the Tukey test at 5% probability.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The supplementation with nutrients either in the treatment of seeds or in the foliar fertilization did not influence significantly on development and yield of the common bean, as can be seen in Table 3.

However, the average yield obtained in the treatments with application of nutrients was superior than the obtained by the witness, showing a difference of more than 1000 kg ha⁻¹, with a highlight to the treatment 5. The overall average was also higher than the average of Minas Gerais, that in the harvest 2008/09 was 1400 kg ha⁻¹ (AGRIANUAL, 2010). Wruck *et al.* (2005), Castro and Boaretto (2001), using nutrients in the treatment of seeds and via foliar obtained similar results to those found in this study. Results not relevant of productivity were also obtained with the application of nutrients via foliar by Vieira *et al.* (2005), Kikuti and Tanaka (2005).

Table 3. Characters of development and productivity of the common bean.

Treatment	Final stand	Yield(kg/ha)	Numberpods/plant	Number grains/pod	Mass 100 grains
1	259500 a	1877,7 a	6,9 a	4,21 a	28,46 a
2	242000 a	2974,5 a	9,1 a	4,74 a	29,14 a
3	243500 a	2800,8 a	9,2 a	4,58 a	28,64 a
4	265500 a	3113,9 a	9,4 a	4,30 a	29,81 a
5	279500 a	3328,7 a	9,3 a	4,56 a	30,04 a
6	254500 a	2645,5 a	8,3 a	4,20 a	29,87 a
7	258000 a	2695,6 a	8,1 a	4,80 a	29,33 a
8	243000 a	2775,1 a	8,0 a	4,86 a	28,25 a
Overall average	255687,5	2776,45	8,53	4,53	29,19
C.V (%)	20,94	30,14	20,47	14,40	7,25

Averages followed by the same letter, in the column, do not differ by the Tukey test, at 5% probability.

The number of pods per plant is an important component in the determination of the production. Although there is no significant difference between the treatments, the witness showed a number of pods per plant relatively lower than the plants treated, and the treatments 4 and 5 obtained the best results. The number of grains per pod is a genetic characteristic and was not expected a nutritional effect on the increase of numbers of grains in the pods of bean, which was confirmed by the results obtained. A similar result was obtained by Lima *et al.* (1999) when testing the foliar application of micronutrients on common bean.

In the evaluation of mass of 100 grains, the treatment 5 was superior, but this result was not so expressive. Lima *et al.* (1999), also did not find variations in this variable. This shows that the highest increase in the productivity of the common bean was due to the increase in the number of pods.

CONCLUSION

The parameters evaluated did not show significant results when used treatment of seeds in isolation or associated to the foliar fertilization with micronutrients and/or amino acids, although there was an increase of more than 1000 kg ha⁻¹ in the productivity of the common bean.

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