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Soil Fertility Status of Bangladesh

Thirty agro-ecological zones and 88 sub-zones have been identified by adding successive layers of information on the physical environment which are relevant for land use and assessing agricultural potential. These layers are:

- Physiography (land forms and parent materials)
- Soils
- Depth and duration of seasonal flooding and
- Agro-climatology [it comprises four elements: length of kharif and rabi growing seasons, length of the pre-kharif transition period, number of days below certain winter critical temperatures (<15 °C) and number of days with extremely high summer temperature (> 40 °C)]

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Soil Test Values in Relation to Critical Limit

Soil test value	% C.L.	Expected crop response
Very low	≤ 75	Very definite
Low	75.1-150	Definite
Medium	150.1-225	Likely/Probable
Optimum	225.1-300	Less likely
High	300.1-375	Unlikely
Very high	> 375	Very unlikely

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Emergence of new nutrient deficiency with time

						Mg	?
						B	B
						Zn	Zn
						S	S
						K	K
						P	P
						N	N
1951	1957	1960	1980	1982	1995	2000	2010

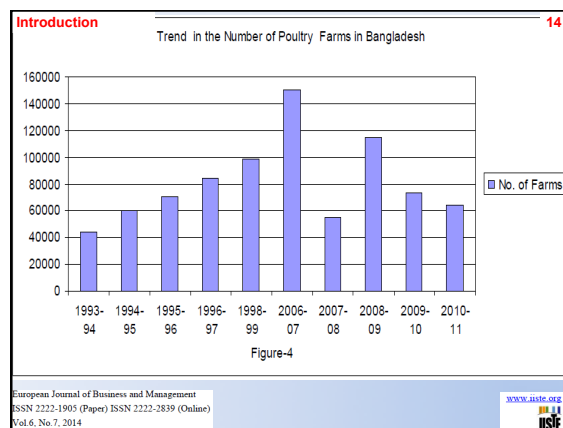
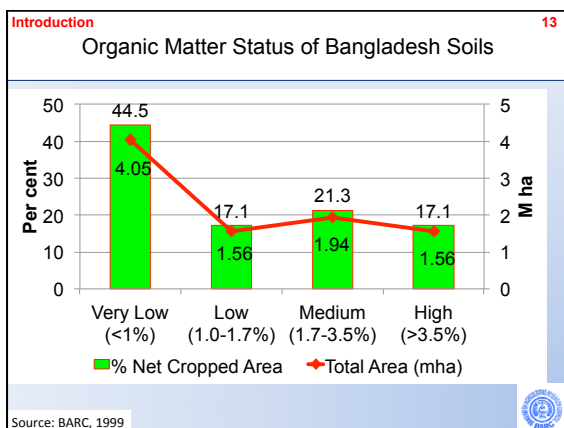
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NPKS Application Rate, Application Time and Method for Cotton in Bangladesh

Application time	Application method	N kg ha ⁻¹	P kg ha ⁻¹	K kg ha ⁻¹	S kg ha ⁻¹
0 DAS	Basal	10.4	18	13.8	6.6
25 DAS	Side dressing	10.4	0	20.7	0
45 DAS	Side dressing	31.2	13.5	34.5	8.8
60 DAS	Side dressing	31.2	13.5	41.4	6.6
80 DAS	Side dressing	20.8	0	27.6	0
Recommended dose		104	45	138	22



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COMPOST (ORGANIC FERTILIZER) STANDARD OF BANGLADESH

Physical Properties		
Sl. No.	Parameters	Standard Condition
1	Color	Dark gray to black
2	Physical condition	Non granular form
3	Odor	Absence of foul odor
4	Moisture Content	Maximum 15 %
5	Inert materials	Maximum 1 %

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COMPOST (ORGANIC FERTILIZER) STANDARD OF BANGLADESH

Chemical Properties		
Sl. No.	Parameters	Standard Condition
1	pH	6.0 – 8.5
2	Organic Carbon	10 – 25 %
3	Nitrogen (N)	0.5 – 4.0 %
4	C:N	Maximum 20:1
5	Phosphorus (P)	0.5 – 1.5 %
6	Potassium (K)	1.0 – 3.0 %
7	Sulfur (S)	0.1 – 0.5 %
8	Zinc (Zn)	Maximum 0.1 %
9	Copper (Cu)	Maximum 0.05 %
10	Chromium (Cr)	Maximum 50 ppm
11	Cadmium (Cd)	Maximum 5 ppm
12	Lead (Pb)	Maximum 30 ppm
13	Nickel (Ni)	Maximum 30 ppm


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Cotton Research, Training and Seed Multiplication Farm
Jagadishpur, Jessore

AEZ 11: High Ganges River Floodplain

Major Land Type	Soil pH	Soil OM	Nutrient status								
			N	P	K	S	Ca	Mg	Zn	B	Mo
Highland (43%)	4.5-7.9	L-M	VL-L	VL-L	L-M	VL-L	M-H	M-H	L-M	VL-L	M
Medium Highland (32%)	5.6-8.1	L-M	VL-L	VL-L	L-M	VL-L	M-H	M-H	L-M	VL-L	M
Medium Lowland (12%)	6.5-8.3	L-M	VL-L	VL-L	L-M	VL-L	M-H	M-H	L-M	VL-L	M



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Cotton Research, Training and Seed Multiplication Farm
Sadarpur, Dinajpur

AEZ 25: Level Barind Tract

Major Land Type	Soil pH	Soil OM	Nutrient status								
			N	P	K	S	Ca	Mg	Zn	B	Mo
Highland (30%)	4.3-6.1	L-M	VL-L	VL-L	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	VL-L	L-M
Medium Highland (55%)	4.7-7.2	L	VL-L	VL-L	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	VL-L	L-M

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AEZ 28: Madhupur Tract											
Major Land Type	Soil pH	Soil OM	Nutrient status								
			N	P	K	S	Ca	Mg	Zn	B	Mo
Highland (56%)	4.0-6.1	L-M	VL-L	VL-L	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	VL-L	L-M
Medium Highland (18%)	4.3-6.4	L-M	VL-L	VL-L	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	VL-L	L-M

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Properties of poultry manure used in the experiment

Color	Odour	Organic carbon	pH	N	P	K	S
		(%)		(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Grey	Absence of foul odour	19.7	8.5	2.52	1.90	1.14	0.33

Experiment 1		Experiment 1	21
		Combined Effect of Organic Fertilizer on Cotton Yield and Yield Contributing Characters	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives: To know effect of applying organic fertilizer in addition to inorganic fertilizer on cotton yield and yield contributing characters Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T1- Recommended dose of inorganic fertilizer (RD) T2- RD + 1 t ha⁻¹ Organic Fertilizer (Poultry manure) T3- RD + 2 t ha⁻¹ Organic Fertilizer (Poultry manure) T4- RD + 3 t ha⁻¹ Organic Fertilizer (Poultry manure) T5- RD + 4 t ha⁻¹ Organic Fertilizer (Poultry manure) T6- RD + 5 t ha⁻¹ Organic Fertilizer (Poultry manure) Replication- 3 Design- RCBD Location - Sreepur Farm Season- 2012-2013 	

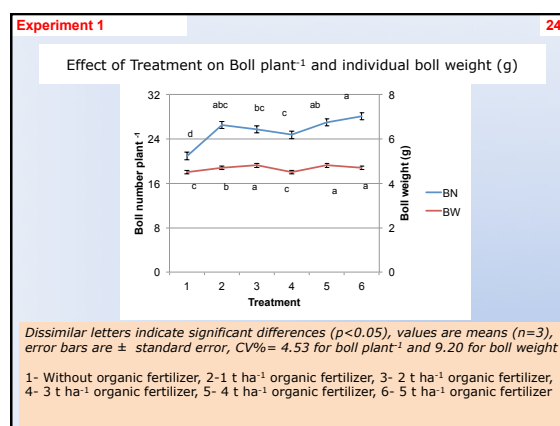
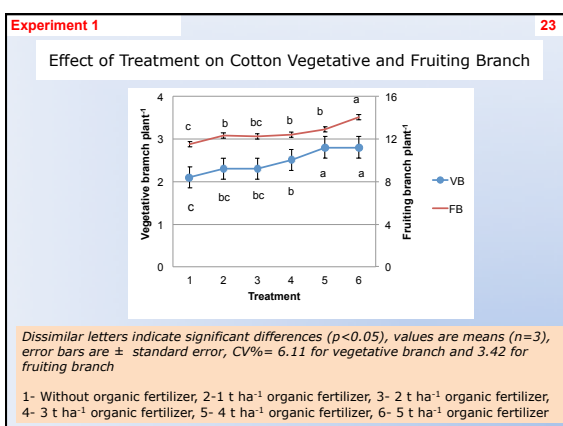
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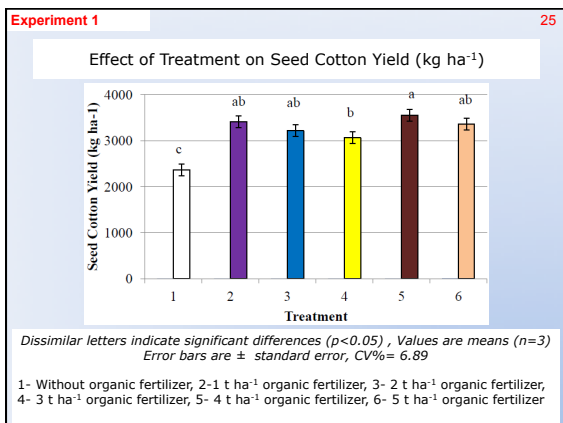
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ANOVA (P values) for treatment and replication for some observed parameters

Variable	df	VG ¹	FB ²	PH ³	BN ⁴	BW ⁵	YD ⁶
TRT	5	0.019	0.011	0.011	0.000	0.136	0.001
REP	2	0.554	0.611	0.615	0.977	0.380	0.883

¹-Vegetative Branch Plant⁻¹, ²-Fruiting Branch Plant⁻¹,
³- Plant Height (cm), ⁴- Boll Number Plant⁻¹
⁵-Individual Boll Weight (g) and ⁶- Seed Cotton Yield (kg ha⁻¹)





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Conclusion

To sustain the cotton production in Bangladesh, incorporation of organic manure together with the inorganic fertilizer is utmost necessary. In this regard, the application of poultry manure is found to be useful in our study. However, to optimize the yield advantage from the poultry manure application, the adjustment of poultry manure application rate is needed.

Reference

Islam, M.K., Voumik, R.K., Ibrahim, K.M., Akhteruzzaman, M. (2013). Combined effect of poultry manure and inorganic fertilizer on upland cotton yield in Bangladesh. Bangladesh Journal of Progressive Science & Technology, 11(1): 005-012.

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Effect of Poultry Manure and Inorganic Fertilizer on Cotton Productivity in Bangladesh

- Objectives:**
The objective of this research was to determine the effect of poultry manure combined with inorganic NPKS fertilizers at the rate of deficient to recommended to excessive on cotton yield and yield contributing characters.
- Treatments:**

Treatment	Combinations
Treatment 1	Control (without fertilizer)
Treatment 2	Recommended doses of inorganic fertilizer (104-45-138-22 kg NPKS ha ⁻¹ respectively)
Treatment 3	75% of recommended doses of inorganic fertilizer
Treatment 4	75% of Treatment 2 + 2 t ha ⁻¹ poultry manure
Treatment 5	75% of Treatment 2 + 4 t ha ⁻¹ poultry manure
Treatment 6	75% of Treatment 2 + 6 t ha ⁻¹ poultry manure

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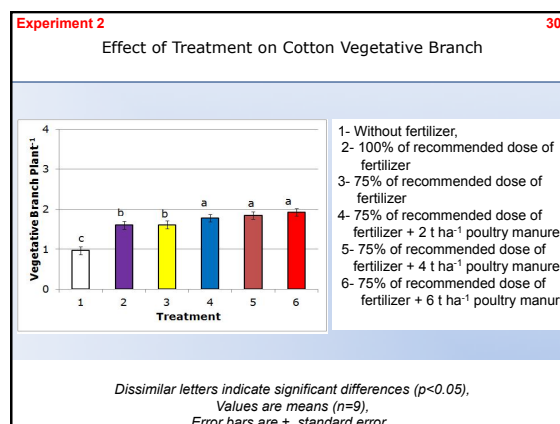
Design	RCBD
Replication	3
Spacing	90 cm × 45 cm
Variety	CB-12
Location	Sreepur, Sadarpur and Jagadishpur Farm
Season	2012-2013

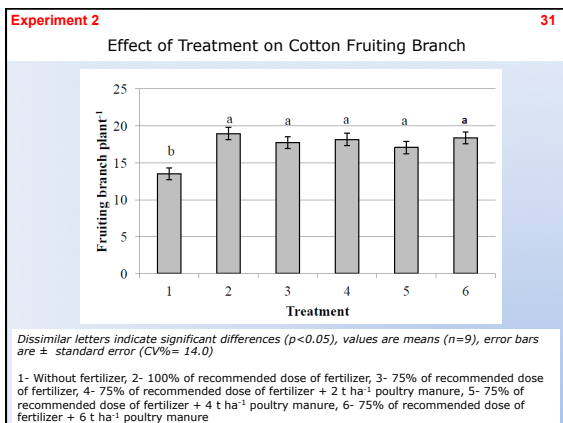
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ANOVA (P values) for treatment, replication, location and interaction for some observed parameters

Variable	df	VG ¹	FB ²	PH ³	BN ⁴	BW ⁵	YD ⁶
Treatment (T)	5	0.000	0.002	0.055	0.000	0.890	0.000
Replication (R)	2	0.283	0.983	0.462	0.098	0.507	0.472
Location (L)	2	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.001	0.000
T × R	10	0.213	0.639	0.662	0.285	0.084	0.342
R × L	4	0.171	0.962	0.555	0.283	0.600	0.704
T × L	10	0.056	0.467	0.707	0.000	0.054	0.003

¹-Vegetative Branch Plant⁻¹, ²-Fruiting Branch Plant⁻¹, ³- Plant Height (cm), ⁴- Boll Number Plant⁻¹
⁵-Individual Boll Weight (g) and ⁶- Seed Cotton Yield (kg ha⁻¹)





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Treatment × Location interaction effect on Boll Number Plant⁻¹

Treatment	Sreepur	Sadarpur	Jagadishpur
1	19.0 g	22.0 efg	12.3 h
2	24.1 defg	30.8 bc	26.2 cde
3	23.1 efg	23.8 defg	25.1 def
4	24.3 defg	41.5 a	23.7 defg
5	22.0 efg	41.3 a	28.9 bed
6	19.6 fg	33.5 b	29.2 bed

values are means ($n=3$), CV%= 12.5

1- Without fertilizer, 2- 100% of recommended dose of fertilizer, 3- 75% of recommended dose of fertilizer, 4- 75% of recommended dose of fertilizer + 2 t ha⁻¹ poultry manure, 5- 75% of recommended dose of fertilizer + 4 t ha⁻¹ poultry manure, 6- 75% of recommended dose of fertilizer + 6 t ha⁻¹ poultry manure

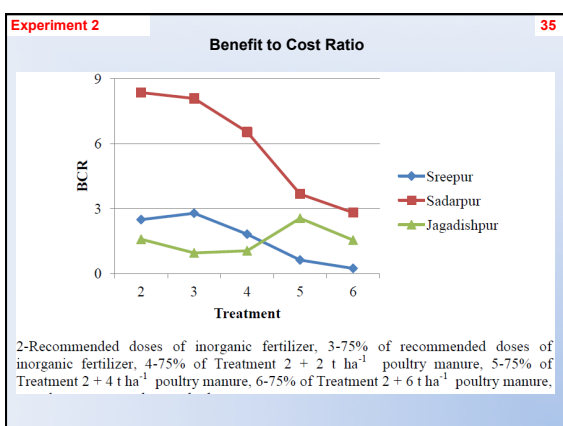
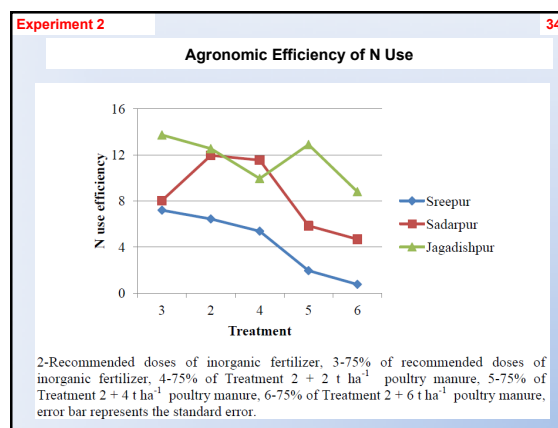
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Treatment × Location interaction on Seed Cotton Yield (kg ha⁻¹)

Treatment	Sreepur	Sadarpur	Jagadishpur
1	1975 h	2979 def	1097 i
2	2644 efg	4222 ab	2400 fg
3	2536 efg	3605 bc	2167 gh
4	2665 efg	4460 a	2373 fgh
5	2323 gh	4024 ab	3401 cd
6	2149 gh	4049 ab	3113 cde

Dissimilar letters indicate significant differences ($p < 0.05$)
Values are means ($n=3$)
CV%= 12.5

1- Without fertilizer, 2- 100% of recommended dose of fertilizer, 3- 75% of recommended dose of fertilizer, 4- 75% of recommended dose of fertilizer + 2 t ha⁻¹ poultry manure, 5- 75% of recommended dose of fertilizer + 4 t ha⁻¹ poultry manure, 6- 75% of recommended dose of fertilizer + 6 t ha⁻¹ poultry manure



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Conclusion

In Bangladesh, cotton cultivation requires high quantity of NPKS fertilizers and the requirements are only met by inorganic fertilizer. On the other hand, indiscriminate disposal of poultry litter is growing concern although it contains valuable plant nutrients. Our study suggested that inorganic fertilizer use can be replaced with the use of poultry manure in cotton cultivation that simultaneously reduces the risk of environmental pollution due to the indiscriminate disposal of poultry litter.

Reference

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Effect of Organic and Inorganic source of N on Cotton Yield

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Objectives

- To reduce chemical fertilizer application rate
- To improve soil health
- To increase cotton yield

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Materials and methods

- Location: Sreepur, Sadarpur and Jagadishpur Farm
- Season: 2013-2014
- Treatments:
 - 100% N from Urea
 - 90% N from Urea + 10% N from Poultry Manure
 - 80% N from Urea + 20% N from Poultry Manure
 - 70% N from Urea + 30% N from Poultry Manure
 - 60% N from Urea + 40% N from Poultry Manure

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- Design : RCBD
- Replication:4
- Plot size: 4.5m × 3.6m
- Spacing: 90 cm × 45 cm
- Cotton variety: CB-12

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ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE SUMMARY TABLE

Variate	Obs. No.	CV%	F-PROBABLIITY VALUES			
			Loc	Trt	Rep	Loc*Trt
NFB	60	6.9	0.0000	0.5165	0.7384	0.7240
PH	60	7.1	0.0000	0.1552	0.0014	0.9501
VB	60	22.1	0.0000	0.6728	0.0030	0.9123
SFB	60	20.5	0.0000	0.2108	0.0488	0.4971
PFB	60	7.2	0.0000	0.0253	0.0000	0.5867
BN	60	6.0	0.0000	0.0008	0.5171	0.1065
YIELD	60	4.1	0.0000	0.0000	0.2697	0.0000
BW	60	5.6	0.0000	0.0000	0.6188	0.0154

NFB- Node number of 1st fruiting branch, PH- Plant height, VB- Vegetative branch, SFB- Secondary Fruiting Branch, PFB- Primary fruiting branch, BN- Boll number/plant, BW- Individual boll weight, Loc- location, Trt- Treatments, Rep- Replication,

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Effect of location

LOC	NFB	PH	VB	SFB	PFB	BN
Sreepur	7.8	75.0	0.8	1.7	12.7	17.6
Sadarpur	7.0	103.3	3.1	5.8	14.2	28.6
Jagadishpur	6.1	98.2	1.5	8.3	14.6	17.3
SE	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
5%LSD	0.31	4.18	0.25	0.69	0.63	0.81

Loc- location, NFB- Node number of 1st fruiting branch, PH- Plant height, VB- Vegetative branch, SFB- Secondary Fruiting Branch, PFB- Primary fruiting branch, BN- Boll number/plant, BW- Individual boll weight,

Experiment 3		Effect of Treatment						43
Treatment	NFB	PH	VB	SFB	PFB	BN		
1	6.9	91.6	1.8	5.1	13.8	19.9		
2	7.1	88.6	1.7	5.0	13.8	21.1		
3	7.1	91.4	1.8	5.3	13.1	21.1		
4	6.9	95.1	1.8	4.9	14.2	22.4		
5	6.8	94.0	1.9	5.9	14.4	21.4		
SE	0.14	1.89	0.11	0.31	0.29	0.37		
5%LSD	NS	NS	NS	NS	0.82	1.04		
1- 100% N from Urea, 2- 90% N from Urea + 10% N from Poultry Manure, 3- 80% N from Urea + 20% N from Poultry Manure, 4- 70% N from Urea + 30% N from Poultry Manure 5- 60% N from Urea + 40% N from Poultry Manure								
NFB- Node number of 1 st fruiting branch, PH- Plant height, VB- Vegetative branch, SFB- Secondary fruiting branch, PFB- Primary fruiting branch, BN- Boll number/plant, BW- Individual boll weight,								

Experiment 3		Location × Treatment interaction effect on single boll weight(g)				44
		Sreepur	Sadarpur	Jagadishpur		
T1		4.1	5.3	4.9		
T2		3.7	4.5	4.0		
T3		4.2	4.5	4.2		
T4		3.9	4.6	4.4		
T5		4.0	4.8	4.3		
	5% LSD		0.3			
T1- 100% N from Urea, T2- 90% N from Urea + 10% N from Poultry Manure, T3- 80% N from Urea + 20% N from Poultry Manure, T4- 70% N from Urea + 30% N from Poultry Manure T5- 60% N from Urea + 40% N from Poultry Manure						

Experiment 3		Location × Treatment interaction effect on seed cotton yield (kg/ha)				45
		Sreepur	Sadarpur	Jagadishpur		
T1		1573	3543	2006		
T2		1622	3148	1734		
T3		1749	3120	1858		
T4		1803	3481	1941		
T5		1894	3395	1727		
	5% LSD		135			
T1- 100% N from Urea, T2- 90% N from Urea + 10% N from Poultry Manure, T3- 80% N from Urea + 20% N from Poultry Manure, T4- 70% N from Urea + 30% N from Poultry Manure T5- 60% N from Urea + 40% N from Poultry Manure						

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Conclusion

To sustain the cotton production in Bangladesh, incorporation of organic source of N together with the inorganic fertilizer source i.e. urea is utmost necessary. In this regard, the application of poultry manure as an organic source of N is found to be useful. In our study, we observed that application of 40% N from poultry manure at Sreepur farm and application of 30% N from poultry manure at Sadarpur and Jagadishpur farm were resultant the statistically similar seed cotton yield with 100% of N from urea only.

New Research Program	Experiment 4:	47
Effect of Inorganic Fertilizers and Integrated Nutrient Management Practices on Cotton Productivity, Nutrient Uptake and Soil Fertility		
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.To determine the long term effect of poultry manure and inorganic fertilizer on cotton yield.2. To determine the cotton nutrient uptake as affected by combined application of poultry manure and inorganic fertilizer3. To determine the postharvest soil fertility as affected by combined application of poultry manure and inorganic fertilizer		

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Experiment Details

Treatment:

T1	No fertilizer
T2	Recommended doses of inorganic fertilizer (104-45-138-22 kg NPKS ha ⁻¹ respectively)
T3	Poultry manure 2 t ha ⁻¹ + (Recommended doses of inorganic fertilizer – quantity of NPKS available in 2 t ha ⁻¹ poultry manure)
T4	Poultry manure 4 t ha ⁻¹ + (Recommended doses of inorganic fertilizer – quantity of NPKS available in 4 t ha ⁻¹ poultry manure)
T5	Poultry manure 6 t ha ⁻¹ + (Recommended doses of inorganic fertilizer – quantity of NPKS available in 6 t ha ⁻¹ poultry manure)

New Research Program		50
Design	: RCBD	
Replication	: 4	
Season	: 2014-15 to 2016-2017	
Variety	: CB-12	
Unit Plot size	: 10 m × 10 m.	
Spacing	: 90 cm × 45 cm	
Location	: 4 cotton research farms of CDB located at Sreepur, gazipur; Sadarpur, Dinajpur; Jagadishpur, Jessore and Balaghata, Bandarban	

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