

Polysulphate fertilizer is a soluble, easily-absorbed, cost-effective answer to crop nutrition, containing four key plant nutrients: sulphur, potassium, magnesium and calcium.

S 48% SO₃ (19.2% S)

K 14% K₂O (11.6% K)

Mg ^{6% MgO} (3.6% Mg)

Ca 17% CaO (12.2% Ca)







When

Planting: January 2022 Harvest: June 2022



Where

La Rinconada, Sevilla, Spain



Crop

Potato (Solanum tuberosum), var. Annabelle



Soil type

Sandy loam



Measurements

- Crop height
- NDVI
- Yield
- Quality

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Objective

To investigate the effectiveness of Polysulphate as a sulfur source for potato crops. In this trial, Polysulphate, which includes sulfur, potassium, magnesium, and calcium is compared with two local farmers' practices that either don't include sulfur or use iron sulfate as the source of sulfur.

Treatments

The trial consisted of 4 treatments and 4 repetitions, in a randomized block design. In the three treatments which received fertilizers, the nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium applications were maintained at 200 kg N/ha, 110 kg P_2O_5 /ha and 275 kg K_2O/ha

Treatment	Fertilizer	Dose (kg/ha)	SO ₃ (kg/ha)	Application
No fertilizer	-	-	-	-
Farmers' practice, Blend without iron sulphate	9-18-27	600	0	Basal
	KCI	190		Basal
	NAC	540		Spit
Farmers' practice, Blend with iron sulfate	5-10-25	1,100	127	Basal
	NAC	540		Spit
Blend with Polysulphate	Polysulphate	1,375	385	Basal
	NAC	500		Top dress

Results

- The treatment with Polysulphate resulted in the highest crop height
- The application of Polysulphate resulted in the greatest tuber yield (7.6% greater than the control treatment)
- No differences were observed between the treatments in quality parameters (dry matter and starch content)
- Polysulphate increased the net income by 6.3% as compared with the farmers' practice without iron sulphate application, and by 5.5% as compared with the farmers' practice treatment with iron sulfate.

