

BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid

BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid Increases Cucumber Yield

Executive Summary

A leading agricultural company in China conducted a study to test the effect of compound NPK 15-15-15 fertilizer coated with BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid on cucumber production in China. The trial used today’s farming standard NPK 15-15-15 as the Control. It was then compared to the Control NPK 15-15-15 coated with BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid. The BiOWiSH® treatment resulted in increased yield, leading to higher profits.

Background

China is a large agricultural country with a vast number of distinct soil types and production environments. Agriculture in China plays a strategic role in the development of the national economy. BiOWiSH Technologies conducted a series of trials on many different crops in China to illustrate the effectiveness of BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid coated onto DAP, Urea, and NPK fertilizers. This research is supported by research conducted in other countries that resulted in increased yields and profitability for farmers.

BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid is a microbial additive that can be added to fertilizer to create an enhanced efficiency fertilizer. BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid Technology enhances root development as well as native microbial activity in the soil, increasing nutrient availability and improving plant vigor. It is proven to enhance the effects of applied fertilizers by optimizing yield potential and improving soil productivity.

Objectives

BiOWiSH Technologies engaged a leading agricultural company in China to measure cucumber crop yield when fertilized with BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid coated onto NPK 15-15-15 fertilizer in Linyi in Shandong Province (China). Costs and results were evaluated to determine how the addition of BiOWiSH® to the fertility program increased farmer’s yield and revenue.

Implementation

This study was conducted in a typical field with loamy soil. It compared the farmer’s normal fertilizer management program against the same farmer program (Control) coated with BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid. Pest and disease management techniques were independent of the study and performed as needed. Each treatment had 3 replicates on 15 square meter plots. The total fertilizer program and application time is detailed in the table below:

Treatment	Base fertilizer lb/ac [kg/ha]	N, P, and K units per hectare		
		N lb/ac [kg/ha]	P ₂ O ₅ lb/ac [kg/ha]	K ₂ O lb/ac [kg/ha]
Control (NPK 15-15-15)	669 [750]	100 [112]	100 [112]	100 [112]
Control (NPK 15-15-15) + BiOWiSH®	669 [750]	100 [112]	100 [112]	100 [112]

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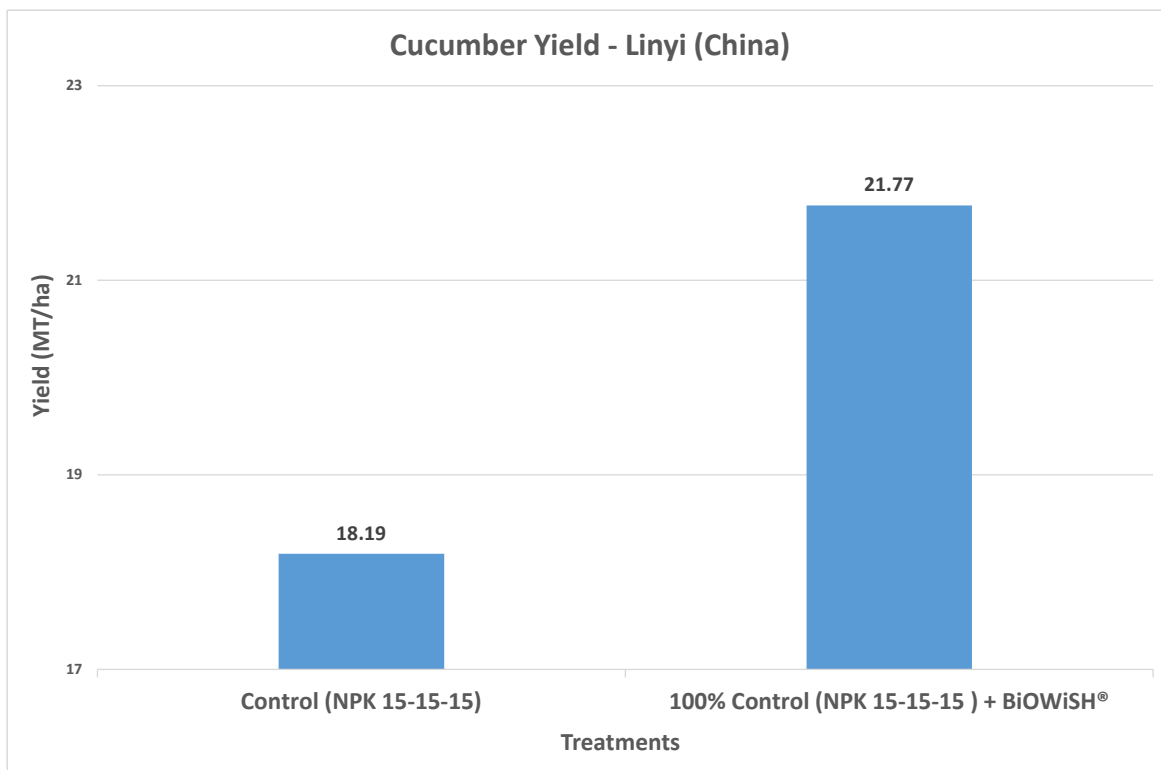
- Optimizes yield potential
- Increases nutrient availability
- Enhances root development
- Improves plant vigor
- Enhances native microbial activity in the soil
- Improves soil productivity

Available Sizes

- 50 gal/190 L
- 264 gal/1000 L

Results

The BiOWiSH® treatment increased cucumber yield by 3.58 metric tons per hectare.



Treatment	Yield tons/acre [MT/ha]	Yield increase tons/acre [MT/ha]	Yield increase %	Net income USD/acre [USD/ha]	Profit change USD/acre [USD/ha]
Control (NPK 15-15-15)	8.11 [18.19]	-	-	1,824 [4,508]	-
Control (NPK 15-15-15) + BiOWiSH®	9.71 [21.77]	1.60 [3.58]	19.7	2,212 [5,465]	388 [957]

*Calculations for conversions between imperial and metric units are based on the original source data; slight rounding differences may occur within reported publication values.

**Net income is the crop value minus the fertility program cost. It does not account for non-fertility expenses.

***Profit change is the difference between net income of the respective program and the Control.

In the first harvest the BiOWiSH® treatment had 18 more cucumbers, weighing an average of 0.02 kg more per cucumber, over the Control treatment.

Conclusion

This study demonstrates that the application of compound NPK 15-15-15 fertilizer coated with BiOWiSH® Crop Liquid increased cucumber yield over the standard practice by 19.7%, resulting in a profit change of \$388 per acre (\$957/ha). The BiOWiSH® enhanced fertilizer improved plant maturity allowing farmers the opportunity to sell the cucumbers earlier and therefore at a higher price.



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