

Irrigated common beans submitted to different doses and periods of manganese application

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ABSTRACT

Brazil is the largest beans producer, and this legume is one of the primary sources of plant-based proteins. Some minerals, such as manganese, are essential for this crop development. From the socio-economic importance of the beans crop, this study aims to evaluate the agronomic performance of irrigated common beans grown under different doses of manganese on two application periods. The experiment was conducted in the experimental area of the Instituto Federal Goiano, Campus Ceres (GO), adopting an experimental design arranged in a 2x4 factorial scheme with four replications, comprising two periods of application (V4 and R5 phenological stages) and four Mn doses (0, 150, 300, 450 g ha⁻¹). The variables evaluated were plant height (m), number of pods per plant (NPP), number of grains per pod, 1000-grain weight (g), and yield (kg ha⁻¹). The dose of 450 g ha⁻¹ of Mn provided the highest yield regardless of the application period. The higher NPP was obtained with the dose of 150 g ha⁻¹ in V4. Also, the dose of 450 g ha⁻¹ of Mn in V4 provided the most significant 1000-grain weight.

Keywords: Fertilization. Agronomic Parameters. Grain Yield

Feijoeiro comum irrigado submetido á diferentes doses de manganês e épocas de aplicação

RESUMO

O Brasil é o maior produtor de feijão e esta leguminosa é uma das maiores fontes de proteínas vegetais. Alguns minerais, como o manganês, são extremamente importantes para o desenvolvimento desta cultura. Sabendo da importância socioeconômica da cultura do feijoeiro, objetivou-se avaliar o desempenho agrônômico do feijoeiro comum irrigado, cultivado sob diferentes doses de manganês e duas épocas de aplicação. O experimento foi conduzido na área experimental do Instituto Federal Goiano, Campus Ceres (GO), adotando delineamento experimental em esquema fatorial 2x4 com quatro repetições, sendo dois períodos de aplicação (V4 e R5) e quatro doses de Mn (0, 150, 300, 450 g ha⁻¹). As variáveis analisadas foram: altura das plantas (m), número de vagens por planta (NVP), número de grãos por vagem, massa de mil grãos (g) e produtividade (kg ha⁻¹). A dose de 450 g ha⁻¹ de Mn proporcionou maior produtividade independente da época de aplicação. O maior NVP foi obtido com a dose de 150 g ha⁻¹, em V4. Também em V4, a dose de 450 g ha⁻¹ de Mn proporcionou maior peso de mil grãos.

Palavras-chave: Adubação. Parâmetros Agrônômicos. Produtividade..

1. Introduction

Brazil is the world's largest common beans producer (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), and 50% of the national production is in Paraná, Minas Gerais, and Bahia (EMBRAPA, 2020). Concerning legumes in general, Brazil is the third-largest producer, after India and Myanmar (CONAB, 2019). According to CONAB (2019), the harvest 2019/2020 had approximately 2.89 million hectares, and the most grown crops were of color beans (44.77%), followed by cowpeas (44.11%) and black beans (11.12%). CONAB (2020) indicates a projection of 3.2 million tons of beans in the 2020/2021 harvest.

Beans and other legumes are the most common sources of plant-based proteins, essential for human nutrition (Slywitch, 2012). The common bean is also considered a nutrient-demanding legume since its short cycle requires nutrients must be readily available at the appropriate time and place, providing better development of morphoagronomic traits of beans (Nascente et al., 2012; Lacerda et al., 2020).

Manganese (Mn) and zinc (Zn) are micronutrients and cofactors of several enzymatic activities, acting as catalysts of reactions and presenting structural and regulatory functions (Bueno and Czepielewski, 2007). Marschner (2011) states that Mn is essential to plant respiration and nitrogen metabolism.

Beans have very defined phenological stages of development, ranging from V0 to V4 (vegetative stages of the plant) and from R5 to R9 (reproductive stages). In V4, the third trifoliate leaf opens, and this stage ends when flower buds appear. In R5, secondary branches develop, and the first flower buds appear, ending when flowering begins (Oliveira et al., 2018). The deficit of manganese in bean crops can result in chlorosis between the veins, associated with the development of small necrotic spots (Taiz and Zeiger, 2013).

From the importance of manganese for the development of bean crops and their socio-economic role in Brazil, this study aims to evaluate the agronomic performance of irrigated common beans grown with different doses of manganese in two periods of application.

2. Material and Methods

The experiment was conducted in the experimental area of the Instituto Federal Goiano, Campus Ceres (GO), at the coordinates 15°21'00" S and 49°35'57" W and altitude of 564 m, under irrigation with a center pivot. The chemical analysis and soil granulometry for the layer between 0-20 cm are presented in Table 1.

The experimental design was arranged in a 2x4 factorial scheme with four repetitions: two application periods (in the phenological stages V4 – third composite leaf open – and R5 – pre-flowering) and four Mn doses (0, 150, 300, 450 g ha⁻¹). Before setting up the field experiment, the soil preparation was carried out. Initially, we performed heavy harrowing and ground leveling one day before sowing.

Fertilization was done in the bottom of the sowing furrow with 16 kg ha⁻¹ of N, 120 kg ha⁻¹ of P₂O₅, and 40 kg ha⁻¹ of K₂O. The sowing was carried out on 05/14/2019, adopting a spacing of 0.50 m between the rows, distributing 12 seeds per meter to obtain a final population of 200 thousand plants ha⁻¹. Seeds were treated with Pyclostrobin (Satandak Top[®]) in the dose of 200 ml of the product per 100 kg of seeds.

Foliar application of Mn was performed at the phenological stages V4 (06/07/2019) and R5 (06/17/2019). The foliar mineral fertilizer used was MAN14[®] with 14% of manganese (189.00 g L⁻¹). One day after sowing, the weed control was carried out using the pre-emergent herbicide S-Metolaclo (Dual Gold[®]) (1.0 L ha⁻¹). In post-emergence, the herbicides Bentazona (Amplo[®]) and Cletodim (Select[®]) were applied, with dosages of 0.8 L ha⁻¹ and 0.5 L ha⁻¹, respectively.

The control of pests and diseases followed the technical recommendations for common beans crops. The interval of irrigation was two days. The irrigation management was carried out using a pan-evaporation, estimating the irrigation depth based on the Kc of the crop according to their phenological stages. Each experimental unit was composed of four rows 5.0 meters in length. Borders of 50 cm were discarded for the evaluations. The harvest was carried out on 08/24/2019.

Table 1. Result of chemical analysis and soil particle size in the 0-20 cm soil layer before the experiment installation

Sand	Silt	Clay	pH in H ₂ O	OM	Ca	Mg	Al
g kg ⁻¹				g dm ⁻³	cmol dm ⁻³		
482	400	478	5.82	22	3.85	1.94	0.00
H+AL		K	CEC	K	P	BS	
cmol dm ⁻³				mg dm ⁻³			
3.80	0.56	10.15		180.00	30.00	62.57%	

OM - Organic matter; CEC – Cation exchange capacity; SB – Base saturation

The plants were manually plucked. Posteriorly, all plants in the central rows (16/08/2020) were threshed with a bean thresher. The samples were weighed on a precision scale to determine the grain yield, correcting the grain moisture to 13%. The plant height (m), number of pods per plant, number of grains per pod, 1000-grain weight (g), and grain yield (kg ha⁻¹) were evaluated. The data from the yield components and the agronomic traits were submitted to the analysis of variance. The means were compared by the Tukey test at 5% probability. Also, regression equations were adjusted according to the doses of the nutrient, using the software R.

3. Results and Discussion

There was no significant interaction ($P > 0.05$) for plant height (PH), number of grains per pod (NGP), and grain yield (Y). Then, the factors were analyzed individually. The interaction between the period of application and the doses was significant only for the number of grains per pod (NGP) and 1000-grain weight (GW), according to Table 2. The different doses of manganese and the application periods did not influence plant height, regardless of the treatment used (Table 3). Mota et al. (2018), while evaluating different doses of manganese fertilizers in cowpeas (*Vigna unguiculata*), observed that a quadratic

regression curve fit the parameter plant height (PH). This result differs from our study, in which no regression equation is adjusted to the data obtained. However, those authors affirmed that the control treatment (0g ha⁻¹) and the highest dose (400 g ha⁻¹) provided higher plant heights.

Two types of stress may cause this fact. The first type of stress is caused by manganese deficiency, making the plant stimulates its growth, both in its shoot and roots, to absorb more nutrients and supply this deficit. The second stress is caused by the excess of manganese, in which the manganese toxicity makes the plant grow faster to reach more quickly the reproductive stage (Mota et al., 2018). The number of grains per pod (NGP) did not present a significant difference regarding the manganese application periods (Table 3).

There was a significant interaction between doses and periods of application for the number of pods per plant (NPP) (Table 4). It was observed that the number of pods produced by the plant without manganese application was statistically equal in the two periods (V4: 9.69, and R5: 10.72) (Table 4). The dose of 150 g of manganese provided the highest number of pods per plant (NPP) when applied in the vegetative stage V4 (15.83 pods). Regardless of the application period, the doses of 300 and 400 g ha⁻¹ did not present a significant difference concerning NPP (Table 4).

Table 2. Analysis of variance of plant height (PH), number of pods per plant (NPP), number of grains per pod (NGP), 1000-grain weight (GW), and grain yield (Y) of common beans plants submitted to different doses and application periods of manganese and the interaction Period x Dose (P x D).

SV	Mean square					
	DF	PH	NPP	NGP	GW	Y
Period	1	0.0226 ^{ns}	4.8828 ^{**}	0.0165 ^{ns}	4105.184 ^{ns}	1125000.00 ^{**}
Doses	3	0.0281 ^{ns}	13.3948 ^{**}	0.3701 ^{ns}	29013.805 ^{**}	1063333.30 ^{**}
P x D	3	0.0229 ^{ns}	16.5272 ^{**}	0.1342 ^{ns}	21072.641 [*]	168333.30 ^{ns}
CV%		14.96	6.12	12.87	18.70	11.12

** Significant at 1% probability and ns not significant by the F-test at 5% probability. Period (application period of manganese); Doses (applied doses); Period x Doses (interaction between the factors period and doses); CV% (coefficient of variation); SV (source of variation); DF (degrees of freedom).

Table 3. Means from plant height (PH), number of pods per plant (NPP), and grain yield (Y) of irrigated common beans crop grown under different manganese doses and application periods

Stage	Agronomic Traits		
	PH (m)	NPP	GY (kg ha ⁻¹)
V4	1.28 a	4.96 a	2887.5b
R5	1.22 a	5.00 a	3262.5 a
Doses	PH (m)	NPP	GY (kg ha ⁻¹)
0	1.29 a	4.83 a	2625.00 c
150	1.19 a	4.78 a	3175.00 ab
300	1.22 a	5.09 a	3000.00 bc
450	1.32 a	5.24 a	3500.00 a

Means followed by the same lowercase letters in the column are statistically equal according to the Tukey test at 5% probability. V4 (application of manganese in the vegetative stage V4); R5 (application of manganese in the reproductive stage R5). 0 (no manganese application); 150 (application of 150 g.ha⁻¹ of manganese); 300 (application of 300 g.ha⁻¹ of manganese); 450 (application of 450 g.ha⁻¹ of manganese).

Table 4. Interactions between the application period and the manganese doses on the number of pods per plant (NPP) of irrigated common beans crop

Stage	Doses (g ha ⁻¹)			
	0	150	300	450
V4	9.69 aC	15.83 aA	10.80 aBC	11.62 aB
R5	10.72 aA	10.77 bA	11.58 aA	11.74 aA

Means followed by the same lowercase letter in the column and uppercase in the line are statistically equal according to the Tukey test at 5% probability. V4 (application of manganese in the vegetative stage V4); R5 (application of manganese in the reproductive stage R5). 0 (no manganese application); 150 (application of 150 g.ha⁻¹ of manganese); 300 (application of 300 g.ha⁻¹ of manganese); 450 (application of 450 g.ha⁻¹ of manganese).

In this study, the application of 150 (g ha⁻¹) in V4 provided a higher NPP than the application in R5. The application in V4 promoted increments of 31.96% in NPP compared with R5, according to Table 4. A study by Fernandes et al. (2007) with foliar application of Mn in common beans (0, 150, 300, and 600 g ha⁻¹) observed that the NPP increased up to the dose of 258 (g ha⁻¹), whose value was 15.97 pods per plant. According to the description of these authors, higher amounts of Mn can reduce the NPP, which indicates that high doses of Mn have a phytotoxic effect on plants. The same effect may have occurred in this study with the application of Mn in R5 in the dose of 150 (g ha⁻¹).

The phenological stage V4, individually evaluated, presented better adjustment to the quadratic model. The dose of 250 g ha⁻¹ of manganese provided plants

with the highest NPP, with 14.29 pods per plant (Figure 1). Concerning stage R5, a better adjustment to the quadratic model was observed, according to Figure 1. Fernandes et al. (2007) observed a quadratic effect of NPP due to the foliar application of Mn regardless of the application period (R5 and R6)

The 1000-grain weight (WG) was influenced by the interactions between the applied doses and the phenological stages (Table 2). The plants without manganese applications (0 g ha⁻¹) presented equal WG (V4: 236.52 g and R5: 313.26 g) (Table 5). The same was observed for WG in plants fertilized with 50 and 300 g ha⁻¹ of Mn. In the dose of 450 g ha⁻¹, the highest WG was observed in plants that received the manganese application in the vegetative stage V4 (491.8448 g) (Table 5). Oliveira et al. (2015) found values of 282.6 g with Mn application in V4, with a dose of 62.5 g ha⁻¹. The dose used by the authors indicates that Mn application in V4 can lead to increments in grain weight, which is also observed in this study, in which the dose of 150 g ha⁻¹ obtained 27% more grain mass than the zero dose (Table 5)

The model of linear regression was significant (P<0.01) for 1000-grain weight in stage V4, and the quadratic model was significant for stage R5 (Figure 2). During stage V4, the 1000-grain weight tends to increase as dosages increase. However, during the pre-flowering (R5), this behavior did not occur. With doses superior to 333.33 g ha⁻¹, the grain weight tends to decrease (Figure 2). The maximum response point was 410.2 g in R5 (Figure 2).

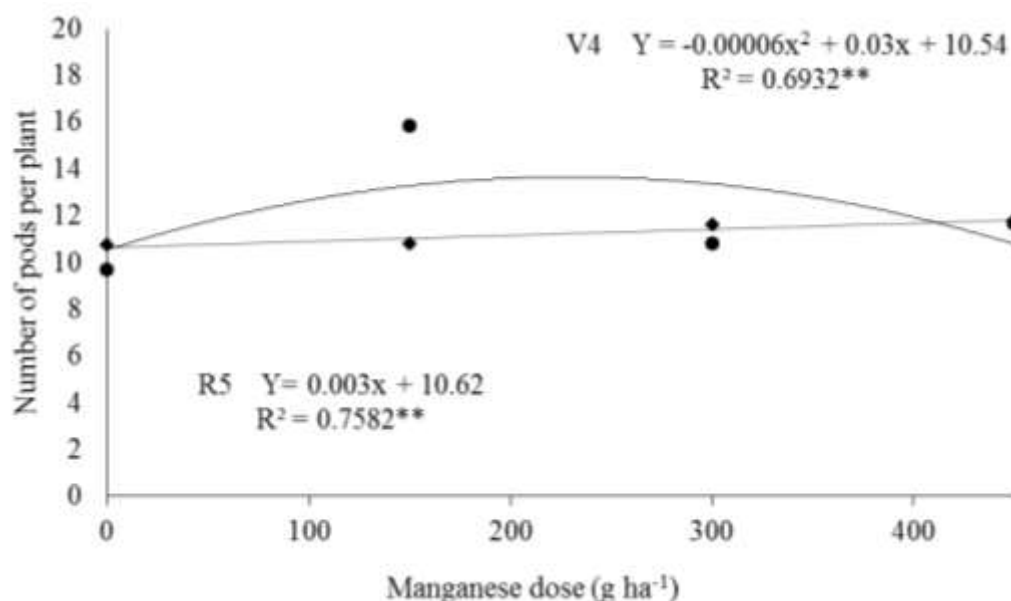


Figure 1. Number of pods per plant (NPP) according to the manganese doses application on two periods in an irrigated common beans crop.

Table 5. Interaction between application period and manganese dose on the 1000-grain weight (WG) (g ha^{-1}) of irrigated common beans crop

Stage	Doses (g ha^{-1})			
	0	150	300	450
V4	236.52 aC	326.65 aBC	402.03 aAB	491.84 aA
R5	313.26 aA	349.30 aA	374.87 aA	328.98 bA

Means followed by the same lowercase letters in the column and uppercase in the lines are statistically equal according to the Tukey test at 5% significance. V4 (application of manganese in the vegetative stage V4); R5 (application of manganese in the reproductive stage R5). 0 (no application of manganese); 150 (application of 150 g ha^{-1} of manganese); 300 (application of 300 g ha^{-1} of manganese); 450 (application of 450 g ha^{-1} of manganese).

The grain yield was influenced by different periods of manganese application (Table 3). Fertilizing in stage R5 provided a higher yield with 3,262.5 kg ha^{-1} (Table 3). However, the maximum recommended dose for this nutrient was the one that provided the highest yield once the superior doses resulted in an increasing reduction in soybean yield.

The manganese doses provided different yields and presented better adjustment to the linear model (Figure 3). The control (0 g ha^{-1} of manganese) resulted in 2,625.00 kg ha^{-1} , which is statistically inferior to the doses of 150, 300, and 450 g of manganese, with yields of 3,175, 3,000, and 3,500 kg ha^{-1} , respectively (Figure 3).

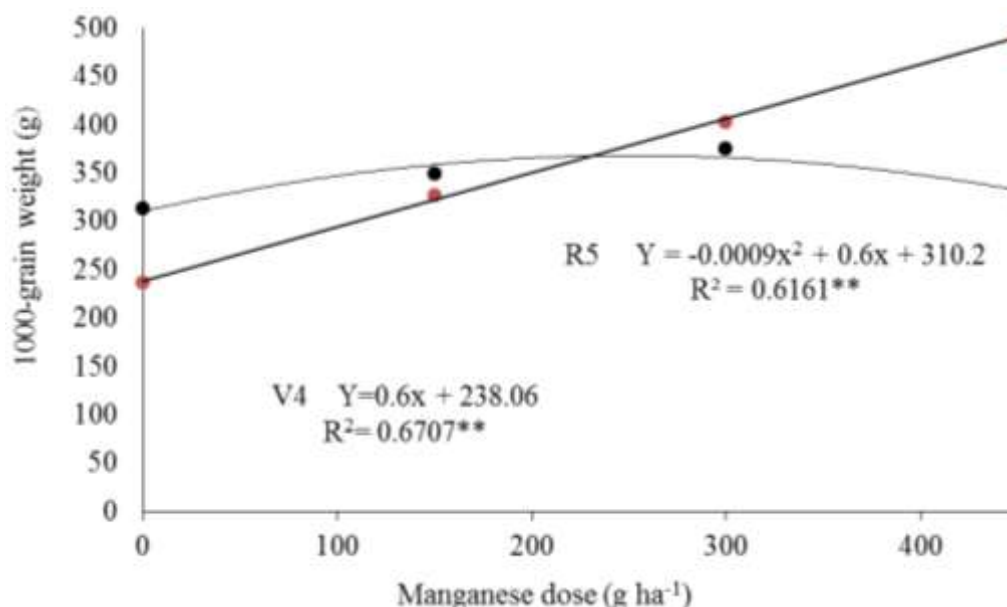


Figure 2. 1000-grain weight (g) according to the manganese doses applied in two periods on an irrigated common bean crop.

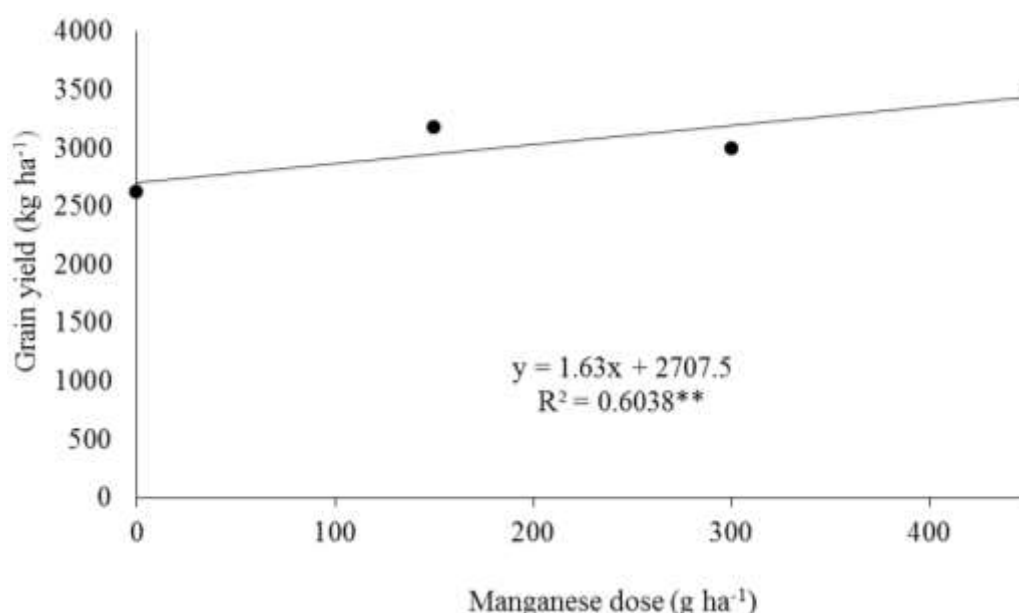


Figure 3. Grain yield (kg ha^{-1}) of an irrigated common bean crop according to the manganese doses.

The grain yield (kg ha^{-1}) increased according to the Mn doses (Figure 3). Teixeira et al. (2004) observed a grain yield of 2275 kg ha^{-1} with the dose of 318 g ha^{-1} of Mn with fertilization associated with 280 g ha^{-1} of zinc. In soybean crops, the manganese used in different ways promotes higher yields (Mann et al., 2011). Carvalho et al. (2015), working with Mn doses (0, 200, 400, and 600 g ha^{-1}) in a soybean crop, observed that the application in R1 occurred provided higher yield than in R3. Thus, the authors state that applying doses close to 150 g ha^{-1} of Mn has better effects in the increments of soybean yield.

4. Conclusions

The dose of 450 g ha^{-1} of manganese provides the highest yield regardless of the application period. The highest number of pods per plant is obtained with the dose of 150 g ha^{-1} applied in V4. Applied in stage V4, the dose of 450 g ha^{-1} of manganese provides the highest 1000-grain weight.

The definition of yield and 1000-grain weight occurs in stage V4. These parameters are already defined in R5, and the applied nutrient does not provide any increase.

Authors' Contribution

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