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# Cultivation of *Brassica pekinensis* under different forms of nitrogen nutrition

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A pot trial was aimed to investigate the effect of different forms of nitrogen fertilizer on the aboveground phytomass yield, vitamin C content and uptake of some macroelements by *Brassica pekinensis*. The trial was conducted in 2000 and 2001 in pots containing 10 kg of loamy brown soil. Optimized NPK nutrition with the rate of 90.9 kg/ha N increased phytomass yields of Chinese cabbage in all treatments compared to the unfertilized control. The most marked increase (by 55.6%) of yield was obtained when N was applied in the form of (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> SO<sub>4</sub>. The yields in the other treatments declined as follows: NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> > Mg (NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> > KNO<sub>3</sub> > DAM-390. Positive effects of full NPK nutrition on vitamin C content were determined. Depending on the forms of N fertilizer, the content of vitamin C in fresh mass of cabbage decreased in the following order: DAM-390 (629.0 mg/kg of fresh mass) > Mg(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> > KNO<sub>3</sub> > NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> > (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Optimization of NPK rates contributed to the increase in N, P, K, Ca, Mg and S uptake by the yield of final product in comparison with unfertilized control. The highest uptake of nutrients was determined in the treatment with N applied in the form of (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

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