



Nutrient Management and Nutrient Recovery Thematic Network

Demonstration of innovative
biofertilisers use in Italy

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Demonstration trials

The fertilization trials were carried out first in greenhouse and subsequently in open field.



Pot trial on tomato

Evaluation of the use at different dosages of different products from N and P recovery chains.



Comparison (from left to right): **Unfertilized control, Mineral control, Calcium Sodium Phosphate, Formulation 1 – Compost + BioPhosphate**

Fertilization protocol – pot trial on tomato

Treatments	Product
1	Unfertilized control
2	Mineral control
3	Calcium Sodium Phosphate (ID:397)
4	Formulation 1 – Compost + BioPhosphate (ID:192)
5	Formulation 2 – Compost + BioPhosphate (ID:192)
6	Formulation 3 – Compost + BioPhosphate (ID:192)
7	Struvite 1 (ID:250)
8	Struvite 2 (ID:208)
9	Compost (ID:210)
10	Manure (commercial control)

Dosages (kg/ha)	N	P2O5	K2O
Low	85	40	100
Medium	170	80	100
High	340	160	100

NPK concentrations corrected with:

- urea,
- Triple superphosphate,
- K sulfate.

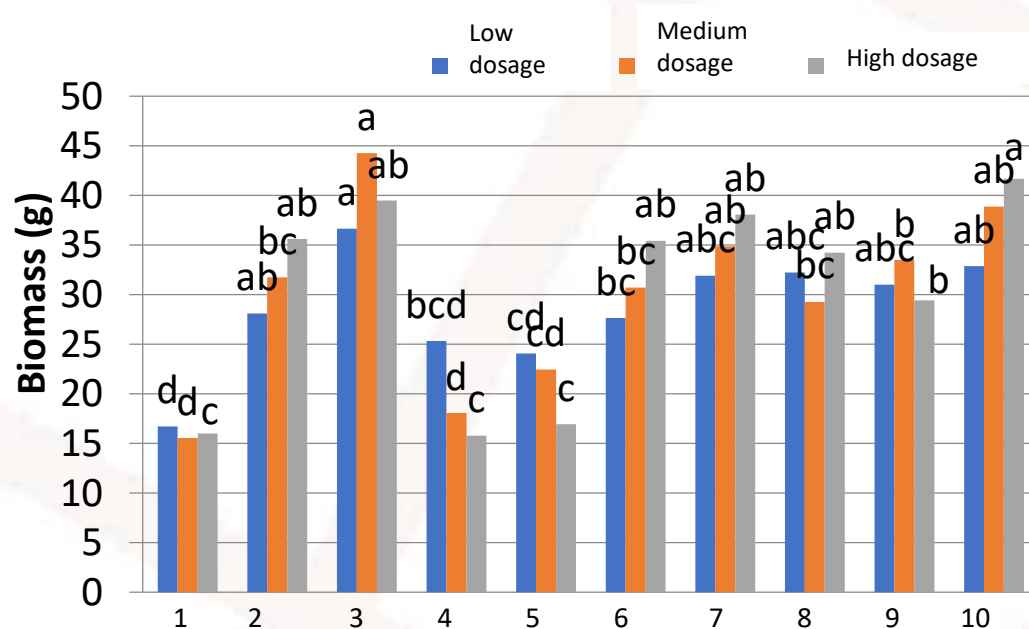
Trial duration (6 weeks):

- Seeding:** 24/04/2019 (I-II)
- Transplanting** 25/05/2019 (I)-29/05/2019 (II)
- Harvest:** 12/07/2019 (I)-16/07/2019 (II)

•NUTRIMAN product

•Control

Effect of different treatments at different dosages on tomato above-ground biomass (g)



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Conclusions:

• Plants fertilized with **Calcium Sodium Phosphate, Formulation 3 – Compost + BioPhosphate, Struvite 1, 2 and compost** reached a **significantly higher** above-ground biomass than **unfertilized control** at all dosages, and they provided **the same** biomass of the **mineral control** and the **commercial control**.

Pot trial on lettuce

Evaluation of the use at different dosages of different products from N and P recovery chains.



External view of the pot trial on lettuce.

Trial on lettuce in nursery

- Evaluation of the use of different products from N and P recovery chains
- Evaluation of the suppressiveness of the fertilizers distributed on tray at seeding vs *Fusarium oxysporum*



External view of the trays.



External view of the demo tray trial on lettuce.

Fertilization protocol for trial on lettuce in nursery

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10	Manure (commercial control)
11	Green compost (ID:280)
12	Dried digestate (ID:270)
13	Unfertilized control treated with fungicide
14	Untreated healthy control

	%
Dosages (v/v)	1

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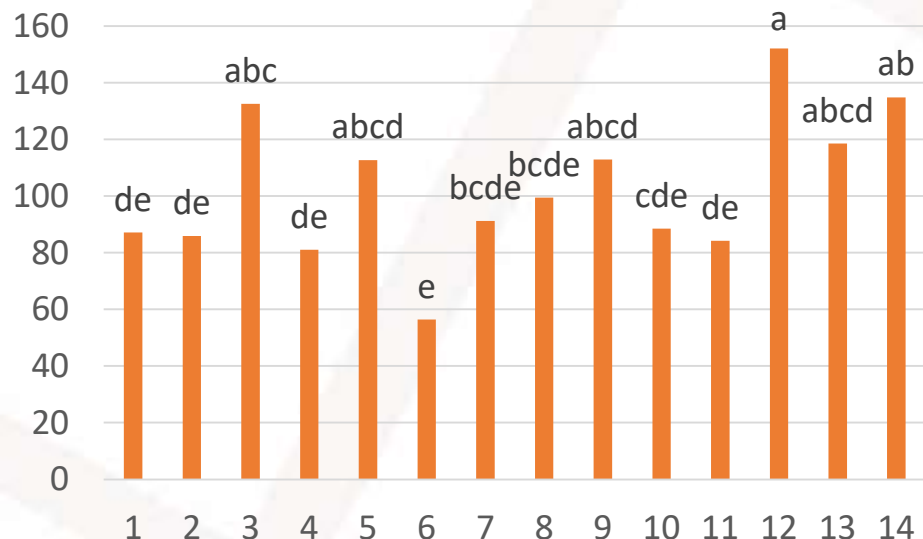
N.B. The soil was inoculated with *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lactucae*

Duration of the trial (2 months):

- **Seeding and fertilization:** 10/09/2020
- **Inoculation:** 01/10/2020
- **Transplanting:** 08/10/2020
- **Harvest:** 05/11/2020

Effect of different treatments at seeding on the production of lettuce's above-ground biomass (g)

Biomass (g)



Conclusions:

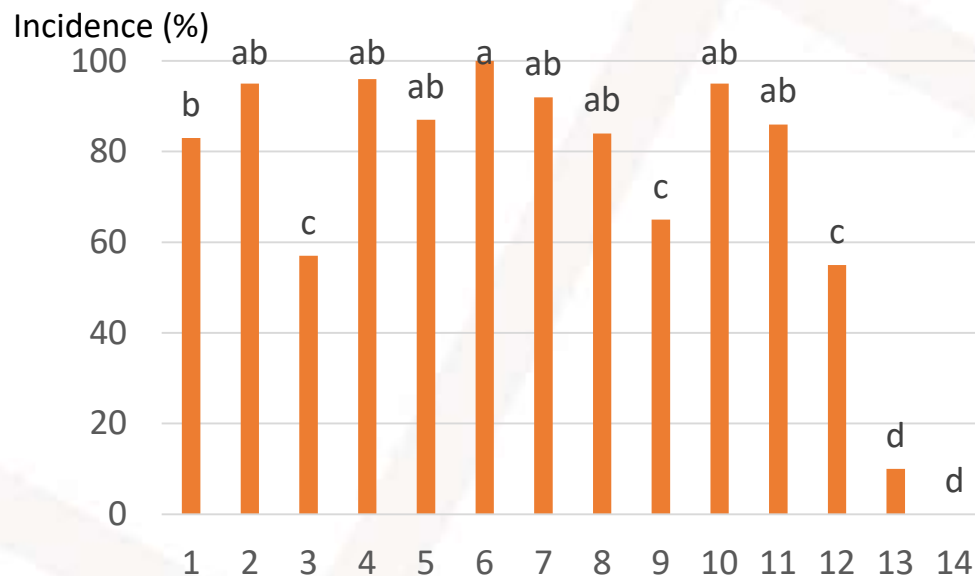
- Plants treated with **dried digestate** and **calcium sodium phosphate** reached the same above-ground biomass as the **Untreated healthy control** and higher than **mineral control**.

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Effect of different treatments at seeding on the incidence of fusarium wilt



Conclusions:

• **Calcium Sodium Phosphate, Compost, Dried digestate reduced** disease incidence compared to the **Untreated control** and the **Mineral control**.

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Demo events organized by UNITO on vegetable crops in greenhouse

Details of the event 1

Title of event:	Agroinnova Open Day 2019
Date:	5 th June 2019
Location:	Grugliasco (TO)



Details of the event 2

Title of event:	ITA: Il progetto europeo NUTRIMAN e la nuova frontiera dei fertilizzanti prodotti da filiere di recupero ENG: The European project NUTRIMAN and the new frontier of fertilizers produced from recovery chains
Date:	4 th September 2020
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Details of the event 3

Title of event:	ITA: Il progetto europeo NUTRIMAN e la nuova frontiera dei fertilizzanti prodotti da filiere di recupero. ENG: The European project NUTRIMAN and the new frontier of fertilizers produced from recovery chains.
Date:	3 rd October 2020
Location:	Webinar online (WebEx)



Details of the event 4

Title of event:	ITA: L'utilizzo di nuovi fertilizzanti di recupero da fanghi di depurazione, digestati e letami in orticoltura. ENG: The use of new fertilizers recovered from sewage sludge, digestates and manure in horticulture.
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Audiovisual materials on demo greenhouse horticultural crops trials uploaded on YouTube Channel of NUTRIMAN:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nf1XEYSKCQk&list=PL6SNYMmBjnlgt2djS_mggoc5qS2I-ZAi5&index=3



Demo field trial on lettuce

Evaluation of the use of different products from N and P recovery chains.



External view of the demo field trial on lettuce

Demo field trial on cabbage

Evaluation of the use of different products from N and P recovery chains.



External view of the demo field trial on cabbage.

Fertilization protocol – Demo field trial on cabbage

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9	Green compost (ID:280)
10	Dried digestate (ID:270)

	N	P2O5	K2O
Dosages (kg/ha)	170	80	190

NPK concentrations corrected with:

- urea,
- Triple superphosphate,
- K sulfate.

Duration of the trial (6 months):

- **Seeding:** 03/07/2019
- **Transplanting:** 23/08/2019
- **Harvest:** 18/01/2020

• NUTRIMAN product

• Control

Comparison – Demo field trial on cabbage



1. Unfertilized control



2. Mineral control



3. Ca&Na Phosphate



4. F. 1 Compost + BioPhosphate



5. F. 2 Compost + BioPhosphate



6. Struvite 2



7. Compost



8. Organic control



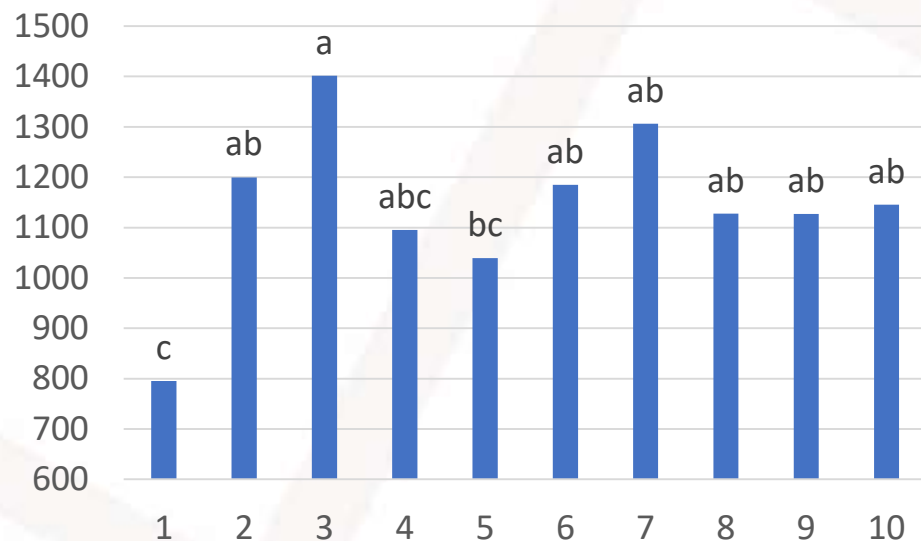
9. Green compost



10. Dried digestate

Effects of different fertilizers on the above-ground total biomass (g) production of cabbage

Total biomass (g)



Conclusions:

- **All the treatments** improved the above-ground total biomass compared to the **Untreated control** and similarly to the **Mineral control**.

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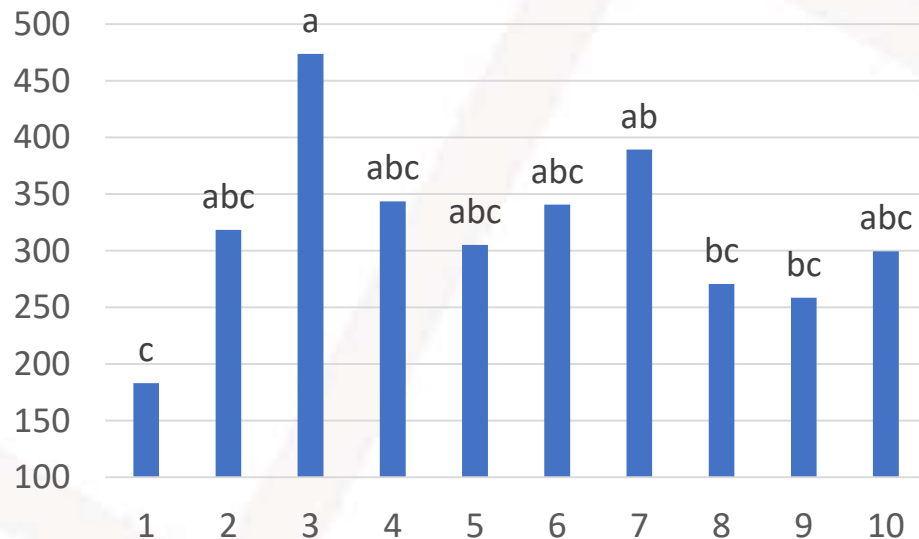
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10	Dried digestate (ID:270)



Effects of different fertilizers on the above-ground commercial biomass (g) production of cabbage

Commercial biomass (g)



Conclusioni:

• **Calcium Sodium Phosphate** and **Compost** provided a commercial biomass significantly higher than the **Untreated control** and similar to the **Mineral control**.

• NUTRIMAN product

• Control

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Demo events organized by UNITO on field vegetable crops

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Details of the event 3

Title of event:	ITA: Il progetto europeo NUTRIMAN e la nuova frontiera dei fertilizzanti prodotti da filiere di recupero ENG: The European project NUTRIMAN and the new frontier of fertilizers produced from recovery chains
Date:	4 th September 2020
Location:	Webinar online (WebEx)

Details of the event 4

Title of event:	ITA: “La piattaforma per gli agricoltori del progetto europeo NUTRIMAN: un utile strumento per conoscere fertilizzanti prodotti da filiere di recupero”. ENG: “The NUTRIMAN Farmer Platform: a useful tool to learn about recovered biofertilizers”.
Date:	31 st January 2020
Location:	Verona (VR)



Audiovisual materials on demo field horticultural crops trials uploaded on YouTube Channel of NUTRIMAN

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JnE4b9Hdlo&list=PL6SNYMmBjnlgt2dJS_mggoc5qS2I-ZAi5&index=4

Demo field trial on corn

1. Subdivision of pre-plowing plots to distribute fertilizers



3. Fertilizers distributed in pre-plowing



2. Push fertilizer spreader



4. Post-sowing replenishment

Fertilization protocol - Demo field trial on corn

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9	Farmers' fertilization plan*

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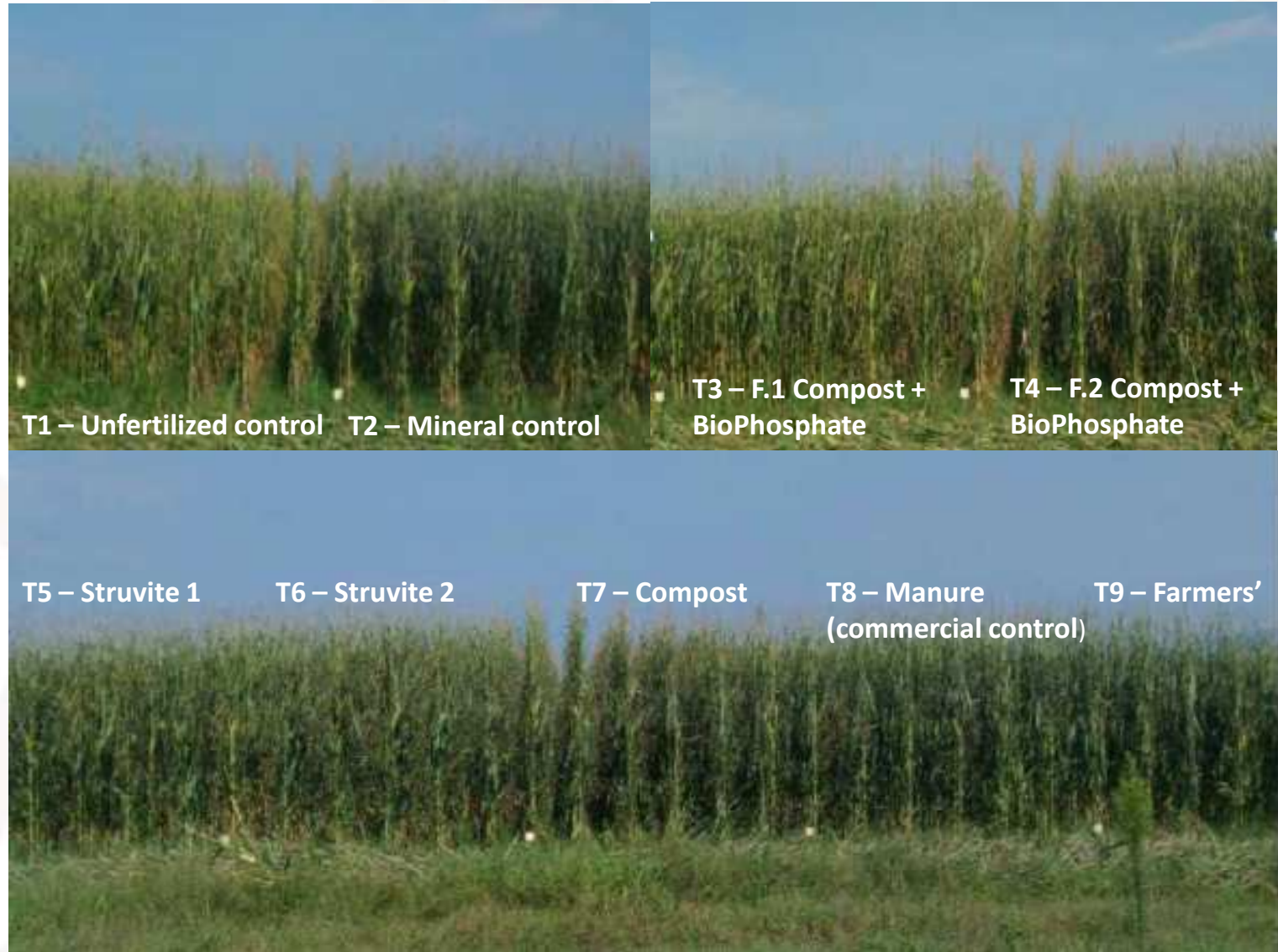
Duration of the trial (6 months):

- Seeding:** 13/03/2019
- Harvest:** 13/09/2019

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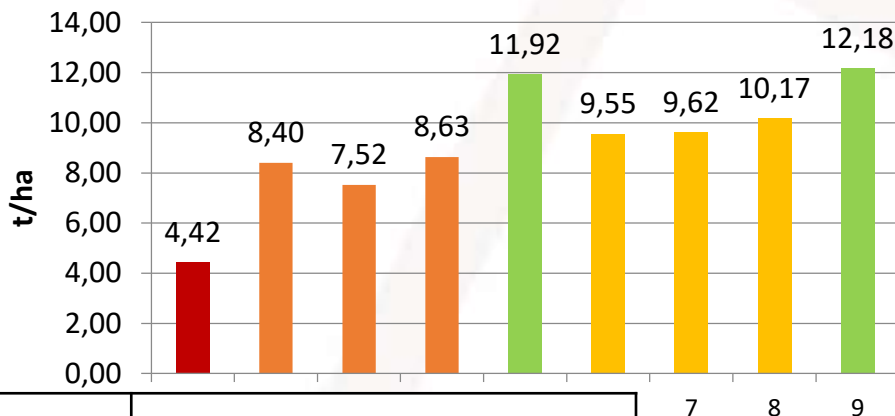
•Control

Visual comparison – Demo field trial on corn



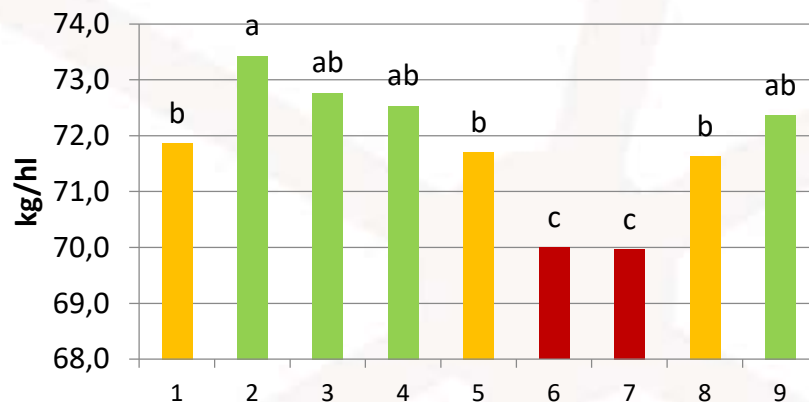
Yield and grain quality

Yield t/ha (13% humidity)



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9	Farmers' fertilization plan

Medium hectolitre test wheight (kg/hl)



Conclusions:

•**Yield:** **Farmers' fertilization plan** and **Struvite 1** generated the **highest** yields; **all treatments** provided yields **higher** than the **Unfertilized control** and similar to the **mineral control**.

•**Quality:** **BioPhosphate** and **Farmers' fertilization plan** provided a **higher** medium hectolitre test wheight rather than the **Unfertilized control**.



Demo events organized by UNITO on cereals

Details of the event 1

Title of event:	CAMPO DEMO MAIS 2019
Date:	30 th August 2019
Location:	Carmagnola (TO)



Details of the event 2

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Date:	4 th September 2020
Location:	Webinar online (WebEx)

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Date:	3 rd October 2020
Location:	Webinar online (WebEx)



Details of the event

Title of event:	ITA: L'utilizzo di nuovi fertilizzanti di recupero da fanghi di depurazione in cerealicoltura. ENG: The use of new fertilizers recovered from sewage sludge in cereals.
Date:	6 th November 2020
Location:	Webinar online (WebEx)



Demo events organized by UNITO on cereals

Audiovisual materials on demo field crops trials
uploaded on YT Channel of NUTRIMAN

- [NUTRIMAN - Demo trial on corn in Italy - April 2020 - Prova dimostrativa su mais – YouTube](#)



- [NUTRIMAN - Demo trial on corn in Italy, part 2 - June 2020 - Prova dimostrativa su mais, parte 2 – YouTube](#)

Demo field trial in vineyard

Evaluation of the use of different products from N and P recovery chains.



External view of the demo field trial on vineyard.



Harvesting.

Demo events organized by UNITO on grape

Details of the event 1

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Date:	4 th September 2020
Location:	Webinar online (WebEx)



Details of the event 2

Title of event:	ITA: Il progetto europeo NUTRIMAN e la nuova frontiera dei fertilizzanti prodotti da filiere di recupero. ENG: The European project NUTRIMAN and the new frontier of fertilizers produced from recovery chains.
Date:	3 rd October 2020
Location:	Webinar online (WebEx)



Details of the event 3

Title of event:	ITA: L'utilizzo di compost e digestati in viticoltura. ENG: The use of compost and digestates in viticulture.
Start date:	18/12/2020
End date:	18/12/2020
Location:	Webex



Demo events organized by UNITO on grape

Videos:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsnVmbVU6IQ&list=PL6SNYMmBjnlgt2djS_mggoc5qS2I-ZAi5&index=2



NUTRIMAN - Demo trial on grape in Italy - May 2020 - Prova dimostrativa su vite
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- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAEitvbxEuc&list=PL6SNYMmBjnlgt2djS_mggoc5qS2I-ZAi5&index=6



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Conclusions

Fertilizers from nutrient recovery chains such as those used in the demonstration trials showed effects similar to mineral fertilizers.

Products demonstrated during the NUTRIMAN project in Italy	ID
Calcium-Sodium-Phosphate from sewage sludge ash conversion with the "AshDec®" process	397
High nutrient dense Bio-Phosphate products recovered from food grade animal bone grist with over 30% P ₂ O ₅ content by "3R zero emission pyrolysis" process	192
Struvite from digestate and manure by "REVAWASTE" process	250
Struvite from wastewater by "PHORWater" process	208
Compost from green waste and digested mixed-waste by "ACEA Pinerolese" process	210
Green compost from green waste by "IMOG" process	280
High NP pelletized digestate from animal manure and organic waste digestate by "Arbio and NPirriK-project" process	270

14 demo trials were organized by UNITO on: lettuce, tomato, cabbage, corn, soft wheat, grape.

1000 farmers/professionals reached directly attending demo trials events and workshops carried out in Italy within the NUTRIMAN project.

Thank you for the attention!



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