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**Introduction** A field experiment was conducted to study nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium fertilizers on the seed yields and seed yield factors of *Cynodon dactylon* (L.) pers cv. Xinnong No. 1, in order to find out a reasonable rate of fertilization and guide the seed production of bermudagrass.

**Materials and methods** The experiment was carried out in Xinnong-1 bermudagrass seed-production field of San-ping experiment field of Xinjiang Agricultural University. Nitrogen, phosphor, potassium fertilizers were used. This experiment included 16 treatments, each treatment was repeated three times, the size of each plot was 15 m<sup>2</sup>, 5 meters as buffer, using a randomized block design. The fertilizer rates were shown in Table 1.

**Results and discussion** The result indicated that applying nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium fertilizers together increased yield components and seed production significantly (Table 1). Nitrogen fertiliser alone improved yield by 12%; With combined fertilizers, reproduction tillers increased by 31.20% ~ 51.78% and 54.54% ~ 98.21% compared with CK. With the N100-P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>80-K<sub>2</sub>O160 kg/ha, the quantity of tress and reproduction tillers was the highest, up to 1161.16 entries/m<sup>2</sup> and 813.83 entries/m<sup>2</sup>. The yield of xinnong-1 bermuda grass was the highest (517.7 kg/ha), about 138% higher than CK treatments when applied 100 kg/ha N, 80 kg/ha P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 160 kg/ha K<sub>2</sub>O.

**Table 1** Effect of fertilizer application on seed yield of Xinnong-1 bermudagrass.

Treatments	spike length (cm)	spikelets/fertile tiller	seed/ fertile tiller	seed setting (%)	1000-grain weight (g)	Production of seed (g)
N <sub>183</sub> P <sub>145</sub> K <sub>145</sub>	6.01 <sup>abcd</sup>	55.58 <sup>bcdeABC</sup>	43.81 <sup>abcdBCD</sup>	78.66 <sup>abcd</sup>	0.4401 <sup>abA</sup>	355.50 <sup>d</sup>
N <sub>183</sub> P <sub>145</sub> K <sub>14</sub>	6.02 <sup>bcBC</sup>	50.26 <sup>hghEFG</sup>	38.71 <sup>f</sup>	77.47 <sup>cdceCDEF</sup>	0.4396 <sup>abA</sup>	320.10 <sup>de</sup>
N <sub>183</sub> P <sub>145</sub> K <sub>145</sub>	6.23 <sup>abAB</sup>	57.11 <sup>abAB</sup>	45.91 <sup>bcBC</sup>	80.73 <sup>bcABC</sup>	0.4400 <sup>abA</sup>	372.10 <sup>cd</sup>
N <sub>183</sub> P <sub>145</sub> K <sub>14</sub>	5.92 <sup>cdCD</sup>	54.40 <sup>cdceBCD</sup>	38.59 <sup>f</sup>	70.70 <sup>ghF</sup>	0.4371 <sup>abA</sup>	282.00 <sup>e</sup>
N <sub>17</sub> P <sub>145</sub> K <sub>145</sub>	5.55 <sup>efghEF</sup>	52.66 <sup>ghCDEF</sup>	43.46 <sup>cdBCDE</sup>	80.80 <sup>bcABC</sup>	0.4233 <sup>abcA</sup>	272.40 <sup>ef</sup>
N <sub>17</sub> P <sub>145</sub> K <sub>14</sub>	5.74 <sup>deDE</sup>	56.14 <sup>abcABC</sup>	43.26 <sup>cdBCDE</sup>	77.63 <sup>cdceCDE</sup>	0.4222 <sup>bcA</sup>	276.60 <sup>e</sup>
N <sub>17</sub> P <sub>145</sub> K <sub>145</sub>	5.70 <sup>deDE</sup>	53.18 <sup>de-fgCDE</sup>	42.10 <sup>deCDEF</sup>	79.28 <sup>cdCD</sup>	0.4237 <sup>abcA</sup>	327.90 <sup>de</sup>
N <sub>17</sub> P <sub>145</sub> K <sub>14</sub>	5.47 <sup>ghEFG</sup>	52.96 <sup>ghCDE</sup>	39.28 <sup>eff</sup>	73.88 <sup>efghDEF</sup>	0.4200 <sup>bcA</sup>	280.10 <sup>e</sup>
N <sub>200</sub> P <sub>80</sub> K <sub>80</sub>	6.31 <sup>abA</sup>	53.11 <sup>efCDE</sup>	40.20 <sup>efDEF</sup>	75.11 <sup>de-fgCDEF</sup>	0.4413 <sup>abA</sup>	371.60 <sup>d</sup>
N <sub>0</sub> P <sub>80</sub> K <sub>80</sub>	5.33 <sup>ghFG</sup>	48.58 <sup>g</sup>	39.23 <sup>ef</sup>	79.88 <sup>cdBC</sup>	0.4250 <sup>abcA</sup>	251.70 <sup>ef</sup>
N <sub>100</sub> P <sub>160</sub> K <sub>80</sub>	5.84 <sup>cdCD</sup>	58.63 <sup>abA</sup>	50.07 <sup>abA</sup>	85.17 <sup>ghAB</sup>	0.4567 <sup>abA</sup>	444.40 <sup>bc</sup>
N <sub>100</sub> P <sub>0</sub> K <sub>80</sub>	5.72 <sup>deDE</sup>	51.92 <sup>ghDEF</sup>	40.27 <sup>efDEF</sup>	77.80 <sup>cdceCDE</sup>	0.4433 <sup>abcA</sup>	364.40 <sup>d</sup>
N <sub>100</sub> P <sub>80</sub> K <sub>160</sub>	6.04 <sup>bcABC</sup>	55.50 <sup>bcdeABC</sup>	46.04 <sup>bcBC</sup>	81.41 <sup>abcABC</sup>	0.4548 <sup>abA</sup>	517.70 <sup>a</sup>
N <sub>100</sub> P <sub>80</sub> K <sub>0</sub>	5.50 <sup>ghEF</sup>	52.65 <sup>ghCDEF</sup>	38.36 <sup>f</sup>	71.68 <sup>ghEF</sup>	0.4331 <sup>abcA</sup>	366.00 <sup>d</sup>
N <sub>100</sub> P <sub>80</sub> K <sub>80</sub>	5.86 <sup>cdCD</sup>	54.48 <sup>cdceBCD</sup>	46.61 <sup>gh</sup>	85.87 <sup>abA</sup>	0.4533 <sup>abA</sup>	481.40 <sup>ab</sup>
CK	5.36 <sup>ghFG</sup>	49.21 <sup>ghFG</sup>	39.40 <sup>efDEF</sup>	80.06 <sup>bcA</sup>	0.4190 <sup>abA</sup>	217.10 <sup>f</sup>

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