



Impact of Wool Pellet Fertilizer on Mongolian Gobi Soil

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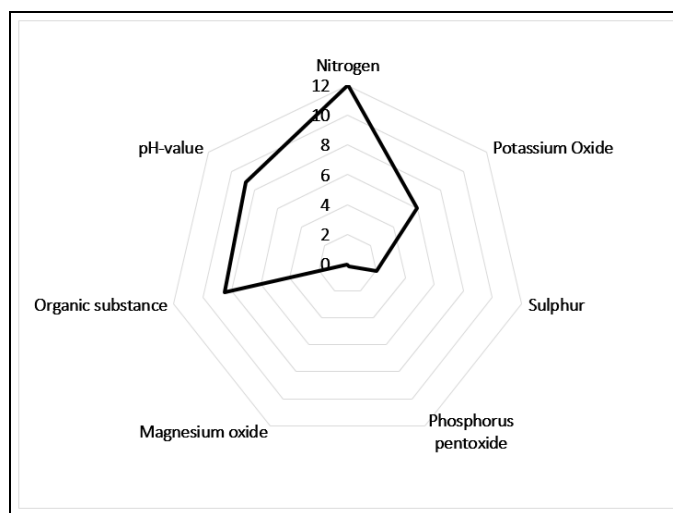
Introduction

WHAT IS Mongolian wool PELLETS?

- High-quality organic fertilizer made of 100% Mongolian sheep wool
- Nutrient-rich with 10% Nitrogen (N) and 5% Potassium (K₂O)
- Slow-release fertilizer with long-term effect of 10 months
- Natural water storage - capable of storing water 3.5 times of its own weight
- Humus formation and soil loosening through swell effect
- Natural and optimal regulation of nutrient and water supply to the plant (avoiding overfertilization)
- 100% regenerative without any extraneous additives or chemicals
- Approved for organic farming-ecological, sustainable and environmentally friendly



Selected properties of sheep wool wastes



Nitrogen	9.45%
Phosphorus pentoxide (P₂O₅)	0.32%
Potassium oxide (K₂O)	4.33%
Magnesium oxide (MgO)	0.47%
Natrium (Na)	0.38%
Sulfur (S)	2.11%
pH level	9.47

Wool pellets is made out of 100% Mongolian sheep wool and is a premium organic fertilizer with high nitrogen and potassium. Nitrogen is an essential component of proteins and is a characteristic element of plant cells (cytoplasm). A high nitrogen content enhances plant growth and development of green mass. Potassium fosters swelling and pressure in the plant cells. It also regulates the water balance and reduces evaporation. The pH-value shows that Mongolian sheep wool is an alkaline fertilizer, which prevents acidification of the soil.

Propose

Organic fertilizers made from Mongolian sheep's wool have been tested in mining biological rehabilitation to determine the appropriate dose rate to improve the growth of perennials and the fertility of sandy soils.

1. To study the effects of sheep wool organic fertilizer for mine biological rehabilitation
2. To determine the effect of sheep wool fertilizer on soil and plant properties
3. To determine The dose of organic wool fertilizer should be compared with that of mineral wool

Innovative Aspects of Research and Practical Importance

For the first time in Mongolia, we are developing a technology to test organic fertilizer made from 100% sheep wool for biological rehabilitation of mines and efficiently recycling wool waste.



Figure 1: Packaged sheep wool fertilizer.

Selected properties of sheep wool wastes

pH	Salt, %	Moisture, %	Organic, %	Mineral, %	S, %	NO ₃ -N mg/kg	Total %		
							N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O
8.89	0.249	5.68	44.6	55.4	2	131	9.64	0.56	4.8

Table 1. nutrient analysis of sheep wool fertilizer.

Specifications	Standard for analysis	Detection
Total number of bacteria (1g/mln)	MNS 6341:2012	Undetected
E. coli titer	MNS 5367:2004	Undetected
Anaerobic titer (Cl.perferengens)	MNS 4694:1998	Undetected

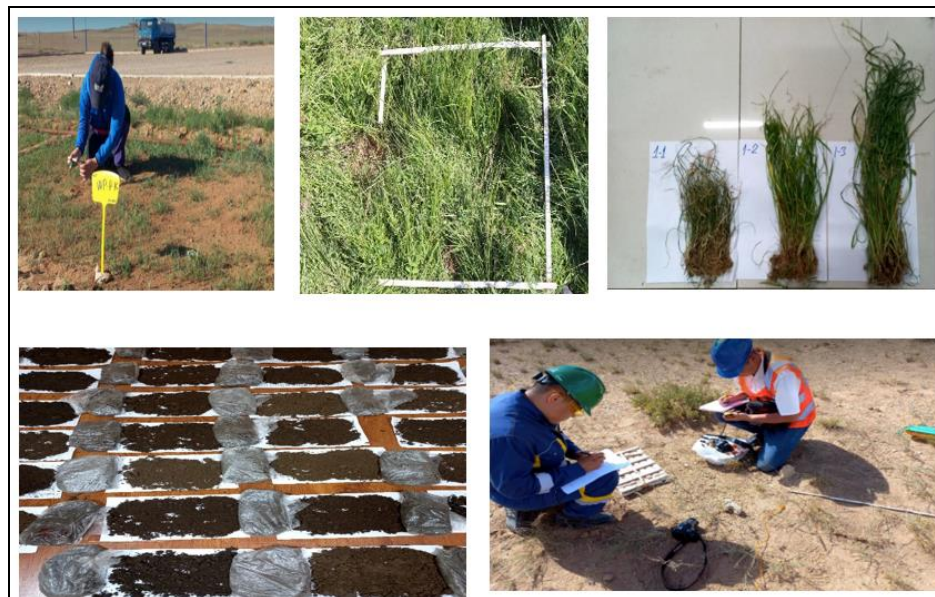
Table 2: Bacterial contamination analysis of sheep wool fertilizer.

Heavy metals, mg/kg	Detection	Acceptable amount	Harmful	Hazardous
Copper, Cu	0.073	< 100	>500	>1000
Zinc, Zn	16.7	< 300	>600	>1000
Chrome, Cr	-	< 150	>400	>1500
Cobalt, Co	-	< 50	>500	>1000
Nickel, Ni	39	< 150	>1000	>1800
Lead, Pb	3.3	< 100	>500	>1200

Table 3: Heavy metal analysis of sheep wool fertilizer.

Methods and data collection

Erdenes Silver Resource LLC's "Salkhit Gold and Silver Deposit" mine located in Gurvansaikhan soum, Dundgovi aimag, Mongolia was tested with sheep wool fertilizer in 6 variants and 3 iterations. Primary natural recording and soil field recording were performed prior to the experiment, and 150 soil samples were collected prior to the start of the experiment and three soil measurements were made from each experimental variant 2020 to 2022.



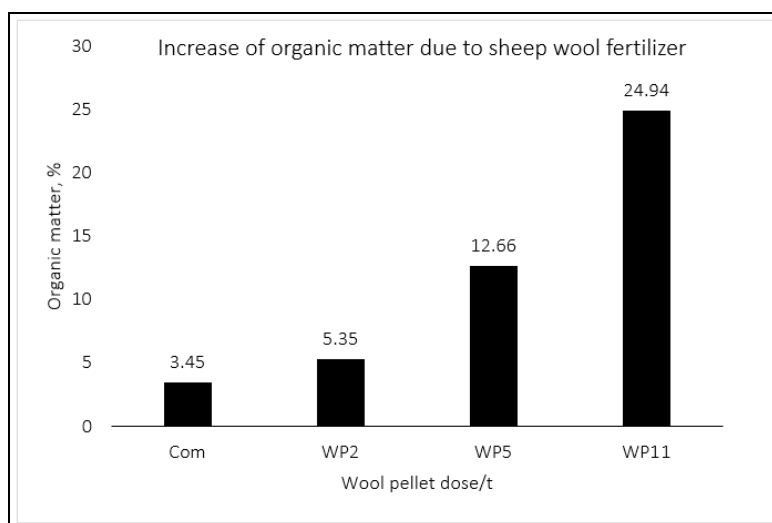
Result and discussion

Initial soil characteristics (0–20 cm) of soils used in the field experiments (Table 5).

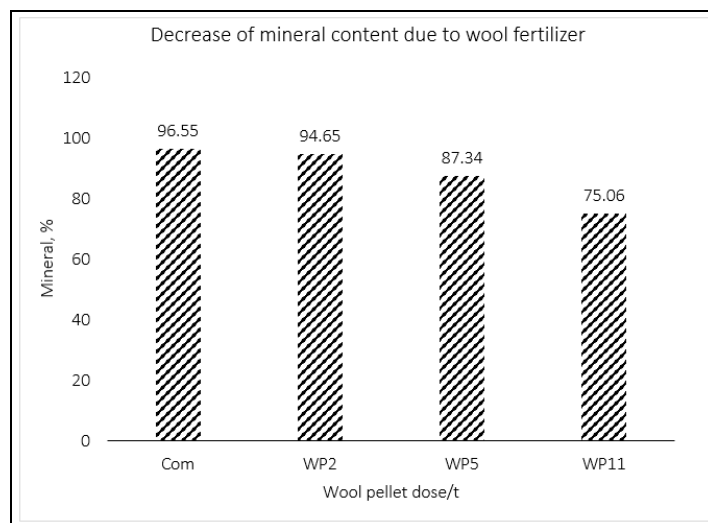
Variation	Field-1		Field-2		Field-3		Amount Field	
	mean	SD	mean	SD	mean	SD	mean	SD
pH	8.03	0.10	8.03	0.10	8.03	0.10	<1.000	8.03
Salt, %	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.00	<1.000	0.09
NO ₃ , mg/kg	5.09	0.37	5.09	0.37	5.09	0.37	<1.000	5.09
Ca, mg/kg	1.17	3.13	18.17	3.13	1.17	3.13	<1.000	1.17
Mg, mg/kg	1.33	0.76	11.33	0.76	1.33	0.76	<1.000	1.33
T-N, %	0.75	0.07	0.75	0.07	0.75	0.07	<1.000	0.75

It is statistically probable that the soils of the three sites selected for the experiment did not differ in chemical baseline ($P = <1.000$).

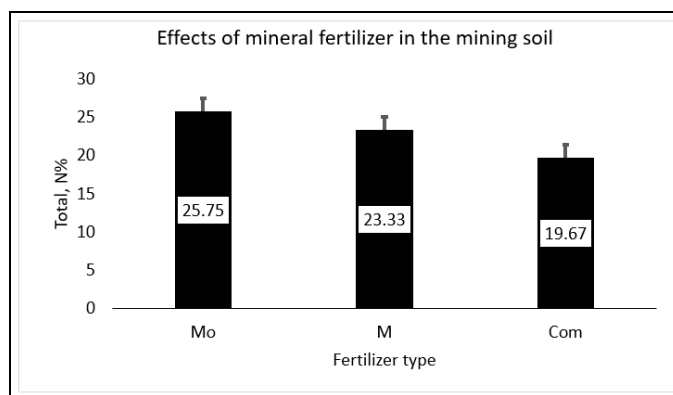
Correlation between fertilizers applied in the experiment



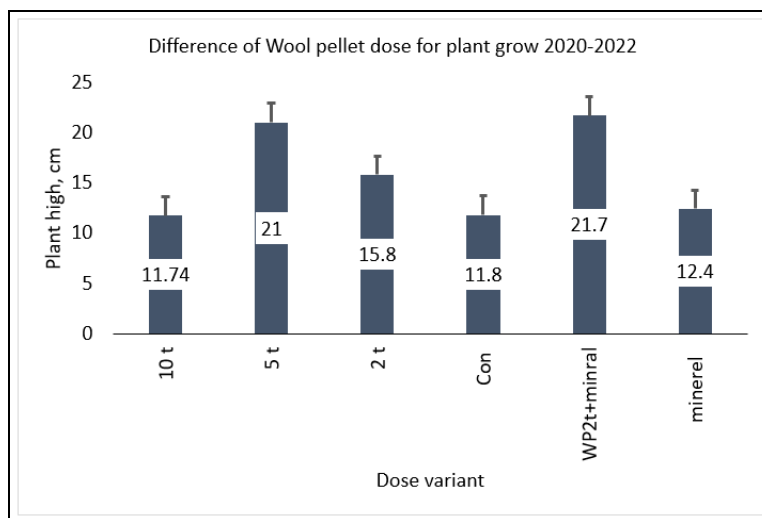
The content of organic matter increases statistically depending on the dosage of wool fertilizer.

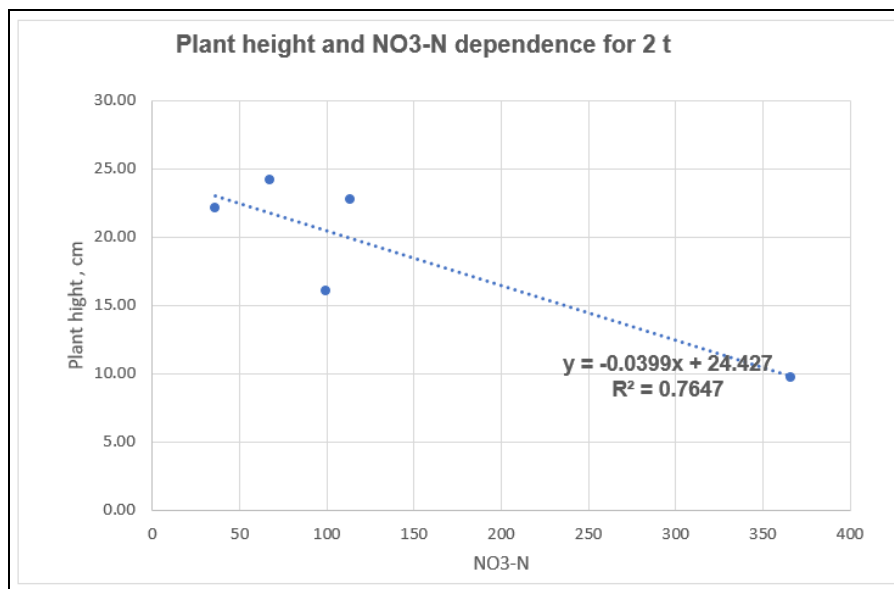
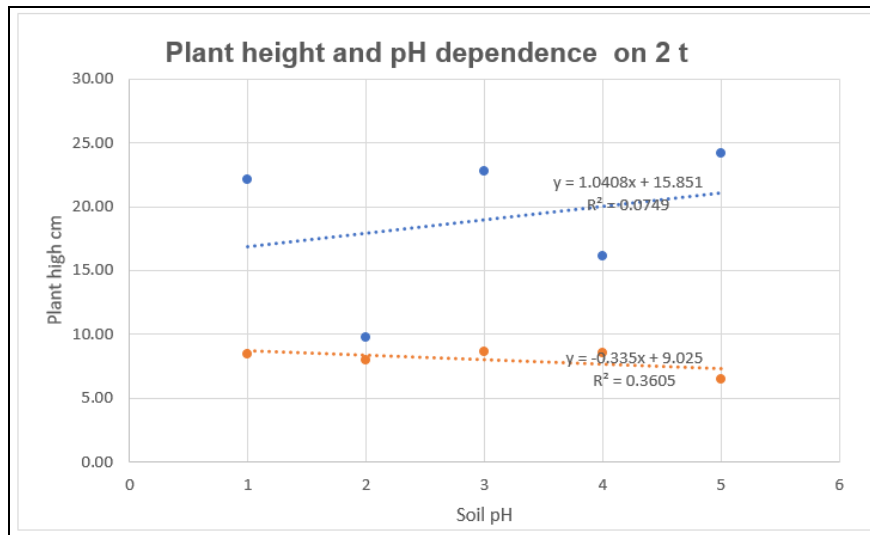


Depending on the dose of wool fertilizer, the content of minerals against organic matter decreases.



Wool fertilizers have a better effect on soil fertility than mineral fertilizers $R=0.9$ $P<0.005$.

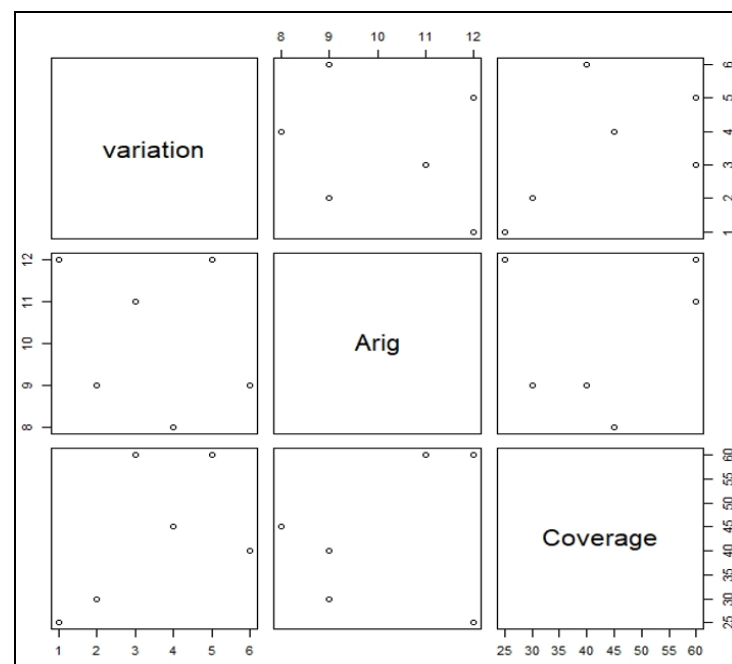
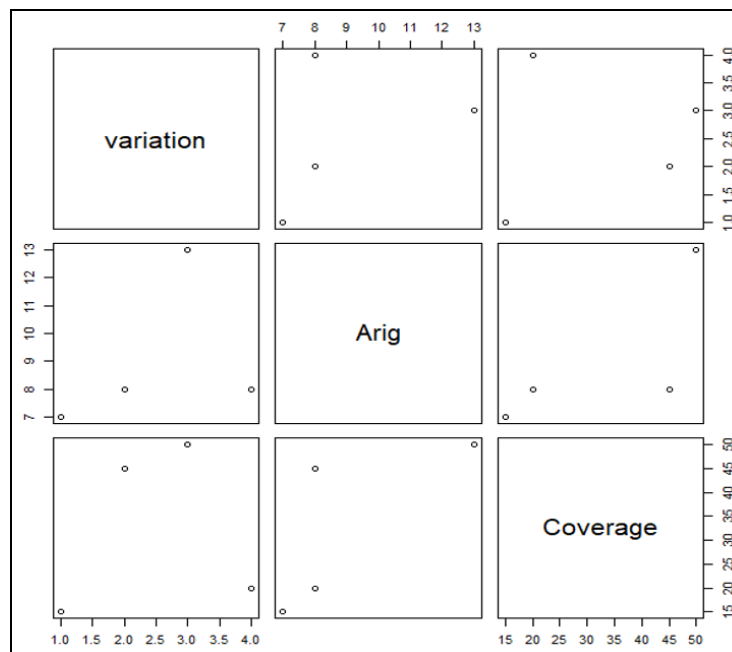




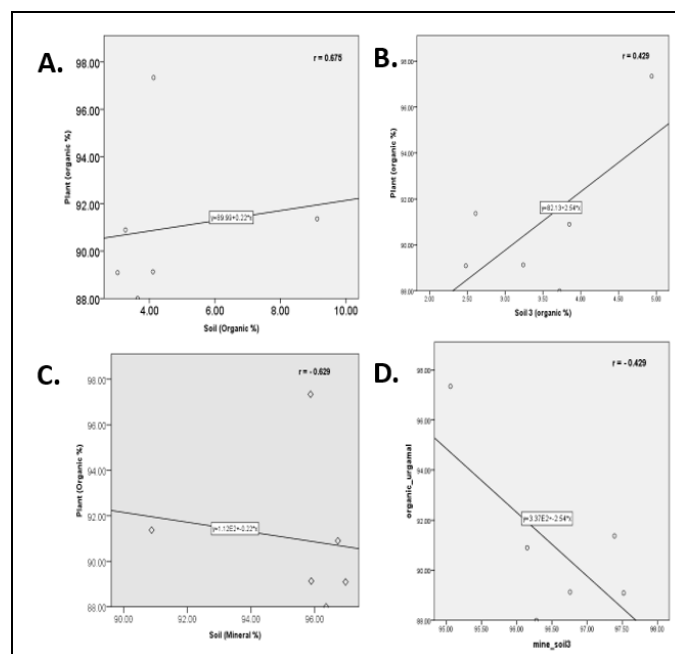
Soil moisture changes

Months	WP:P:K		WP:2 t		Con		WP:11 t		P+K		WP: 5 t		Aver
	Moist, %	S. D	Moist, %	S. D	Moist, %	S. D	Moist, %	S. D	Moist, %	S. D	Moist, %	S. D	
July	8.0	5.7	18.1	17.0	2.5	1.4	3.6	0.3	5.6	7.4	4.2	3.1	6.5
Aug	8.8	6.5	7.5	1.9	6.5	2.4	13.7	11.7	9.2	1.9	6.6	3.1	8.4
Sep	1.2	0.2	1.4	0.1	1.6	0.2	1.1	0.4	1.7	0.4	1.3	0.3	1.4
	f=10.5, p=0.003		f=8.2, p=0.019		f=29.5, p=0.000		f=9.77, p=0.012		f=10.6, p=0.004		f=35.1, p=0.000		f=46.1
f = 5.1, p<0.0001													

In terms of field moisture, the moisture content increased statistically significantly in July-September, specifically by 11 ton and 5 ton variations (f = 5.1, p <0.0001) (Graph 1). Soil moisture content was not significantly affected by mineral fertilizer alone or the P-K fertilizer option.



- > P=0.0001
- > TukeyHSD (model) - харьцуулхад 95% магдлал итгэлцэлтэй



Conclusion

- In our study, when 2 tons, 5 tons, and 11 tons of wool fertilizers were applied for biological rehabilitation in mining sites, both soil nutrient parameters and plant growth were statistically significant $p < 0.0001$. (It is economical to fertilize wool with 2 tons of fertilizer).
- The vegetation cover of our experimental area was less than 1 percent before the experiment, but as a result of our study, the vegetation cover increased to 50-60 percent and the plant species increased by 40 percent compared to the natural condition.
- In biological rehabilitation of mining sites, wool fertilizers were more effective than mineral fertilizers.

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