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### PHOSPHORUS AVAILABILITY TO BARLEY FROM MANURES AND FERTILIZERS ON A CALCAREOUS SOIL

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High concentrations of animal production in the United States have increased the concern about the environmental fate of phosphorus (P) in manures. We conducted a growth chamber study to develop phosphorus source coefficients (PSCs) for manures and fertilizers typically land applied and incorporated into calcareous soils of the western United States as well as to determine the potential plant P availability of these sources. Six manure types (swine solids from low phytate and regular barley diets, swine liquid, dairy liquid, beef solid, and dairy compost) and four fertilizer (mono calcium phosphate, mono ammonium phosphate, polymer-coated mono ammonium phosphate, and ammonium polyphosphate) P amendments were applied to two Portneuf soils at a rate of 60 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup>, incubated for 2 weeks, then planted with barley grown for 7 weeks. Soil samples were analyzed before barley planting and then at 4 and 7 weeks after planting, whereas plant samples were analyzed at 4 and 7 weeks. Increases in soil water soluble (WS-P) and bicarbonate P (Olsen P) from P additions generally followed the pattern [fertilizer P] > [liquid manures] > [solid or composted manures]. Plant shoot biomass and plant P accumulation were similar except swine manures were greater than inorganic P sources and beef manure was less than both. Determining relative P solubility of manure and fertilizer sources will be beneficial when estimating P losses from land application of manures and may be used to assign weighting coefficients to manure sources in risk assessments such as a P site index, with limited impact on P availability to crops. (Soil Science 2005;170:401-412)

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**I**NCREASINGLY concentrated animal production in the United States has created new regulations and risk assessments to ensure that these production facilities have the least possible impact on the environment. One of the main issues associated with these concentrated animal production operations is the management of manure nutrients to benefit the producer yet

not adversely affect water quality. Of particular concern is phosphorus (P) loading both on production sites and at manure field application sites, which tends to be problematic in these production scenarios. Traditionally manure is applied to meet the nitrogen requirement of crops, which overapplies P, due to the low N:P ratio of most manures (Mikkelsen, 2000). This practice builds up soil test P concentrations in regions dominated by concentrated animal production sites (Kellog and Lander, 1999).

In response to the buildup of soil P and the potential impact on water quality, the United States Department of Agriculture Natural

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Resource Conservation Service requires manure application to high P soils be based on either crop P requirements, a threshold soil test P value, or the use of a Phosphorus Site Index (NRCS, 2003). In areas with overly high soil test P concentrations, manure applications are either prohibited or limited to a crop P removal rate, which puts pressure on producers having a limited land base yet substantial production of manure at their facilities.

In many P site risk assessments and nutrient management plans, the P in manures is weighted the same as P in fertilizer. There has been a great deal of work examining manure and fertilizer P sources demonstrating differences between manure and fertilizer P as well as differences within various manure types (Kleinman et al., 2002; Leytem et al., 2004; Sharpley and Moyer, 2000). Recently, data have been published exploring the relationships between the surface application of manures to soils and pastures and runoff P (Kleinman et al., 2002; Penn et al., 2004; Smith et al., 2004a; Smith et al., 2004b; Vadas et al., 2004). The general conclusion of much this work demonstrates that when manures are surface applied to soils and pastures the P in runoff can be predicted with the water-soluble P concentration of the applied materials. However, in cases where organic materials are incorporated into soils, the water-soluble P concentration of the manures is not a good predictor of P losses in runoff (Daverede et al., 2004; Kleinman et al., 2002).

The idea of using phosphorus source coefficients (PSCs) to assign relative weightings to organic P sources was first promoted by Leytem et al. (2004). This work determined the relative differences in organic P sources that were typically applied in the North Atlantic region of the United States, where the materials were incorporated into the soils as opposed being surface applied. They suggested using an incubation approach when organic materials are incorporated into soils to develop a comprehensive database of PSCs for use in P site risk assessments. These PSCs rank the impact of organic sources on increasing soil test P, which is a good predictor of soluble P losses (Cox and Hendricks, 2000; Pote et al., 1999) and may be more appropriate for situations where the materials are incorporated into the soils.

Most published data evaluating the differences in manure and fertilizer P were performed on Eastern U.S. soils, where rain-fed agriculture occurs on primarily acidic soils, and the dynam-

ics of P in soil are primarily controlled by Al and Fe. In contrast, agricultural soils of the Western United States are typically irrigated and contain high calcium carbonate concentrations and low organic matter concentrations. Phosphorus reactions in such soils are conventionally considered to be controlled primarily by Ca (Lindsay, 1979), although some studies found that P sorption in calcareous soils was more closely related to the amount of organically complexed Fe and Mn (Leytem and Westermann, 2003), the iron oxide and clay content (Hamad et al., 1992; Ryan et al., 1985; Solis and Torrent, 1989), and aluminum oxides (Castro and Torrent, 1998).

Despite these differences, there is little information on the effect of P availability of organic sources on irrigated calcareous soils of the semi-arid Western United States. El-Baruni and Olsen (1979) examined the effects of farmyard manure and fertilizer on the solubility of P in calcareous soils, whereas another study (Goss and Stewart, 1979) investigated the efficiency of P utilization of feedlot manure by alfalfa. Robbins et al. (1999; 2000) investigated the effects of dairy manure and cheese-whey waste on soil test P in irrigated calcareous soils. To date, there are no reported comprehensive studies on the effects of organic P source materials on increases in soil test P buildup on irrigated calcareous soils. This is unsatisfactory because the recent expansion of the animal industry in the Western United States means that managing manure nutrients is an urgent priority. Although the data generated for eastern acidic soils can be used as a guideline in some cases, experience shows that data from these soils is not easily adaptable to the semi-arid west. Our goals for this study were to develop PSCs for manures and fertilizers typically land applied and incorporated into calcareous soils of the Western United States, as well as identify the potential plant P availability of these sources.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Soil Collection and Characterization

The soils used in this study were Portneue silt loams from the 0- to 20-cm depth located at the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory near Kimberly, ID (Table 1). After collection, the bulk soil samples were air-dried, sieved through a 7-mm screen, and analyzed before use in the growth chamber studies. Particle size was determined by the hydrometer method (Gee and Bauder 1986); organic carbon

Soil property	Selecte
Clay, g kg <sup>-1</sup>	
OC*, g kg <sup>-1</sup>	
CCE <sup>†</sup> , g kg <sup>-1</sup>	
Water-soluble P, mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	
Olsen P, mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	

\*Organic carbon; <sup>†</sup>calcium

(OC) by the method of Walkley and Black (1934); calcium carbonate by the titrimetric method of Allen (1965); sodium bicarbonate by the method of Olsen (1965); water-soluble P by extraction with 0.5 M NaOH at a dilution of 1:10 and filtered with a 0.45 µm filter (Olsen et al., 1962).

The two soils were similar in physical and chemical properties, with the exception that one soil had a higher extractable P concentration. The high-P soil allows examination of the effects of manure on a soil that has a high natural crop product of those receiving high-P soil is a total of 16.8 g kg<sup>-1</sup> extractable P. The low-P soil has a surface irrigation and high calcium carbonate and lower water-soluble P (4.0 g kg<sup>-1</sup>).

### Manure Collection

There were 11 manure types: a control. Manure from beef cattle, dairy cattle, and dairy sources of each manure type except for the two control manures there was not enough to accommodate both studies. The first study was the lagoon of a swine ranging from weaned

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controlled by Al and soils of the Western irrigated and contain concentrations and low P. Phosphorus re-ventually considered by Ca (Lindsay, 1979) is found that P sorption is more closely related to complexed Fe and Mn (Lindsay et al., 2003), the iron (Lindsay et al., 1992; Torrent, 1989), and (Lindsay and Torrent, 1998). Thus, there is little in-crease in P availability of or-calcareous soils of the States. El-Baruni and (1998) effects of farmyard manure on the solubility of P in another study (Goss et al., 1998) indicated the efficiency of manure by alfalfa. (Lindsay et al., 2000) investigated the effect of cheese-whey waste on calcareous soils. To comprehensive study of P source materials buildup on irrigated soils is unsatisfactory because of the animal industry in the West means that manure is an urgent priority. Al-though eastern acidic soils in some cases, exper-iment on these soils is not in arid west. Our goals of PSCs for manures applied and incor-porated into the soils of the Western are to identify the potential sources.

## METHODS

## Soil Characterization

Soil samples were Portneuf 20-cm depth located in the Soil Research Station ID (Table 1). After samples were air-dried, ground, and analyzed in growth chamber studies. Soil was determined by the hydrometer method (Goss 1986); organic carbon

TABLE 1  
Selected soil properties

Soil property	High P	Low P
Clay, g kg <sup>-1</sup>	180	210
OC*, g kg <sup>-1</sup>	9.3	7.4
CCE†, g kg <sup>-1</sup>	105	119
Water-soluble P, mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	16.8	3.3
Olsen P, mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	26.9	4.0

\*Organic carbon; †calcium carbonate equivalent.

(OC) by the method of Walkley and Black (1934); calcium carbonate equivalent (CCE) by the titrimetric method of Allison and Moodie (1965); sodium bicarbonate extractable P by the method of Olsen et al. (1954); and water soluble P by extraction of soil with deionized water at a dilution of 1:100 for 1 h, centrifuged, and filtered with a 0.45- $\mu$ m filter. Extractable P concentrations were determined by the phosphomolybdate blue method (Murphy and Riley, 1962).

The two soils were chosen because of similar physical and chemical properties with the exception that one soil had a much greater extractable P concentration than the other. This allows examination of the effects of P treatments on a soil that is deficient in P (for optimum crop production) as well as a soil typical of those receiving manure applications. The high-P soil is a topsoil with little erosion and a greater organic carbon (9.3 g kg<sup>-1</sup>), water-soluble (16.8 g kg<sup>-1</sup>), and bicarbonate (26.9 g kg<sup>-1</sup>) extractable P concentration than the low-P soil. The low-P soil was eroded due to surface irrigation and had greater clay (210 g kg<sup>-1</sup>) and calcium carbonate (119 g kg<sup>-1</sup>) as well as lower water-soluble (3.3 g kg<sup>-1</sup>) and bicarbonate P (4.0 g kg<sup>-1</sup>).

## Manure Collection and Characterization

There were 11 different treatments, including 6 manure types, 4 inorganic fertilizers, and a control. Manure types consisted of liquid and solid manures from swine operations, solid manure from beef cattle, and liquid and composted manure from dairy operations (Table 2). Two sources of each manure material were used, except for the two solid swine manures, since there was not enough growth chamber space to accommodate both soil experiments simultaneously. The first swine liquid (SL1) was from the lagoon of a swine operation having stock ranging from weanlings to finishing hogs, where

the material in the lagoon was fairly fresh (residence time less than 1 month). A second swine liquid (SL2) was collected from a swine operation with finishing hogs, which had a lagoon residence time of more than 1 month. The swine solid manures were collected in a feeding trial using both low-phytate (SS-LP) and wild-type barley (SS-HP) diets to access the impacts of feeding low-phytate mutant barley on manure P composition and reactivity in soil. The dairy liquid (DL) was collected at two different times in the fall (DL1 and DL2) from the final pond in a three-pond treatment system receiving parlor wastewater and runoff from open lots, which is subsequently land applied through a center pivot irrigation system. The beef solid (BS) was collected fresh from beef cattle fed either silage (BS1) or a corn-based grain (BS2) diet. The dairy compost (DC) was from a composting operation that uses manure and bedding from dairy operations (DC1) or an individual dairy operation that composts their own manure and bedding collected from a free stall barn (DC2). Four pelletized or liquid fertilizer treatments were used: Polyon, a plastic polymer coated MAP (PCMAP, 10-48-0), ammonium polyphosphate (POLYP, 10-34-0), mono ammonium phosphate (MAP, 11-52-0), and mono calcium phosphate (MCP, 0-45-0).

Manure samples were frozen (-80 °C), lyophilized, and ground for analysis and use in the growth chamber studies. Analysis of the manures were as follows: (i) total elements (Al, Ca, Fe, Mn, P) by microwave-assisted digestion of a 0.5-g dried sample with 8 ml of concentrated HNO<sub>3</sub> and 2 ml of 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and quantified by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) detection; (ii) WSP (1:10 wt:vol, using deionized water, shaken for 1 h, and filtered with a 0.45  $\mu$ m Whatman filter) and elemental analysis by ICP-OES; (iii) total N and C were determined by combustion of a 50-mg sample in a FlashEA1112 (C. E. Elantech, Lakewood, NJ).

The phosphorus composition of select manures was determined by <sup>31</sup>P-NMR to identify the potential effects of P composition on P solubility of manure amended soils. Due to the expense of <sup>31</sup>P-NMR work, one manure sample was selected from each manure type. The P composition of each type of manure was determined by solution <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy as described by Turner (2004). Briefly, P was extracted in triplicate by shaking 2.00  $\pm$  0.01 g of dried manure with 40 ml of a solution

ratios			
N:P	C:P	C:N	WSP:TP
3.2	21	6	0.65
1.3	8	6	0.48
2.6	40	16	0.68
6.2	77	13	0.73
4.8	38	8	0.05
2.5	23	9	0.05
4.6	112	24	0.12
5.7	112	20	0.29
1.4	17	12	0.15
4.3	55	13	0.10

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ent, there were two g soil + amendment ks incubation (for soil of treatments) and 2 kg plant growth studies. was incorporated (four with each soil at a rate application rate repre- are applied to meet area was added to all ) mg N kg<sup>-1</sup> to satisfy ie plants. After incor- were brought to 23% . irrigation water (1:1 l water) and incubated ed design in either 4 L 250 ml polyethylene chamber for 2 weeks 58 μmol s<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>) and 29 °C day and 13 °C ent was maintained by at weekly intervals or ay.

ation, soils were re- lened containers (100 g) and barley (*Hordeum* he 2-kg soil pots. After himed to six per pot, rvested 4 weeks after three 7 weeks after mples were cut 1 cm weighed, and ground nes (1.9-cm diameter) h pot 4 weeks after ackfilled with washed

sand to avoid adding additional P into the pots; at 7 weeks after harvesting, the remaining soil with roots was subsampled by hand for analysis. All soil samples were analyzed without drying as follows: (i) WS-P (1:100, soil:deionized water, shaken for 1 h, filtered with a 0.45-μm Whatman filter); and (ii) bicarbonate extractable P using the method of Olsen et al. (1954), and (iii) microbial P by CHCl<sub>3</sub> fumigation and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> extraction (Brookes et al., 1982). All P analysis was performed with the phosphomolybdate blue method (Murphy and Riley, 1962). Dried plant samples were digested by microwave assisted digestion with 2 ml concentrated HNO<sub>3</sub> and 2 ml 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and analyzed for P, Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, Na, S, Si, and Zn by ICP-OES. Total tissue N and C content was determined by combustion of a 25 mg sample in a FlashEA1112 (C. E. Elantech, Lakewood, NJ).

#### Estimation of RPE

We used the approach of Leytem and Sims (2004) to determine the relative percent extractable P (RPE) for each of the treatments evaluated. The P extractability in the soil amendment with manure (MPS) or fertilizer P sources (FPS) after 2 weeks' incubation was calculated as follows:

$$\text{Extractability of P(\%)} = \frac{[\text{Soil P}_{\text{MPS/FPS}} - \text{Soil P}_{\text{Control, mg P kg}^{-1}}] \times 100}{[\text{Total P added} = 60 \text{ mg P kg}^{-1}]} \quad (1)$$

We then calculated, for each soil P extractant, a RPE by normalizing P extractability for each MPS and FPS relative to mono calcium phosphate (MCP). By definition, this assigns a relative P extractability value of 100% to the MCP treatment:

$$\text{RPE} = [\text{P extractability}_{\text{MPS/FPS}}] \div [\text{P extractability}_{\text{MCP}}] \times 100 \quad (2)$$

#### Statistics

All statistical analyses of the data were performed by using the PROC GLM (general linear models) and PROC ANOVA procedures of the Statistical Analysis System (SAS). The least significant difference (LSD) method, with a probability value of 0.05, was used to determine significant differences between treatment means. Relationships significant at the 0.05, 0.01, and 0.001 probability levels are marked as \*, \*\*, \*\*\*, respectively.

## RESULTS

### Manure Properties

Total P concentrations in the ten manure sources ranged from a low of 2,550 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup> for a dairy compost (DC2), to a high of 30,210 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup> for a swine liquid (SL2, Table 2) and were reasonably consistent with concentrations reported for these manure types (Leytem and Sims, 2004; Sharpley et al., 1998). The total P concentration in the liquid swine manure (SL) was greater than that in the solid swine manure (SS). There was a large difference between the two dairy compost (DC) samples, with one having a total P greater than the BS and DL manures (10,830 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup>), whereas the other had less (2,550 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup>). Water-soluble P concentrations in the manures ranged from 261 to 14,447 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup> and were highest in the swine liquids. The ratios of water-soluble P to total P (WSP:TP) were close to 50% or greater for the swine manures, whereas the other manures had much lower WSP:TP ratios (Table 2).

Total Ca (Table 2) had a wide range and was highest in the dairy liquid (DL2) and beef solid (BS2, ~ 34 000 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>). There was a range in total carbon (C) within the manures with the greatest C concentrations in the swine and beef solids, whereas the dairy composts had the least. Total N was greatest in the swine liquids, whereas the dairy composts had the least. The C:P ratios varied from >100 in the beef solids to only 8 in swine liquid (SL2), whereas C:N ratios ranged from 6 to 24.

The <sup>31</sup>P-NMR data describing manure P fractions is presented in Table 3. In general, results were consistent with available literature data (Turner, 2004). Recovery rates for total P from the manure extracts was between 93 and 99%. Orthophosphate comprised the greatest fraction of P in the manures and ranged from a low of 60% in the beef solid to 97% in the swine liquid. There was <10% of the total manure P present as phytic acid, whereas orthophosphate monoesters comprised between 3 and 38% of the total manure P.

### Effect of Treatments on Extractable Soil Phosphorus and RPE

The water soluble and bicarbonate extractable soil P at all sampling dates was highly correlated, with bicarbonate P being approximately 1.6 times greater than water-soluble P ( $r^2 = 0.85^{***}$ , Fig. 1). Turner et al. (2004) conducted

TABLE 2  
Selected manure properties

Manure type	Study		Manure Properties							
	High P	Low P	TP*	WSP†	Ca*	C‡	N‡	N:P	C:P	C:N
			-----mg kg <sup>-1</sup> -----			-g kg <sup>-1</sup> -				
Swine liquid 1 (SL1)	X		17,270	11,150	31,010	360	56	3.2	21	6
Swine liquid 2 (SL2)		X	30,210	14,447	18,105	233	39	1.3	8	6
High phytate swine (SS-HP)	X	X	11,260	7,042	12,450	455	29	2.6	40	16
Low phytate swine (SS-LP)	X	X	6,160	4,468	7,920	474	38	6.2	77	13
Dairy liquid 1 (DL1)	X		7,615	345	11,647	289	37	4.8	38	8
Dairy liquid 2 (DL2)		X	9,460	426	33,960	217	24	2.5	23	9
Beef solid 1 (BS1)	X		3,870	450	26,523	435	18	4.6	112	24
Beef solid 2 (BS2)		X	4,210	1,236	33,600	472	24	5.7	112	20
Dairy compost 1 (DC1)	X		10,830	1,600	31,946	180	15	1.4	17	12
Dairy compost 2 (DC2)		X	2,550	261	19,160	141	11	4.3	55	13

\*Total P, Al, Ca, Fe, and Mn determined by microwave-assisted digestion; †water-soluble P; ‡total nitrogen and C determined by combustion.

containing 0.5 M NaOH and 0.05 M EDTA for 4 h at 20 °C. Extracts were centrifuged at 10,000g for 30 min and aliquots analyzed for total P by ICP-OES. The remaining solutions from the triplicate extracts were combined, frozen rapidly at -80 °C, lyophilized, and ground to a fine powder. Freeze-dried extracts were redissolved in 0.1 ml of D<sub>2</sub>O (for signal lock) and 0.9 ml of a solution containing 1 M NaOH and 0.1 M EDTA and then transferred to a 5-mm NMR tube. Solution <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were obtained by using a Bruker Avance DRX 500 MHz spectrometer operating at 202.456 MHz for <sup>31</sup>P. We used a 5-μs pulse (45°), a delay time of 5.0 s, an acquisition time of 0.8 s, and broadband proton decoupling for all samples. The number of scans varied between 9,000 and 14,000, and spectra were plotted with a line broadening of 1 Hz. Chemical shifts of signals were determined in parts per million (ppm) relative to 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> and assigned to individual P compounds or functional groups, based on literature reports (Turner et al., 2004). Signal areas were calculated by integration and P concentrations calculated by multiplying the proportion of the total spectral area assigned to a specific signal by the total P concentration (g P kg<sup>-1</sup> dry manure) in the original extract. This NMR procedure detects concentrations of P compounds of approximately 0.1 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup> of dry manure (Turner, 2004).

#### Growth Chamber Study

Growth chamber studies with the individual soils were conducted in two sequential experi-

ments. For each treatment, there were two mixtures prepared: 100 g soil + amendment for sampling after 2 weeks incubation (for soil analysis after application of treatments) and 2 kg soil + amendment for plant growth studies. Each of the P sources was incorporated (four replicates of each source) with each soil at a rate of 60 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup>, a P application rate representative when manures are applied to meet crop N requirements. Urea was added to all treatments at a rate of 150 mg N kg<sup>-1</sup> to satisfy the N requirements of the plants. After incorporation, amended soils were brought to 23% moisture using simulated irrigation water (1:1 vol/vol tap and deionized water) and incubated in a completely randomized design in either 4 L closed bottomed pots or 250 ml polyethylene containers in the growth chamber for 2 weeks with 14-h light day<sup>-1</sup> (368 μmol s<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>) and a temperature regime of 29 °C day and 13 °C night. Soil moisture content was maintained by adding water to the cups at weekly intervals or to the pots every other day.

After 2 weeks incubation, soils were removed from the polyethylene containers (100 g) for subsequent analysis, and barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) was planted into the 2-kg soil pots. After emergence, plants were thinned to six per pot, three of which were harvested 4 weeks after planting and the other three 7 weeks after planting. Whole plant samples were cut 1 cm above soil surface, dried, weighed, and ground for analysis. Two soil cores (1.9-cm diameter) were collected from each pot 4 weeks after planting, with the holes backfilled with washed

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#### Esti

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Extractability of P(%)

$$= \frac{[\text{Soil P}_{\text{MPS/FPS}} - \text{S}]}{[\text{Total P}]}$$

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$$\text{RPE} = \frac{[\text{P}_e]}{[\text{P}_e]}$$

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TABLE 3  
Phosphorus composition of manure extracts from  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra

	Total Manure P	NaOH-EDTA Extractable P				
		Total P*	Orthophosphate <sup>†</sup>	Orthophosphate Monoesters <sup>†</sup>	Pyrophosphate <sup>†</sup>	Phytic Acid <sup>†</sup>
		g P kg <sup>-1</sup>				
SS-HP	14.89	14.32 ± 0.21 (96)	11.66 (81)	2.46 (17)	0.20 (1.4)	1.04 (7.3)
SS-LP	7.47	6.91 ± 0.12 (93)	4.82 (70)	1.92 (28)	0.17 (2.4)	0.16 (2.4)
SL2	30.70	30.00 ± 0.30 (99)	29.15 (97)	0.75 (3)	0.09 (0.3)	nd
DL2	9.43	8.80 ± 0.10 (93)	7.93 (90)	0.82 (9)	0.06 (0.6)	0.37 (4.2)
BS2	4.21	4.20 ± 0.10 (99)	2.51 (60)	1.60 (38)	0.09 (2.1)	0.34 (8.0)
DC2	2.55	2.50 ± 0.01 (98)	2.28 (91)	0.22 (9)	0.004 (0.2)	0.03 (1.3)

\*Values are mean ± standard deviation of triplicate extracts; values in parentheses are the proportion (%) of the total manure P determined by microwave digestion.

<sup>†</sup>Values in parentheses are the proportion (%) of the NaOH-EDTA extracted P.

experiments on irrigated calcareous soils relating soluble P in runoff to a variety of soil P measurements and found that bicarbonate P was the best predictor of runoff P for these soils. Since the bicarbonate P (Olsen P) test is commonly utilized in soil testing labs in the Western United States as an indicator of plant available P, they concluded that the bicarbonate P soil test could also be used to predict soluble P losses in runoff. Therefore, the soil water-soluble P data are not shown to simplify the results and discussion. Amending the soils with equal amounts of P (60 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup>) from either manure or fertilizer increased bicarbonate extractable soil P at all sample dates, but the increase varied with P source and soil (Tables 4 and 5). Bicarbonate soil P before planting in the high-P soil (Table 4) was highest in the

fertilizer treatments (MAP, MCP, and POLYP), whereas the manures and the controlled release fertilizer (PCMAP) had less effect. Bicarbonate soil P before planting on the low-P soil was highest with MCP, whereas MAP, DL, and SL were the second highest group. Bicarbonate P on both soils decreased after plant growth in all but the PCMAP treatment (Table 4 and 5). At week 7, the DL and POLYP treatments had the highest bicarbonate P on the low-P soil, whereas the higher bicarbonate P concentrations on the high-P soil were for the four fertilizer treatments.

RPEs were generally lower on the low-P soil than on the high-P soil (Table 6). The swine and dairy liquid materials were exceptions to this trend. The RPEs for PCMAP were much less than those for the other materials, especially

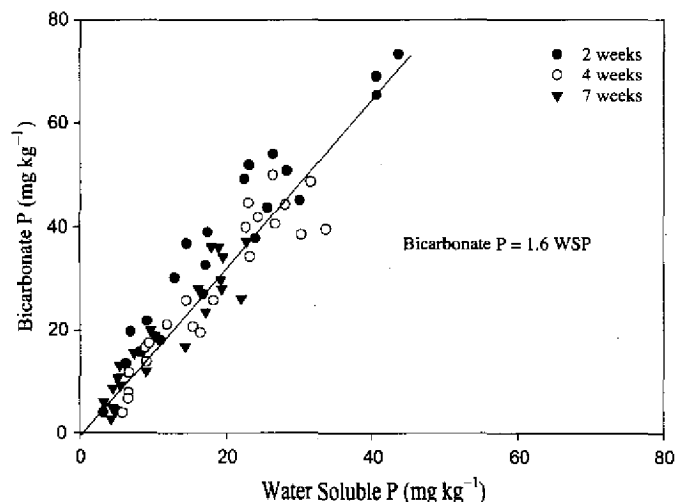


Fig. 1. Relationship between water-soluble and bicarbonate P at all sampling dates on both soils.

Bicarbonate ex  
(after 2-wk inc  
(60 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup>)

H
P Source
SL
SS-HP
SS-LP
DL
BS
DC
PCMAP
MAP
MCP
POLYP
Control
LSD <sub>0.05</sub>

among the fertilizer with a plastic poly granule from dissol ical reaction with t also significantly rec low-P soil. The fer POLYP) had the l soil. The RPE for l stantially lower on with the high-P se than MAP on the a slightly higher R had the highest RP to the two liquid m both soils was the Smaller differences maining manure tre DC) on both soils.

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Phosphate <sup>†</sup>	Phytic Acid <sup>†</sup>
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9 (0.3)	nd
36 (0.6)	0.37 (4.2)
9 (2.1)	0.34 (8.0)
4 (0.2)	0.03 (1.3)
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TABLE 4  
Bicarbonate extractable P before planting  
(after 2-wk incubation) after P application  
(60 mg P kg<sup>-1</sup>) on the low- and high P soils

P Source	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	
	High P Soil	Low P Soil
SL	53.9	30.1
SS-HP	50.7	21.7
SS-LP	43.6	15.7
DL	45.0	32.6
BS	37.8	13.4
DC	49.1	19.7
PCMAP	36.0	4.5
MAP	65.4	31.6
MCP	69.0	39.0
POLYP	73.3	18.1
Control	26.9	4.0
LSD <sub>0.05</sub>	8.0	5.7

among the fertilizer materials. PCMAP is coated with a plastic polymer to protect the fertilizer granule from dissolution and subsequent chemical reaction with the soil and soil solution. It also significantly reduced P extractability on the low-P soil. The fertilizer treatments (MAP and POLYP) had the larger RPEs on the high-P soil. The RPE for POLYP (10–34–0) was substantially lower on the low-P soil compared with the high-P soil. It was also much lower than MAP on the low-P soil, whereas it had a slightly higher RPE on the high-P soil. MAP had the highest RPE on the low-P soil, similar to the two liquid manures. The RPE for BS on both soils was the lowest of all the manures. Smaller differences occurred between the remaining manure treatments (SS-HP, SS-LP, and DC) on both soils.

Although different manure samples (SL, DL, BS, DC) with varying chemical characteristics (Table 2) were used for each soil, the DL was the only manure source that had significantly different RPE values between the two soils (Table 6). The relationship between the manure RPEs between soils is almost 1:1 if the DL point is removed ( $r^2 = 0.84^{***}$ , slope = 1.1). The RPE values for the fertilizer sources on the two soils had a poor linear relationship, even though the same materials were used on both soils ( $r^2 = 0.54^*$ , slope = 0.8). We averaged the RPE for each treatment across soils to obtain a general overall RPE for the treatment (Table 6). The overall trend in P extractability for the treatments is uncoated fertilizer P and liquid manures being somewhat similar, followed by solid and composted manures being progres-

sively less soluble, with the controlled release fertilizer being the least soluble.

We attempted to determine if any manure characteristics could be used to predict the relative extractable P concentrations of manure treated soils. The RPE for bicarbonate soil P was highly correlated to the carbon:total phosphorus ratio (C:P) of the manures on both soils (high-P soil,  $r = -0.89^{***}$ ; low-P soil,  $r = -0.92^{***}$ ). Forward stepwise regression also selected the manure C:P ratio to describe the RPE for bicarbonate soil P. As the C:P of the manures increased, the RPE of the bicarbonate P decreased in a nonlinear fashion (Fig. 2).

#### Shoot Biomass Production and Plant P Accumulation

To determine if there was an impact on shoot biomass production due to different nitrogen (N), additions between treatments (150 to 520 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>), total plant tissue N was determined at both harvest dates. The tissue N concentrations at four weeks on both soils were between 4.2 and 4.8%, whereas at 7 weeks it ranged from 2.0 to 4.1%. The dairy lagoon treatment at 7 weeks had the lowest tissue N (2.0%), whereas the rest of the treatments were all above 3.2%. Because all of our tissue samples were in the adequate N tissue concentration range (Reuter and Robinson, 1997) and there was no relationship between percent tissue N (with or without P variables) and dry matter production (Data not shown), we believe that N did not appreciably influence plant growth differences in this study.

TABLE 5  
Bicarbonate extractable soil P at first (4 weeks) and second (7 weeks) plant harvests on the two soils

P Source	High P Soil		Low P soil	
	4 wk	7 wk	4 wk	7 wk
	-----mg kg <sup>-1</sup> -----			
SL	44.1	29.6	25.7	15.5
SS-HP	40.5	27.9	16.5	13.2
SS-LP	34.1	23.6	11.7	8.7
DL	38.5	26.1	19.5	19.0
BS	25.7	16.9	8.0	5.0
DC	44.5	28.1	13.9	10.9
PCMAP	26.9	36.0	4.1	6.2
MAP	38.9	36.2	17.4	10.7
MCP	38.3	34.2	12.3	9.3
POLYP	48.5	37.2	49.8	19.9
Control	20.7	12.1	3.9	2.8
LSD <sub>0.05</sub>	5.5	3.7	6.6	3.9

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TABLE 6  
Relative percent extractable (RPE) phosphorus  
(bicarbonate) calculated on the high and  
low P soils before planting

	RPE %		Average
	High P	Low P	
SL	64.3	74.9	69.6
SS-HP	56.8	50.9	53.9
SS-LP	39.9	33.7	36.8
DL	43.1	82.0	62.6
BS	26.1	27.0	26.5
DC	53.0	45.0	49.0
PCMAP	21.8	1.3	11.6
MAP	91.1	79.5	85.3
MCP	100.0	100.0	100.0
POLYP	110.5	40.6	75.6
LSD <sub>0.05</sub>	16.2	13.9	16.2

Barley stand establishment was satisfactory in all pots on both the high- and low-P soils. There was no visual evidence of P deficiency on the high-P soil, whereas the control treatment was visibly P deficient on the low-P soil. We combined the shoot biomass produced at 4 and 7 weeks to determine the total amount of biomass produced per treatment for comparisons (Table 7). The increase in shoot biomass production over the control on the high-P soil ranged from 0 to 57%, with the dairy liquid, beef solid, and swine liquid being equivalent to the control. The largest increases were for the swine solids, dairy compost, PolyP, and PCMAP. The increase in shoot biomass pro-

duction on the low-P soil varied from 210 to 400%, with fewer differences between treatments (Table 7). On the low-P soil, all treatments were significantly greater than the control, whereas the beef solid, dairy compost, and MCP had significantly less biomass than the rest of the treatments.

The shoot P accumulations for the 4- and 7-week samples were also summed to calculate a total P removal over the growth period (Table 7). Total shoot P accumulation increased from 12 to 103% above the control on the high-P soil and 277 to 631% on the low-P soil. The swine manures (SS-HP, SS-LP, and SL) and DC had greater total shoot P accumulation on the high-P soil than the DL and BS treatments, which were not different than the control. The P accumulations for the fertilizer treatments were significantly different and followed the trend POLYP > PCMAP > MAP > MCP on the high-P soil. The total shoot P accumulation on the low-P soil was different among some of the manure treatments with the liquid manures and the SS-HP treatment having the greatest P accumulation, followed by the SS-LP, which was greater than the DC and BS treatments (Table 7). The POLYP treatment had a greater P accumulation than MCP and PCMAP but was similar to SS-HP and the liquid manures on the low-P soil. The BS and DC treatments were both lower than the other treatments on this soil. All manure and fertilizer treatments on the low-P soil had greater P accumulation than the control.

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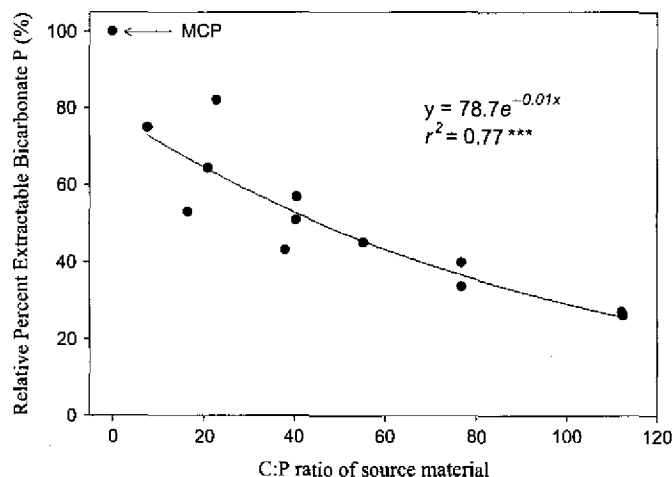


Fig. 2. Relationship between the carbon to phosphorus ratio of the manures and the relative percent extractable bicarbonate P on the two soils before planting (MCP point is not included in the regression).

Average total shoot bio  
accumulation from  
high P

	Shoot Bio (g/pot)	
	High P	Low P
SL	4.4	
SS-HP	5.5	
SS-LP	5.8	
DL	3.7	
BS	3.7	
DC	5.2	
PCMAP	5.3	
MAP	4.8	
MCP	4.3	
POLYP	5.2	
Control	3.7	
LSD <sub>0.05</sub>	0.6	



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Forward stepwise regression was used to determine which manure properties had the greatest influence on total shoot P accumulation. There were no variables selected for the high-P soil, but for the low-P soil the C:P and WSP:TP ratios of the manures were selected ( $R^2 = 0.91^{**}$ ). The C:P ratio of the manure also influenced the RPE bicarbonate soil P (Fig. 2). A lack of a relationship in the high-P soil would be expected since a P-yield response was not expected. Shoot biomass and P accumulation was linearly related across both soils ( $r^2 = 0.84^{***}$ ).

The soil property most closely related to shoot P accumulation was the 2-week bicarbonate extractable P for both soils (Fig. 3). The percent tissue P was also related to bicarbonate extractable P at 2 weeks ( $r^2 = 0.78^{**}$ , data not shown) for all treatments, as well as for only the manure treatments ( $r^2 = 0.84^{***}$ , data not shown). There should be a relationship between soil test P concentration and plant P uptake or concentration if the soil test procedure estimates plant nutrient availability. In this study, these relationships help confirm the effects of the applied materials on soil test P changes, since shoot P accumulation was similarly affected.

An attempt was made to assess the relative effect of the different treatments on plant shoot biomass production and shoot P accumulation similar to the RPE evaluation in Table 6. The data given in Table 7 were first averaged across soils. The control average was then subtracted, and the resultant number divided by MCP and

multiplied by 100 to obtain a relative value for treatment comparison. In all cases, the relative indexes were >100%, except for the BS treatments, which were 60% for dry-matter production and 63.2% for P uptake (data not shown). Relative effects of SL, SS-HP, and SS-LP (140 to 180%) on dry matter and P uptake were generally greater than those for MAP and PCMAP (123 to 153%), whereas DC and DL (113 to 129%) were similar to the fertilizer materials. POLYP was similar to the swine manures.

## DISCUSSION

The addition of identical amounts of P from fertilizers or manures to soils did not uniformly increase extractable P concentrations (Tables 4 and 5). The greatest initial increases in extractable P were from fertilizer treatments not coated for controlled release (MAP, MCP, POLYP), and in some cases the liquid manure treatments were equally as effective as these fertilizers. When manure treatments were either a solid or composted material, the increase in extractable soil P tended to be smaller, the exception to this was the compost used on the high-P soil. This particular compost (DC1) had higher concentrations of total and soluble P compared with DC2 as well as high concentrations of Fe and Al (data not shown). This suggests that DC1 was probably immature and had a significant amount of soil contamination, which may have caused it to behave similarly to the other manure treatments. The controlled release fertilizer (PCMAP) behaved as expected and released small amounts of P over the duration of the experiment due to the protective coating on the fertilizer particles. As a result of this controlled release, the bicarbonate soil P increased between the 4- and 7-week sampling dates.

In general, extractable P in most treatments decreased over the course of the experiment from the combination of continued soil P reaction and plant uptake. One notable exception was the extractability of P from the POLYP treatment on the low-P soil, which increased between planting and the 4-week sampling date (Tables 4 vs 5). The RPE values for the treatments were similar on both soils, with the exception of PCMAP and POLYP treatments, which decreased from the high- to low-P soils and the DL treatment, which increased from the high- to low-P soils (Table 6). Since the PCMAP is a controlled release fertilizer, there may be little P released during the 2-week

TABLE 7  
Average total shoot biomass production and total shoot P accumulation from the eleven treatments on high P and low P soils

	Shoot Biomass (g/pot)		Shoot P Accumulation (mg/pot)	
	High P	Low P	High P	Low P
SL	4.4	4.4	11.2	9.0
SS-HP	5.5	4.5	12.7	9.0
SS-LP	5.8	4.2	12.2	7.6
DL	3.7	4.3	8.7	9.5
BS	3.7	2.8	8.3	4.9
DC	5.2	3.3	11.4	5.7
PCMAP	5.3	3.8	12.8	6.6
MAP	4.8	3.8	10.7	7.1
MCP	4.3	3.4	9.2	6.7
POLYP	5.2	3.9	15.0	8.2
Control	3.7	0.9	7.4	1.3
LSD <sub>0.05</sub>	0.6	0.6	1.3	1.1

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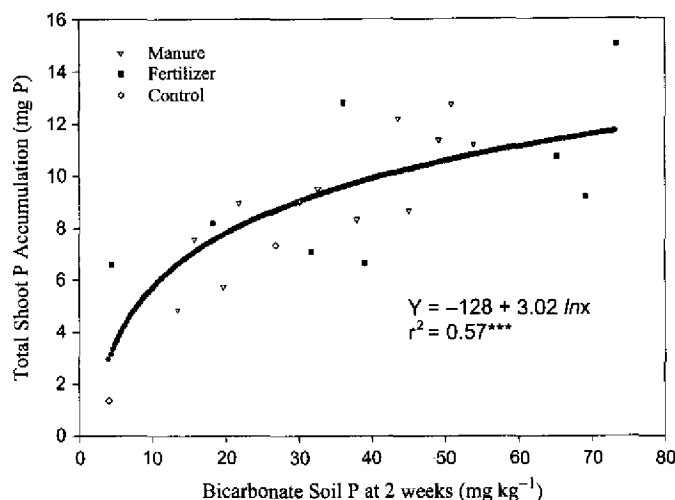


Fig. 3. Relationship between bicarbonate P extracted before planting and the total plant P uptake from the 11 treatments on the two soils.

incubation. Also, the P that was released may be strongly sorbed in the low P soil due to the lower P saturation of the low-P soil (higher clay and CCE content with lower extractable P, Table 1). The decrease in RPE of the POLYP treatment on the low-P soil is probably due to the rate of hydrolysis of this form of P. It is unclear why hydrolysis was apparently delayed in this soil, since soil pH and temperature should be similar to the high-P soil. It is also possible that the polyphosphate was sorbed or precipitated and therefore protected from hydrolysis.

The increase in RPE of the DL treatment from the high- to low-P soil (Table 6) may be due to the lower C:P ratio of the material used on the low-P soil (Table 2). There was no difference in the amount of WSP added since the same amount of TP was added with the DL treatment and the WSP:TP ratio of the materials was the same (0.05). Therefore, other manure properties must have controlled P solubility in these two treatments. The general RPE trends in the treatments averaged over the two soils were very similar to the findings of Leytem and Sims (2004), with the exception of the DC. In this previous work, the trend in RPE was inorganic P > liquid manures > solid manures > composted manures. In contrast, in the present study, the composted manures in both the high- and low-P soil had a greater RPE than the beef solid manures. In these carbon limited soils, the amount of C added with the manure seems

to influence P solubility and the C:P ratio of the solid manures were almost twice that of the composted manures which may explain these differences.

Changes in extractable P on the soils in the present study were closely associated with the C:P ratio of the materials; as C:P increased, RPE decreased. The decrease in extractable P may be due to microbial uptake of P in these amended soils, stimulated by carbon additions. However, the C:P ratio of the manure and the soil microbial P measured after incubation were not significantly related (data not shown). It is also possible that there was a chemical interaction between carbon added in the manures and P retention in the soils. The greater the carbon concentration, the more P that might be retained by the soils, since Leytem and Westermann (2003) found that the P sorption maxima was related to the amount of organically complexed Fe and Mn in soils from this region. This strong relationship between increases in soil test P and the C:P ratio of applied manures was also documented on thirteen additional soils collected from the Pacific Northwest region (Leytem et al., 2005) as well as in field studies using dairy compost and manures (Leytem, unpublished data).

Increases in shoot biomass production ranged from a maximum of 57% on the high-P soil to 400% on the low-P soil. Since there was already sufficient P for crop production on the high-P soil, the response to P additions was not

as great as on the low-P soil. The response to P additions with the low-P soil was significantly greater than the control.

Relative shoot biomass production was greater than shoot biomass production on the high-P soil, ranging from a high of 57% on the high-P soil to 631% on the low-P soil. The plant P uptakes were similar to the swine solids and liquid manures compared with the control (Table 2). The best treatments had the highest shoot biomass on the low-P soil, which was different from each other (Leytem et al., 1987) found similar grass yield in pots with slurry or MCP. In the low-P soil treated with swine solids or more grass than that cumulative P added with the two treatments. Eghball and Power (1997) found significant differences in shoot biomass accumulation by control or composted manure with the same P application.

Calculated RPE of shoot biomass production and shoot biomass showed that all manures and liquid manures were generally more effective than inorganic P as MCP. This response to N (as  $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ ) was similar to plant P uptake (Socinski et al., 1997) was a very poor linear relationship between bicarbonate RPE and shoot-biomass production ( $r^2 = 0.1$ ). Generally, manures increased shoot biomass more than that from inorganic P, but had a 50% greater RPE (Table 7), especially dairy liquid. This suggests that manure may be more effective than traditional fertilizers at low P rates.

In summary, shoot biomass production varies with the type of manure. Differences in shoot biomass affect potential for off-site P losses are linked to soil conditions (Turner et al., 1997) and coefficients for manure

as great as on the low-P soil. The shoot biomass on the low-P soil responded more to treatment additions with the majority of treatments having a significantly greater shoot biomass production than the control.

Relative shoot P accumulations were much greater than shoot biomass with increases ranging from a high of 103% on the high-P soil to 631% on the low-P soil. Across both soils, plant P uptakes were similar or greater when the swine solids and liquid manures were applied compared with the inorganic fertilizer materials (Table 2). The beef solid and dairy compost treatments had the lowest shoot P accumulation on the low-P soil and were not significantly different from each other. Tunney and Pommel (1987) found similar results when comparing grass yield in pots treated with either swine slurry or MCP. In their study, they found that soil treated with swine slurry produced as much or more grass than P fertilizer treatments, and that cumulative P accumulation was similar for the two treatments at a 50 mg P pot<sup>-1</sup> rate. Egghall and Power (1999) also found no significant differences in grain production or P accumulation by corn when beef feedlot manure or composted manure was applied for 4 years at the same P application rate.

Calculated RPE values for shoot-biomass production and shoot P accumulation suggests that all manures and fertilizers, except for BS, were generally more effective at increasing plant growth and P uptake than an equivalent rate of P as MCP. This may have occurred because some N (as NH<sub>4</sub>-N) with fertilizer P enhances plant P uptake (Soon and Miller, 1977). There was a very poor linear relationship between the bicarbonate RPE values and the RPEs for shoot-biomass production and shoot P accumulation ( $r^2 = 0.1$  and  $0.2$ , respectively). Generally, manures increased soil test P only 50% of that from inorganic MCP fertilizer (Table 6) but had a 50% greater impact on plant P uptake (Table 7), especially the swine manures and dairy liquid. This suggests that some manures may be more effective at supplying plant P than traditional fertilizers at equivalent P application rates.

In summary, solubility of P in manured soils varies with the type of manure applied. These differences affect plant growth as well as the potential for off-site losses of P, as soluble P losses are linked to extractable soil P concentrations (Turner et al., 2004). Different P weighing coefficients for manure effects on crop growth

or water quality should be used to better predict their potential impact. In cases in which manures are incorporated on calcareous soils, it appears possible to determine an appropriate weighting coefficient based on an easily measured manure property, such as the C:P ratio. The relationship between C:P ratios in manures and relative soil P extractability may also help better predict allowable P loadings when combined with manure application rates and appropriate soil properties. However, additional field studies are needed to further develop it for this use.

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