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Urea deep placement: Nitrogen management for Efficient Rice Fertilization

Boost rice yields and save on fertilizer costs through efficient nitrogen management

Deep Urea Placement involves drilling urea granules into rice fields, optimizing nutrient uptake, soil fertility, and productivity. Placed 7 to 14 centimeters deep, it ensures consistent nitrogen supply, particularly suitable for lowland rice farming with clay soils.



AfricaRice

Africa Rice Center
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Technology from

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Commodities

Rice

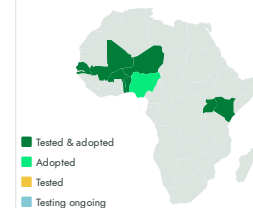
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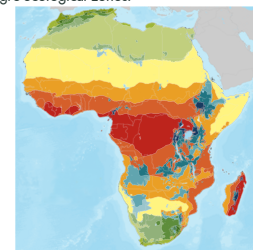
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Where it can be used

This technology can be used in the colored agro-ecological zones.



Target groups

Farmers

✓ This technology is **TAAT1 validated**.

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Scaling readiness: idea maturity 8/9; level of use 8/9

Inclusion assessment

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Climate impact

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Problem

- Inefficient Nitrogen Utilization.
- Environmental Pollution due to traditional urea application.
- Low Grain Productivity due to high nitrogen losses from current urea practices.
- High production costs without proportional yield increases.
- Limited irrigation in optimizing traditional urea application under varying rainfall.
- Climate disturbances causing by greenhouse gas emissions from conventional urea application.

Solution

- Large granules release nitrogen slowly, optimizing absorption by rice crops, reducing waste, preserving the environment and preventing contamination.
- Direct nitrogen delivery enhances soil fertility, promoting healthier rice crops and higher yields.
- Subsoil placement contributes to increased drought resilience in farming systems.
- Single-season application reduces labor and overall production costs.
- Suited for diverse agroecologies, benefiting both subsistence and commercial rice farmers.

Key points to design your project

1. Evaluate the required product quantity and cost, considering USD 0.4-0.8 per kilogram and a recommended rate of 0.25 tons per hectare.
2. Consider the technology's supply location, factoring in delivery costs and potential import duties.
3. Trainers can provide support during installation; budget for training and post-training assistance.
4. Develop communication materials for technology promotion.
5. Enhance the improved maize variety with companion planting, foliar micronutrient addition, engineered irrigation, motorized weeder, and RiceAdvice digital support.
6. Collaborate with agricultural institutes and agro-dealers for nationwide implementation.

0.25 ton

Recommended rate per Ha

100—200 USD

Equivalence cost for the recommended rate per Ha

10 USD

plunger-type applicator



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Urea deep placement

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Precision Fertilizer Micro-Dosing for Millet and Sorghum Yield Enhancement

Smarter Fertilizer, Stronger Crops: Maximize Growth with Minimal Input

The Fertilizer Micro-Dosing for Enhanced Yield and Efficiency Technology is a practice that involves applying small amounts of fertilizer in shallow holes at the base of each plant. This precise method is low-risk, affordable, and efficient.



International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
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Sorghum/Millet

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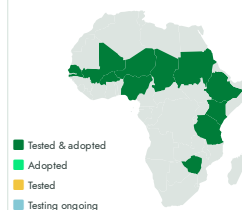
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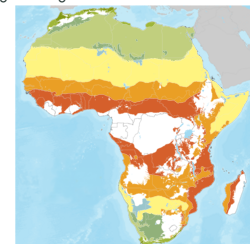
Millet and Sorghum Varieties for Better Nutrition and Stress Resistance, Dual-purpose Millet Varieties for Crop and Livestock Integration, Proactive Management of Strig...
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Problem

- Nutrient deficiencies in millet and sorghum
- Inefficient and risky fertilizer application methods
- Insufficient nutrient replenishment and gradual soil fertility decline
- Crop failure risk due to drought discouraging fertilizer investment

Solution

- Addressing nutrient deficiencies in millet and sorghum
- Providing a low-risk and precise fertilizer application method
- Fostering rapid crop growth

Key points to design your project

Micro-Dosing addresses nutrient deficiencies in millet and sorghum with precise, low-risk fertilizer application, promoting rapid growth, reducing environmental impact, and benefiting women. It aligns with climate-smart practices, enhances agricultural efficiency, and reduces poverty.

To integrate Micro-Dosing:

- Identify suitable fertilizers: Millet (50 kg/ha, 16,666 plants), Sorghum (100 kg/ha, 26,666 plants). Use NPK (15-15-15) or DAP fertilizers.
- Plan logistics: Include delivery costs, import clearance, and distribution to project sites.
- Raise farmer awareness through training and communication tools (flyers, videos, radio).
- Combine with stress-resistant crop varieties and Striga management for better results.
- Partner with agricultural institutes and fertilizer distributors for implementation.

This technology is applicable in Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, and Zimbabwe.



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Precision Fertilizer Micro-Dosing for Millet and Sorghum Yield Enhancement

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Soil fertility technologies toolkit

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ABOUT US

TAAT

TAAT, Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation, is an African Development Bank initiative to boost agricultural productivity by rapidly rolling out proven technologies to more than 40 million smallholder farmers.

TAAT aims to double crop, livestock, and fish productivity by 2025 by engaging both public and private sectors to expand access to productivity-increasing technologies across the continent. TAAT advises African government who receive funding from international financial institutions such as the African Development Bank to help them integrate the best agricultural technologies in their development projects. TAAT also offers technical assistance for the integration of these technologies, when needed.

TAAT Technologies

TAAT definition of agricultural technologies is very broad: they include improved varieties, inputs, equipment, agricultural infrastructure, practices and agricultural policies. In short, any solution to an agricultural constraint. TAAT technologies have been developed by a wide variety of organizations: the CGIAR, other international research institutions, national research organizations, or the private sector.

TAAT Clearinghouse

Within TAAT, the Clearinghouse has the remit to select, profile and validate agricultural technologies, and showcase them in online

catalogs to support the advisory role that the Clearinghouse offers to governments and the private sector. The Clearinghouse strives to be an 'honest broker' of technologies through its selection, profiling, validation and advice.

TAAT e-catalogs

The e-catalogs are designed to be used by decision-makers within governments, private sector companies or development organizations. They facilitate the search for appropriate solutions that are adapted to local conditions and requirements, and provide all necessary information, presented in jargon-free and easy to analyze technology profiles. Once a decision-maker has selected a technology of interest, the e-catalogs facilitate their direct contact with those who can help them implement the technology, whether they are a research group or a private company.

TAAT Technology Toolkits

Technology toolkits are hand-picked selections of technologies from the TAAT e-catalogs. We offer some curated toolkits for specific cases, and registered users can create their own toolkits, showcasing their selection of technologies. Toolkits can be used online and shared as links, as mini e-catalogs, they can also be downloaded, saved, shared or printed as collections of technology pitches in PDF format (pitches are one-page summaries of technology profiles, available for all technologies on the e-catalogs).

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