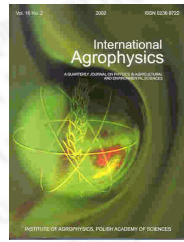




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Effect of fertilization method on the uptake and accumulation of mineral components in the initial period of maize development

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abstract On the basis of a 4-year study, the effect of fertilization method on the uptake and accumulation of mineral components by maize was evaluated. Two methods were used: by broadcasting over the whole surface and by band fertilization. The applied fertilizer level was gradually increased from 17.4 to 56.7 kg P ha⁻¹ of superphosphate and ammonium phosphate. It was found that the uptake and accumulation of mineral components depended on all the studied factors and was increasing with the advancing vegetation. Band fertilization and the use of ammonium phosphate kept increasing the accumulation of all mineral components in the 4-5 to 8-9-leaf-stage, in comparison with broadcast fertilization and superphosphate application, respectively. No distinct effect of phosphorus fertilization level was observed.