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IMPACTS OF FERTILIZER AND WATER MANAGEMENT ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM RICE CULTIVATION IN BANGLADESH

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Efficient N management such as urea deep placement (UDP) and water saving irrigation alternate wetting and drying (AWD) are critical to increase rice yields, nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) and mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. However, studies on the impacts of UDP and integrated plant nutrient system (IPNS) that combines organic inputs and inorganic fertilizer with different irrigation regimes on GHG emissions and yield in rice cultivation are limited. We conducted multiyear field experiments during the dry seasons to compare the effects of four fertilizer treatments including control (no N), prilled urea (PU), UDP and IPNS (integrated use of poultry manure and PU) with two irrigation regimes (AWD and continuous flooding, CF) on GHG emissions and rice yield. CH4 and N2O emissions were measured using the closed chamber technique and their concentrations were determined using a gas chromatograph. CH4 and N2O emissions varied across fertilizer treatments and irrigation regimes. UDP significantly (p<0.05) reduced cumulative CH4 emissions, compared to PU and IPNS treatments, respectively. Across the year and fertilizer treatments, AWD irrigation increased cumulative N2O emissions by 73%, it reduced the total global warming potential by 27% compared to CF irrigation. Although AWD irrigation increases rice yield compared to PU. These results suggest that both UDP and AWD irrigation might be considered as a carbon-friendly technology.

Biography

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