

**PROVISION OF FERMENTATION PRODUCT FERTILIZER USING
TYPES OF MICROORGANISM SOURCES AND DOSAGE ON GROWTH
ELEPHANT GRASS PRODUCTION**

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to determine the PROVISION OF FERMENTATION RESOURCES USING MICROORGANISM SOURCES and DOSAGE on GROWTH, ELEPHANT GRASS PRODUCTION, and to determine the interaction between the two factors. The design used was a randomized block design (RBD) with three replications. The results showed that the manure produced by the fermentation of microorganisms had a very significant effect on plant height at each cutting and the best treatment was fruit microorganisms, the number of shoots on cutting II and III and the best treatment was banana stem microorganisms, and perplot wet production on cutting I with the best treatment is Em4. The effect of manure dose has a very significant effect on plant height at each cut with the best result is treatment 11.25 kg / plot, the number of shoots at each cut and the best result is treatment 7.50 kg / plot, and wet yield per plot on cutting I with the best results influence the dose of 11.25 kg / plot. There was a very significant interaction with plant height and number of shoots on cutting III with the treatment of fruit microorganisms at a dose of 11.25 kg / plot and banana stem microorganisms at a dose of 7.50 kg / plot.

Keywords: Fermentation, Microorganisms, Elephant Grass

INTRODUCTION

The people of Central Aceh district, especially in fulfilling their daily needs, besides being farmers, many also raise livestock both on a large and small scale. To increase the yield of animal feed production, it takes several planting treatments (Unggul Grass), including cultivating elephant grass plants (*Pennisetum purpureum* L), in order to meet the needs of animal feed.

Grass that is often planted is called forage or superior grass is a plant that is deliberately cultivated or maintained. It can be seen from the number of livestock population from 2010 to 2011, especially large livestock in Central Aceh Regency is increasing while the area of grazing is getting smaller, therefore it is recommended for people who have livestock to plant forage so that they can meet the need for feed for their livestock, many techniques so that the forage grows well and produces high production.

Elephant grass (*Pennisetum purpureum* L) is a superior type of grass, long-lived, grows vertically to form clumps, has dense leaves, and usually reaches a height of 2 - 2.5 m. production - average around 250 tonnes / ha / year. This grass is good as a silage material, and as cutting grass and shepherds, as long as its growth can be maintained (Hartini, 1989).

Organic fertilizers include complete compound fertilizers because they contain more than one element and contain micro elements. When viewed from its shape, organic fertilizers can be divided into two, namely solid and liquid organic fertilizers. (Effiismawati, Musnawar 2003).

Many experts argue that microorganisms (EM) are not classified into fertilizers, EM is a material that helps accelerate the process of making organic fertilizers and improve their quality. In addition, EM also has the benefit of improving the structure and texture of the soil for the better, as well as supplying nutrients needed by plants. Therefore, the use of EM is useful for making plants more fertile, healthier, and relatively resistant to pests and diseases (Hadisuwito, Sukanto, 2012).

The amount of costs incurred by breeders to buy commercial EM4 to help the process of making organic fertilizers is an obstacle in the process of making organic matter. From this condition, I want to research the types of microorganisms that come from the materials that are around us and their dosage on the growth and production of elephant grass.

RESEARCH METHODS

1. Location and Time of Research

This research will be carried out in the Pegasing sub-district, Central Aceh Regency with an altitude of 1250 m / asl. This research will be conducted from 21 December 2012 to 18 June 2013.

2. Materials and Tools

The materials used in this study are manure derived from buffalo dung which has been fermented beforehand, this formation process uses three types of sources of microorganisms derived from

commercial EM4 sold in the market, EM fruit from papaya that has been processed. rot and EM rotten banana stems in the manufacturing process can be seen in appendix 19,20.

3. Research Methods

This study used a randomized block design (RAK) which was arranged factually with two factors, each factor consisting of 3 levels / levels and repeated 3 times, namely the first factor was fermented manure (E) consisting of 3 levels: EM4 (E1), EM of fruits (E2), EM of banana stems (E3). The second factor is the dose of manure (D) consisting of 3 levels: 5 tonnes / ha (D1), 10 tonnes / ha (D2), 15 tonnes / ha (D3).

From 9 treatment combinations with 3 replications, the number of plots was 27 plots. With a plot size of 300 cm x 250 cm, a plot height of 20 cm, a spacing of 60 x 75 cm and a planting hole depth of 10 cm. The arrangement of treatment combinations can be seen in table 3.

Table 1: Combination of Treatment and Dosage of Fermented Manure

NO	Combination Treatment	Manure Result of Permentation	Manure Dosage	
			Ha ⁻¹	Per plot
1	E ₁ D ₁	EM4	5 ton	3,75 kg
2	E ₁ D ₂	EM4	10 ton	7,50 kg
3	E ₁ D ₃	EM4	15 ton	11,25 kg
4	E ₂ D ₁	EMB	5 ton	3,75 kg
5	E ₂ D ₂	EMB	10 ton	7,50 kg
6	E ₂ D ₃	EMB	15 ton	11,25 kg
7	E ₃ D ₁	EMP	5 ton	3,75 kg
8	E ₃ D ₂	EMP	10 ton	7,50 kg
9	E ₃ D ₃	EMP	15 ton	11,25 kg

The mathematical model used is a linear randomized block design model (Bangun, 1988).

4. Research Implementation

4.1 Land Preparation

The land is processed using a hoe as well as the soil is leveled and weeds and weeds are cleared, then 27 plots of treatment are made with a length of 300 cm, a width of 250 cm, a height of 20 cm, the distance between the plots is 80 cm, the distance between the replications is 100 cm.

4.2 Preparation of Seeds

The seeds used in this study were Elephant Grass which came from farmers' gardens by selecting old and good stems by cutting 3 books from the stem.

4.3 Fertilization

Fertilizer used in this study is manure which has undergone a fermentation process using three types of microorganism sources given 3 days before planting by sprinkling it on the treatment plot and stirring it to combine the fertilizer with the soil according to the treatment dose.

4.4 Planting of cuttings

Planting is done by plugging the cuttings into the soil that has been prepared, one book is in the soil and two books are above the soil surface so that there are 16 cuttings per plot with a spacing of 60 x 75 cm, and at the age of 20 days after planting, the dead plants are inserted. .

4.5 Maintenance

Maintenance includes watering, pendangiran, weeding.

Watering is carried out if it does not rain, filtering and weeding are carried out to avoid disturbing plants or weeds that grow in the research area.

4.6 Observations

Observations were carried out randomly on 4 sample plants, the variables observed included plant height, number of shoots, wet production per plot as well as, elephant grass plant height was observed before cutting I, II and III, measured from the base of the stem to the tip of the plant shoots. subsequent measurements were measured after cutting and so on. The number of shoots was counted after cutting I, II and III by counting the number of shoots that grew. The wet production of elephant grass per plot is done by cutting leaving 5 cm from the ground at each cutting time I, II and III and weighing the wet weight of elephant grass per plot according to the time of cutting.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Effect of Manure from Fermentation of Microorganisms

1.1 Plant Height

Table 1 shows that the plant height at cutting I, II and III for each treatment was significantly different. Em4 treatment was significantly different from fruit microorganisms, and both were significantly different from banana stem microorganisms at each cut.

This is because the response of mole microorganisms that have broken down to the soil of elephant grass plant growth with the environment, especially the adjustment of plant roots to the soil, and vegetative growth are closely related to the ability of plants to grow and develop according to Harjadi (1979), the ability to grow and develop is influenced by supporting environmental conditions such as soil, soil organic matter, soil organisms, soil atmosphere and ground water.

According to Schmidt (1994), the occurrence of changes in bacterial cells is a changing environmental factor, so that the development of Em4 microorganisms is disrupted and affects plant growth.

Table 2: Average Height of Elephant Grass (*Pennisetum purpureum* L) due to the application of manure for cutting I, II, and III.

Treatment	Plant height
	Deductions I
E1	45.50 a
E2	46.77 ab
E3	48.31 c
BNT 0,05	1.35
Deductions II	
E1	119.31 c
E2	115.02 b
E3	103.05 a
BNT 0,05	3.28
Deductions III	
E1	127.82 b
E2	129.49 c
E3	124.49 a
BNT 0,05	1.92

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at the 5% LSD test level

1.2 Number of Shoots

Table 2 shows that in cutting I the number of shoots in EM4 treatment, fruit microorganisms and banana stem microorganisms were not significantly different. In cutting II and III, EM4 treatment was significantly different from fruit microorganisms, and fruit microorganisms were significantly different from banana stem microorganisms.

The highest yield was found in the treatment of the effect of manure resulting from fermentation of banana stem microorganisms on cutting III, and the lowest yield was found in the treatment of the effect of manure from fermented banana stem microorganisms on cutting I. This is the initial stage of plant growth and development because it is influenced by the presence of tissue. meristems located at the tips of the roots and stems affect the number of shoots and roots grow lengthwise.

Musnawar (2002) states that Mol microorganisms will take longer to decompose with the soil. According to Anwar (1983), the point of growth and growth through shoots is at the point of growth in the form of a liquid which is a stem protector (celeoptil) on the root (keliorija) so that it affects the direction, as well as the buds to grow and develop.

Anonymous (1993) stated that nutrient uptake at the beginning of growth has not reached its maximum condition and it is called the slow vegetative phase of nutrients needed by elephant grass for growth which are not available because Mol microorganisms are still in the process of adapting to the environment.

Table 3: Average Number of Elephant Grass Shoots (Pennisetum purpureum L) at Cutting I, II, and III.

Treatment	Plant height
	Deductions I
E1	7.07 a
E2	7.00 a
E3	6.96 a
BNT 0,05	-
Deductions II	
E1	30.34 a
E2	32.34 b
E3	34.64 c
BNT 0,05	0.76
Deductions III	
E1	141.74 a
E2	148.85 b
E3	157.77 c
BNT 0,05	2.33

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at the 5% LSD test level.

1.3 Wet Production Perplot

Table 3 shows that in cutting I the wet production per plot of EM4 treatment was significantly different from the treatment of fruit microorganisms and banana stem microorganisms, but they were not significantly different. In cutting II and III of EM4 treatment, fruit microorganisms and banana stem microorganisms were not significantly different. The highest yield was found in the treatment of the effect of manure from fermentation of EM4 microorganisms and the lowest was found in cutting I on the effect of manure from fermentation of microorganisms on the treatment of fruit microorganisms. It is assumed that the increasing number of roots that appear which affects the plant to obtain more nutrients which causes the vegetative growth of the plant to be more active.

Abidin (1984) states that production yields will increase if the soil aeration is in good condition and sufficient nutrients are available and the plant's ability to absorb the nutrients provided so that plant growth and development will be good and production results will be good too.

Table 4: Average wet production perplot of elephant grass (*Pennisetum purpureum* L) due to the application of manure for cutting I, II, and III.

Treatment	Production Wet/Plot(kg)	
	Deductions I	
E1	5,12 b	
E2	4,33 a	
E3	4,61 ab	
BNT 0,05	0,42	
Deductions II		
E1	21,00 a	
E2	20,00 a	
E3	18,00 a	
BNT 0,05	-	
Deductions III		
E1	18,00 a	
E2	17,00 a	
E3	16,00 a	
BNT 0,05	-	

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at the 5% LSD test level.

2. Effect of Dose

2.1 Plant Height

Table 4 shows that the plant height at cutting I, II and III for each treatment is significantly different. Treatment of 3.75 kg / plot was significantly different from treatment of 7.50 kg / plot, and both were significantly different from 11.25 kg / plot.

The highest yield was the effect of the dose of manure produced by fermentation of microorganisms in the treatment of 11.25 kg / cutting plot III, and the lowest yield was the effect of the dose of manure resulting from fermented microorganisms on treatment 3.75 kg / cutting plot I. has been decomposed so that plant growth absorbs a lot of nutrients in the soil through the roots and the higher the N content in manure, the higher the elephant grass plant.

According to Sugeng (1992), growth will be good if the nutrients present in manure are given through the soil, the more the plant growth and yields will be better.

EM4, fruit microorganisms and banana stem microorganisms were not significantly different. The highest yield was found in the treatment of the effect of manure from fermentation of EM4 microorganisms and the lowest was found in cutting I on the effect of manure from fermentation of microorganisms on the treatment of fruit microorganisms. It is assumed that the increasing number of roots that appear which affects the plant to obtain more nutrients which causes the vegetative growth of the plant to be more active.

Abidin (1984) states that production yields will increase if the soil aeration is in good condition and sufficient nutrients are available and the plant's ability to absorb the nutrients provided so that plant growth and development will be good and production results will be good too.

Table 5: Average wet production perplot of elephant grass (*Pennisetum purpureum* L) due to the application of manure for cutting I, II, and III.

Treatment	Production Wet/Plot(kg)	
	Deductions I	
E1	5,12 b	
E2	4,33 a	
E3	4,61 ab	
BNT 0,05	0,42	
Deductions II		
E1	21,00 a	
E2	20,00 a	
E3	18,00 a	
BNT 0,05	-	
Deductions III		
E1	18,00 a	
E2	17,00 a	
E3	16,00 a	
BNT 0,05	-	

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at the 5% LSD test level.

3. Effect of Dosage

3.1 Plant Height

Table 5 shows that the plant height at cutting I, II and III for each treatment is significantly different. Treatment of 3.75 kg / plot was significantly different from treatment of 7.50 kg / plot, and both were significantly different from 11.25 kg / plot.

The highest yield was the effect of the dose of manure produced by fermentation of microorganisms in the treatment of 11.25 kg / cutting plot III, and the lowest yield was the effect of the dose of manure resulting from fermented microorganisms on treatment 3.75 kg / cutting plot I. has been decomposed so that plant growth absorbs a lot of nutrients in the soil through the roots and the higher the N content in manure, the higher the elephant grass plant.

According to Sugeng (1992), growth will be good if the nutrients present in manure are given through the soil, the more the plant growth and yields will be better.

Table 6: Average Height of Elephant Grass (*Pennisetum purpureum* L) Due to Manure Dose at Mowing I, II, and III.

Treatment	Plant height
	Deductions I
D1	45.94 a
D2	48.55 c
D3	46.08 ab
BNT 0,05	1.35
Deductions II	
D1	107.54 a
D2	111.10 b
D3	118.73 c
BNT 0,05	3.28
Deductions III	
D1	128.05 b
D2	124.67 a
D3	129.07 c
BNT 0,05	1.92

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at the 5% LSD test level.

3.2 Number of Shoots

Table 6 shows that in cutting I and III, the number of shoots in treatment 3.75 kg / plot was significantly different from treatment 7.50 kg / plot, and 11.25 kg / plot, both were not significantly different. In cutting II treatment 3.75 kg / plot was significantly different from 7.50 kg / plot and 11.25 kg / plot, treatment 7.50 kg / plot was also different from 11.25 kg / plot.

The highest yield was found in the treatment of the effect of the dose of 7.50 kg / cutting plot III, and the lowest yield was the effect of manure resulting from fermentation of microorganisms on treatment 3.75 kg / cutting plot I. plant buds.

Local microorganisms (MOL) are microorganisms that are used as a starter in the manufacture of solid organic fertilizers or liquid fertilizers. The main ingredients of MOL consist of several components, namely carbohydrates, glucose, and a source of microorganisms. The basic ingredients for the fermentation of MOL solutions can come from agricultural, plantation, or household organic waste. Carbohydrates as a source of nutrition for microorganisms can be obtained from organic waste such as water washing rice, cassava, wheat, elephant grass, and

gamal leaves. Sources of glucose come from brown sugar, granulated sugar and coconut water, as well as sources of microorganisms from rotten fruit skins, shrimp paste, snails, stale rice, and cow urine (Hadinata, 2008).

Table 7: Average Number of Elephant Grass Shoots (*Pennisetum purpureum* L) Due to Manure Dose at Mowing I, II, and III.

Treatment	Number of Shoots	
	Deductions I	
D1	6.58 a	
D2	7.24 b	
D3	7.21 b	
BNT 0,05	0.21	
Deductions II		
D1	31.37 a	
D2	32.78 b	
D3	33.17 c	
BNT 0,05	0.76	
Deductions III		
D1	140.90a	
D2	154.20 b	
D3	153.26 b	
BNT 0,05	2.33	

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at the 5% LSD test level.

3.3 Wet Production Perplot

Table 7 shows that in cutting I, the wet production per treatment plot was 3.75 kg / plot and 11.25 kg / plot were not significantly different, but both were significantly different from 7.50 kg / plot. In cutting II and III for each treatment was not significantly different. The highest yield was found in the treatment of 11.25 kg / plot of the effect of the dose of manure fermented microorganisms on cutting II, and the lowest yield was found in the treatment of 3.75 kg / plot of the effect of the dose of manure fermented microorganisms on cutting I. This is presumed because The manure given to the D3 treatment of cutting II was more than in the D1 treatment of cutting I and the decomposition process had occurred for a very long time.

According to Novian (2005), the nitrogen element contained in manure has a role as a constituent of chlorophyll, protein and fat, besides stimulating vegetative growth such as increasing plant height, the number of shoots so that production results will also increase.

Table 8: Average Wet Production Perplot of Elephant Grass (*Pennisetum purpureum* L) Due to Dose of Manure in Cutting I, II, and III.

Treatment	Production Wet plot (kg)		
	Deductions I		
D1	4,27 a		
D2	5,07 b		
D3	4,73 ab		
BNT 0,05	0,42		
		Deductions II	
D1	18,00 a		
D2	20,00 a		
D3	20,60 a		
BNT 0,05	-		
		Deductions III	
D1	17,00 a		
D2	18,00 a		
D3	17,00 a		
BNT 0,05	-		

Note: Numbers followed by the same letter in the same column not significantly different at the 5% LSD test level.

4. Effect of Interaction

4.1. Plant height

Table 8 shows that the highest yield was found in the treatment of fruit microorganisms 11.25 kg / plot on cutting III and the lowest yield was found in EM4 treatment 11.25 kg / plot on cutting I. It is assumed that the role of moles in the soil is getting longer until in cutting III the decomposition process is higher.

The role of MOL in compost, apart from being a nutrient supplier, also acts as a bioreactor component which is responsible for maintaining the optimal growth process of plants. In addition, MOL has a function to loosen the soil, can replace fertilizers which are relatively more expensive, replace farmers' dependence on using inorganic fertilizers, increase production,

improve soil structure, reduce the cost of purchasing fertilizers, encourage farmers to provide fertilizer for their own needs without having to buy fertilizers. expensive (Christine, 2008).

Table 9: Average Height of Elephant Grass (*Pennisetum purpureum* L) due to the application of fermented manure and manure doses for cutting I, II, and III.

Treatment	Plant height		
	Deductions I		
	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃
E ₁	48.16 cd	48.55 cd	39.80 a
E ₂	40.91 ab	51.91 d	47.47 bc
E ₃	48.75 cd	54.19 b	51.00 d
BNT 0,05	4.09		
	Deductions II		
	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃
	E ₁	114.73 bc	123.47 cde
E ₂	103.41 b	116.63 bc	125.00 e
E ₃	104.47 bc	93.20 a	1115.48 bc
BNT 0,05	9.94		
	Deductions III		
	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃
	E ₁	128.89 bcd	123.75 ab
E ₂	128.47 bcd	128.88 bcd	131.11 d
E ₃	126.80 abcd	121.39 a	125.27 abc
BNT 0,05	5.78		

Note: Numbers followed by the same letter in the same column not significantly different at the 5% LSD test level.

4.2. Number of Shoots

Table 9 shows that the highest yield was found in banana stem microorganism treatment of 7.50 kg / plot in cutting III, and the lowest yield was found in banana stem microorganism treatment of 3.75 kg / plot on cutting I.

It is thought that the more manure doses are given and the more frequent cutting is done, it affects the number of shoots growing on Elephant Grass.

Sosrosoedirdjo (1982) argues that the organic forming material or fermenting organic matter in the cell will affect the growth of shoots, the more organic matter in the soil, the more buds that grow.

In addition, microorganisms can be applied as inoculants to increase the diversity and population of microorganisms in the soil and further improve plant health, growth and productivity. To increase soil fertility, the nutrients contained in it must be maintained or increased. One of the ways that can be done is by adding Mol solution (Anonymous, 2010).

Table 10: Average Number of Elephant Grass Shoots (*Pennisetum purpureum* L) due to the application of fermented manure and manure doses for cutting I, II, and III.

Treatment	Plant height		
	Deductions I		
	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃
E ₁	7.03 bcd	7.65 cd	6.52 ab
E ₂	6.72 b	6.99 bc	7.30 cd
E ₃	6.00 a	7.06 bcd	7.82 d
BNT 0,05	0.67		
Treatment	Deductions II		
	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃
	E ₁	30.63 ab	30.65 ab
E ₂	31.55 abc	32.78 bcd	32,71 bcd
E ₃	31.91 abc	34.91 cd	37.11 d
BNT 0,05	2.28		
Treatment	Deductions III		
	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃
	E ₁	131.95 a	142.81 bc
E ₂	141.39 b	155.47 bcde	149.70 bcd
E ₃	149.36 bcd	164.34 de	159.61 cde
BNT 0,05	6.99		

Note: Numbers followed by the same letter in the same column not significantly different at the 5% LSD test level.

CONCLUSION

1. The treatment of the effect of manure resulting from fermentation of microorganisms has a very significant effect on plant height at each cutting and the best treatment is fruit

microorganisms, the number of shoots in cutting II and III and the best treatment is banana stem microorganisms, and wet yield per plot on cutting I with the best treatment is EM4.

2. The treatment of the effect of manure doses has a very significant effect on plant height at each cut with the best results on treatment 11.25 kg / plot, the number of shoots per cut and the best results of treatment 7.50 kg / plot, and the wet production per plot on cutting I the best effect dose was 11.25 kg / plot.

3. There was a very significant interaction with plant height and number of shoots on cutting III with fruit microorganisms treatment 11.25 kg / plot and banana stem microorganisms 7.50 kg / plot.

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