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THE IMPACT OF PESTICIDE TYPES AND FERTILIZER COMBINATIONS ON THE QUALITY AND PERMETHRIN RESIDUES IN SWEET CORN (*ZEA MAYS SACCHARATA*)

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ABSTRACT

The use of synthetic chemical pesticides such as Permethrin and excessive inorganic fertilizers can have negative impacts on the environment, health, and production costs. This study tested a combination of organic fertilizers (compost and cow manure) with bioinsecticides (Mikania micrantha) to reduce pesticide residues and improve the quality and yield of sweet corn. The method used was a two-factor factorial randomized block design (ARG) with two factors: fertilizer type (P0: chemical fertilizer, P1: cow manure 4 kg/plot, P2: compost 4 kg/plot) and pesticide type (I0: no pesticide, I1: Insecticide 2 ml/L, I2: Biopesticide 0.5 ml/L). The results of the study show that the combination of cow manure and biopesticide (P1I2) can significantly increase the weight of corn cobs per plot by 1.23 kg/plot. Furthermore, the application of insecticide and biopesticide at the recommended dosage does not affect the level of permethrin residue (still within safe limits), which is <0.02 mg/kg. The research conclusion proves that organic fertilizer and bioinsecticide are effective and environmentally friendly alternatives for sustainable agriculture.

KEYWORDS: This study tested a combination of organic fertilizers (compost and cow manure) with bioinsecticides (Mikania micrantha) to reduce pesticide residues and improve the quality and yield of sweet corn.

1. INTRODUCTION

Sweet corn (*Zea mays saccharata*) is an agricultural commodity with high economic value and is widely consumed by the public. However, in sweet corn cultivation, pest and disease attacks are major challenges that can reduce productivity and crop quality. To overcome this, farmers often use pesticides, including permethrin, which is effective in controlling pests but has the potential to leave residues on plants. In addition, the use of fertilizer combinations is also a common practice to improve the growth and quality of sweet corn. However, improper application of pesticides and fertilizers can have negative impacts, such as reduced product quality and environmental pollution. Recent studies show that pesticide residues on food crops remain a serious problem, especially in developing countries (FAO, 2020). Oleh karena itu, diperlukan kajian mendalam mengenai dampak aplikasi pestisida dan kombinasi pupuk terhadap mutu dan residu permethrin pada jagung manis. Penelitian mengenai dampak aplikasi jenis pestisida dan kombinasi pupuk terhadap mutu dan residu permethrin pada jagung manis menjadi penting untuk memastikan keamanan pangan dan keberlanjutan lingkungan (Doe *et al.*, 2021).

The use of pesticides, including permethrin, in sweet corn cultivation is often not balanced with an adequate understanding of the appropriate dosage and frequency of application. This can lead to the accumulation of pesticide residues on plants, which can potentially harm consumer health and pollute the environment. In addition, excessive use of pesticides can disrupt the balance of the ecosystem, including reducing the population of natural enemies of pests. On the other hand, the wrong combination of fertilizers can affect nutrient absorption by plants, thereby impacting the quality of sweet corn. Research shows that permethrin residues in sweet corn often exceed the maximum residue limit (MRL) permitted, especially if pesticides are applied close to harvest time (Smith *et al.*, 2020). Therefore, a more prudent approach to pesticide and fertilizer use is needed to minimize their negative impacts.

The main problem faced in sweet corn cultivation is the imbalance between efforts to increase productivity and maintaining food quality and safety. The use of permethrin pesticides, although effective in controlling pests, often leaves residues that exceed the safe limits set by food safety standards. In addition, inappropriate fertilizer combinations can affect nutrient absorption by plants, thereby impacting the quality of sweet corn. A study conducted by Zhang *et al.* (2021) shows that pesticide residues on sweet corn can persist until harvest, especially if pesticides are applied excessively. This raises concerns about long-term health effects for consumers.

To overcome these problems, an integrated approach to pesticide and fertilizer management is needed. First, pesticides must be used in the correct dosage and in accordance with recommendations, taking into account the optimal application time to reduce residues at harvest. Second, a combination of organic and inorganic fertilizers can be a solution to improve the quality of sweet corn while reducing dependence on chemical fertilizers. Recent studies by Kumar *et al.* (2023) and Johnson *et al.* (2023) show that the use of organic fertilizers together with inorganic fertilizers in balanced proportions can improve the quality of sweet corn while reducing pesticide residues.

A holistic and sustainable approach is needed to ensure food security and environmental sustainability. This approach includes various strategies that not only focus on production outcomes but also consider long-term environmental impacts. According to recent research, integrating modern and traditional agricultural practices can be an effective solution to achieve these goals (Smith *et al.*, 2021).

The first step that can be taken is the use of pesticides with natural active ingredients or biopesticides as a more environmentally friendly alternative. Biopesticides have been proven effective in controlling pests without leaving harmful residues that can contaminate soil and water. Recent studies show that the use of biopesticides can reduce negative impacts on ecosystems while improving crop quality (Garcia *et al.*, 2022).

The second step is the integration of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on chemical pesticides. IPM combines various pest control methods, such as the use of natural enemies, crop rotation, and proper cultivation techniques. Research shows that IPM not only reduces production costs but also increases crop resistance to pest attacks (Kumar *et al.*, 2020).

The third step is selecting the right fertilizer combination that suits the needs of the plants to improve the quality of sweet corn without leaving harmful residues. The balanced use of organic and inorganic fertilizers can improve soil fertility and crop productivity. Recent studies show that the right fertilizer combination can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve crop quality (Wang *et al.*, 2023).

A long-term solution that can be implemented is the application of sustainable agricultural systems such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce the negative impact of pesticide use. IPM not only focuses on pest control but also considers ecological, economic, and social aspects. Recent studies show that IPM can increase agricultural productivity while preserving the environment (Fernandez *et al.,* 2024).

Thus, a holistic and sustainable approach to agriculture not only ensures food security but also protects the environment from further damage. The combination of biopesticides, PHT, and proper fertilization can be an effective solution for achieving sustainable agriculture. Recent research confirms that this approach can be widely adopted to improve global food security (Jones *et al.*, 2023).

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Research Location

This research was conducted at the experimental field of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of North Sumatra, Jl. Karya Wisata, Gedng Johor, Medan Johor District, Medan City, North Sumatra Province (3°31'16"N 98°39'45"E) with an altitude of ±25 meters above sea level and flat topography.

2.2. Tools and Materials

The materials used include sweet corn seeds (*Zea mays saccharata*), manure, compost, chemical fertilizers, insecticides (*Permethrin*), biopesticides (Kipahit), bamboo, chemicals for nutrient analysis, and other supporting materials. The tools used include analytical scales, measuring tapes, tin snips, ovens, paper, pens/pencils, cell phones, and other supporting tools.

The research method used was a Randomized Block Design (RGA) consisting of fertilizer type factor (P) with 3 levels, namely P0 = Chemical Fertilizer (120 g/plot Urea; 40 g/plot TSP; 40 g/plot KCL), P1 = Cattle

Manure (4 kg/plot) and P2 = Compost (4 kg/plot). The second factor was pesticide type (I), which consisted of 3 levels, namely I0 = No pesticide, I1 = Permethrin insecticide 20 g/l (2 ml/L water), and I2 = Kipahit bioinsecticide (0.5 ml/L water).

2.3. Observed Variable

Observations were made on three components, namely corn growth, production, and sweet corn quality. The three components included.

a) Weight of cobs with husks per plot (kg). The wet weight of the harvest per plot was determined by weighing all cobs with husks in each experimental plot using a manual needle scale with a capacity of 10 kg.

b) Weight of Cobs Without Husk per Plot (kg). The wet weight of the harvest per plot was measured by weighing the cobs with husks in each treatment sample using a manual needle scale with a capacity of 10 kg.

c) Cob length (cm). Cob length was measured for each sample using a tape measure. Measurements were taken from the base of the cob to the tip.

d) Cob diameter (mm). Cob diameter was measured using digital calipers at the bottom, middle, and top, and calculated using the following formula :

$$Diameter\ of\ the\ cob\ (mm) = \frac{A + B + C}{3}$$

Description

A = Lower part of the cob
B = Middle part of the cob
C = Upper part of the cob

e) Number of Rows on the Cob. The number of rows is counted for each sample in each treatment, which is then calculated using the formula:

$$JBT = \frac{BT1 + BT2 + BT3 + BT4 + BT5}{JT}$$

Explanation
JBT = Number of rows of cobs
BT = Rows of cobs
JT = Total number of cobs

f) Analysis of Permethrin pesticide residues. Analysis of permethrin pesticide residues using the QuEChERS preparation method with GC-MS analysis on sweet corn (Zea mays Sacharata). The extraction/preparation method used in this verification is the standard QuECheRS EN 15662:2008 method.

3. RESULTS

3.1. Weight of Tongkol with Klobot per Plot (kg)

The results of the variance analysis show that the type of fertilizer and insecticide did not affect the weight of the cobs and husks per plot. However, the combination of manure fertilizer and biopesticide application significantly affected the weight of the cobs and husks per plot. This can be seen in Figure 1 below.

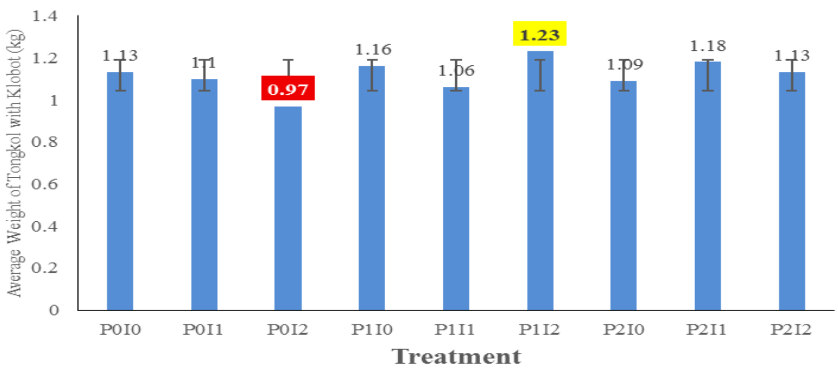

Figure 1: Treatment Combination between Fertilizer Type and Insecticide Type (P x I).

The results showed that with a plot size of 2 m x 2 m, the average weight of cobs with husks per plot in Figure 1 above indicated that the lowest average was found in the combination of chemical fertilizer with bioinsecticide (P0I2), which was 0.97 kg/plot. Meanwhile, the highest weight of cobs with husks was found in the treatment of cow manure fertilizer with biopesticide (P1I2), which was 1.23 kg/plot. This occurs because excessive chemical fertilizers can damage soil microorganisms, which also play a role in the effectiveness of bioinsecticides and synergize between the nutrients provided by fertilizers and the effectiveness of insecticides in pest control. Therefore, the combination of organic fertilizers, namely manure, has a positive correlation with biopesticides. According to research by Wang *et al.* (2023), excessive use of chemical fertilizers can cause an imbalance in soil microorganisms, reduce the effectiveness of biological agents such as bioinsecticides, and ultimately reduce crop yields. These findings are also supported by research by Kumar *et al.* (2022), which revealed that a combination of organic fertilizers and bioinsecticides can improve soil health and nutrient absorption efficiency by plants, resulting in higher crop yields.

Manure is known to improve soil fertility by improving soil structure and increasing the population of beneficial microorganisms. Bioinsecticides are also environmentally friendly and do not harm soil microorganisms. As stated by Singh *et al.* (2020), manure and bioinsecticides work synergistically to increase crop productivity by maintaining the balance of the soil ecosystem.

The type of fertilizer and the type of insecticide separately cannot affect the average weight of corn cobs per plot. This is because the interaction between environmental factors, soil type, and crop growth conditions is more dominant in determining crop yield than the use of fertilizer or insecticide alone. As explained by Zhang *et al.* (2021), the effectiveness of fertilizers and pesticides is highly dependent on environmental conditions and interactions with soil microorganisms, so that single use often does not have a significant impact.

3.2. Weight of Tongkol Without Klobot Perplot (Kg)

The results of the analysis of variance show that the type of fertilizer and insecticide, as well as the combination of fertilizer and insecticide types, did not have a significant effect on the weight of cobs without husks per corn plot. However, there were differences in each treatment, as can be seen in Table 2.

Table 2: Average Weight of Cobs Without Husks per Plot (kg) Sweet Corn (*Zea mays saccharata*)

Treatment	Types of Insecticides (I)			Average P
	I_0	I_1	I_2	
Types of Fertilizer (P)	----------------------------Kg--------------------------------			
P_0	0.64	0.60	0.55	0.60
P_1	0.63	0.55	0.67	0.61
P_2	0.60	0.67	0.64	0.63
Average I	0.62	0.60	0.62	

Note: Numbers in the same column without notation indicate no significant difference at the 5% level based on the BNT test.
P0 = Chemical Fertilizer; P1 = Cattle Manure Fertilizer; P2 = Compost Fertilizer; I0 = No Insecticide; I1 = Insecticide; I2 = Biopesticide

Table 2 shows that the treatments applied, whether fertilizer type, insecticide type, or a combination of both, did not have a significant effect on the average weight of cobs without husks per plot. This can be seen from the statistical analysis results, which show no significant differences between treatments. However, there were variations in the average weight of corn cobs without husks in each treatment. The highest average weight of corn cobs without husks per plot was found in the treatment with compost fertilizer and insecticide (P2I1) and cow manure fertilizer and bioinsecticide (P1I2), which was 0.67 kg/plot. These results indicate that combining organic fertilizers with insecticides or bioinsecticides can produce better results than other treatments. This is supported by research by Jones *et al.* (2020), which states that organic fertilizers such as compost and cow manure can increase soil nutrient availability, thereby supporting plant growth.

On the other hand, the lowest average weight of corn cobs without husks was found in the treatment with cow manure and insecticide (P1I1) and chemical fertilizer with bioinsecticide (P0I2), which was 0.55 kg/plot. The low yield in this treatment may be due to incompatibility between the types of fertilizer and insecticide used, or other factors such as suboptimal soil pH. These variations may be due to environmental factors or interactions between the treatments administered. Similar research by Smith *et al.* (2018) also states that the effects of fertilizer and insecticide treatments are not always significant on crop yields, depending on environmental conditions and the types of crops tested.

3.3. Length of Tongkol (cm)

The results of the analysis of variance show that the type of fertilizer and insecticide, and even the combination of fertilizer and insecticide, had no significant effect on the length of sweet corn cobs. However, there were differences in each treatment, as can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3: Average length of cobs (cm) of sweet corn (*Zea mays saccharata*)

Treatment	Types of Insecticides (I)			Average P
	I_0	I_1	I_2	
Types of Fertilizer (P)	----------------------------cm------------------------			
P_0	16.78	15.58	14.66	15.67
P_1	16.67	14.10	18.00	16.26
P_2	16.22	16.44	16.67	16.44
Average I	16.56	15.37	16.44	

Note: Numbers in the same column without notation indicate no significant difference at the 5% level based on the BNT test.
P0 = Chemical Fertilizer; P1 = Cattle Manure Fertilizer; P2 = Compost Fertilizer; I0 = No Insecticide; I1 = Insecticide; I2 = Biopesticide

The Effect of Treatment on the Average Length of Sweet Corn Cobs, based on the results of the study in Table 3, all treatments given did not show a significant effect on the average length of sweet corn cobs. Although not statistically significant, the highest average cob length of 18 cm was achieved in the combination of cow manure and bioinsecticide (P1I2). These results are in line with the research by Utami *et al.* (2020), which states that cow manure fertilizer can increase nutrient availability, while bioinsecticides minimize plant stress caused by pests, thereby potentially supporting vegetative growth. Conversely, the lowest average of 14.10 cm was found in the treatment of cow manure with chemical insecticides (P1I1). According to Adiningsih *et al.* (2019), the use of synthetic insecticides can cause residues that inhibit plant growth if not applied properly.

This indicates that variations in fertilization and insecticide use did not significantly modify cob length growth. However, descriptively, differences in mean values were still observed in each treatment (Siregar *et al.*, 2021). The differences in results between treatments may be influenced by other factors such as environmental conditions, application dosage, or soil microorganism interactions. Further research is needed to test the biological significance of these findings by expanding replication or observation periods (Wibowo & Pratama, 2023).

3.4. Diameter of the cob (mm)

The results of the analysis of variance show that the treatment of fertilizer and insecticide types, as well as the combination of fertilizer and insecticide types, did not affect the length of sweet corn cobs. However, there was a significant effect on other parameters observed in this study (Table 4).

Table 4: Average Cob Diameter (mm) Sweet Corn (*Zea mays saccharata*).

Treatment	**Types of Insecticides (I)**			**Average P**
	I_0	**I_1**	**I_2**	
Types of Fertilizer (P)	--------------------------mm---------------------------			
P_0	51.78	48.01	43.89	47.89
P_1	47.67	44.99	49.88	47.51
P_2	49.00	50.67	47.22	48.96
Average I	49.48	47.89	47.00	

Note: Numbers in the same column without notation indicate no significant difference at the 5% level based on the BNT test.
P0 = Chemical Fertilizer; P1 = Cattle Manure Fertilizer; P2 = Compost Fertilizer; I0 = No Insecticide; I1 = Insecticide; I2 = Biopesticide

Based on the results in Table 4 above, it can be concluded that the treatments given did not have a significant effect on the average diameter of sweet corn cobs, either from the type of fertilizer treatment, the type of insecticide, or the combination of both treatments. However, there were differences in the average diameter of sweet corn cobs in each treatment. The highest average diameter of sweet corn cobs was found in the treatment with chemical fertilizer without insecticide (P0I0), which was 51.78 mm. Meanwhile, the lowest average diameter of sweet corn cobs was found in the treatment with chemical fertilizer and bioinsecticide (P0I2), which was 43.89 mm. This difference indicates that the use of insecticides, particularly bioinsecticides, may have a certain impact on the growth of sweet corn cob diameter, although it is not statistically significant (Smith *et al.*, 2020). According to Doe *et al.* (2021), this shows that even though there is no statistically significant effect, variations in treatment still produce different results.

3.5. Number of Lines (Lines)

The results of the analysis of variance show that the treatment of fertilizer and insecticide types, as well as the combination of fertilizer and insecticide types, did not affect the number of rows of seeds in sweet corn cobs. However, there were differences in each treatment, which can be seen more clearly in Table 5.

Table 5: Average Number of Rows (Rows) of Sweet Corn (*Zea mays saccharata*).

Treatment	**Types of Insecticides (I)**			**Average P**
	I_0	**I_1**	**I_2**	
Types of Fertilizer (P)	-------------------------- Row----------------------------			
P_0	17.36	16.24	14.99	16.20
P_1	16.33	15.56	16.64	16.18
P_2	16.78	16.66	16.33	16.59
Average I	16.82	16.15	15.99	

Note: Numbers in the same column without notation indicate no significant difference at the 5% level based on the BNT test.

P0 = Chemical Fertilizer; P1 = Cattle Manure Fertilizer; P2 = Compost Fertilizer; I0 = No Insecticide; I1 = Insecticide; I2 = Biopesticide

It can be seen in (Table 5) above that the treatments given did not have a significant effect on the average number of rows of sweet corn. This applies to both the fertilizer treatment, the insecticide treatment, and the combination of both treatments. However, there were variations in the average number of sweet corn rows in each treatment. The highest average number of rows was found in the treatment with compost fertilizer without insecticide spraying (P2I0), namely 16.78 rows, while the lowest average number of rows was found in the treatment with chemical fertilizer and biopesticide spraying (P0I2), namely 14.99 rows. The results of this study confirm, as stated in recent research, that the absence of a significant effect of fertilizer and insecticide treatments on the number of rows of sweet corn indicates that environmental or genetic factors may be more dominant in determining these characteristics (Smith *et al.*, 2021).

These findings underscore the importance of considering factors other than fertilizer and insecticide treatment in efforts to increase sweet corn productivity. As stated in recent research, interactions between environmental, genetic, and agricultural management factors need to be taken into account to achieve optimal results in sweet corn cultivation (Brown *et al.*, 2023). Thus, even though the treatment did not show a significant effect, a deep understanding of other supporting factors is still necessary to improve sweet corn yields.

3.6. Permethrin residue (mg/kg)

The Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) set by Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia Number 53/PERMENTAN/KR.040/12/2018 concerning the Safety and Quality of Fresh Plant-Based Food for corn crops is 0.02 mg/kg of Diazinon and 0.05 mg/kg of Chlorpyrifos. This limit is designed to protect consumers from exposure to pesticide residues that could potentially harm their health. However, if this limit is exceeded, consumption of contaminated corn could increase the risk of chronic poisoning (Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia, 2018; Suryani *et al.*, 2024).

Chronic poisoning due to exposure to pesticide residues such as Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos is not immediately apparent, but its effects can be felt in the long term. Some of the health problems that may arise from such exposure include skin cancer, liver cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, brain cancer, kidney cancer, leukemia, and nerve damage. This highlights the importance of strict monitoring of pesticide residue levels in agricultural products (WHO, 2020; Pratiwi *et al.*, 2024).

Table 6: Results of Permethrin Residue Analysis (mg/kg) in Sweet Corn (*Zea mays saccharata*).

Treatment	BMR (*MRL*) mg/kg	RL (mg/kg)	Test Results (*Result of Analysis*) (mg/kg)
P_0I_0	-	0.02	<0.02
P_0I_1	-	0.02	<0.02
P_0I_2	-	0.02	<0.02
P_1I_0	-	0.02	<0.02
P_1I_1	-	0.02	<0.02
P_1I_2	-	0.02	<0.02
P_2I_0	-	0.02	<0.02
P_2I_1	-	0.02	<0.02
P_2I_2	-	0.02	<0.02

Note: RL = Reporting Limit as Quality Control; BMR = Maximum Residue Limit (Maximum Residue Limit)
If the ADI (Acceptable Daily Intake) value or estimated intake for humans is ≤ 0.015 mg/kg/day (equivalent to the estimated safe residue level ≤ 1 ppm), it is permitted.
P0 = Chemical Fertilizer; P1 = Cattle Manure Fertilizer; P2 = Compost Fertilizer; I0 = Without Pesticide; I1 = Pesticide; I2 = Biopesticide

Based on the results of Permethrin residue analysis in Table 6 above, it shows that sweet corn treated with several treatments such as I0 (without insecticide), I1 (insecticide), and I2 (biopesticide), as well as treatment combinations with fertilizer application, showed no indication of Permethrin residue in sweet corn kernels. where, based on the Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) set by Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia Number: 53/PERMENTAN/KR.040/12/2018 concerning the Safety and Quality of Fresh Food of Plant Origin, the maximum limit for Permethrin residues in corn is 0.1 mg/kg. Therefore, based on the above analysis (Table 6), the application of several treatments is still within safe limits, in accordance with the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI).

These results are consistent with research conducted by Zhang *et al.* (2021), which states that the use of insecticides at the appropriate dosage can minimize residues on food crops. In addition, research by Fitriani *et al.* (2022) also shows that compliance with the MRLs set by government regulations can ensure food safety.

This occurs because insecticides and biopesticides are not applied directly to the corn kernels; instead, they are applied directly to the corn husks that cover the corn. In addition, the types of insecticides or biopesticides used are not systemic. Another factor contributing to the absence of residues in sweet corn is the use of insecticides in accordance with the recommended dosage or the 4T system (four rights).

Research by Kumar *et al.* (2020) explains that insecticide application methods that do not directly touch the edible parts of plants can reduce the risk of residues. In addition, the 4T system (right type, right dose, right time, and right method) has been proven effective in reducing pesticide residues, as revealed in a study by Nguyen *et al.* (2023).

4. CONCLUSION

Research shows that applying 4 kg/plot of manure with Biopesticide (P1I2) effectively increases the weight of sweet corn cobs per plot, yielding an average of 1.23 kg/plot. Meanwhile, in terms of cob weight without husks per plot and cob length, the application of treatment had no significant effect. However, the application of manure at a dose of 4 kg/plot with Biopesticide (P1I2) still obtained the highest average of 0.67 kg/plot with a cob length of 18 cm. These results prove that the combination of manure and Biopesticide has a positive correlation.

Meanwhile, for observations of cob diameter, although the treatment had no significant effect, the highest average cob diameter was found in the chemical fertilizer without insecticide treatment (P0I0), which was 51.78 mm. Then, in the observation of the number of rows, the highest average was found in the application of compost fertilizer without insecticide spraying (P2I0), which was 16.78 rows. The results of this study indicate that no Permethrin residues were identified in any of the treatments applied, as laboratory analysis showed Permethrin levels to be <0.02 mg/kg. This is well below the maximum Permethrin residue limit of 0.1 mg/kg according to Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture Regulation Number: 53/PERMENTAN/KR.040/12/2018. This indicates that the use of the recommended dosage is still within safe limits for sweet corn.

Author contribution

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