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Assessing microbial population dynamics, enzyme activities and phosphorus availability indices during phospho-compost production

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Purpose This study assessed changes in bio-quality indices and plant available P released during aerobic-thermophilic cocomposting of different mix ratios of non-reactive ground phosphate rock (GPR) with poultry and cattle manures. **Methods** Aerobic-thermophilic co-composting of different mix ratios (5:5, 8:2, 7:3 and 9:1) of non-reactive GPR with poultry and cattle manures was carried out. Compost piles without GPR addition were included as control. Compost samples were taken at mesophilic, thermophilic, cooling-stabilization and maturing phases for microbial counts, enzyme activities and P assessment. **Results** Abundance of different microbial groups across the composting phases varied greatly ($p < 0.001$) mostly dominated by fungi that was generally more in the cattle than poultry manure-based phospho-composts. Fungi and actinomycetes counts in the composts were positively correlated with alkaline phosphatase and β -glucosidase. A strong inter-correlation between β -glucosidase and alkaline phosphatase ($r = 1.000$, $p < 0.001$) was observed, suggesting that both enzymes possess same origin. Alkaline phosphatase and β -glucosidase contents in the phospho-composts showed negative correlation with water soluble P ($r = -0.65$, $p < 0.001$), and Bray P1 and Fe-P contents ($r = -0.15$, $p > 0.05$) indicating inhibition of the P forms. Quantitatively higher P was obtained from poultry manure-based phospho-compost and in the 8:2 mix ratio at compost maturity. Microbial diversity and enzyme activity exerted positive impact on P mineralization and availability from the non-reactive GPR signifying the beneficial effect of co-composting. **Conclusions** Co-composting of P-rich non-reactive GPR with organic wastes containing variable chemical composition promotes microbial diversity during composting and increases plant available P content and compost fertilizer value.

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