

**Growth And Production of Glutinous Corn (*Zea mays* C)
Planst To Reduction of Inorganik Fertilezer N And
Provision of Compost (*Tithonia diversifolia*)
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ABSTRAK

The declining quality of soil is partly caused by the continuous use of chemical fertilizers, which can negatively affect maize production. Therefore, efforts are needed to improve soil quality through the application of organic fertilizer. One of which is compost made from paitan leaves. This study aimed to determine the growth and production responses of waxy maize (*Zea mays* C) to reduced use of inorganic nitrogen N fertilizer combined with the application of paitan leaf compost (*Thitonia deversofolia*). The study was conducted in Karangrejo Village, Yosowilangun District, Lumajang Regency. Using a factorial Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD). The first factor was the N fertilizer dosage, consisting of 150 kg/ha, 225 kg/ha and 300 kg/ha, while the second factor was the paitan leaf compost consisting of 5 tons/ha, 10 tons/ha and 15 tons/ha. The results showed that the combination of inorganic N fertilizers and paitan leaf compost dosages significantly affected plant height and biomass weight. The application of paitan leaf compost at a dosage of 15 tons/ha produced the best result for plant height and biomass weight reaching 188,9 cm and 201,8^g respectively. These results indicate that reducing the N fertilizers dosage while supplementing it with a high dosage of paitan leaf compost and support the vegetative growth of waxy maize. Therefore, the use of paitan leaf compost has the potential to reduce dependence on inorganic N fertilizers and support sustainable agriculture practices.

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