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# Biochemical Evaluation of Garden-Strawberry Berries When Using Foliar Top-Dressing

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**Abstract**

This study examined the use of foliar treatment with solutions of macro- and microelements when growing garden strawberries of the varieties Elista, Pervoklassnitsa, Zephyr, and Solnechnaya Polyanka in the conditions of the Krasnoyarsk forest. The agrochemical background of the soil when planting garden strawberry bushes in the open ground indicated its high fertility in terms of a set of indicators. At the same time, there was a shortage of micronutrient elements in the soil at the experimental site: Cd (0.2 mg/kg), Cu (0.5 mg/kg), Zn (1.3 mg/kg), Co (0.6 mg/kg) and Cr (0.3 mg/kg). Availability of manganese (65.4 mg/kg) and lead (2.0 mg/kg) was average. The Elista variety was distinguished in the control version of the experiment in the accumulation of copper in the berries (0.9 mg/kg). After foliar treatments with Cu 1% + 8 microelements, the highest Cu content was observed in the berries of the Solnechnaya Polyanka (1.1 mg/kg) and Pervoklassnitsa (1.0 mg/kg) varieties. The Zephyr variety had the lowest copper content in its berries: 0.4 mg/kg. The control variant of the Zephyr variety was distinguished in its iron content (4.6 mg/kg). After foliar treatments with Fe 2% + 8 micronutrient elements, the maximum amount of iron in the berries was recorded in the Solnechnaya Polyanka variety: 4.4 mg/kg. The Elista and Zephyr varieties had a rich biochemical composition without treatment with micronutrient elements. The Pervoklassnitsa and Solnechnaya Polyanka varieties were responsive to foliar feeding with micronutrient elements.

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## 1. Introduction

Strawberries are a widespread berry crop among the population of the Krasnoyarsk Territory. Despite its low winter hardiness in a sharply continental climate, it is valued for its yield, large-fruit, high taste qualities of fresh berries and their processed products [1].

T.G. Prichko, M.G. Germanov and T.L. Smelyk [2] note that, consuming the usual diet for modern humans, the body loses 40-60% of the required amount of vitamins and biologically significant macro- and micronutrients. Garden strawberry berries are the

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richest source of an antioxidant complex, mainly C and P vitamins. The well-known hematogenous (the creation of blood) effect of strawberries is associated with the presence of vitamins C, B9, and iron [3].

Currently, a healthy lifestyle is being actively promoted among the population of Russia, while interest in biologically active substances of natural origin obtained from plant products is increasing [4]. In this regard, obtaining high quality strawberries with a rich biochemical composition of the fruits is one of the tasks of the horticulture industry [5–7].

Agricultural practices for optimizing of mineral nutrition in modern gardening is given an important role, while increasing the productivity of agricultural plants, including fruit and berry, as well as their environmental sustainability [8; 9, 10]. Nutrients can enter plants not only through the roots, but also through the stems and leaves. Therefore, one of the most promising methods of using fertilizers is non – root processing. Mechanisms of non-root nutrition and their role in determining the quality of fruits have not been studied enough. Growing conditions, varieties, agricultural techniques, as well as applied fertilizers can affect the accumulation of micronutrient elements in fruits and thus have a corrective effect on their nutritional and vitamin value [11, 12].

The aim of the research is to study the effect of foliar dressing on the biochemical composition of strawberries in the conditions of the Krasnoyarsk forest-steppe.

## 2. Methods and Equipment

The research was conducted in 2018-2020. The planting material of strawberry varieties for the experiment was purchased at the State fruit and berry variety testing site in Shushenskoye (Krasnoyarsk territory) and complied with the standart [13]. Research objects – garden strawberry varieties Elista, Pervoklassnitsa, Zephyr, Solnechnaya Polyanka. Landing pattern 70 × 30 cm, single-row, narrow-band. The area of the experimental plot is 44.1 m<sup>2</sup>. Repeatability is 3 times, and placement is systematic. The experimental options included exogenous treatment (spraying) with water solutions of nutrient elements in chelate form (manufacturer LLC RIC BashInkom, Ufa): 1) control (spraying with water); 2) N-1.6% + 8 minor nutrient element (Fe-0.4%, Cu-0.12%, B-0.028%, Mn-0.36%, Zn-0.09%, Mg-0.05 %, Mo-0.08%, Co-0.016%); 3) Cu 1% + 7 minor nutrient element (Mn-0.018%, Fe-0.02%, Mo-0.004%, Co-0.00018%, B-0.0014%, Zn-0.0045%, Mg-0.0025%); 4) Fe 2% + 7 minor nutrient elements (Mn-0.018%, Cu-0.006%, Co-0.0008%, B-0.0014%, Mo-0.004%, Zn-0.0045%, Mg-0.0025 %).

Laboratory analysis of soil samples from the experimental site and analysis of berries were carried out at the Research Center of the Krasnoyarsk State Agrarian University. The content of trace elements in berries was determined by the atomic adsorption method on the spectrophotometer “PinAAcle 900T.” Mathematical processing of the research results was carried out by the method of analysis of variance [14] using the MS Excel computer program.

### 3. Results and Discussion

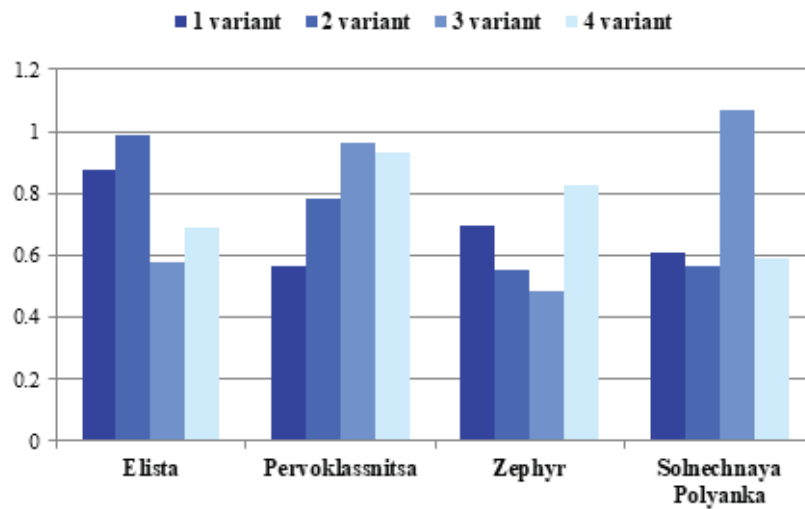
The soil of the experimental site is black soil, characterized by a high humus content of 8.3% and a neutral reaction of the soil medium (pH<sub>water</sub> 7.5). The agrochemical background of the soil when planting garden strawberry bushes in the open ground indicates its high fertility in terms of a set of indicators and met the requirements for the cultivation of this crop. At the same time, there is a shortage of micronutrient elements in the soil at the experimental site: low content-Cd (0.2), Cu (0.5 mg/kg), Zn (1.3 mg/kg), Co (0.6 mg/kg), Cr (0.3 mg/kg). Availability of manganese (65.4 mg / kg) and lead (2.0 mg/kg) is average.

TABLE 1: The content of macro- and micronutrients in the experimental plot soil, 2018

Index	Content in samples, mg / kg	Degree of security
Nitrate-nitrogen	20.2	Very high
Ammonium nitrate	20.1	Very high
Potassium according to Chirikov	399.5	Very high
Phosphorus according to Chirikov	526.4	Very high
Lead	2.0	Average
Cadmium	0.2	Low
Copper	0.5	Low
Zinc	1.3	Low
Nickel	0.4	Low
Cobalt	0.6	Low
Chromium	0.3	Low
Manganese	65.4	Average

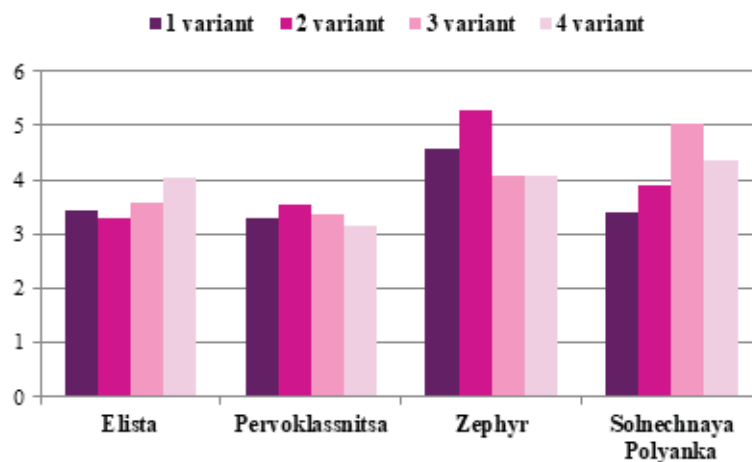
Since the experiment studied the effect of foliar dressing with compositions of micronutrient elements with an increased content of copper (III variant) and iron (IV variant), taking into account the accumulation of these trace elements in berries, the following results were obtained: according to the accumulation of copper, the Elista variety (0.9 mg/kg) on the control variant of the experiment (water treatment). After non-root treatments of Cu 1% + 8 trace elements, the highest copper content was noted

in berries of the varieties Solnechnaya Polyanka (1.1 mg/kg) and Pervoklassnitsa (1.0 mg/kg). The Zephyr variety showed the lowest Cu content in berries - 0.4 mg/kg (Figure 1).



**Figure 1:** The effect of foliar treatments on the copper content in the berries of garden strawberry by experiment variants, mg/kg, 2019

According to the iron content in the berries, the Zephyr variety (4.6 mg/kg) was distinguished in the control variant, after foliar treatments with Fe 2% + 8 trace elements, the maximum amount of iron in the berries was recorded in the Solnechnaya Polyanka variety - 4.4 mg/kg. The Elista and Zephyr varieties showed almost equal results, 4.0 mg/kg and 3.8 mg/kg, respectively (Figure 2).



**Figure 2:** The effect of foliar treatments on the iron content in the berries of garden strawberry by experiment variants, mg/kg, 2019

Dispersion analysis of data on the accumulation of trace elements in strawberries indicates that there are no statistically significant differences in varieties and variants of experience (Table 02).

TABLE 2: Dispersion analysis of micronutrient accumulation in garden strawberry berries

Element	Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F	P-significance	F-critical
Mn	Variety	0.003756	2	0.001878	0.648752	0.570134	6.944272
	Experience variant	0.002756	2	0.001378	0.476008	0.652463	6.944272
Fe	Variety	0.008089	2	0.004044	0.729459	0.536917	6.944272
	Experience variant	0.018489	2	0.009244	1.667335	0.297412	6.944272
Cu	Variety	0.001089	2	0.000544	1.580645	0.311988	6.944272
	Experience variant	0.000689	2	0.000344	1	0.444444	6.944272
Mg	Variety	0.005756	2	0.002878	0.087088	0.918287	6.944272
	Experience variant	0.004422	2	0.002211	0.066913	0.936301	6.944272
Ni	Variety	0.0002	2	1E-04	0.5	0.64	6.944272
	Experience variant	0.0008	2	0.0004	2	0.25	6.944272

Berries of the Elista cultivar in the control variant showed the highest content of a number of microelements (Mn, Mg, Ni, Fe, Cu). The Zephyr variety also had an excess of Mg accumulation in the control variant relative to the variants with micronutrient treatment

## 4. Conclusion

Elista and Zephyr were varieties with a rich biochemical composition, without treatment with trace elements. On the other hand, the varieties Pervoklassnitsa and Solnechnaya Polyanka showed responsiveness to foliar feeding with microelements.

## Conflict of Interest

The authors have no conflict of interest to declare.

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