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Effects of composted sludge application on greenhouse gases emissions from paddy soil and heavy metals accumulation in soil and plant

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With the increase in municipal sludge, applying sludge in agriculture has been of great concern. A field experiment was conducted to investigate the effects of three different fertilization practices (CK, no N-fertilizer application; N240, applying N-fertilizer at a rate of 240 kg N ha⁻¹; OF, applying composted sludge at a rate of 240 kg N ha⁻¹) on methane and nitrous oxide emissions from paddy soils and heavy metals accumulation in soil and plant. The results showed that methane emission of treatment OF was 68.09 kg ha⁻¹, being approximately 2-fold those of treatments N240 and CK (p<0.05). The N₂O emission of treatment OF was 0.94 kg N ha⁻¹, being 46% lower than that of treatment N240 (p<0.05) and 6-fold that of treatment CK (p<0.05). The contents of the total heavy metals in the soil were far below the national standard of environmental quality standards for soils for Grade II (GB 1518-1995) and no significant difference was observed among three treatments (p>0.05). Different heavy metals accumulated in different parts of the plant. The accumulation of Zn, Cd was straw>crust >seed, and Cr, Ni, Cu was crust>straw>seed. For treatment OF, the content of Cu in rice grain was 10% (p>0.05) less than that of treatment N240, but the contents of Cr, Zn and Cd in rice grain were 76%, 31% and 50% (p<0.05) higher than that of treatment N240, respectively.

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Biography

Jing Ma has her expertise in greenhouse gases emissions and mitigation mechanisms in agriculture

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