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2014 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Prickly Pear Cactus

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Location: San Martin of the Pyramids, State of Mexico, Mexico

Variety: Opuntia ficus-indica (L.) Mill

Experimental design: A cactus field was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated areas to determine the effect of the product on yield. Two applications of Vitazyme were made.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme (2x)

Fertilization: unknown

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: (1) Just before bud break (February 7, 2014) at 1 liter/ha, and (2) about two months later (April 14), also at 1 liter/ha. A pallet gun was used for the applications, with 1 liter of Vitazyme in 1,100 liters of water sprayed on 1 hectare. Along with Vitazyme, for the first application, were added 10 liters/ha of a phosphorus fertilizer, 22 kg/ha of KCl, 2 liters/ha of Afidox, 2 liters/ha of Lucaban, and 2 liters/ha of Sulcoflu.

<u>Harvest date</u>: May 26 to June 20, 2014 <u>*Yield results*</u>:

Treatment	Area	Yield	Yield increase	20		
		tons/ha	tons/ha	20	Cactus yield,	
Control	1 ha	15.0	_	18	tons/ha	1
Vitazyme	1 ha	18.0	3.0 (+20%)	16		

Increase in yield with Vitazyme: 20%



Two applications of Vitazyme produced an excellent yield increase, of 20% in this Mexican prickly pear cactus study.