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We have reached a decision regarding your submission to Biodiversitas Journal of Biological Diversity, "The growth and yield responses of two bean cultivars to organic and inorganic nitrogen sources".

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# THE GROWTH AND YIELD RESPONSES OF TWO BEAN CULTIVARS TO ORGANIC AND INORGANIC NITROGEN SOURCES

**Abstract.** The productivity of beans can be increased by selecting cultivars and applying fertilizers in accordance with the needs of the bean plants. The use of high yielding cultivar and the application of N fertilizers with the right dosage can overcome the low production. The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of N sources on the growth and production of two cultivar of beans. The study used a 5x2 factorial treatment design in a randomized block design with three replications. The first factor is the Perkasa cultivar and the Lebat-3 cultivar. The second factor is fertilizer (N), namely control, Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, 10%, 20%, 30% concentration of liquid organic fertilizer (LOF). The results showed that the use of lamtoro leaf LOF with the right dose can be used as an alternative to N fertilization. Bean cultivar did not significantly affect the growth parameters of green beans. The effect of 20% LOF produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and plant dry weight (4.52 g), while Urea produced the highest plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW) and the number of stomata (22 / mm<sup>2</sup>). The use of a combination of 20% LOF and Perkasa cultivar showed the best effect on the number of pods per plant (5.67) and the highest bean production (846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>)

**Key words:** chlorophyll, liquid organic fertilizers, stomata, urea, cultivar

## I. INTRODUCTION

The green bean plant (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) is one of the legume group plants which is a source of vegetable protein which is widely consumed by the Indonesian people so that it has good potential to be developed because it has an important role in fulfilling health needs as a nutritious food ingredient. According to Rihana et al. (2013), beans are a vegetable source of vegetable protein and are rich in vitamins A, B, and C and can overcome several diseases such as oxidative stress, cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes and synromic metabolism (Camara et al., 2013). As the population increases, the need for fresh food and vegetables also continues to increase. To increase the production of green beans, it is necessary to apply good cultivation techniques and environmental management for plant growth. One of the efforts that can be done is balanced fertilization and match with the needs of the plants. The productivity of green beans can be increased by using improved cultivar and cultivation systems. There are many cultivars of green beans. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), each cultivar has different genetic characteristics, which cause differences in appearance and character as well as different responses to production factors.

Fertilization is one way to meet the nutrient needs of nitrogen in green beans. Fertilization of N derived from inorganic and organic fertilizers. Nitrogen is a major nutrient needed by green beans, which plays an important role in the formation of chlorophyll, protoplasm, protein, and nucleic acids (Fahmi et al., 2010). The plant's need for N is higher than other nutrients. Pahlevi et al. (2016) said that the nutrient N affects the photosynthetic process of plants and the resulting photosynthate. According to Maghfoer et al. (2018), inorganic fertilizers can produce large growth and yields for plants. However, the continuous use of inorganic fertilizers can interfere with soil fertility and productivity. Therefore an alternative is needed to reduce the use of inorganic fertilizers, namely using organic fertilizers.

Availability of nitrogen could be supplied with liquid organic fertilizers (LOF). Liquid organic fertilizer is an organic fertilizer that is available in liquid form, which contains nutrients in the form of a solution so that it is very easily absorbed by plants. Liquid organic fertilizer can be utilized by sprinkling it on plants or spraying on the leaves or stems of plants. Organic fertilizers can be made from plant waste available in the surrounding environment. The advantage of using liquid organic fertilizers is that their distribution can be adjusted to the needs of plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). One example of organic matter that can be used as liquid organic fertilizer source of N is lamtoro leaf. Liquid organic fertilizer derived from lamtoro leaves contains nitrogen nutrients needed for plants (Jeksen and Mutiara, 2017). The N content in lamtoro leaves is quite high, namely 3.84% so that it can be a source of organic N to increase the growth and production of green beans (Palimbungan et al., 2006). Research results by Rizqiani et al. (2007) stated that the application of liquid organic fertilizers increased the fresh weight of pods in green beans and in Duaja's (2013) research, liquid organic fertilizer of kirinyuh (*Chromolaena odorata* L.) provided the highest yield of pods and bean yields per plant.

Plant cultivar is a factor that greatly determines the quality of agricultural products. The use of high-yielding cultivar of beans is expected to increase productivity and yield quality of beans. Each cultivar has different genetic characteristics and traits. Based on genetic characteristics, there will be differences in the character and appearance of each

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cultivar. Examples of high yielding cultivar of beans are Lebat-3 and Perkasa. The advantages of Perkasa cultivar according to the description are having resistance to leaf rust disease, early maturity and having large and long pods. The superiority of Lebat-3 cultivar based on its description is that it is well adapted to the low-highlands, has early maturity and has high yield potential. The results by Sinaga et al. (2017) showed that the use of cultivar had a significant effect on the growth and yield of beans. According to Duaja (2013), there is an interaction between the use of bean cultivar and liquid organic fertilizers on the number of pods and the yield of beans.

The fertilizer requirement by each cultivar is different. This is due to the genetic characteristics of these cultivar, so that the selection of fertilizer types and fertilizer requirements need to be considered. The proper doses of liquid organic fertilizers as needed is also a factor that affects plant growth. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), differences in genetic traits of cultivar may show different responses to the environment and production factors. Based on this, it is hypothesized that there will be a different response of two beans cultivar to the treatment of different types and doses of fertilizers sources, because each cultivar has different genetic and character traits towards environmental influences and existing production factors. This study aims to determine the effect of nitrogen sources on the growth and production of two cultivar of beans.

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## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

This research was conducted on the experimental research area of the City of Sepang Jaya, Labuhan Ratu District, Bandar Lampung from January to March 2020. The research began with soil cultivation using hoes. The land is loosened with a depth of 20-30 cm and evenly processed and an experimental plot is made with a size of 3 x 2.5 m. The planting of the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar was carried out by drilling the planting holes. The seeds given to each planting hole are 2 seeds with a spacing of 40 cm x 40 cm.

Preparation of liquid fertilizer is done by mixing the chopped lamtoro leaves (1 kg of lamtoro leaves: 2 liters of water), with 200 ml of molasses and 200 ml of EM4 in a drum then fermenting for 15 days. The liquid is filtered and ready to be applied to plants. Inorganic fertilizers given were Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g / plot) given at the beginning of planting and 30 day after planting (DAP), SP-36 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (150 g plot<sup>-1</sup>), and KCL 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>). Fertilization is done in an strip with a distance of 5 cm from the plant.

The application of liquid organic fertilizer is conducted by spraying it on the top of the plant and the bottom of the plant (60:40). This LOF spraying is carried out once a week using a concentration of 10% (100 ml LOF solution + 900 ml water), 20% (200 ml LOF solution + 800 ml water), and 30% (300 ml LOF solution + 700 ml water).

Plant maintenance includes weeding manually and thinning. Harvesting is carried out in stages according to the harvest age of each cultivar. The characteristics of the beans that are ready to be harvested, the color of the pods is rather young and gloomy, the skin surface is a bit rough, the seeds in the pods are not yet prominent, and when the pods are broken, they will usually make a popping sound that usually occurs 2-3 weeks after the flowers bloom.

The parameters observed were plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, chlorophyll, carotenoids, number of stomata, greenness of leaves, symptoms of N deficiency, number of pods per plant, dry weight, and production. The method used to observe the stomata on the leaf surface is the replica method, in which the leaves are first cleaned with a tissue to remove dust or dirt, then rubbed with a transparent nail polish. The nail polish is allowed to dry for a few minutes, after which the nail polish is applied dry with a transparent strip of tape measuring 1 cm x 1 cm in size and smoothed, then peeled off slowly. The result of the peel is then attached to the slide and observed under a microscope.

Measurement of chlorophyll and carotenoid content was carried out using the spectrophotometric method. The green beans are crushed using a mortar and 100 ml of 70% alcohol solution is added. Then the extract was filtered and the filtrate was placed in a cuvet to measure the total chlorophyll and carotenoid content using a spectrophotometer. According to Rahimi et al. (2019) the chlorophyll and carotenoid content was calculated using the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Chlorophyll } a &= 11,24 \times A_{662} - 2,04 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Chlorophyll } b &= 20,13 \times A_{645} - 4,19 \times A_{662} \\ \text{Chlorophyll total} &= 7,05 \times A_{662} + 18,09 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Carotenoid} &= \frac{(1000 \times A_{470} - 1,90 \times \text{klorofil } a - 63,14 \times \text{klorofil } b)}{214} \end{aligned}$$

## Data analysis

The treatment design used was factorial (2 x 5) in a randomized block design (RBD) with three replications in order to obtain 30 experimental units. The first factor is the bean cultivars, namely Perkasa and Lebat-3. The second factor is the source of nitrogen, namely control, Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30%. Data were tested by Tukey's test. If the assumption of variance is met, the data is analyzed for variance, then the comparison of the mean between treatments is tested using the Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) 5%.

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## III RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of LOF analysis showed that the N content in the LOF of lamtoro leaves was 0.16%, had a C-Organic content of 3.08%, N-total was 0.16%, P-total was 0.18% and K was 0.56% with a pH of 3.64. The results of the analysis showed that the C/N of the lamtoro LOF ratio was 19.25. C/N ratio has met the standard of organic fertilizer. A good C/N ratio is between 15-20%. A high C/N ratio causes the biological activity of microorganisms to decrease, while a C/N ratio that is too low will cause denitrification.

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**Table 1.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight plant.

Treatment	Plant height (cm)	Number of trifoliolate leaves 6 weeks after planting	Dry weight plant (g)
Perkasa Cultivar	133.60 a	7.20 a	3.21 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	137.63 a	8.11 a	3.17 a
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	18.47	1.43	0.92
Control	94.71 c	5.57 b	1.95 b
Urea	171.48 a	8.50 ab	3.78 ab
LOF 10%	150.60 ab	9.11 a	3.13 ab
LOF 20%	148.02 ab	8.81 ab	4.52 a
LOF 30%	113.29 bc	6.30 ab	2.58 ab
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	42.11	3.25	2.09

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The results showed that the application of N sources and cultivar did not affect plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight. In plant height, the number of plant height in the control was shorter than the treatment of urea, 10% LOF, 20% LOF, and 30% LOF. The application of N sources to Urea, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% did not differ (Table 1). The number of trifoliolate leaves given control was less than LOF 10%, while the number of trifoliolate leaves treated with Urea, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% had relatively the same results (Table 1). Provision of 20% N LOF source resulted in heavier dry stover weight than control, while the distribution of Urea, 10% LOF, and 20% LOF was not different. Giving source of N between controls, Urea, LOF 10%, and LOF 30% resulted in no different dry weight (Table 1).

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**Table 2.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on, chlorophyll, carotenoid of leaves, and number of stomata.

Treatment	Chlorophyll (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	Carotenoid (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	The number of stomata (/mm <sup>2</sup> )
Perkasa Cultivar	12.92 a	1.59 a	14.40 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	13.24 a	1.88 a	14.67 a
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	1.16	0.29	3.50
Control	9.68 b	1.38 b	8.50 c
Urea	15.93 a	2.35 a	22.00 a
LOF 10%	15.56 a	1.69 ab	11.50 bc
LOF 20%	13.77 a	1.76 ab	17.83 ab
LOF 30%	10.46 b	1.47 b	12.83 bc
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	2.64	0.67	8.05

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The results showed that the provision of N sources and cultivar did not affect chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of stomata in green beans. In chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of leaf stomata of Perkasa Cultivar did not differ compared to Cultivar Lebat-3. The chlorophyll content given the control was lower than Urea, while the control chlorophyll was not different compared to the LOF 30%. Chlorophyll treated with Urea did not differ compared to LOF 10% and LOF 20% (Table 2). The provision of N Urea sources resulted in a higher carotenoid content than the control, while the application of Urea, 10% LOF, and 30% LOF was not different (Table 2). The application of N source between controls, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% resulted in no different carotenoid content. The provision of N Urea source produced the highest number of stomata compared to the control, while the provision of Urea and 20% LOF was not different. LOF application of 10%, 20%, and 30% also produced no different numbers of stomata (Table 2).

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**Table 3.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on dry weight plant, number of pods, greenness leaves and yield two cultivar bean.

Parameter	Source N	Cultivar		HSD <sub>0,05</sub>
		Perkasa	Lebat-3	
Greenness of the leaves	Control	18.31 Ab	17.54 Ab	9.34
	Urea	27.79 Aa	28.91 Aa	
	LOF 10%	20.13 Aab	28.11 Aa	
	LOF 20%	24.06 Aab	24.19 Aa	
	LOF 30%	28.96 Aa	21.81 Aab	
Number of pods	Control	5.46 Ac	2.50 Ab	4.40
	Urea	9.13 Aab	9.05 Aa	
	LOF 10%	9.96 Aab	12.13 Aa	
	LOF 20%	13.38 Aa	4.67 Bab	
	LOF 30%	6.92 Abc	3.75 Ab	
Yield of green bean (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Control	231.11 Ac	113.33 Ab	220.24
	Urea	720.89 Aab	429.78 Aa	
	LOF 10%	565.33 Ab	515.56 Aa	
	LOF 20%	846.67 Aa	181.33 Bb	
	LOF 30%	333.78 Ac	148.00 Ab	

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The results showed that the level of leaf greenness, number of pods, and bean production were significantly affected by the interaction of N sources and bean cultivar (Table 3). The results showed that the interaction between Perkasa cultivar and 20% LOF resulted in the highest number of bean pods per plant and was not significantly different from the treatment of 10% liquid organic fertilizer and urea. The effect of the combination treatment of Lebat-3 cultivar with 10% LOF resulted in the largest number of bean pods and was not significantly different from the treatment of Urea

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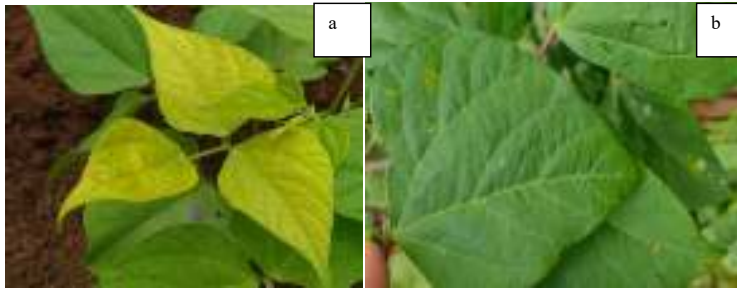
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and 20% LOF (Table 3). In the Perkasa cultivar, the plants treated with Urea and LOF 20% fert had a higher production, while for the green level of the leaves, the 30% LOF treatment produced the highest level of leaf greenness compared to the others but was still relatively the same as the other treatments of N sources. In Lebat-3 cultivar, 10% Urea and LOF treatment had high leaf greenness and production compared to other treatments (Table 3).

#### Symptoms of N Deficiency (Figure 1.)

Symptoms of nitrogen nutrient deficiency occur in green bean leaves. Symptoms of deficiency of nitrogen nutrients occur in the leaves of plants without treatment (control), with the characteristic that the green bean leaves appear yellowish compared to the leaves treated with nitrogen fertilizer. Normal leaves have a fresh green leaf color (Figure 1). Santosa et al. (2017) stated that the use of chemical fertilizers not only increases production costs but also decreases productivity and leads to gradually higher risks. Nitrogen for plants must be in accordance with the needs of the plant. According to Zainal et al. (2014). Lack of this nutrient will cause the leaves to experience chlorosis which is indicated by yellowing of the leaves, whereas if excess Nitrogen will accelerate plant growth, especially on the stems, the leaves will turn dark green and the plants become secondary.

**Figure 1.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on deficiency N



Description: Comparison of deficiency N (a) The color of the leaf deficient N (b) The color of the normal leaf

#### Discussion

The application of N fertilizers affected plant height (Table 2). This is supported by the research of Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017) which states that nitrogen fertilizer has a significant effect and results in the growth of tea plants. Nitrogen can increase plant height due to increased leaf area and the rate of photosynthesis so that the production of assimilation and dry matter also increases (Chaturdevi, 2005).

The results showed that the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar had no different effect on the number of trifoliolate leaves. It is assumed that the source of N is more dominant in increasing the number of trifoliolate leaves and weight of dry stems. At 10% LOF treatment produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves and was not different from LOF 20%, LOF 30%, and Urea. The number of trifoliolate leaves in green beans is influenced by the availability of N nutrients. According to Pramitasari et al. (2016), the more N is absorbed by the plant, the leaves will grow larger and larger. The effect of LOF lamtoro leaves in increasing plant yields was also stated by Pary (2015) which stated that giving LOF of lamtoro leaves showed significant plant growth in the parameters of plant height, number of leaves, and fresh weight of mustard greens, by Hidayat and Suharyana (2019) which stated that giving LOF leaves lamtoro showed the highest yield on the number of pakcoy leaves, by Septirosya et al. (2019) which states that giving LOF lamtoro can increase the growth and number of fruit in tomato plants. The number of trifoliolate leaves is a plant characteristic that affects the speed of photosynthesis to capture sunlight. The number of leaves increased significantly when fertilized with organic nitrogen sources. An increased number of leaves can be obtained at the N content in LOF. According to Amin (2011), Nitrogen will increase plant growth and height so that it will produce a lot of internodes and these will produce more leaves.

The results showed that the provision of N sources affected the dry weight of the plants. LOF 20% produced the highest dry weight of green beans and was not significantly different from Urea and LOF 10%. It is assumed that the availability of sufficient nutrients in an appropriate amount in the treatment affects plant growth and production. The high dry stover weight was influenced by the initial vegetative growth of green beans because the dry stover weight was related to the number of leaves and plant fresh weight. According to Arista et al. (2015) Nitrogen is an element that functions to

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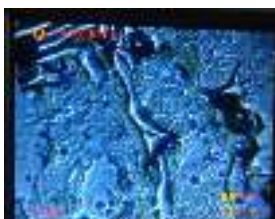
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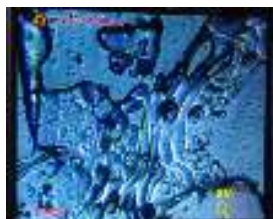
increase leaf size and increase the percentage of protein. The more leaves and this protein will increase the dry stover weight in plants. According to Madusari (2019), liquid organic fertilizers tend to determine plant growth and good nutrient absorption which can increase plant stem diameter, so that liquid organic fertilizers can increase plant dry weight.

The results showed that the effect of urea fertilizer treatment produced the highest chlorophyll content and was not significantly different from the 20% and 10% liquid organic fertilizer treatments. In this study, Urea fertilizer treatment produced the highest carotenoid content and was not significantly different in the 10%, 20%, and 30% liquid organic fertilizer treatment. Chlorophyll and leaf carotenoids did not affect the leaf cultivar. According to Bojovic et al. (2005), the leaf color of each cultivar and certain cultivar did not directly correlate with leaf chlorophyll content. The content of chlorophyll and carotenoids can be affected by the availability of N nutrients. According to Wijiyanti (2019) nitrogen is the main nutrient needed for the formation of chlorophyll and carotenoids. This is also in line with the research of Razaq et al. (2017) synthesis of chlorophyll and carotenoids depends on optimal N availability so that N can play an important role in the formation of photosynthetic pigments. According to Hendriyani et al., (2018) carotenoids and chlorophyll are complementary pigments, but carotenoids have less numbers than chlorophyll because carotenoids play a role in helping the absorption of light by chlorophyll.

The results of observing the number of stomata in the two cultivar of green beans showed that nitrogen fertilizer affected the number of stomata (Table 1). The two cultivar of green beans gave the same response, and the application of inorganic fertilizers produced more stomata than the other treatments. Nitrogen fertilizer treatment on green beans had a significant effect on the number of stomata (Figure 1). Based on Figure 1, it can be seen that all treatments with source N have a higher number of stomata than those without N source (control). The number of stomata in plants affects the metabolic process in plants, namely photosynthesis. The rate of photosynthesis increases as the number of stomata increases so that plant production also increases. This is supported by Proklapmasiningsih et al. (2012), which states that the rate of photosynthesis in plants is closely related to the production of the resulting plant. According to Putri et al. (2017), stomata play an important role in the photosynthesis process because they function as a place to exchange CO<sub>2</sub> in the leaves. The highest number of stomata was found in urea treatment, both in Perkasa cultivar and thick-3 cultivar. In Figure 2, it can be seen that an increase in the number of stomata results in an increased stomata density.



Perkasa Cultivar (control)



Lebat-3 Cultivar (control)



Perkasa Cultivar (Urea)



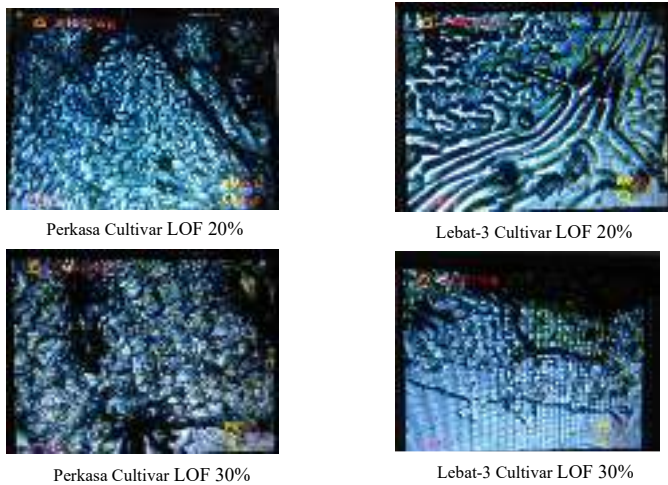
Lebat-3 Cultivar (Urea)



Perkasa Cultivar LOF 10%



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Figure 2. The number of stomata on Perkasa and Lebat-3

The application of nitrogen fertilizers also affects the greenness of the leaves. Nitrogen is an important part of increasing leaf greenness in plants (Faustina et al., 2015). According to Pramitasari et al. (2016) stated that the N nutrient affects plant growth, appearance, color so that the plant parts turn green because they contain chlorophyll. The results of Table 4 also show that the responses given to each cultivar to the N source are also different. According to Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017), the level of greenness of the leaves indicates that the plant has sufficient nitrogen levels and indicates healthy planting conditions. In Perkasa cultivar, the highest average leaf greenness was 30% LOF treatment and followed by Urea fertilizer treatment of  $100 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$ , LOF 20% and LOF 30%. In Lebat-3 cultivar, the highest average leaf greenness was treated with Urea fertilizer  $100 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$  and followed by LOF 10%, LOF 20% and LOF 30% treatment. The observations indicated that the average value of leaf greenness of plants treated with nitrogen fertilizers with organic and inorganic fertilizers was much higher than plants without nitrogen fertilizers. The treatment without N fertilizer had low greenness.

The results showed that the provision of N sources and cultivar affected the number of bean pods per plant. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced the highest number of bean pods per plant and was not significantly different from the treatment of 10% liquid organic fertilizer and urea. Cultivar Lebat-3 with LOF 10% produced the highest number of bean pods and was not significantly different from the urea fertilizer treatment. The use of bean cultivar in N fertilizer had a different effect on the number of bean pods. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced more number of bean pods compared to the Lebat-3 cultivar treatment. In this study, the provision of LOF 20% and LOF 10% was sufficient for the growth of green beans and was no different from urea. According to Permanasari et al. (2014) In generative plant growth, chlorophyll formation will play a very important role in the process of plant photosynthate formation. In addition, the use of cultivar and N also affects the genetic characteristics of plants in the number of pods. Based on the research results, it is suspected that nitrogen can increase the chlorophyll content of leaves, which is important for photosynthesis and has a role in the number of bean pods. In addition, plant genetic traits in the two cultivar influenced the different responses to N fertilization. According to Beshir et al. (2015) stated that different cultivars have an effect in increasing the photosynthetic area (leaf area index), so that more pods are formed.

The results showed that there was a symptom of N deficiency in green bean leaves without nitrogen fertilizer. Symptoms that arise are the color of old leaves that are yellowish green compared to normal leaves which are fresh green. According to Erythrina et al. (2016) Nitrogen is the main nutrient in the formation of leaf color because nitrogen will play a role in increasing leaf green matter and protein. Giving nitrogen will increase the green color of the leaves and if it is



deficient in nitrogen, it reduces the formation of chlorophyll, causing the leaves to appear yellowish. According to Bojovic et al. (2009) nitrogen deficiency causes a reduction in leaf greenish color, decreases leaf area, and reduces photosynthesis because nitrogen has a linear correlation with leaf chlorophyll formation.

Lebat-3 cultivar requires a lower LOF concentration compared to Perkasa cultivar. From the results in Table 4, it can be seen that the Perkasa Cultivar 20% LOF treatment resulted in higher production compared to other treatments and was not significantly different from the 100% recommended Urea treatment. This is thought to be due to the excess liquid organic fertilizer which does not undergo a dissolving process so that it can be easily absorbed by plants. (Ginandjar et al., 2019). In Lebat-3 cultivar, 10% LOF treatment resulted in higher production compared to other treatments and was not significantly different from the recommended 100% Urea treatment. According to Chaturdevi (2005), nitrogen fertilization with the right dose can affect grain yield in rice and other parameters in each cultivar. The use of N sources for plants affects the results of the photosynthesis process. This is supported by Rathke (2005), who states that increasing the source of N can increase yield. This is due to the function of nitrogen which can increase the chlorophyll content so that the rate of photosynthesis also increases and produces high carbohydrates for plants (Chaudary et al., 2015). The production of Lebat-3 cultivar was lower than that of Perkasa cultivar in the recommended 100% Urea treatment and 20% LOF. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that the differences in the characters possessed by cultivar are caused by differences in genetic composition in each cultivar so that they show different responses to the environment and production factors. The positive effect of using liquid organic fertilizers from lamtoro leaves in increasing crop yields was also found by Duaja et al. (2013) on chickpeas, Palimbangan et al. (2006) on mustard plants, Septirosya et al. (2019) on tomato plants, and Ainiya et al. (2019) on sweet corn plants.

#### CONCLUSION

Based on the research results, the use of LOF lamtoro leaves with the right dose can be used as an alternative to N fertilization in plants. Nitrogen is very influential on the growth and production of green beans. Treatment of bean cultivar did not significantly affect the growth parameters of green beans. The effect of 20% LOF can increase the parameters of the number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and plant dry weight (4.52 g), while Urea can increase the growth variable of plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW) and the number of stomata (22/mm<sup>2</sup>). Treatment of Perkasa cultivar at 20% LOF resulted in the highest bean production of 846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, while treatment of Lebat-3 cultivar at 10% LOF resulted in the highest bean production of 515.56 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>.

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# THE GROWTH AND YIELD RESPONSES OF TWO BEAN CULTIVARS TO ORGANIC AND INORGANIC NITROGEN SOURCES

**Abstract.** The productivity of beans can be increased by selecting cultivars and applying fertilizers in accordance with the needs of the bean plants. The use of high yielding cultivar and the application of N fertilizers with the right dosage can overcome the low production. The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of N sources on the growth and production of two cultivar of beans. The study used a 5x2 factorial treatment design in a randomized block design with three replications. The first factor is the Perkasa cultivar and the Lebat-3 cultivar. The second factor is fertilizer (N), namely control, Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, 10%, 20%, 30% concentration of liquid organic fertilizer (LOF). The results showed that the use of lamtoro leaf LOF with the right dose can be used as an alternative to N fertilization. Bean cultivar did not significantly affect the growth parameters of green beans. The effect of 20% LOF produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and plant dry weight (4.52 g), while Urea produced the highest plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW) and the number of stomata (22 / mm<sup>2</sup>). The use of a combination of 20% LOF and Perkasa cultivar showed the best effect on the number of pods per plant (5.67) and the highest bean production (846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>)

**Key words:** chlorophyll, liquid organic fertilizers, stomata, urea, cultivar

## I. INTRODUCTION

The green bean plant (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) is one of the legume group plants which is a source of vegetable protein which is widely consumed by the Indonesian people so that it has good potential to be developed because it has an important role in fulfilling health needs as a nutritious food ingredient. According to Rihana et al. (2013), beans are a vegetable source of vegetable protein and are rich in vitamins A, B, and C and can overcome several diseases such as oxidative stress, cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes and synromic metabolism (Camara et al., 2013). As the population increases, the need for fresh food and vegetables also continues to increase. To increase the production of green beans, it is necessary to apply good cultivation techniques and environmental management for plant growth. One of the efforts that can be done is balanced fertilization and match with the needs of the plants. The productivity of green beans can be increased by using improved cultivar and cultivation systems. There are many cultivars of green beans. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), each cultivar has different genetic characteristics, which cause differences in appearance and character as well as different responses to production factors.

Fertilization is one way to meet the nutrient needs of nitrogen in green beans. Fertilization of N derived from inorganic and organic fertilizers. Nitrogen is a major nutrient needed by green beans, which plays an important role in the formation of chlorophyll, protoplasm, protein, and nucleic acids (Fahmi et al., 2010). The plant's need for N is higher than other nutrients. Pahlevi et al. (2016) said that the nutrient N affects the photosynthetic process of plants and the resulting photosynthate. According to Maghfoer et al. (2018), inorganic fertilizers can produce large growth and yields for plants. However, the continuous use of inorganic fertilizers can interfere with soil fertility and productivity. Therefore an alternative is needed to reduce the use of inorganic fertilizers, namely using organic fertilizers.

Availability of nitrogen could be supplied with liquid organic fertilizers (LOF). Liquid organic fertilizer is an organic fertilizer that is available in liquid form, which contains nutrients in the form of a solution so that it is very easily absorbed by plants. Liquid organic fertilizer can be utilized by sprinkling it on plants or spraying on the leaves or stems of plants. Organic fertilizers can be made from plant waste available in the surrounding environment. The advantage of using liquid organic fertilizers is that their distribution can be adjusted to the needs of plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). One example of organic matter that can be used as liquid organic fertilizer source of N is lamtoro leaf. Liquid organic fertilizer derived from lamtoro leaves contains nitrogen nutrients needed for plants (Jeksen and Mutiara, 2017). The N content in lamtoro leaves is quite high, namely 3.84% so that it can be a source of organic N to increase the growth and production of green beans (Palimbungan et al., 2006). Research results by Rizqiani et al. (2007) stated that the application of liquid organic fertilizers increased the fresh weight of pods in green beans and in Duaja's (2013) research, liquid organic fertilizer of kirinyuh (*Chromolaena odorata* L.) provided the highest yield of pods and bean yields per plant.

Plant cultivar is a factor that greatly determines the quality of agricultural products. The use of high-yielding cultivar of beans is expected to increase productivity and yield quality of beans. Each cultivar has different genetic characteristics and traits. Based on genetic characteristics, there will be differences in the character and appearance of each

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cultivar. Examples of high yielding cultivar of beans are Lebat-3 and Perkasa. The advantages of Perkasa cultivar according to the description are having resistance to leaf rust disease, early maturity and having large and long pods. The superiority of Lebat-3 cultivar based on its description is that it is well adapted to the low-highlands, has early maturity and has high yield potential. The results by Sinaga et al. (2017) showed that the use of cultivar had a significant effect on the growth and yield of beans. According to Duaja (2013), there is an interaction between the use of bean cultivar and liquid organic fertilizers on the number of pods and the yield of beans.

The fertilizer requirement by each cultivar is different. This is due to the genetic characteristics of these cultivar, so that the selection of fertilizer types and fertilizer requirements need to be considered. The proper doses of liquid organic fertilizers as needed is also a factor that affects plant growth. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), differences in genetic traits of cultivar may show different responses to the environment and production factors. Based on this, it is hypothesized that there will be a different response of two beans cultivar to the treatment of different types and doses of fertilizers sources, because each cultivar has different genetic and character traits towards environmental influences and existing production factors. This study aims to determine the effect of nitrogen sources on the growth and production of two cultivar of beans.

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## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

This research was conducted on the experimental research area of the City of Sepang Jaya, Labuhan Ratu District, Bandar Lampung from January to March 2020. The research began with soil cultivation using hoes. The land is loosened with a depth of 20-30 cm and evenly processed and an experimental plot is made with a size of 3 x 2.5 m. The planting of the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar was carried out by drilling the planting holes. The seeds given to each planting hole are 2 seeds with a spacing of 40 cm x 40 cm.

Preparation of liquid fertilizer is done by mixing the chopped lamtoro leaves (1 kg of lamtoro leaves: 2 liters of water), with 200 ml of molasses and 200 ml of EM4 in a drum then fermenting for 15 days. The liquid is filtered and ready to be applied to plants. Inorganic fertilizers given were Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g / plot) given at the beginning of planting and 30 day after planting (DAP), SP-36 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (150 g plot<sup>-1</sup>), and KCL 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>). Fertilization is done in an strip with a distance of 5 cm from the plant.

The application of liquid organic fertilizer is conducted by spraying it on the top of the plant and the bottom of the plant (60:40). This LOF spraying is carried out once a week using a concentration of 10% (100 ml LOF solution + 900 ml water), 20% (200 ml LOF solution + 800 ml water), and 30% (300 ml LOF solution + 700 ml water).

Plant maintenance includes weeding manually and thinning. Harvesting is carried out in stages according to the harvest age of each cultivar. The characteristics of the beans that are ready to be harvested, the color of the pods is rather young and gloomy, the skin surface is a bit rough, the seeds in the pods are not yet prominent, and when the pods are broken, they will usually make a popping sound that usually occurs 2-3 weeks after the flowers bloom.

The parameters observed were plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, chlorophyll, carotenoids, number of stomata, greenness of leaves, symptoms of N deficiency, number of pods per plant, dry weight, and production. The method used to observe the stomata on the leaf surface is the replica method, in which the leaves are first cleaned with a tissue to remove dust or dirt, then rubbed with a transparent nail polish. The nail polish is allowed to dry for a few minutes, after which the nail polish is applied dry with a transparent strip of tape measuring 1 cm x 1 cm in size and smoothed, then peeled off slowly. The result of the peel is then attached to the slide and observed under a microscope.

Measurement of chlorophyll and carotenoid content was carried out using the spectrophotometric method. The green beans are crushed using a mortar and 100 ml of 70% alcohol solution is added. Then the extract was filtered and the filtrate was placed in a cuvet to measure the total chlorophyll and carotenoid content using a spectrophotometer. According to Rahimi et al. (2019) the chlorophyll and carotenoid content was calculated using the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Chlorophyll } a &= 11,24 \times A_{662} - 2,04 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Chlorophyll } b &= 20,13 \times A_{645} - 4,19 \times A_{662} \\ \text{Chlorophyll total} &= 7,05 \times A_{662} + 18,09 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Carotenoid} &= \frac{(1000 \times A_{470} - 1,90 \times \text{klorofil } a - 63,14 \times \text{klorofil } b)}{214} \end{aligned}$$

## Data analysis

The treatment design used was factorial (2 x 5) in a randomized block design (RBD) with three replications in order to obtain 30 experimental units. The first factor is the bean cultivars, namely Perkasa and Lebat-3. The second factor is the source of nitrogen, namely control, Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30%. Data were tested by Tukey's test. If the assumption of variance is met, the data is analyzed for variance, then the comparison of the mean between treatments is tested using the Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) 5%.

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## III RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of LOF analysis showed that the N content in the LOF of lamtoro leaves was 0.16%, had a C-Organic content of 3.08%, N-total was 0.16%, P-total was 0.18% and K was 0.56% with a pH of 3.64. The results of the analysis showed that the C/N of the lamtoro LOF ratio was 19.25. C/N ratio has met the standard of organic fertilizer. A good C/N ratio is between 15-20%. A high C/N ratio causes the biological activity of microorganisms to decrease, while a C/N ratio that is too low will cause denitrification.

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**Table 1.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight plant.

Treatment	Plant height (cm)	Number of trifoliolate leaves 6 weeks after planting	Dry weight plant (g)
Perkasa Cultivar	133.60 a	7.20 a	3.21 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	137.63 a	8.11 a	3.17 a
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	18.47	1.43	0.92
Control	94.71 c	5.57 b	1.95 b
Urea	171.48 a	8.50 ab	3.78 ab
LOF 10%	150.60 ab	9.11 a	3.13 ab
LOF 20%	148.02 ab	8.81 ab	4.52 a
LOF 30%	113.29 bc	6.30 ab	2.58 ab
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	42.11	3.25	2.09

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The results showed that the application of N sources and cultivar did not affect plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight. In plant height, the number of plant height in the control was shorter than the treatment of urea, 10% LOF, 20% LOF, and 30% LOF. The application of N sources to Urea, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% did not differ (Table 1). The number of trifoliolate leaves given control was less than LOF 10%, while the number of trifoliolate leaves treated with Urea, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% had relatively the same results (Table 1). Provision of 20% N LOF source resulted in heavier dry stover weight than control, while the distribution of Urea, 10% LOF, and 20% LOF was not different. Giving source of N between controls, Urea, LOF 10%, and LOF 30% resulted in no different dry weight (Table 1).

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**Table 2.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on, chlorophyll, carotenoid of leaves, and number of stomata.

Treatment	Chlorophyll (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	Carotenoid (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	The number of stomata (/mm <sup>2</sup> )
Perkasa Cultivar	12.92 a	1.59 a	14.40 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	13.24 a	1.88 a	14.67 a
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	1.16	0.29	3.50
Control	9.68 b	1.38 b	8.50 c
Urea	15.93 a	2.35 a	22.00 a
LOF 10%	15.56 a	1.69 ab	11.50 bc
LOF 20%	13.77 a	1.76 ab	17.83 ab
LOF 30%	10.46 b	1.47 b	12.83 bc
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	2.64	0.67	8.05

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The results showed that the provision of N sources and cultivar did not affect chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of stomata in green beans. In chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of leaf stomata of Perkasa Cultivar did not differ compared to Cultivar Lebat-3. The chlorophyll content given the control was lower than Urea, while the control chlorophyll was not different compared to the LOF 30%. Chlorophyll treated with Urea did not differ compared to LOF 10% and LOF 20% (Table 2). The provision of N Urea sources resulted in a higher carotenoid content than the control, while the application of Urea, 10% LOF, and 30% LOF was not different (Table 2). The application of N source between controls, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% resulted in no different carotenoid content. The provision of N Urea source produced the highest number of stomata compared to the control, while the provision of Urea and 20% LOF was not different. LOF application of 10%, 20%, and 30% also produced no different numbers of stomata (Table 2).

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**Table 3.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on dry weight plant, number of pods, greenness leaves and yield two cultivar bean.

Parameter	Source N	Cultivar		HSD <sub>0,05</sub>
		Perkasa	Lebat-3	
Greenness of the leaves	Control	18.31 Ab	17.54 Ab	9.34
	Urea	27.79 Aa	28.91 Aa	
	LOF 10%	20.13 Aab	28.11 Aa	
	LOF 20%	24.06 Aab	24.19 Aa	
	LOF 30%	28.96 Aa	21.81 Aab	
Number of pods	Control	5.46 Ac	2.50 Ab	4.40
	Urea	9.13 Aab	9.05 Aa	
	LOF 10%	9.96 Aab	12.13 Aa	
	LOF 20%	13.38 Aa	4.67 Bab	
	LOF 30%	6.92 Abc	3.75 Ab	
Yield of green bean (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Control	231.11 Ac	113.33 Ab	220.24
	Urea	720.89 Aab	429.78 Aa	
	LOF 10%	565.33 Ab	515.56 Aa	
	LOF 20%	846.67 Aa	181.33 Bb	
	LOF 30%	333.78 Ac	148.00 Ab	

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The results showed that the level of leaf greenness, number of pods, and bean production were significantly affected by the interaction of N sources and bean cultivar (Table 3). The results showed that the interaction between Perkasa cultivar and 20% LOF resulted in the highest number of bean pods per plant and was not significantly different from the treatment of 10% liquid organic fertilizer and urea. The effect of the combination treatment of Lebat-3 cultivar with 10% LOF resulted in the largest number of bean pods and was not significantly different from the treatment of Urea

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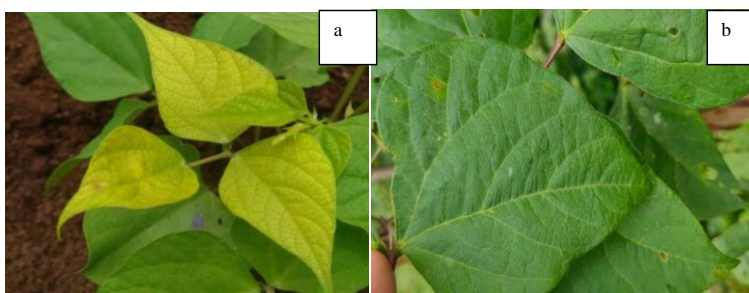
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and 20% LOF (Table 3). In the Perkasa cultivar, the plants treated with Urea and LOF 20% fert had a higher production, while for the green level of the leaves, the 30% LOF treatment produced the highest level of leaf greenness compared to the others but was still relatively the same as the other treatments of N sources. In Lebat-3 cultivar, 10% Urea and LOF treatment had high leaf greenness and production compared to other treatments (Table 3).

#### Symptoms of N Deficiency (Figure 1.)

Symptoms of nitrogen nutrient deficiency occur in green bean leaves. Symptoms of deficiency of nitrogen nutrients occur in the leaves of plants without treatment (control), with the characteristic that the green bean leaves appear yellowish compared to the leaves treated with nitrogen fertilizer. Normal leaves have a fresh green leaf color (Figure 1). Santosa et al. (2017) stated that the use of chemical fertilizers not only increases production costs but also decreases productivity and leads to gradually higher risks. Nitrogen for plants must be in accordance with the needs of the plant. According to Zainal et al. (2014). Lack of this nutrient will cause the leaves to experience chlorosis which is indicated by yellowing of the leaves, whereas if excess Nitrogen will accelerate plant growth, especially on the stems, the leaves will turn dark green and the plants become secondary.

**Figure 1.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on deficiency N



Description: Comparison of deficiency N (a) The color of the leaf deficient N (b) The color of the normal leaf

#### Discussion

The application of N fertilizers affected plant height (Table 2). This is supported by the research of Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017) which states that nitrogen fertilizer has a significant effect and results in the growth of tea plants. Nitrogen can increase plant height due to increased leaf area and the rate of photosynthesis so that the production of assimilation and dry matter also increases (Chaturdevi, 2005).

The results showed that the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar had no different effect on the number of trifoliolate leaves. It is assumed that the source of N is more dominant in increasing the number of trifoliolate leaves and weight of dry stems. At 10% LOF treatment produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves and was not different from LOF 20%, LOF 30%, and Urea. The number of trifoliolate leaves in green beans is influenced by the availability of N nutrients. According to Pramitasari et al. (2016), the more N is absorbed by the plant, the leaves will grow larger and larger. The effect of LOF lamtoro leaves in increasing plant yields was also stated by Pary (2015) which stated that giving LOF of lamtoro leaves showed significant plant growth in the parameters of plant height, number of leaves, and fresh weight of mustard greens, by Hidayat and Suharyana (2019) which stated that giving LOF leaves lamtoro showed the highest yield on the number of pakcoy leaves, by Septirosya et al. (2019) which states that giving LOF lamtoro can increase the growth and number of fruit in tomato plants. The number of trifoliolate leaves is a plant characteristic that affects the speed of photosynthesis to capture sunlight. The number of leaves increased significantly when fertilized with organic nitrogen sources. An increased number of leaves can be obtained at the N content in LOF. According to Amin (2011), Nitrogen will increase plant growth and height so that it will produce a lot of internodes and these will produce more leaves.

The results showed that the provision of N sources affected the dry weight of the plants. LOF 20% produced the highest dry weight of green beans and was not significantly different from Urea and LOF 10%. It is assumed that the availability of sufficient nutrients in an appropriate amount in the treatment affects plant growth and production. The high dry stover weight was influenced by the initial vegetative growth of green beans because the dry stover weight was related to the number of leaves and plant fresh weight. According to Arista et al. (2015) Nitrogen is an element that functions to

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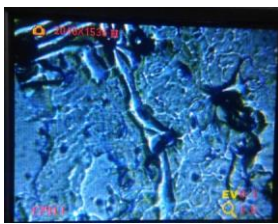
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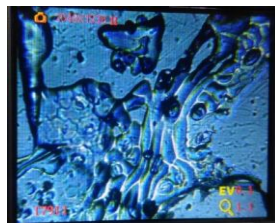
increase leaf size and increase the percentage of protein. The more leaves and this protein will increase the dry stover weight in plants. According to Madusari (2019), liquid organic fertilizers tend to determine plant growth and good nutrient absorption which can increase plant stem diameter, so that liquid organic fertilizers can increase plant dry weight.

The results showed that the effect of urea fertilizer treatment produced the highest chlorophyll content and was not significantly different from the 20% and 10% liquid organic fertilizer treatments. In this study, Urea fertilizer treatment produced the highest carotenoid content and was not significantly different in the 10%, 20%, and 30% liquid organic fertilizer treatment. Chlorophyll and leaf carotenoids did not affect the leaf cultivar. According to Bojovic et al. (2005), the leaf color of each cultivar and certain cultivar did not directly correlate with leaf chlorophyll content. The content of chlorophyll and carotenoids can be affected by the availability of N nutrients. According to Wijiyanti (2019) nitrogen is the main nutrient needed for the formation of chlorophyll and carotenoids. This is also in line with the research of Razaq et al. (2017) synthesis of chlorophyll and carotenoids depends on optimal N availability so that N can play an important role in the formation of photosynthetic pigments. According to Hendriyani et al., (2018) carotenoids and chlorophyll are complementary pigments, but carotenoids have less numbers than chlorophyll because carotenoids play a role in helping the absorption of light by chlorophyll.

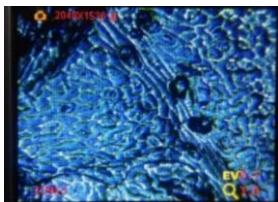
The results of observing the number of stomata in the two cultivar of green beans showed that nitrogen fertilizer affected the number of stomata (Table 1). The two cultivar of green beans gave the same response, and the application of inorganic fertilizers produced more stomata than the other treatments. Nitrogen fertilizer treatment on green beans had a significant effect on the number of stomata (Figure 1). Based on Figure 1, it can be seen that all treatments with source N have a higher number of stomata than those without N source (control). The number of stomata in plants affects the metabolic process in plants, namely photosynthesis. The rate of photosynthesis increases as the number of stomata increases so that plant production also increases. This is supported by Proklapmasiningsih et al. (2012), which states that the rate of photosynthesis in plants is closely related to the production of the resulting plant. According to Putri et al. (2017), stomata play an important role in the photosynthesis process because they function as a place to exchange CO<sub>2</sub> in the leaves. The highest number of stomata was found in urea treatment, both in Perkasa cultivar and thick-3 cultivar. In Figure 2, it can be seen that an increase in the number of stomata results in an increased stomata density.



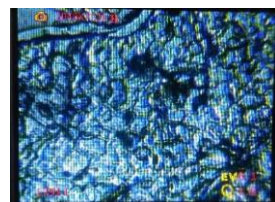
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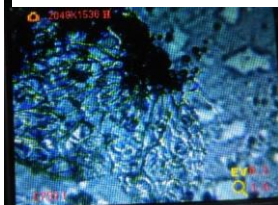
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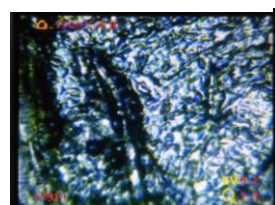
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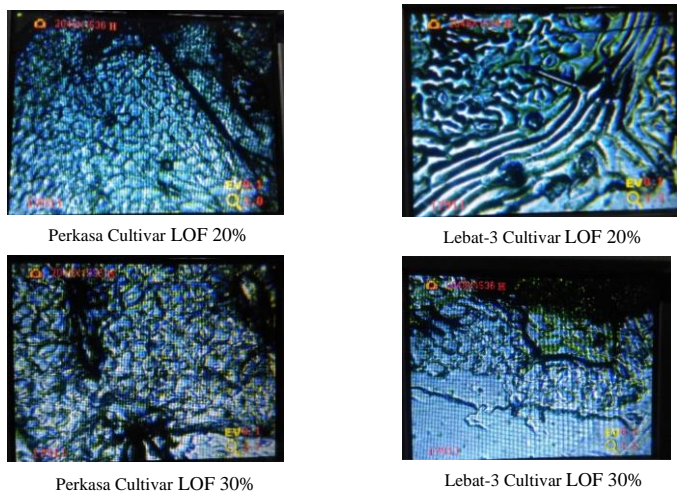
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Lebat-3 Cultivar LOF 10%



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Figure 2. The number of stomata on Perkasa and Lebat-3

The application of nitrogen fertilizers also affects the greenness of the leaves. Nitrogen is an important part of increasing leaf greenness in plants (Faustina et al., 2015). According to Pramitasari et al. (2016) stated that the N nutrient affects plant growth, appearance, color so that the plant parts turn green because they contain chlorophyll. The results of Table 4 also show that the responses given to each cultivar to the N source are also different. According to Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017), the level of greenness of the leaves indicates that the plant has sufficient nitrogen levels and indicates healthy planting conditions. In Perkasa cultivar, the highest average leaf greenness was 30% LOF treatment and followed by Urea fertilizer treatment of  $100 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$ , LOF 20% and LOF 30%. In Lebat-3 cultivar, the highest average leaf greenness was treated with Urea fertilizer  $100 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$  and followed by LOF 10%, LOF 20% and LOF 30% treatment. The observations indicated that the average value of leaf greenness of plants treated with nitrogen fertilizers with organic and inorganic fertilizers was much higher than plants without nitrogen fertilizers. The treatment without N fertilizer had low greenness.

The results showed that the provision of N sources and cultivar affected the number of bean pods per plant. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced the highest number of bean pods per plant and was not significantly different from the treatment of 10% liquid organic fertilizer and urea. Cultivar Lebat-3 with LOF 10% produced the highest number of bean pods and was not significantly different from the urea fertilizer treatment. The use of bean cultivar in N fertilizer had a different effect on the number of bean pods. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced more number of bean pods compared to the Lebat-3 cultivar treatment. In this study, the provision of LOF 20% and LOF 10% was sufficient for the growth of green beans and was no different from urea. According to Permasari et al. (2014) In generative plant growth, chlorophyll formation will play a very important role in the process of plant photosynthate formation. In addition, the use of cultivar and N also affects the genetic characteristics of plants in the number of pods. Based on the research results, it is suspected that nitrogen can increase the chlorophyll content of leaves, which is important for photosynthesis and has a role in the number of bean pods. In addition, plant genetic traits in the two cultivar influenced the different responses to N fertilization. According to Beshir et al. (2015) stated that different cultivars have an effect in increasing the photosynthetic area (leaf area index), so that more pods are formed.

The results showed that there was a symptom of N deficiency in green bean leaves without nitrogen fertilizer. Symptoms that arise are the color of old leaves that are yellowish green compared to normal leaves which are fresh green. According to Erythrina et al. (2016) Nitrogen is the main nutrient in the formation of leaf color because nitrogen will play a role in increasing leaf green matter and protein. Giving nitrogen will increase the green color of the leaves and if it is



deficient in nitrogen, it reduces the formation of chlorophyll, causing the leaves to appear yellowish. According to Bojovic et al. (2009) nitrogen deficiency causes a reduction in leaf greenish color, decreases leaf area, and reduces photosynthesis because nitrogen has a linear correlation with leaf chlorophyll formation.

Lebat-3 cultivar requires a lower LOF concentration compared to Perkasa cultivar. From the results in Table 4, it can be seen that the Perkasa Cultivar 20% LOF treatment resulted in higher production compared to other treatments and was not significantly different from the 100% recommended Urea treatment. This is thought to be due to the excess liquid organic fertilizer which does not undergo a dissolving process so that it can be easily absorbed by plants. (Ginandjar et al., 2019). In Lebat-3 cultivar, 10% LOF treatment resulted in higher production compared to other treatments and was not significantly different from the recommended 100% Urea treatment. According to Chaturdevi (2005), nitrogen fertilization with the right dose can affect grain yield in rice and other parameters in each cultivar. The use of N sources for plants affects the results of the photosynthesis process. This is supported by Rathke (2005), who states that increasing the source of N can increase yield. This is due to the function of nitrogen which can increase the chlorophyll content so that the rate of photosynthesis also increases and produces high carbohydrates for plants (Chaudary et al., 2015). The production of Lebat-3 cultivar was lower than that of Perkasa cultivar in the recommended 100% Urea treatment and 20% LOF. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that the differences in the characters possessed by cultivar are caused by differences in genetic composition in each cultivar so that they show different responses to the environment and production factors. The positive effect of using liquid organic fertilizers from lamtoro leaves in increasing crop yields was also found by Duaja et al. (2013) on chickpeas, Palimbungan et al. (2006) on mustard plants, Septirosya et al. (2019) on tomato plants, and Ainiya et al. (2019) on sweet corn plants.

#### CONCLUSION

~~Based on the research results,~~ The use of LOF lamtoro leaves with the right dose can be used as an alternative to N fertilization in plants. ~~Nitrogen is very influential on the growth and production of green beans.~~ Treatment of bean cultivar did not significantly affect the growth parameters of green beans. The effect of 20% LOF can increase the parameters of the number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and plant dry weight (4.52 g), while Urea can increase the growth variable of plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg. g-1FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g-1FW) and the number of stomata (22/mm<sup>2</sup>). Treatment of Perkasa cultivar at 20% LOF resulted in the highest bean production of 846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, while treatment of Lebat-3 cultivar at 10% LOF resulted in the highest bean production of 515.56 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>.

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**Abstract.** The productivity of beans can be increased by selecting cultivars and applying fertilizers in accordance with the needs of the bean plants. The use of high yielding cultivar and the application of N fertilizers with the right dosage can overcome the low production. The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of N sources on the growth and production of two cultivar of beans. The study used a 5x2 factorial treatment design in a randomized block design with three replications. The first factor is the Perkasa cultivar and the Lebat-3 cultivar. The second factor is fertilizer (N), namely control, Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, 10%, 20%, 30% concentration of liquid organic fertilizer (LOF). The results showed that the use of lamtoro leaf LOF with the right dose can be used as an alternative to N fertilization. Bean cultivar did not significantly affect the growth parameters of green beans. The effect of 20% LOF produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and plant dry weight (4.52 g), while Urea produced the highest plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW) and the number of stomata (22 / mm<sup>2</sup>). The use of a combination of 20% LOF and Perkasa cultivar showed the best effect on the number of pods per plant (5.67) and the highest bean production (846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>)

**Key words:** chlorophyll, liquid organic fertilizers, stomata, urea, cultivar

### I. INTRODUCTION

The green bean plant (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) is one of the legume group plants which is a source of vegetable protein which is widely consumed by the Indonesian people so that it has good potential to be developed because it has an important role in fulfilling health needs as a nutritious food ingredient. According to Rihana et al. (2013), beans are a vegetable source of vegetable protein and are rich in vitamins A, B, and C and can overcome several diseases such as oxidative stress, cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes and syndromic metabolism (Camara et al., 2013). As the population increases, the need for fresh food and vegetables also continues to increase. To increase the production of green beans, it is necessary to apply good cultivation techniques and environmental management for plant growth. One of the efforts that can be done is balanced fertilization and match with the needs of the plants. The productivity of green beans can be increased by using improved cultivar and cultivation systems. There are many cultivars of green beans. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), each cultivar has different genetic characteristics, which cause differences in appearance and character as well as different responses to production factors.

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Fertilization is one way to meet the nutrient needs of nitrogen (N) in green beans. Fertilization of N derived from inorganic and organic fertilizers. Nitrogen is a major nutrient needed by green beans, which plays an important role in the formation of chlorophyll, protoplasm, protein, and nucleic acids (Fahmi et al., 2010). The plant's need for N is higher than other nutrients. Pahlevi et al. (2016) said that the nutrient N affects the photosynthetic process of plants and the resulting photosynthate. According to Magfoer et al. (2018), inorganic fertilizers can produce large growth and yields for plants. However, the continuous use of inorganic fertilizers can interfere with soil fertility and productivity. Therefore an alternative is needed to reduce the use of inorganic fertilizers, namely using organic fertilizers.

Availability of nitrogen could be supplied with liquid organic fertilizers (LOF). Liquid organic fertilizer is an organic fertilizer that is available in liquid form, which contains nutrients in the form of a solution so that it is very easily absorbed by plants. Liquid organic fertilizer can be utilized by sprinkling it on plants or spraying on the leaves or stems of plants. Organic fertilizers can be made from plant waste available in the surrounding environment. The advantage of using liquid organic fertilizers is that their distribution can be adjusted to the needs of plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). One example of organic matter that can be used as liquid organic fertilizer source of N is lamtoro leaf. Liquid organic fertilizer derived from lamtoro leaves contains nitrogen nutrients needed for plants (Jeksen and Mutiara, 2017). The N content in lamtoro leaves is quite high, namely 3.84% so that it can be a source of organic N to increase the growth and production of green beans (Palimungan et al., 2006). Research results by Rizqiani et al. (2007) stated that the application of liquid organic fertilizers increased the fresh weight of pods in green beans and in Duaja's (2013) research, liquid organic fertilizer of kirinyuh (*Chromolaena odorata* L.) provided the highest yield of pods and bean yields per plant.

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Plant cultivar is a factor that greatly determines the quality of agricultural products. The use of high-yielding cultivar of beans is expected to increase productivity and yield quality of beans. Each cultivar has different genetic characteristics and traits. Based on genetic characteristics, there will be differences in the character and appearance of each

cultivar. Examples of high yielding cultivar of beans are Lebat-3 and Perkasa. The advantages of Perkasa cultivar according to the description are having resistance to leaf rust disease, early maturity and having large and long pods. The superiority of Lebat-3 cultivar based on its description is that it is well adapted to the low-highlands, has early maturity and has high yield potential. The results by Sinaga et al. (2017) showed that the use of cultivar had a significant effect on the growth and yield of beans. According to Duaja (2013), there is an interaction between the use of bean cultivar and liquid organic fertilizers on the number of pods and the yield of beans.

The fertilizer requirement by each cultivar is different. This is due to the genetic characteristics of these cultivar, so that the selection of fertilizer types and fertilizer requirements need to be considered. The proper doses of liquid organic fertilizers as needed is also a factor that affects plant growth. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), differences in genetic traits of cultivar may show different responses to the environment and production factors. Based on this, it is hypothesized that there will be a different response of two beans cultivar to the treatment of different types and doses of fertilizers sources, because each cultivar has different genetic and character traits towards environmental influences and existing production factors. This study aims to determine the effect of nitrogen sources on the growth and production of two cultivar of beans.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

This research was conducted on the experimental research area of the City of Sepang Jaya, Labuhan Ratu District, Bandar Lampung from January to March 2020. The research began with soil cultivation using hoes. The land is loosened with a depth of 20-30 cm and evenly processed and an experimental plot is made with a size of 3 x 2.5 m. The planting of the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar was carried out by drilling the planting holes. The seeds given to each planting hole are 2 seeds with a spacing of 40 cm x 40 cm.

Preparation of liquid fertilizer is done by mixing the chopped lamtoro leaves (1 kg of lamtoro leaves: 2 liters of water), with 200 ml of molasses and 200 ml of EM4 in a drum then fermenting for 15 days. The liquid is filtered and ready to be applied to plants. Inorganic fertilizers given were Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g / plot) given at the beginning of planting and 30 day after planting (DAP), SP-36 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (150 g plot<sup>-1</sup>), and KCL 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>). Fertilization is done in an strip with a distance of 5 cm from the plant.

The application of liquid organic fertilizer is conducted by spraying it on the top of the plant and the bottom of the plant (60:40). This LOF spraying is carried out once a week using a concentration of 10% (100 ml LOF solution + 900 ml water), 20% (200 ml LOF solution + 800 ml water), and 30% (300 ml LOF solution + 700 ml water).

Plant maintenance includes weeding manually and thinning. Harvesting is carried out in stages according to the harvest age of each cultivar. The characteristics of the beans that are ready to be harvested, the color of the pods is rather young and gloomy, the skin surface is a bit rough, the seeds in the pods are not yet prominent, and when the pods are broken, they will usually make a popping sound that usually occurs 2-3 weeks after the flowers bloom.

The parameters observed were plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, chlorophyll, carotenoids, number of stomata, greenness of leaves, symptoms of N deficiency, number of pods per plant, dry weight, and production. The method used to observe the stomata on the leaf surface is the replica method, in which the leaves are first cleaned with a tissue to remove dust or dirt, then rubbed with a transparent nail polish. The nail polish is allowed to dry for a few minutes, after which the nail polish is applied dry with a transparent strip of tape measuring 1 cm x 1 cm in size and smoothed, then peeled off slowly. The result of the peel is then attached to the slide and observed under a microscope.

Measurement of chlorophyll and carotenoid content was carried out using the spectrophotometric method. The green beans are crushed using a mortar and 100 ml of 70% alcohol solution is added. Then the extract was filtered and the filtrate was placed in a cuvet to measure the total chlorophyll and carotenoid content using a spectrophotometer. According to Rahimi et al. (2019) the chlorophyll and carotenoid content was calculated using the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Chlorophyll } a &= 11,24 \times A_{662} - 2,04 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Chlorophyll } b &= 20,13 \times A_{645} - 4,19 \times A_{662} \\ \text{Chlorophyll total} &= 7,05 \times A_{662} + 18,09 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Carotenoid} &= \frac{(1000 \times A_{470} - 1,90 \times \text{klorofil } a - 63,14 \times \text{klorofil } b)}{214} \end{aligned}$$

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## Data analysis

The treatment design used was factorial (2 x 5) in a randomized block design (RBD) with three replications in order to obtain 30 experimental units. The first factor is the bean cultivars, namely Perkasa and Lebat-3. The second factor is the source of nitrogen, namely control, Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30%. Data were tested by Tukey's test. If the assumption of variance is met, the data is analyzed for variance, then the comparison of the mean between treatments is tested using the Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) 5%.

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## III RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of LOF analysis showed that the N content in the LOF of lamtoro leaves was 0.16%, had a C-Organic content of 3.08%, N-total was 0.16%, P-total was 0.18% and K was 0.56% with a pH of 3.64. The results of the analysis showed that the C/N of the lamtoro LOF ratio was 19.25. C/N ratio has met the standard of organic fertilizer. A good C/N ratio is between 15-20%. A high C/N ratio causes the biological activity of microorganisms to decrease, while a C/N ratio that is too low will cause denitrification.

**Table 1.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight plant.

Treatment	Plant height (cm)	Number of trifoliolate leaves 6 weeks after planting	Dry weight plant (g)
Perkasa Cultivar	133.60 a	7.20 a	3.21 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	137.63 a	8.11 a	3.17 a
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	18.47	1.43	0.92
Control	94.71 c	5.57 b	1.95 b
Urea	171.48 a	8.50 ab	3.78 ab
LOF 10%	150.60 ab	9.11 a	3.13 ab
LOF 20%	148.02 ab	8.81 ab	4.52 a
LOF 30%	113.29 bc	6.30 ab	2.58 ab
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	42.11	3.25	2.09

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The results showed that the application of N sources and cultivar did not affect plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight. In plant height, the number of plant height in the control was shorter than the treatment of urea, 10% LOF, 20% LOF, and 30% LOF. The application of N sources to Urea, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% did not differ (Table 1). The number of trifoliolate leaves given control was less than LOF 10%, while the number of trifoliolate leaves treated with Urea, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% had relatively the same results (Table 1). Provision of 20% N LOF source resulted in heavier dry stover weight than control, while the distribution of Urea, 10% LOF, and 20% LOF was not different. Giving source of N between controls, Urea, LOF 10%, and LOF 30% resulted in no different dry weight (Table 1).

**Table 2.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on, chlorophyll, carotenoid of leaves, and number of stomata.

Treatment	Chlorophyll (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	Carotenoid (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	The number of stomata (/mm <sup>2</sup> )
Perkasa Cultivar	12.92 a	1.59 a	14.40 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	13.24 a	1.88 a	14.67 a
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	1.16	0.29	3.50
Control	9.68 b	1.38 b	8.50 c
Urea	15.93 a	2.35 a	22.00 a
LOF 10%	15.56 a	1.69 ab	11.50 bc
LOF 20%	13.77 a	1.76 ab	17.83 ab
LOF 30%	10.46 b	1.47 b	12.83 bc
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	2.64	0.67	8.05

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The results showed that the provision of N sources and cultivar did not affect chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of stomata in green beans. In chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of leaf stomata of Perkasa Cultivar did not differ compared to Cultivar Lebat-3. The chlorophyll content given the control was lower than Urea, while the control chlorophyll was not different compared to the LOF 30%. Chlorophyll treated with Urea did not differ compared to LOF 10% and LOF 20% (Table 2). The provision of N Urea sources resulted in a higher carotenoid content than the control, while the application of Urea, 10% LOF, and 30% LOF was not different (Table 2). The application of N source between controls, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% resulted in no different carotenoid content. The provision of N Urea source produced the highest number of stomata compared to the control, while the provision of Urea and 20% LOF was not different. LOF application of 10%, 20%, and 30% also produced no different numbers of stomata (Table 2).

**Table 3.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on dry weight plant, number of pods, greenness leaves and yield two cultivar bean.

Parameter	Source N	Cultivar		HSD <sub>0,05</sub>
		Perkasa	Lebat-3	
Greenness of the leaves	Control	18.31 Ab	17.54 Ab	9.34
	Urea	27.79 Aa	28.91 Aa	
	LOF 10%	20.13 Aab	28.11 Aa	
	LOF 20%	24.06 Aab	24.19 Aa	
	LOF 30%	28.96 Aa	21.81 Aab	
Number of pods	Control	5.46 Ac	2.50 Ab	4.40
	Urea	9.13 Aab	9.05 Aa	
	LOF 10%	9.96 Aab	12.13 Aa	
	LOF 20%	13.38 Aa	4.67 Bab	
	LOF 30%	6.92 Abc	3.75 Ab	
Yield of green bean (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Control	231.11 Ac	113.33 Ab	220.24
	Urea	720.89 Aab	429.78 Aa	
	LOF 10%	565.33 Ab	515.56 Aa	
	LOF 20%	846.67 Aa	181.33 Bb	
	LOF 30%	333.78 Ac	148.00 Ab	

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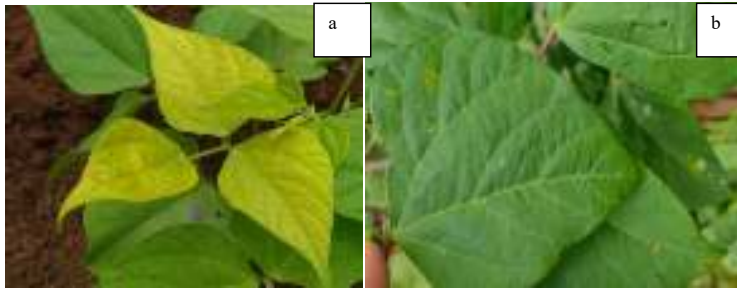
The results showed that the level of leaf greenness, number of pods, and bean production were significantly affected by the interaction of N sources and bean cultivar (Table 3). The results showed that the interaction between Perkasa cultivar and 20% LOF resulted in the highest number of bean pods per plant and was not significantly different from the treatment of 10% liquid organic fertilizer and urea. The effect of the combination treatment of Lebat-3 cultivar with 10% LOF resulted in the largest number of bean pods and was not significantly different from the treatment of Urea

and 20% LOF (Table 3). In the Perkasa cultivar, the plants treated with Urea and LOF 20% fert had a higher production, while for the green level of the leaves, the 30% LOF treatment produced the highest level of leaf greenness compared to the others but was still relatively the same as the other treatments of N sources. In Lebat-3 cultivar, 10% Urea and LOF treatment had high leaf greenness and production compared to other treatments (Table 3).

#### Symptoms of N Deficiency (Figure 1.)

Symptoms of nitrogen nutrient deficiency occur in green bean leaves. Symptoms of deficiency of nitrogen nutrients occur in the leaves of plants without treatment (control), with the characteristic that the green bean leaves appear yellowish compared to the leaves treated with nitrogen fertilizer. Normal leaves have a fresh green leaf color (Figure 1). Santosa et al. (2017) stated that the use of chemical fertilizers not only increases production costs but also decreases productivity and leads to gradually higher risks. Nitrogen for plants must be in accordance with the needs of the plant. According to Zainal et al. (2014). Lack of this nutrient will cause the leaves to experience chlorosis which is indicated by yellowing of the leaves, whereas if excess Nitrogen will accelerate plant growth, especially on the stems, the leaves will turn dark green and the plants become secondary.

**Figure 1.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on deficiency N



*Description: Comparison of deficiency N (a) The color of the leaf deficient N (b) The color of the normal leaf*

#### Discussion

The application of N fertilizers affected plant height (Table 2). This is supported by the research of Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017) which states that nitrogen fertilizer has a significant effect and results in the growth of tea plants. Nitrogen can increase plant height due to increased leaf area and the rate of photosynthesis so that the production of assimilation and dry matter also increases (Chaturdevi, 2005).

The results showed that the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar had no different effect on the number of trifoliolate leaves. It is assumed that the source of N is more dominant in increasing the number of trifoliolate leaves and weight of dry stems. At 10% LOF treatment produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves and was not different from LOF 20%, LOF 30%, and Urea. The number of trifoliolate leaves in green beans is influenced by the availability of N nutrients. According to Pramitasari et al. (2016), the more N is absorbed by the plant, the leaves will grow larger. The effect of LOF lamtoro leaves in increasing plant yields was also stated by Pary (2015) which stated that giving LOF of lamtoro leaves showed significant plant growth in the parameters of plant height, number of leaves, and fresh weight of mustard greens, by Hidayat and Suharyana (2019) which stated that giving LOF leaves lamtoro showed the highest yield on the number of pakcoy leaves, by Septirosya et al. (2019) which states that giving LOF lamtoro can increase the growth and number of fruit in tomato plants. The number of trifoliolate leaves is a plant characteristic that affects the speed of photosynthesis to capture sunlight. The number of leaves increased significantly when fertilized with organic nitrogen sources. An increased number of leaves can be obtained at the N content in LOF. According to Amin (2011), Nitrogen will increase plant growth and height so that it will produce a lot of internodes and these will produce more leaves.

The results showed that the provision of N sources affected the dry weight of the plants. LOF 20% produced the highest dry weight of green beans and was not significantly different from Urea and LOF 10%. It is assumed that the availability of sufficient nutrients in an appropriate amount in the treatment affects plant growth and production. The high dry stover weight was influenced by the initial vegetative growth of green beans because the dry stover weight was related to the number of leaves and plant fresh weight. According to Arista et al. (2015) Nitrogen is an element that functions to

increase leaf size and increase the percentage of protein. The more leaves and this protein will increase the dry stover weight in plants. According to Madusari (2019) , liquid organic fertilizers tend to determine plant growth and good nutrient absorption which can increase plant stem diameter, so that liquid organic fertilizers can increase plant dry weight.

The results showed that the effect of urea fertilizer treatment produced the highest chlorophyll content and was not significantly different from the 20% and 10% liquid organic fertilizer treatments. In this study, Urea fertilizer treatment produced the highest carotenoid content and was not significantly different in the 10%, 20%, and 30% liquid organic fertilizer treatment. Chlorophyll and leaf carotenoids did not affect the leaf cultivar. According to Bojovic et al. (2005), the leaf color of each cultivar and certain cultivar did not directly correlate with leaf chlorophyll content. The content of chlorophyll and carotenoids can be affected by the availability of N nutrients. According to Wijiyanti (2019) nitrogen is the main nutrient needed for the formation of chlorophyll and carotenoids. This is also in line with the research of Razaq et al. (2017) synthesis of chlorophyll and carotenoids depends on optimal N availability so that N can play an important role in the formation of photosynthetic pigments. According to Hendriyani et al., (2018) carotenoids and chlorophyll are complementary pigments, but carotenoids have less numbers than chlorophyll because carotenoids play a role in helping the absorption of light by chlorophyll.

The results of observing the number of stomata in the two cultivar of green beans showed that nitrogen fertilizer affected the number of stomata (Table 1). The two cultivar of green beans gave the same response, and the application of inorganic fertilizers produced more stomata than the other treatments. Nitrogen fertilizer treatment on green beans had a significant effect on the number of stomata (Figure 1). Based on Figure 1, it can be seen that all treatments with source N have a higher number of stomata than those without N source (control). The number of stomata in plants affects the metabolic process in plants, namely photosynthesis. The rate of photosynthesis increases as the number of stomata increases so that plant production also increases. This is supported by Proklapmasiningsih et al. (2012), which states that the rate of photosynthesis in plants is closely related to the production of the resulting plant. According to Putri et al. (2017), stomata play an important role in the photosynthesis process because they function as a place to exchange CO<sub>2</sub> in the leaves. The highest number of stomata was found in urea treatment, both in Perkasa cultivar and thick-3 cultivar. In Figure 2, it can be seen that an increase in the number of stomata results in an increased stomata density.



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Perkasa Cultivar (Urea)



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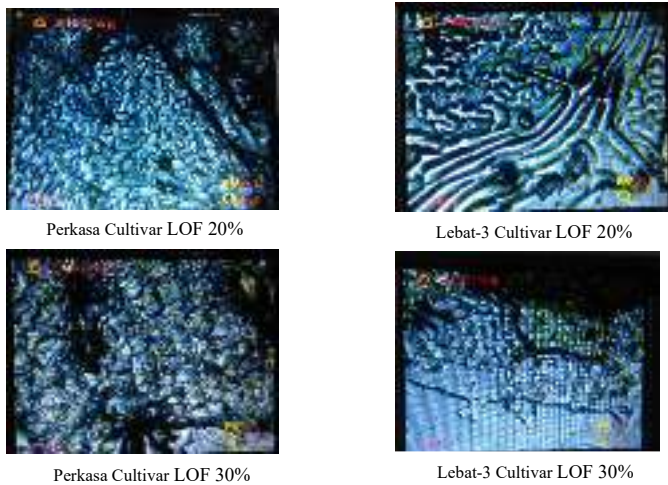


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Figure 2. stomata on Perkasa and Lebat-3

The application of nitrogen fertilizers also affects the greenness of the leaves. Nitrogen is an important part of increasing leaf greenness in plants (Faustina et al., 2015). According to Pramitasari et al. (2016) stated that the N nutrient affects plant growth, appearance, color so that the plant parts turn green because they contain chlorophyll. The results of Table 4 also show that the responses given to each cultivar to the N source are also different. According to Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017), the level of greenness of the leaves indicates that the plant has sufficient nitrogen levels and indicates healthy planting conditions. In Perkasa cultivar, the highest average leaf greenness was 30% LOF treatment and followed by Urea fertilizer treatment of  $100 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$ , LOF 20% and LOF 30%. In Lebat-3 cultivar, the highest average leaf greenness was treated with Urea fertilizer  $100 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$  and followed by LOF 10%, LOF 20% and LOF 30% treatment. The observations indicated that the average value of leaf greenness of plants treated with nitrogen fertilizers with organic and inorganic fertilizers was much higher than plants without nitrogen fertilizers. The treatment without N fertilizer had low greenness.

The results showed that the provision of N sources and cultivar affected the number of bean pods per plant. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced the highest number of bean pods per plant and was not significantly different from the treatment of 10% liquid organic fertilizer and urea. Cultivar Lebat-3 with LOF 10% produced the highest number of bean pods and was not significantly different from the urea fertilizer treatment. The use of bean cultivar in N fertilizer had a different effect on the number of bean pods. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced more number of bean pods compared to the Lebat-3 cultivar treatment. In this study, the provision of LOF 20% and LOF 10% was sufficient for the growth of green beans and was no different from urea. According to Permanasari et al. (2014) In generative plant growth, chlorophyll formation will play a very important role in the process of plant photosynthate formation. In addition, the use of cultivar and N also affects the genetic characteristics of plants in the number of pods. Based on the research results, it is suspected that nitrogen can increase the chlorophyll content of leaves, which is important for photosynthesis and has a role in the number of bean pods. In addition, plant genetic traits in the two cultivar influenced the different responses to N fertilization. According to Beshir et al. (2015) stated that different cultivars have an effect in increasing the photosynthetic area (leaf area index), so that more pods are formed.

The results showed that there was a symptom of N deficiency in green bean leaves without nitrogen fertilizer. Symptoms that arise are the color of old leaves that are yellowish green compared to normal leaves which are fresh green. According to Erythrina et al. (2016) Nitrogen is the main nutrient in the formation of leaf color because nitrogen will play a role in increasing leaf green matter and protein. Giving nitrogen will increase the green color of the leaves and if it is



deficient in nitrogen, it reduces the formation of chlorophyll, causing the leaves to appear yellowish. According to Bojovic et al. (2009) nitrogen deficiency causes a reduction in leaf greenish color, decreases leaf area, and reduces photosynthesis because nitrogen has a linear correlation with leaf chlorophyll formation.

Lebat-3 cultivar requires a lower LOF concentration compared to Perkasa cultivar. From the results in Table 4, it can be seen that the Perkasa Cultivar 20% LOF treatment resulted in higher production compared to other treatments and was not significantly different from the 100% recommended Urea treatment. This is thought to be due to the excess liquid organic fertilizer which does not undergo a dissolving process so that it can be easily absorbed by plants. (Ginandjar et al., 2019). In Lebat-3 cultivar, 10% LOF treatment resulted in higher production compared to other treatments and was not significantly different from the recommended 100% Urea treatment. According to Chaturdevi (2005), nitrogen fertilization with the right dose can affect grain yield in rice and other parameters in each cultivar. The use of N sources for plants affects the results of the photosynthesis process. This is supported by Rathke (2005), who states that increasing the source of N can increase yield. This is due to the function of nitrogen which can increase the chlorophyll content so that the rate of photosynthesis also increases and produces high carbohydrates for plants (Chaudary et al., 2015). The production of Lebat-3 cultivar was lower than that of Perkasa cultivar in the recommended 100% Urea treatment and 20% LOF. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that the differences in the characters possessed by cultivar are caused by differences in genetic composition in each cultivar so that they show different responses to the environment and production factors. The positive effect of using liquid organic fertilizers from lamtoro leaves in increasing crop yields was also found by Duaja et al. (2013) on chickpeas, Palimbangan et al. (2006) on mustard plants, Septirosya et al. (2019) on tomato plants, and Ainiya et al. (2019) on sweet corn plants.

### CONCLUSION

Based on the research results, the use of LOF lamtoro leaves with the right dose can be used as an alternative to N fertilization in plants. Nitrogen is very influential on the growth and production of green beans. Treatment of bean cultivar did not significantly affect the growth parameters of green beans. The effect of 20% LOF can increase the parameters of the number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and plant dry weight (4.52 g), while Urea can increase the growth variable of plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg. g-1FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g-1FW) and the number of stomata (22/mm<sup>2</sup>). Treatment of Perkasa cultivar at 20% LOF resulted in the highest bean production of 846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, while treatment of Lebat-3 cultivar at 10% LOF resulted in the highest bean production of 515.56 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>.

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## THE GROWTH AND YIELD RESPONSES OF TWO BEAN CULTIVARS TO ORGANIC AND INORGANIC NITROGEN SOURCES

**Abstract.** The productivity of beans can be increased by selecting cultivars and applying fertilizers in accordance with the needs of the bean plants. The use of high yielding cultivar and the application of N fertilizers with the right dosage can overcome the low production. The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of N sources on the growth and production of two cultivar of beans. The study used a 5x2 factorial treatment design in a randomized block design with three replications. The first factor is the Perkasa cultivar and the Lebat-3 cultivar. The second factor is fertilizer (N), namely control, Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, 10%, 20%, 30% concentration of liquid organic fertilizer (LOF). The results showed that the use of lamtoro leaf LOF with the right dose can be used as an alternative to N fertilization. Bean cultivar did not significantly affect the growth parameters of green beans. The effect of 20% LOF produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and plant dry weight (4.52 g), while Urea produced the highest plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW) and the number of stomata (22 / mm<sup>2</sup>). The use of a combination of 20% LOF and Perkasa cultivar showed the best effect on the number of pods per plant (5.67) and the highest bean production (846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>)

**Key words:** chlorophyll, liquid organic fertilizers, stomata, urea, cultivar

### I. INTRODUCTION

The green bean plant (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) is one of the legume group plants which is a source of vegetable protein which is widely consumed by the Indonesian people so that it has good potential to be developed because it has an important role in fulfilling health needs as a nutritious food ingredient. According to Rihana et al. (2013), beans are a vegetable source of vegetable protein and are rich in vitamins A, B, and C and can overcome several diseases such as oxidative stress, cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes and syndromic metabolism (Camara et al., 2013). As the population increases, the need for fresh food and vegetables also continues to increase. To increase the production of green beans, it is necessary to apply good cultivation techniques and environmental management for plant growth. One of the efforts that can be done is balanced fertilization and match with the needs of the plants. The productivity of green beans can be increased by using improved cultivar and cultivation systems. There are many cultivars of green beans. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), each cultivar has different genetic characteristics, which cause differences in appearance and character as well as different responses to production factors.

Fertilization is one way to meet the nutrient needs of nitrogen (N) in green beans. Fertilization of N derived from inorganic and organic fertilizers. Nitrogen is a major nutrient needed by green beans, which plays an important role in the formation of chlorophyll, protoplasm, protein, and nucleic acids (Fahmi et al., 2010). The plant's need for N is higher than other nutrients. Pahlevi et al. (2016) said that the nutrient N affects the photosynthetic process of plants and the resulting photosynthate. According to Maghfoer et al. (2018), inorganic fertilizers can produce large growth and yields for plants. However, the continuous use of inorganic fertilizers can interfere with soil fertility and productivity. Therefore an alternative is needed to reduce the use of inorganic fertilizers, namely using organic fertilizers.

Availability of nitrogen could be supplied with liquid organic fertilizers (LOF). Liquid organic fertilizer is an organic fertilizer that is available in liquid form, which contains nutrients in the form of a solution so that it is very easily absorbed by plants. Liquid organic fertilizer can be utilized by sprinkling it on plants or spraying on the leaves or stems of plants. Organic fertilizers can be made from plant waste available in the surrounding environment. The advantage of using liquid organic fertilizers is that their distribution can be adjusted to the needs of plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). One example of organic matter that can be used as liquid organic fertilizer source of N is lamtoro leaf. Liquid organic fertilizer derived from lamtoro leaves contains nitrogen nutrients needed for plants (Jeksen and Mutiara, 2017). The N content in lamtoro leaves is quite high, namely 3.84% so that it can be a source of organic N to increase the growth and production of green beans (Palimbungan et al., 2006). Research results by Rizqiani et al. (2007) stated that the application of liquid organic fertilizers increased the fresh weight of pods in green beans and in Duaja's (2013) research, liquid organic fertilizer of kirinyuh (*Chromolaena odorata* L.) provided the highest yield of pods and bean yields per plant.

Plant cultivar is a factor that greatly determines the quality of agricultural products. The use of high-yielding cultivar of beans is expected to increase productivity and yield quality of beans. Each cultivar has different genetic characteristics and traits. Based on genetic characteristics, there will be differences in the character and appearance of each

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cultivar. Examples of high yielding cultivar of beans are Lebat-3 and Perkasa. The advantages of Perkasa cultivar according to the description are having resistance to leaf rust disease, early maturity and having large and long pods. The superiority of Lebat-3 cultivar based on its description is that it is well adapted to the low-highlands, has early maturity and has high yield potential. The results by Sinaga et al. (2017) showed that the use of cultivar had a significant effect on the growth and yield of beans. According to Duaja (2013), there is an interaction between the use of bean cultivar and liquid organic fertilizers on the number of pods and the yield of beans.

The fertilizer requirement by each cultivar is different. This is due to the genetic characteristics of these cultivar, so that the selection of fertilizer types and fertilizer requirements need to be considered. The proper doses of liquid organic fertilizers as needed is also a factor that affects plant growth. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), differences in genetic traits of cultivar may show different responses to the environment and production factors. Based on this, it is hypothesized that there will be a different response of two beans cultivar to the treatment of different types and doses of fertilizers sources, because each cultivar has different genetic and character traits towards environmental influences and existing production factors. This study aims to determine the effect of nitrogen sources on the growth and production of two cultivar of beans.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

This research was conducted on the experimental research area of the City of Sepang Jaya, Labuhan Ratu District, Bandar Lampung from January to March 2020. The research began with soil cultivation using hoes. The land is loosened with a depth of 20-30 cm and evenly processed and an experimental plot is made with a size of 3 x 2.5 m. The planting of the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar was carried out by drilling the planting holes. The seeds given to each planting hole are 2 seeds with a spacing of 40 cm x 40 cm.

Preparation of liquid fertilizer is done by mixing the chopped lamtoro leaves (1 kg of lamtoro leaves: 2 liters of water), with 200 ml of molasses and 200 ml of EM4 in a drum then fermenting for 15 days. The liquid is filtered and ready to be applied to plants. Inorganic fertilizers given were Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g / plot) given at the beginning of planting and 30 day after planting (DAP), SP-36 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (150 g plot<sup>-1</sup>), and KCL 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>). Fertilization is done in an strip with a distance of 5 cm from the plant.

The application of liquid organic fertilizer is conducted by spraying it on the top of the plant and the bottom of the plant (60:40). This LOF spraying is carried out once a week using a concentration of 10% (100 ml LOF solution + 900 ml water), 20% (200 ml LOF solution + 800 ml water), and 30% (300 ml LOF solution + 700 ml water).

Plant maintenance includes weeding manually and thinning. Harvesting is carried out in stages according to the harvest age of each cultivar. The characteristics of the beans that are ready to be harvested, the color of the pods is rather young and gloomy, the skin surface is a bit rough, the seeds in the pods are not yet prominent, and when the pods are broken, they will usually make a popping sound that usually occurs 2-3 weeks after the flowers bloom.

The parameters observed were plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, chlorophyll, carotenoids, number of stomata, greenness of leaves, symptoms of N deficiency, number of pods per plant, dry weight, and production. The method used to observe the stomata on the leaf surface is the replica method, in which the leaves are first cleaned with a tissue to remove dust or dirt, then rubbed with a transparent nail polish. The nail polish is allowed to dry for a few minutes, after which the nail polish is applied dry with a transparent strip of tape measuring 1 cm x 1 cm in size and smoothed, then peeled off slowly. The result of the peel is then attached to the slide and observed under a microscope.

Measurement of chlorophyll and carotenoid content was carried out using the spectrophotometric method. The green beans are crushed using a mortar and 100 ml of 70% alcohol solution is added. Then the extract was filtered and the filtrate was placed in a cuvet to measure the total chlorophyll and carotenoid content using a spectrophotometer. According to Rahimi et al. (2019) the chlorophyll and carotenoid content was calculated using the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Chlorophyll } a &= 11,24 \times A_{662} - 2,04 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Chlorophyll } b &= 20,13 \times A_{645} - 4,19 \times A_{662} \\ \text{Chlorophyll total} &= 7,05 \times A_{662} + 18,09 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Carotenoid} &= \frac{(1000 \times A_{470} - 1,90 \times \text{klorofil } a - 63,14 \times \text{klorofil } b)}{214} \end{aligned}$$

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## Data analysis

The treatment design used was factorial (2 x 5) in a randomized block design (RBD) with three replications in order to obtain 30 experimental units. The first factor is the bean cultivars, namely Perkasa and Lebat-3. The second factor is the source of nitrogen, namely control, Urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30%. Data were tested by Tukey's test. If the assumption of variance is met, the data is analyzed for variance, then the comparison of the mean between treatments is tested using the Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) 5%.

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## III RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of LOF analysis showed that the N content in the LOF of lamtoro leaves was 0.16%, had a C-Organic content of 3.08%, N-total was 0.16%, P-total was 0.18% and K was 0.56% with a pH of 3.64. The results of the analysis showed that the C/N of the lamtoro LOF ratio was 19.25. C/N ratio has met the standard of organic fertilizer. A good C/N ratio is between 15-20%. A high C/N ratio causes the biological activity of microorganisms to decrease, while a C/N ratio that is too low will cause denitrification.

**Table 1.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight plant.

Treatment	Plant height (cm)	Number of trifoliolate leaves 6 weeks after planting	Dry weight plant (g)
Perkasa Cultivar	133.60 a	7.20 a	3.21 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	137.63 a	8.11 a	3.17 a
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	18.47	1.43	0.92
Control	94.71 c	5.57 b	1.95 b
Urea	171.48 a	8.50 ab	3.78 ab
LOF 10%	150.60 ab	9.11 a	3.13 ab
LOF 20%	148.02 ab	8.81 ab	4.52 a
LOF 30%	113.29 bc	6.30 ab	2.58 ab
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	42.11	3.25	2.09

In a column, common values letter(s) do not differ significantly at  $p \leq 0,05$  as per HSD

The results showed that the application of N sources and cultivar did not affect plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight. In plant height, the number of plant height in the control was shorter than the treatment of urea, 10% LOF, 20% LOF, and 30% LOF. The application of N sources to Urea, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% did not differ (Table 1). The number of trifoliolate leaves given control was less than LOF 10%, while the number of trifoliolate leaves treated with Urea, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% had relatively the same results (Table 1). Provision of 20% N LOF source resulted in heavier dry stover weight than control, while the distribution of Urea, 10% LOF, and 20% LOF was not different. Giving source of N between controls, Urea, LOF 10%, and LOF 30% resulted in no different dry weight (Table 1).

**Table 2.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on, chlorophyll, carotenoid of leaves, and number of stomata.

Treatment	Chlorophyll (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	Carotenoid (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	The number of stomata (/mm <sup>2</sup> )
Perkasa Cultivar	12.92 a	1.59 a	14.40 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	13.24 a	1.88 a	14.67 a
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	1.16	0.29	3.50
Control	9.68 b	1.38 b	8.50 c
Urea	15.93 a	2.35 a	22.00 a
LOF 10%	15.56 a	1.69 ab	11.50 bc
LOF 20%	13.77 a	1.76 ab	17.83 ab
LOF 30%	10.46 b	1.47 b	12.83 bc
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	2.64	0.67	8.05

In a column, common values letter(s) do not differ significantly at  $p \leq 0.05$  as per HSD

The results showed that the provision of N sources and cultivar did not affect chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of stomata in green beans. In chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of leaf stomata of Perkasa Cultivar did not differ compared to Cultivar Lebat-3. The chlorophyll content given the control was lower than Urea, while the control chlorophyll was not different compared to the LOF 30%. Chlorophyll treated with Urea did not differ compared to LOF 10% and LOF 20% (Table 2). The provision of N Urea sources resulted in a higher carotenoid content than the control, while the application of Urea, 10% LOF, and 30% LOF was not different (Table 2). The application of N source between controls, LOF 10%, LOF 20%, and LOF 30% resulted in no different carotenoid content. The provision of N Urea source produced the highest number of stomata compared to the control, while the provision of Urea and 20% LOF was not different. LOF application of 10%, 20%, and 30% also produced no different numbers of stomata (Table 2).

**Table 3.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on dry weight plant, number of pods, greenness leaves and yield two cultivar bean.

Parameter	Source N	Cultivar		HSD <sub>0.05</sub>
		Perkasa	Lebat-3	
Greenness of the leaves	Control	18.31 Ab	17.54 Ab	9.34
	Urea	27.79 Aa	28.91 Aa	
	LOF 10%	20.13 Aab	28.11 Aa	
	LOF 20%	24.06 Aab	24.19 Aa	
	LOF 30%	28.96 Aa	21.81 Aab	
Number of pods	Control	5.46 Ac	2.50 Ab	4.40
	Urea	9.13 Aab	9.05 Aa	
	LOF 10%	9.96 Aab	12.13 Aa	
	LOF 20%	13.38 Aa	4.67 Bab	
	LOF 30%	6.92 Abc	3.75 Ab	
Yield of green bean (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Control	231.11 Ac	113.33 Ab	220.24
	Urea	720.89 Aab	429.78 Aa	
	LOF 10%	565.33 Ab	515.56 Aa	
	LOF 20%	846.67 Aa	181.33 Bb	
	LOF 30%	333.78 Ac	148.00 Ab	

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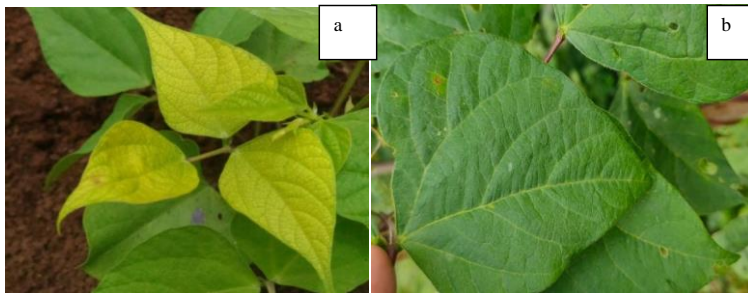
The results showed that the level of leaf greenness, number of pods, and bean production were significantly affected by the interaction of N sources and bean cultivar (Table 3). The results showed that the interaction between Perkasa cultivar and 20% LOF resulted in the highest number of bean pods per plant and was not significantly different from the treatment of 10% liquid organic fertilizer and urea. The effect of the combination treatment of Lebat-3 cultivar with 10% LOF resulted in the largest number of bean pods and was not significantly different from the treatment of Urea

and 20% LOF (Table 3). In the Perkasa cultivar, the plants treated with Urea and LOF 20% fert had a higher production, while for the green level of the leaves, the 30% LOF treatment produced the highest level of leaf greenness compared to the others but was still relatively the same as the other treatments of N sources. In Lebat-3 cultivar, 10% Urea and LOF treatment had high leaf greenness and production compared to other treatments (Table 3).

#### Symptoms of N Deficiency (Figure 1.)

Symptoms of nitrogen nutrient deficiency occur in green bean leaves. Symptoms of deficiency of nitrogen nutrients occur in the leaves of plants without treatment (control), with the characteristic that the green bean leaves appear yellowish compared to the leaves treated with nitrogen fertilizer. Normal leaves have a fresh green leaf color (Figure 1). Santosa et al. (2017) stated that the use of chemical fertilizers not only increases production costs but also decreases productivity and leads to gradually higher risks. Nitrogen for plants must be in accordance with the needs of the plant. According to Zainal et al. (2014). Lack of this nutrient will cause the leaves to experience chlorosis which is indicated by yellowing of the leaves, whereas if excess Nitrogen will accelerate plant growth, especially on the stems, the leaves will turn dark green and the plants become secondary.

**Figure 1.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on deficiency N



*Description: Comparison of deficiency N (a) The color of the leaf deficient N (b) The color of the normal leaf*

#### Discussion

The application of N fertilizers affected plant height (Table 2). This is supported by the research of Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017) which states that nitrogen fertilizer has a significant effect and results in the growth of tea plants. Nitrogen can increase plant height due to increased leaf area and the rate of photosynthesis so that the production of assimilation and dry matter also increases (Chaturdevi, 2005).

The results showed that the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar had no different effect on the number of trifoliolate leaves. It is assumed that the source of N is more dominant in increasing the number of trifoliolate leaves and weight of dry stems. At 10% LOF treatment produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves and was not different from LOF 20%, LOF 30%, and Urea. The number of trifoliolate leaves in green beans is influenced by the availability of N nutrients. According to Pramitasari et al. (2016), the more N is absorbed by the plant, the leaves will grow larger. The effect of LOF lamtoro leaves in increasing plant yields was also stated by Pary (2015) which stated that giving LOF of lamtoro leaves showed significant plant growth in the parameters of plant height, number of leaves, and fresh weight of mustard greens, by Hidayat and Suharyana (2019) which stated that giving LOF leaves lamtoro showed the highest yield on the number of pakcoy leaves, by Septirosya et al. (2019) which states that giving LOF lamtoro can increase the growth and number of fruit in tomato plants. The number of trifoliolate leaves is a plant characteristic that affects the speed of photosynthesis to capture sunlight. The number of leaves increased significantly when fertilized with organic nitrogen sources. An increased number of leaves can be obtained at the N content in LOF. According to Amin (2011), Nitrogen will increase plant growth and height so that it will produce a lot of internodes and these will produce more leaves.

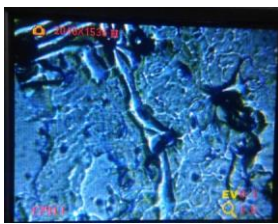
The results showed that the provision of N sources affected the dry weight of the plants. LOF 20% produced the highest dry weight of green beans and was not significantly different from Urea and LOF 10%. It is assumed that the availability of sufficient nutrients in an appropriate amount in the treatment affects plant growth and production. The high dry stover weight was influenced by the initial vegetative growth of green beans because the dry stover weight was related to the number of leaves and plant fresh weight. According to Arista et al. (2015) Nitrogen is an element that functions to



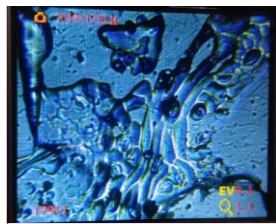
increase leaf size and increase the percentage of protein. The more leaves and this protein will increase the dry stover weight in plants. According to Madusari (2019), liquid organic fertilizers tend to determine plant growth and good nutrient absorption which can increase plant stem diameter, so that liquid organic fertilizers can increase plant dry weight.

The results showed that the effect of urea fertilizer treatment produced the highest chlorophyll content and was not significantly different from the 20% and 10% liquid organic fertilizer treatments. In this study, Urea fertilizer treatment produced the highest carotenoid content and was not significantly different in the 10%, 20%, and 30% liquid organic fertilizer treatment. Chlorophyll and leaf carotenoids did not affect the leaf cultivar. According to Bojovic et al. (2005), the leaf color of each cultivar and certain cultivar did not directly correlate with leaf chlorophyll content. The content of chlorophyll and carotenoids can be affected by the availability of N nutrients. According to Wijiyanti (2019) nitrogen is the main nutrient needed for the formation of chlorophyll and carotenoids. This is also in line with the research of Razaq et al. (2017) synthesis of chlorophyll and carotenoids depends on optimal N availability so that N can play an important role in the formation of photosynthetic pigments. According to Hendriyani et al., (2018) carotenoids and chlorophyll are complementary pigments, but carotenoids have less numbers than chlorophyll because carotenoids play a role in helping the absorption of light by chlorophyll.

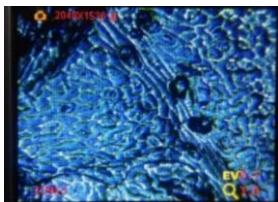
The results of observing the number of stomata in the two cultivar of green beans showed that nitrogen fertilizer affected the number of stomata (Table 1). The two cultivar of green beans gave the same response, and the application of inorganic fertilizers produced more stomata than the other treatments. Nitrogen fertilizer treatment on green beans had a significant effect on the number of stomata (Figure 1). Based on Figure 1, it can be seen that all treatments with source N have a higher number of stomata than those without N source (control). The number of stomata in plants affects the metabolic process in plants, namely photosynthesis. The rate of photosynthesis increases as the number of stomata increases so that plant production also increases. This is supported by Proklapmasiningsih et al. (2012), which states that the rate of photosynthesis in plants is closely related to the production of the resulting plant. According to Putri et al. (2017), stomata play an important role in the photosynthesis process because they function as a place to exchange CO<sub>2</sub> in the leaves. The highest number of stomata was found in urea treatment, both in Perkasa cultivar and thick-3 cultivar. In Figure 2, it can be seen that an increase in the number of stomata results in an increased stomata density.



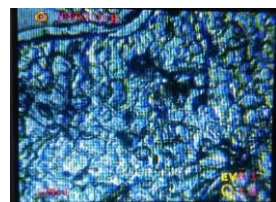
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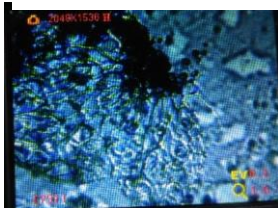
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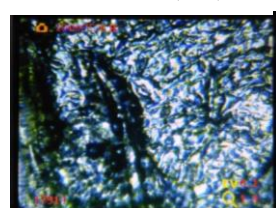
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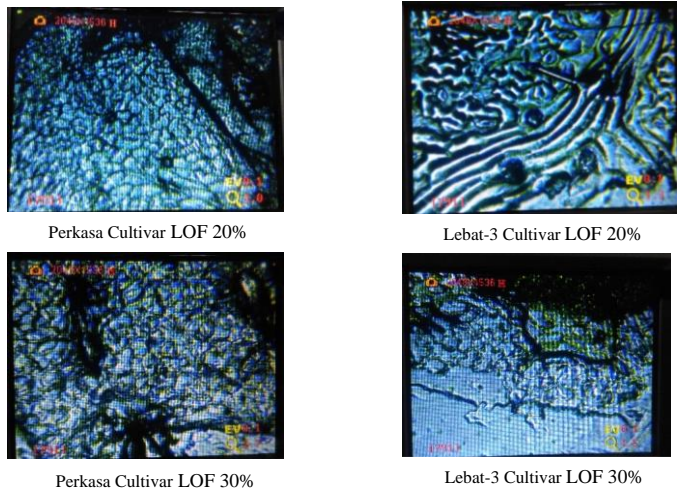


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Figure 2. stomata on Perkasa and Lebat-3

The application of nitrogen fertilizers also affects the greenness of the leaves. Nitrogen is an important part of increasing leaf greenness in plants (Faustina et al., 2015). According to Pramitasari et al. (2016) stated that the N nutrient affects plant growth, appearance, color so that the plant parts turn green because they contain chlorophyll. The results of Table 4 also show that the responses given to each cultivar to the N source are also different. According to Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017), the level of greenness of the leaves indicates that the plant has sufficient nitrogen levels and indicates healthy planting conditions. In Perkasa cultivar, the highest average leaf greenness was 30% LOF treatment and followed by Urea fertilizer treatment of  $100 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$ , LOF 20% and LOF 30%. In Lebat-3 cultivar, the highest average leaf greenness was treated with Urea fertilizer  $100 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$  and followed by LOF 10%, LOF 20% and LOF 30% treatment. The observations indicated that the average value of leaf greenness of plants treated with nitrogen fertilizers with organic and inorganic fertilizers was much higher than plants without nitrogen fertilizers. The treatment without N fertilizer had low greenness.

The results showed that the provision of N sources and cultivar affected the number of bean pods per plant. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced the highest number of bean pods per plant and was not significantly different from the treatment of 10% liquid organic fertilizer and urea. Cultivar Lebat-3 with LOF 10% produced the highest number of bean pods and was not significantly different from the urea fertilizer treatment. The use of bean cultivar in N fertilizer had a different effect on the number of bean pods. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced more number of bean pods compared to the Lebat-3 cultivar treatment. In this study, the provision of LOF 20% and LOF 10% was sufficient for the growth of green beans and was no different from urea. According to Permanasari et al. (2014) In generative plant growth, chlorophyll formation will play a very important role in the process of plant photosynthate formation. In addition, the use of cultivar and N also affects the genetic characteristics of plants in the number of pods. Based on the research results, it is suspected that nitrogen can increase the chlorophyll content of leaves, which is important for photosynthesis and has a role in the number of bean pods. In addition, plant genetic traits in the two cultivar influenced the different responses to N fertilization. According to Beshir et al. (2015) stated that different cultivars have an effect in increasing the photosynthetic area (leaf area index), so that more pods are formed.

The results showed that there was a symptom of N deficiency in green bean leaves without nitrogen fertilizer. Symptoms that arise are the color of old leaves that are yellowish green compared to normal leaves which are fresh green. According to Erythrina et al. (2016) Nitrogen is the main nutrient in the formation of leaf color because nitrogen will play a role in increasing leaf green matter and protein. Giving nitrogen will increase the green color of the leaves and if it is

deficient in nitrogen, it reduces the formation of chlorophyll, causing the leaves to appear yellowish. According to Bojovic et al. (2009) nitrogen deficiency causes a reduction in leaf greenish color, decreases leaf area, and reduces photosynthesis because nitrogen has a linear correlation with leaf chlorophyll formation.

Lebat-3 cultivar requires a lower LOF concentration compared to Perkasa cultivar. From the results in Table 4, it can be seen that the Perkasa Cultivar 20% LOF treatment resulted in higher production compared to other treatments and was not significantly different from the 100% recommended Urea treatment. This is thought to be due to the excess liquid organic fertilizer which does not undergo a dissolving process so that it can be easily absorbed by plants. (Ginandjar et al., 2019). In Lebat-3 cultivar, 10% LOF treatment resulted in higher production compared to other treatments and was not significantly different from the recommended 100% Urea treatment. According to Chaturdevi (2005), nitrogen fertilization with the right dose can affect grain yield in rice and other parameters in each cultivar. The use of N sources for plants affects the results of the photosynthesis process. This is supported by Rathke (2005), who states that increasing the source of N can increase yield. This is due to the function of nitrogen which can increase the chlorophyll content so that the rate of photosynthesis also increases and produces high carbohydrates for plants (Chaudary et al., 2015). The production of Lebat-3 cultivar was lower than that of Perkasa cultivar in the recommended 100% Urea treatment and 20% LOF. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that the differences in the characters possessed by cultivar are caused by differences in genetic composition in each cultivar so that they show different responses to the environment and production factors. The positive effect of using liquid organic fertilizers from lamtoro leaves in increasing crop yields was also found by Duaja et al. (2013) on chickpeas, Palimbungan et al. (2006) on mustard plants, Septirosya et al. (2019) on tomato plants, and Ainiya et al. (2019) on sweet corn plants.

### CONCLUSION

Based on the research results, the use of LOF lamtoro leaves with the right dose can be used as an alternative to N fertilization in plants. Nitrogen is very influential on the growth and production of green beans. Treatment of bean cultivar did not significantly affect the growth parameters of green beans. The effect of 20% LOF can increase the parameters of the number of trifoliate leaves (8.81 leaves) and plant dry weight (4.52 g), while Urea can increase the growth variable of plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg. g-1FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g-1FW) and the number of stomata (22/mm<sup>2</sup>). Treatment of Perkasa cultivar at 20% LOF resulted in the highest bean production of 846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, while treatment of Lebat-3 cultivar at 10% LOF resulted in the highest bean production of 515.56 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>.

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# The growth and yield responses of two bean cultivars to organic and inorganic nitrogen sources

**Abstract.** The productivity of beans is increased by selecting the best cultivar and applying fertilizers according to the needs of the plant. In addition, the application of high-yielding cultivar and N fertilizers with the right dosage is used to improve low production. Therefore, this study aims to determine the effect of nitrogen sources on the growth and yield of two beans cultivars. A 5x2 factorial treatment was used in a randomized block design with three replications. The first factor is the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar, while the second is organic and inorganic nitrogen fertilizer, namely control, urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, as well as 10, 20, and 30% concentrations of liquid organic fertilizer from lamtoro leaves. The results showed that the use of liquid organic fertilizers with the right dose is applicable as an alternative to nitrogen fertilization. Furthermore, the 20% concentration produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and dry weight (4.52 g), while urea produced the highest plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg g<sup>-1</sup> FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g<sup>-1</sup> FW) and the number of stomata (22 mm<sup>-2</sup>). Based on the results, the use of 20% liquid organic fertilizer with Perkasa cultivar showed the best effect on the number of pods per plant (5.67), and yield (846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>).

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## INTRODUCTION

Green bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) constitutes one of the legume plants and serves as a source of vegetable protein. The plant is widely consumed by the Indonesians due to its important role in fulfilling health needs as a nutritious food ingredient. Rihana et al. (2013), stated that beans are source of vegetable protein, rich in vitamins A, B, C and has great potential for the treatment of several diseases such as oxidative stress, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes (Camara et al., 2013). Furthermore, as the population grows, the need for fresh food and vegetables continue to also increases. Therefore, to increase the production of green beans, it is necessary to apply good cultivation techniques such as applying a balanced fertilization that fulfills the nutritional needs for growth. The productivity of green beans is also increased by using improved cultivars. Meanwhile, there are numerous green beans cultivar available in the market. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that each cultivar has different genetic characteristics, which lead to differences in appearance, character, as well as responses to production factors.

Fertilization is one way to meet the nutritional needs of nitrogen in green beans. Meanwhile, nitrogen is an important nutrient required by green beans for the formation of chlorophyll, protoplasm, protein, and nucleic acids (Fahmi et al., 2010). Fertilization with nitrogen (N) is derived from organic and inorganic fertilizers such as urea. Furthermore, green bean nutritional need for N is higher than any other nutrients. Pahlevi et al. (2016) reported that nitrogen affects the photosynthetic process in plants as well as the photosynthate produced. Maghfoer et al. (2018), also stated that the application of inorganic fertilizers produced large growth and plant yield. However, the continuous use of inorganic fertilizers leads to low soil fertility and productivity. Therefore, an alternative approach is needed to reduce the use of inorganic fertilizers, via organic fertilization.

Nitrogen is commonly supplied alternatively to plants using Liquid Organic Fertilizers (LOF). It is an organic fertilizer available in liquid form and contains nutrients in the form of a solution. Therefore, it is easily absorbed by plants. Furthermore, it is applied via sprinkling or spraying on the leaves or stems of plants. Organic fertilizers are made from plant waste available in the environment. In particular, liquid organic fertilizers are more beneficial because their distribution is adjustable to the needs of plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). One example of organic matter widely used as a liquid organic fertilizer source of nitrogen is lamtoro leaves (*Leucaena leucocephala*). Liquid organic fertilizer derived from this plant contains nitrogen nutrients needed by plants (Jeksen and Mutiara, 2017). The N content in lamtoro leaves is quite high, namely 3.84%; therefore, it is a source of organic nutrient to increase the growth and yield of green beans (Palimungan et al., 2006). Furthermore, the application of liquid organic fertilizers increased the fresh weight of pods in green beans (Rizqiani et al., 2007), and provided the highest yield of pods and bean per plant in slam weed (*Chromolaena odorata* L.) (Duaja, 2013).

Plant cultivar is a factor that greatly determines the quality of agricultural products. The use of high-yielding beans cultivar increases productivity and yield quality. Each cultivar has specific different genetic characteristics and traits which leads to differences in the respective character and appearance. Examples of high-yielding beans cultivar include Perkasa and Lebat-3. The advantages of Perkasa cultivar include resistance to leaf rust disease, early maturity as well as the large

53 and long pods. In contrast, the advantages of Lebat-3 cultivar include well adapted to the low-highlands, early maturity  
54 and has high yield potential. Sinaga et al. (2017) showed that the use of cultivars had a significant effect on the growth and  
55 yield of beans. Furthermore, Duaja (2013) stated that there is an interaction between the use of bean cultivar with liquid  
56 organic fertilizers doses on the number of pods and productivity.

57 The fertilizer requirement by each cultivar is usually different. This is caused by due to the individual genetic  
58 characteristics. Hence, the selection of fertilizer types and requirements need to be considered. Besides, the appropriate  
59 doses of liquid organic fertilizers also influence plant growth. Ratnasari et al. (2015) stated that variations in genetic traits  
60 of cultivar lead to different responses to environmental and production factors. There are only few studies on the different  
61 organic and inorganic nitrogen sources. In this study, two beans cultivars were hypothesized to produce different responses  
62 to treatments with various types and doses of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen. Therefore, this study aims to  
63 determine the effect of inorganic and organic nitrogen sources on the growth and yield of two beans cultivars.

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## 64 MATERIALS AND METHODS

65 This study was conducted at the experimental research area of Pemanggilan, Natar, Lampung province, Indonesia from  
66 January to March 2020. The soil was first cultivated using hoes, loosened to a depth of 20-30 cm, evenly processed and an  
67 experimental plot was made with a size of 3-x-2.5 m. Furthermore, the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivars were planted by  
68 drilling the planting holes, while two seeds each were planted with a spacing of 40 cm x 40 cm.

69 The (2-x-5) factorial treatment was used in a randomized block design (RBD) with three replications totaling 30  
70 experimental units. The first factor was the bean cultivars, namely Perkasa and Lebat-3, while the second was the source of  
71 nitrogen, namely control, urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, as well as 10%, 20%, and 30% LOF. Furthermore, the data were analyzed  
72 using analysis of variance procedures, while the means were compared using the Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) of  
73 5%.

74 The liquid fertilizer was prepared by mixing chopped lamtoro leaves (1 kg of lamtoro leaves: 2 liters of water), with  
75 200 ml of molasses and 200 ml of EM4 in a drum, the mixture was then fermented for 15 days and the liquid was filtered.  
76 The inorganic fertilizers given include urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) at the beginning and 4 weeks after planting (WAP),  
77 while SP-36 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (150 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) and KCL 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) were given at the beginning of planting.  
78 Fertilization was applied in a strip with a distance of 5 cm from the plant.

79 The liquid organic fertilizer was applied by spraying on the top and bottom of the plant (60:40). This was carried out  
80 once a week using a concentration of 10% (100 ml LOF solution + 900 ml water), 20% (200 ml LOF solution + 800 ml  
81 water), and 30% (300 ml LOF solution + 700 ml water).

82 Plant maintenance includes weeding manually and thinning, while the harvest was carried out in stages according to  
83 the age of each cultivar. The characteristics of beans ready for harvest include young and gloomy pod color, rough skin  
84 surface, less prominent seeds in the pods which usually make a popping sound when the pods are broken especially  
85 between 2-3 weeks after flowering.

86 The parameters observed include plant height (6 WAP), number of trifoliolate leaves (6 WAP), chlorophyll, carotenoids  
87 (5 WAP), number of stomata (5 WAP), greenness of leaves (5 WAP), symptoms of N deficiency, number of pods per  
88 plant, dry weight, and yield. Furthermore, the replica method modified from Paul (2017) was used to observe the stomata  
89 on the leaf surface. The leaves were first cleaned with a tissue to remove dust or dirt and then rubbed with a transparent  
90 nail polish, and allowed to dry for a few minutes. A transparent strip tape measuring 1 cm x 1 cm in size was applied,  
91 smoothed, and then peeled off slowly. The sample produced was then attached to the slide and observed under a  
92 microscope.

93 The chlorophyll and carotenoid contents were measured using the spectrophotometric method. The green beans were  
94 crushed using a mortar and 100 ml of 70% alcohol solution was added. Furthermore, the extract was filtered and the  
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## 102 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

103 The LOF analysis results showed that the N content in the lamtoro leaves was 0.16%, C-organic 3.08%, N-total 0.16%,  
104 P-total 0.18% and K 0.56% with a pH of 3.64. Furthermore, the C/N ratio was 19.25, which fulfills the standard of organic

fertilizer. A good C/N ratio ranges between 15-20%, meanwhile, a high ratio decreases the biological activity of microorganisms, and a very low ratio causes denitrification (Watson et al., 2002)

**Table 1.** Effects of treatment with different nitrogen sources and cultivar on plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight.

Treatment	Plant height (cm)	Number of trifoliolate leaves	Dry weight (g)
Perkasa Cultivar	133.60 a	7.20 a	3.21 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	137.63 a	8.11 a	3.17 a
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	18.47	1.43	0.92
Control	94.71 c	5.57 b	1.95 b
Urea	171.48 a	8.50 ab	3.78 ab
10% LOF	150.60 ab	9.11 a	3.13 ab
20% LOF	148.02 ab	8.81 ab	4.52 a
30% LOF	113.29 bc	6.30 ab	2.58 ab
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	42.11	3.25	2.09

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The results showed that the combination of N sources and cultivar did not affect plant height, numbers of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight. Plant height in the control was shorter than the treatment with urea, as well as 10, and 20% LOF, meanwhile, the application of N sources from urea, as well as 10, 20, and 30% LOF showed no significant differences (Table 1). Moreover, the numbers of trifoliolate leaves in the control were lesser compared to 10, 20, and 30% LOF, while the number of trifoliolate leaves treated with urea, and the different LOF concentrations showed no significant differences (Table 1). Application of 20% LOF produced heavier dry weight compared to control, while the application of urea, and the different LOF concentrations were not different (Table 1).

**Table 2.** Effects of treatment with different nitrogen sources and cultivar on chlorophyll, carotenoid, and numbers of stomata.

Treatment	Chlorophyll (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	Carotenoid (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	The number of stomata (mm <sup>-2</sup> )
Perkasa Cultivar	12.92 a	1.59 a	14.40 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	13.24 a	1.88 a	14.67 a
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	1.16	0.29	3.50
Control	9.68 b	1.38 b	8.50 c
Urea	15.93 a	2.35 a	22.00 a
10% LOF	15.56 a	1.69 ab	11.50 bc
20% LOF	13.77 a	1.76 ab	17.83 ab
30% LOF	10.46 b	1.47 b	12.83 bc
HSD <sub>0.05</sub>	2.64	0.67	8.05

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Based on the results, the application of N sources and cultivars affected chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of stomata in green beans. Meanwhile, the parameters of chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of stomata in the Perkasa cultivar did not differ significantly compared to Lebat-3. The chlorophyll content in the control was lower than the urea treatment, and was not different between the control and 30% LOF. Furthermore, the chlorophyll content for the urea treatment did not differ compared to 10 and 20% LOF (Table 2). The application of urea produced a higher carotenoid content compared to the control, but was not different compared to 10, and 20% LOF treatments (Table 2). Also, the application of 10, 20, and 30% LOF showed no differences in the carotenoid content compared to the control. The application of urea produced a higher number of stomata compared to the control, while the application of urea and 20% LOF showed no differences in the number of stomata. Similarly, LOF applications of 10, and 30% also produced no difference in the numbers of stomata (Table 2).

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**Table 3.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on dry weight, plant, number of pods, greenness leaves and yield two cultivar bean.

Parameter	Source N	Cultivar		HSD <sub>0,05</sub>
		Perkasa	Lebat-3	
Greenness of the leaves	Control	18.31 Ab	17.54 Ab	9.34
	Urea	27.79 Aa	28.91 Aa	
	10% LOF	20.13 Aab	28.11 Aa	
	20% LOF	24.06 Aab	24.19 Aa	
	30% LOF	28.96 Aa	21.81 Aab	
Number of pods	Control	5.46 Ac	2.50 Ab	4.40
	Urea	9.13 Aab	9.05 Aa	
	10% LOF	9.96 Aab	12.13 Aa	
	20% LOF	13.38 Aa	4.67 Bab	
	30% LOF	6.92 Abc	3.75 Ab	
Yield of green bean (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Control	231.11 Ac	113.33 Ab	220.24
	Urea	720.89 Aab	429.78 Aa	
	10% LOF	565.33 Ab	515.56 Aa	
	20% LOF	846.67 Aa	181.33 Bb	
	30% LOF	333.78 Ac	148.00 Ab	

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The results showed that the level of leaf greenness, number of pods, and bean production were significantly affected by the interaction of N sources and bean cultivar (Table 3). The 30% LOF treatment with Perkasa cultivar and urea with Lebat-3 produced the highest level of leaf greenness compared to the others but were still significantly the same as the other treatments with different N sources. Moreover, the data indicated that the average value of leaf greenness of plants treated with organic and inorganic fertilizers was higher than the control plants without nitrogen fertilizers. The treatment without N fertilizer had low greenness. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced a statistically higher number of bean pods compared to the Lebat-3. Similarly, Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced the highest number of bean pods per plant but was not significantly different from the 10% LOF and urea treatments. Furthermore, Lebat-3 cultivar with LOF 10% produced the highest number of bean pods but was not significantly different from the urea and 20% LOF treatment. There was a significant difference between the yield of the two cultivars with 20% LOF treatment. The Perkasa cultivar treated with urea and LOF 20% produced a higher yield, while Lebat-3 with urea and 10% LOF treatment produced a higher yield compared to other treatments (Table 3).

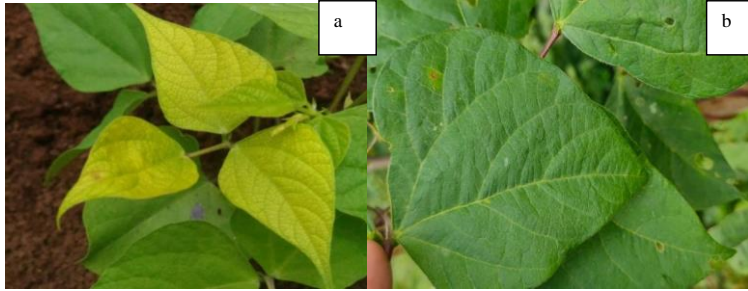
**Symptoms of N Deficiency (Figure 1.)**

Symptoms of nitrogen nutrient deficiency were found in the green bean leaves. This deficiency occurs in the leaves of plants without treatment (control), characterized by a yellowish appearance compared to the leaves treated with nitrogen fertilizer. Normal leaves have fresh green leaf color (Figure 1). Santosa et al. (2017) stated that the use of chemical fertilizers not only increases production costs but also decreases productivity and gradually leads to higher risks. Furthermore, nitrogen requirement by plants is needs to be in accordance with the demand of the plant. Zainal et al. (2014) stated that the lack of this nutrient leads to leaf chlorosis indicated by yellowing of the leaves. In contrast, excess nitrogen accelerates plant growth, especially on the stems, the leaves turn dark green.

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## Discussion

The results showed that the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar had no significantly different effect on vegetative growth, while the application of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen affected vegetative growth parameters namely plant height, numbers of leaves, and dry weight (Table 1). This is supported by Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017) which reported that nitrogen fertilizer significantly affect the growth of tea plants. In addition, Amin (2011), reported that nitrogen increased plant growth and height to produce numerous internodes which resultantly produce more leaves.

The number of trifoliolate leaves in green beans is influenced by the availability of N nutrients. This parameter increased significantly after the application of organic nitrogen sources. Based on the results, the 10% LOF treatment produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves but was not different from the 20, and 30% LOF, as well as urea treatment. Pramitasari et al. (2016), stated that higher N absorption by plant leads to larger growth of the leaves. Furthermore, the application of LOF from lamtoro leaves showed significant growth in plant height, numbers of leaves, and fresh weight of mustard greens (Pary, 2015) highest yield on the number of pakcoy leaves (Hidayat and Suharyana, 2019), and increased the growth and number of fruit in tomato plants (Septirosya et al., 2019). The number of trifoliolate leaves is a plant characteristic that affects the speed of photosynthesis to capture sunlight. Meanwhile, liquid organic fertilizers are rich in nitrogen and increases the number of plant leaves.

The application of nitrogen sources affected the dry weight of the plant. LOF 20% produced the highest dry weight but was not significantly different from urea and 10% LOF. Furthermore, it was assumed that the availability of sufficient nutrients in the treatment affects plant growth and yield. The high dry weight was influenced by the initial vegetative growth as this parameter is related to the number of leaves and fresh weight. Arista et al. (2015) stated that nitrogen is an element that functions to increase leaf size and the percentage of protein. Meanwhile, Madusari (2019) reported that liquid organic fertilizers affect plant growth and nutrient absorption by increasing plant stem diameter and dry weight.

Based on the results, the application of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen affected physiological characters namely chlorophyll, carotenoids, number of stomata and greenness of leaves. However, chlorophyll and leaf carotenoids were not affected by the bean cultivar. Bojovic et al. (2005), stated that the leaf color of certain cultivars did not directly correlate with chlorophyll content. Meanwhile, the chlorophyll and carotenoid contents are affected by the availability of N nutrients. Wijiyanti (2019) reported that nitrogen is the main nutrient needed for the formation of chlorophyll and carotenoids. This is also in line with Razaq et al. (2017) which found that chlorophyll and carotenoids synthesis depends on optimal N availability, therefore, nitrogen plays an important role in the formation of photosynthetic pigments. Furthermore, Hendriyani et al., (2018) reported that carotenoids and chlorophyll are complementary pigments, but carotenoids are fewer in number because it play a role in the absorption of light by chlorophyll.

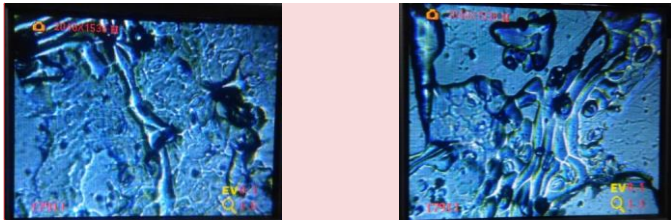
The number of stomata in the two cultivars of green beans was affected by the application of nitrogen fertilizers (Table 2). The two cultivars showed similar responses, while the application of inorganic fertilizers produced more stomata compared to other treatments. Nitrogen fertilizer treatment on green beans had a significant effect on the number of stomata (Figure 1). Furthermore, urea and 20% LOF produced a higher number of stomata compared to the control. Meanwhile, the number of stomata in plants affects metabolic processes in plants such as photosynthesis. The rate of photosynthesis increases as the number of stomata rises; hence, plant productivity also increases. This is supported by Proklamasingih et al. (2012), which stated that the rate of photosynthesis in plants is closely related to the yield. Moreover, Putri et al. (2017), reported that stomata play an important role in photosynthesis by acting as a surface for CO<sub>2</sub> exchange in the leaves.

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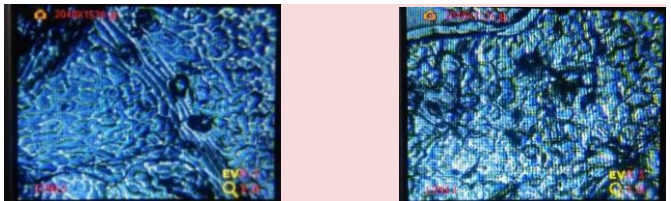
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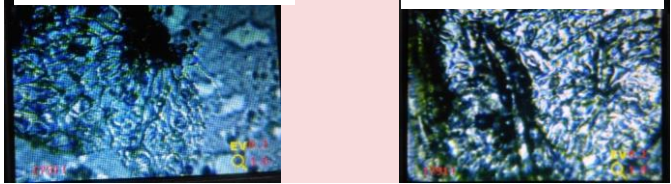
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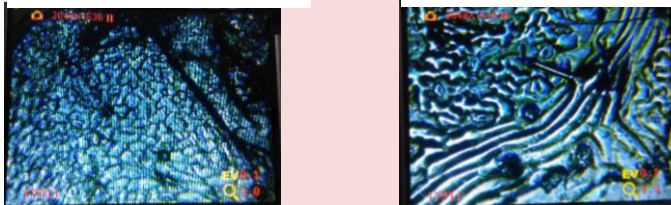
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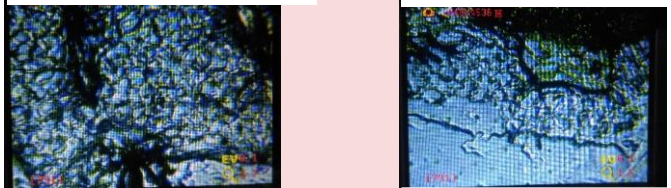
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Figure 2. The number of stomata on Perkasa (left) and Lebat-3 (right)

The application of nitrogen fertilizers also affects the greenness of the leaves. Nitrogen is an important element which increases leaf greenness in plants (Faustina et al., 2015). Pramitasari et al. (2016) also stated that the N nutrient affects plant growth, appearance, and color hence, the plant organs turn green due to the chlorophyll content. Furthermore, Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017), reported that the level of leaf greenness indicates that the plant has sufficient nitrogen levels and good health conditions.

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240 the formation of chlorophyll is reduced thereby causing the leaves to appear yellowish-green. Furthermore, Bojovic et al.  
241 (2009) stated that nitrogen deficiency causes a reduction in leaf greenish color and area, as well as photosynthesis due to  
242 the linear correlation between leaf chlorophyll formation and nitrogen.

243 Lebat-3 cultivar requires a lower LOF concentration compared with Perkasa to produce significant yield. Table 3  
244 shows that Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced a higher yield compared to other treatments but was not significantly  
245 different from the 100% recommended urea treatment. This is attributed to the effect of liquid organic fertilizer which does  
246 not uniformly dissolve for easy absorption by plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). The Lebat-3 cultivar with 10% LOF  
247 produced a higher yield compared to other treatments but was not significantly different from the recommended 100%  
248 urea treatment. Chaturdevi (2005), reported that nitrogen fertilization with the right dose affects grain yield in rice and  
249 other parameters in each cultivar. Furthermore, the use of N sources for plants affects the results of photosynthesis. This is  
250 supported by Rathke (2005), which stated that plant yield is improved by increasing the source of N. In addition, nitrogen  
251 improves yield by increasing leaf area and the rate of photosynthesis, hence, high carbohydrates are produced by the plants  
252 (Chaturdevi, 2005). The yield of Lebat-3 cultivar was lower compared to Perkasa but was not significantly different from  
253 the recommended 100% urea treatment and 20% LOF. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that the differences in the characters  
254 possessed by cultivar are caused by the varying genetic composition, hence, each cultivar responds differently to  
255 environmental and production factors. The positive effect of liquid organic fertilizers from lamtoro leaves in increasing  
256 crop yields was also found by Duaja et al. (2013) on chickpeas, Palimungan et al. (2006) on mustard plants, Septirosya et  
257 al. (2019) on tomato plants, and Ainiya et al. (2019) on sweet corn plants. The experiment showed that the liquid organic  
258 fertilizers derived from lamtoro leaves are applicable as an alternative nitrogen source in bean cultivation. This low-cost  
259 technology is easy to use by farmers and also supports organic bean production.

260 In conclusion, the use of plant-based nitrogen fertilization from lamtoro leaves is applicable as an alternative to N  
261 fertilization in bean plants. The 20% LOF is recommended as an adequate concentration to increase the growth and yield  
262 of green beans. Furthermore, each cultivar shows different responses to environmental and production factors. Treatment  
263 of Perkasa (with 20% LOF) and Lebat-3 cultivar (with 10% LOF) produced the highest bean yield, respectively.

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# THE GROWTH AND YIELD RESPONSES OF TWO BEAN CULTIVARS TO ORGANIC AND INORGANIC NITROGEN SOURCES

**Abstract.** The productivity of beans is increased by selecting the best cultivar and applying fertilizers according to the needs of the bean plants. In addition, the application of high-yielding cultivar and the application of N fertilizers with the right dosage can overcome the low production. Therefore, this study aims to determine the effect of N sources on the growth and yield of two bean cultivars. The study used a 5x2 factorial treatment design in a randomized block design with three replications. The first factor is the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar, while the second factor is organic and inorganic nitrogen fertilizer, namely control, urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, and 20%, 30% concentrations of liquid organic fertilizer from lamtoro leaves. The results showed that the use of liquid organic fertilizers with the right dose can be used as an alternative to N fertilizer. Furthermore, the 20% liquid organic fertilizer concentration produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and plant dry weight (4.52 g), while urea produced the highest plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg g<sup>-1</sup> FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g<sup>-1</sup> FW) and the number of stomata (22/mm<sup>2</sup>). Based on the results, the use of a combination of 20% liquid organic fertilizer and with Perkasa cultivar showed the best effect on the number of pods per plant (5.67), and the highest bean yield (846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>).

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The green bean plant (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) is one of the legume plants which is a source of vegetable protein. The plant is widely consumed by the Indonesian people as it has an important role in fulfilling health needs as a nutritious food ingredient. According to Rihana et al. (2013), beans are a vegetable source of vegetable protein and are rich in vitamins A, B, C and could overcome several diseases such as oxidative stress, cardiovascular, cancer and diabetes (Camara et al., 2013). As the population increases, the need for fresh food and vegetables also continues to increase. To increase the production of green beans, it is necessary to apply good cultivation techniques for plant growth. One of the efforts is applying the balanced fertilization that meet with the nutritional needs for growth. In addition, the productivity of green beans can be increased by using improved cultivar. There are many of cultivar of green beans available in the market. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), each cultivar has different genetic characteristics, which cause differences in appearance and character as well as different responses to production factors.

Fertilization is one way to meet the nutrient needs of nitrogen in green beans. Fertilization of nitrogen (N) can be derived from organic and inorganic fertilizers. Urea is a source of inorganic nitrogen fertilization. Nitrogen is a major nutrient needed by green beans, which plays an important role in the formation of chlorophyll, protoplasm, protein, and nucleic acids (Fahmi et al., 2010). The plant's need for N is higher than other nutrients. Pahlevi et al. (2016) said that the nutrient N affects the photosynthetic process of plants and the resulting photosynthate. According to Maghfoer et al. (2018), application of inorganic fertilizers produced large growth and yields for plants. However, the continuous use of inorganic fertilizers can interfere with low soil fertility and low productivity.



Therefore an alternative way is needed to reduce the use of inorganic fertilizers, namely using organic fertilizers.

Availability of nitrogen could be supplied with liquid organic fertilizers (LOF). Liquid organic fertilizer is an organic fertilizer that is available in liquid form, which contains nutrients in the form of a solution so that it is very easily absorbed by plants. Liquid organic fertilizer can be utilized by sprinkling it on plants or spraying on the leaves or stems of plants. Organic fertilizers can be made from plant waste available in the surrounding environment. The advantage of using liquid organic fertilizers is that their distribution can be adjusted to the needs of plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). One example of organic matter that can be used as liquid organic fertilizer source of nitrogen is lamtoro leaves (*Leucaena leucocephala*). Liquid organic fertilizer derived from lamtoro leaves contains nitrogen nutrients needed for plants (Jeksen and Mutiara, 2017). The N content in lamtoro leaves is quite high, namely 3.84% so it can be a source of organic N to increase the growth and yield of green beans (Palimbungan et al., 2006). Research results by Rizqiani et al. (2007) stated that the application of liquid organic fertilizers increased the fresh weight of pods in green beans and in Duaja's (2013) research, liquid organic fertilizer of kirinyuh (*Chromolaena odorata* L.) provided the highest yield of pods and bean yields per plant.

Plant cultivar is a factor that greatly determines the quality of agricultural products. The use of high yielding cultivar of beans is expected to increase productivity and yield quality of beans. Each cultivar has different genetic characteristics and traits. Based on genetic characteristics, there will be differences in the character and appearance of each cultivar. Examples of high yielding cultivar of beans are Lebat 3 and Perkasa. The advantages of Perkasa cultivar according to the description are having resistance to leaf rust disease, early maturity and having large and long pods. The superiority of Lebat 3 cultivar based on its description is that it is well adapted to the low highlands, has early maturity and has high yield potential. The results by Sinaga et al. (2017) showed that the use of cultivar had a significant effect on the growth and yield of beans. According to Duaja (2013), there is an interaction between the use of bean cultivar and liquid organic fertilizers on the number of pods and the yield of beans.

The fertilizer requirement by each cultivar is different. This is due to the genetic characteristics of these cultivar, so that the selection of fertilizer types and fertilizer requirements need to be considered. The proper doses of liquid organic fertilizers as needed is also a factor that affects plant growth. According to Ratnasari et al. (2015), differences in genetic traits of cultivar may show different responses to the environment and production factors. Little information exists on source of different organic and inorganic nitrogen sources. It is hypothesized that there will be a different response of two beans cultivar to the treatment of different types and doses of inorganic and organic sources based nitrogen. This study aims to determine the effect of inorganic and organic nitrogen sources on the growth and yield of two cultivar of beans.

## **II. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This research was conducted on the experimental research area Pemanggilan, Natar, Lampung province, Indonesia from January to March 2020. The research began with soil cultivation using hoes. The land is loosened with a depth of 20-30 cm and evenly processed and an experimental plot is made with a size of 3 x 2.5 m. The planting of the Perkasa and Lebat 3 cultivar was carried out by drilling the planting holes. The seeds given to each planting hole are 2 seeds with a spacing of 40 cm x 40 cm.

The treatment design used was factorial (2 x 5) in a randomized block design (RBD) with three replications in order to obtain 30 experimental units. The first factor is the bean cultivars, namely Perkasa and Lebat 3. The second factor is the source of nitrogen, namely control, urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, 10% LOF, 20% LOF, and 30% LOF. Data were subjected to analysis of variance procedures. Means were compared using the Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) 5%.

Preparation of liquid fertilizer is done by mixing the chopped lamtoro leaves (1 kg of lamtoro leaves: 2 liters of water), with 200 ml of molasses and 200 ml of EM4 in a drum then fermenting for 15 days. The liquid is filtered and ready to be applied to plants. Inorganic fertilizers given were urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) given at the beginning of planting and 4 weeks after planting (WAP). While SP 36 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (150 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) and KCL 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) were given at the initial planting time. Fertilization is applied in a strip with a distance of 5 cm from the plant.

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Green bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) constitute one of ~~LIQUID ORGANIC FERTILIZER~~ the legume plants and serve as a source of vegetable protein. The plant is ~~CONDUCTED~~ widely consumed by ~~SPRAYING IT ON~~ the ~~TOP~~ Indonesians due to its important role in fulfilling health needs as a nutritious food ingredient. Rihana et al. (2013), stated that beans are source of ~~THE PLANT~~ vegetable protein, rich in vitamins A, B, C and has great potential for the ~~BOTTOM~~ treatment of ~~THE PLANT~~ (60:40 several diseases such as oxidative stress, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes (Camara et al., 2013). ~~THIS LOF SPRAYING~~ Furthermore, as the population grows, the need for fresh food and vegetables continue to also increases. Therefore, to increase the production of green beans, it is ~~CARRIED OUT ONCE~~ necessary to apply good cultivation techniques such as applying a ~~WEEK~~ balanced fertilization that fulfills the nutritional needs for growth. The productivity of green beans are also increased by using ~~A CONCENTRATION~~ improved cultivars. Meanwhile, there are numerous green beans cultivar available in the market. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that each cultivar has different genetic characteristics, which lead to differences in appearance, character, as well as responses to production factors.

Fertilization is one way to meet the nutritional needs of nitrogen in green beans. Meanwhile, nitrogen is an important nutrient required by green beans for the formation of ~~10% (100 ml LOF solution + 900 ml water)~~ chlorophyll, protoplasm, protein, and nucleic acids (Fahmi et al., 2010). Fertilization with nitrogen (N) is derived from organic and inorganic fertilizers such as Urea. Furthermore, ~~20% (200 ml LOF solution + 800 ml water)~~ green bean nutritional need for N is higher than any other nutrient. Pahlevi et al. (2016) reported that nitrogen affects the photosynthetic process in plants as well as the photosynthate produced. Maghfoer et al. (2018), also stated that the application of inorganic fertilizers produced large growth and ~~30% (300 ml LOF solution + 700 ml water)~~.

~~PLANT MAINTENANCE INCLUDES WEEDING MANUALLY AND THINNING. HARVESTING~~ plant yield. However, the continuous use of inorganic fertilizers leads to low soil fertility and productivity. Therefore, an alternative approach is needed to reduce the use of inorganic fertilizers, via organic fertilization.

Nitrogen is commonly supplied alternatively to plants using Liquid Organic Fertilizers (LOF). It is ~~CARRIED OUT~~ an organic fertilizer available in ~~STAGES ACCORDING~~ liquid form and contains nutrients in the form of a solution, therefore, it is easily absorbed by plants. Furthermore, it is applied via sprinkling or spraying on the leaves or stems of plants. Organic fertilizers are made from plant waste available in the environment. In particular, liquid organic fertilizers are more beneficial because its distribution is adjustable to the ~~HARVEST AGE~~ needs of ~~EACH CULTIVAR~~ plants

(Ginandjar et al., 2019). One example of organic matter widely used as a liquid organic fertilizer source of nitrogen is lamtoro leaves (*Leucaena leucocephala*). Liquid organic fertilizer derived from this plant contains nitrogen nutrients needed by plants (Jeksen and Mutiara, 2017). The **CHARACTERISTICS** N content in lamtoro leaves is quite high, namely 3.84%, therefore, it is a source of organic nutrient to increase the growth and yield of green beans ~~THAT ARE READY TO BE HARVESTED~~(Palimbungan et al., 2006). Furthermore, the ~~COLOR~~ application of liquid organic fertilizers increased the fresh weight of pods in green beans (Rizqiani et al., 2007), and provided the highest yield of pods and bean per plant in kirinyuh (*Chromolaena odorata* L.)(Duaja, 2013).

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The fertilizer requirement by each cultivar is usually different, this is due to the individual genetic characteristics hence, the selection of fertilizer types and ~~WHEN~~ requirements need to be considered. Besides, the ~~PODS ARE BROKEN~~ appropriate doses of liquid organic fertilizers also influences plant growth. Ratnasari et al. (2015), ~~THEY WILL USUALLY MAKE A POPPING SOUND~~ stated that ~~USUALLY OCCURS 2-3 WEEKS AFTER~~ variations in genetic traits of cultivar lead to different responses to environmental and production factors. There are only few studies on the different organic and inorganic nitrogen sources. In this study, two beans cultivar were hypothesized to produce different responses to treatment with various types and doses of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen. Therefore, this study aims to determine the effect of inorganic and organic nitrogen sources on the ~~FLOWERS BLOOM~~ growth and yield of two beans cultivars.

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The liquid fertilizer was prepared by mixing chopped lamtoro leaves (1 kg of lamtoro leaves: 2 liters of water), with 200 ml of molasses and 200 ml of EM4 in a drum, the mixture was then fermented for 15 days and the liquid was filtered. The inorganic fertilizers given include urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) at the beginning and 4 weeks after planting (WAP), while SP-36 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (150 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) and KCL 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) were given at the beginning of planting. Fertilization was applied in a strip with a distance of 5 cm from the plant.

The liquid organic fertilizer was applied by spraying on the top and bottom of the plant (60:40). This was carried out once a week using a concentration of 10% (100 ml LOF solution + 900 ml water), 20% (200 ml LOF solution + 800 ml water), and 30% (300 ml LOF solution + 700 ml water).

Plant maintenance includes weeding manually and thinning, while the harvest was carried out in stages according to the age of each cultivar. The characteristics of beans ready for harvest include young and gloomy pod color, rough skin surface, less prominent seeds in the pods which usually make a popping sound when the pods are broken especially between 2-3 weeks after flowering.

The parameters observed ~~were include~~ plant height (6 WAP), number of trifoliolate leaves (6 WAP), chlorophyll, carotenoids (5 WAP), number of stomata (5 WAP), greenness of leaves (5 WAP), symptoms of N deficiency, number of pods per plant, dry weight, and yield. ~~The Furthermore, the replica method used modified from Paul, 2017 was used~~ to observe the stomata on the leaf ~~surface is the replica method (modified from Paul, 2017), in which the surface. The~~ leaves ~~are were~~ first cleaned with a tissue to remove dust or dirt, ~~and~~ then rubbed with a transparent nail polish. ~~The nail polish is allowed, and allowed~~ to dry for a few minutes, ~~after which the nail polish is applied dry with a. A~~ transparent strip ~~of~~ tape measuring 1 cm x 1 cm in size ~~and was applied~~, smoothed, ~~and~~ then peeled off slowly. The ~~result of the peel is sample produced was~~ then attached to the slide and observed under a microscope.

~~Measurement of The~~ chlorophyll and carotenoid ~~content was carried out contents were measured~~ using the ~~spectrophotometric spectrophotometric~~ method. The green beans ~~are were~~ crushed using a mortar and 100 ml of 70% alcohol solution ~~is was~~ added. ~~Then Furthermore,~~ the extract was filtered and the filtrate was placed in a cuvet to measure the total chlorophyll and carotenoid ~~content contents~~ using a ~~spectrophotometer. According to Rahimi et al spectrophotometer. (2019) the~~ chlorophyll and carotenoid ~~content was contents were~~ calculated using the ~~formula formula~~ (Rahimi et al., 2019):

$$\text{Chlorophyll } a = 11,24 \times A_{662} - 2,04 \times A_{645}$$

$$\text{Chlorophyll } b = 20,13 \times A_{645} - 4,19 \times A_{662}$$

$$\text{Chlorophyll total} = 7,05 \times A_{662} + 18,09 \times A_{645}$$

$$\text{Carotenoid} =$$

$$\frac{(1000 \times A_{470} - 1,90 \times \text{klorofil } a - 63,14 \times \text{klorofil } b)}{214}$$

$$\frac{(1000 \times A_{470} - 1,90 \times \text{klorofil } a - 63,14 \times \text{klorofil } b)}{214}$$

### III RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The ~~results of~~ LOF analysis ~~results~~ showed that the N content in the ~~LOF of~~ lamtoro leaves was 0.16%, ~~had a~~ C-Organic ~~content of~~ 3.08%, N-total ~~was~~ 0.16%, P-total ~~was~~ 0.18% and K ~~was~~ 0.56% with a pH of 3.64. ~~The results of Furthermore,~~ the ~~analysis showed that the C/N of the lamtoro LOF~~ ratio was 19.25. ~~C/N ratio has met, which fulfills~~ the standard of organic fertilizer. A good C/N ratio ~~is~~ ranges between 15-20%. ~~A, meanwhile, a high C/N ratio causes decreases~~ the biological activity of ~~microorganisms to decrease microorganisms, while and a C/N ratio that is too very low will cause ratio~~ causes denitrification (Watson et al., 2002)

**Table 1.** Effects of treatment ~~with different~~ nitrogen ~~source sources~~ and cultivar on plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry ~~weight plant weight~~.

Treatment	Plant height (cm)	Number of trifoliolate leaves	Dry <del>weight plant weight</del> (g)
Perkasa Cultivar	133.60 a	7.20 a	3.21 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	137.63 a	8.11 a	3.17 a
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	18.47	1.43	0.92
Control	94.71 c	5.57 b	1.95 b
Urea	171.48 a	8.50 ab	3.78 ab
10% LOF	150.60 ab	9.11 a	3.13 ab
20% LOF	148.02 ab	8.81 ab	4.52 a



30% LOF	113.29 bc	6.30 ab	2.58 ab
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	42.11	3.25	2.09

In a ~~column~~ column, common values letter(s) do not differ significantly at  $p \leq 0,05$  as per HSD

~~The results showed that the combination of N sources and cultivar did not affect plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight. In plant height, the plant height in the control was shorter than the treatment of urea, 10% LOF, 20% LOF; while the application of N sources from urea, 10% LOF, 20% LOF, and 30% LOF did not differ (Table 1). The number of trifoliolate leaves on control was less than on 10% LOF, 20% LOF, and 30% LOF, while the number of trifoliolate leaves treated with Urea, 20% LOF, and 30% LOF had statistically the same results (Table 1). Application of 20% N LOF source resulted in heavier dry weight than control, while the application of urea, 10% LOF, 20% LOF and 30% LOF were not different (Table 1).~~

The results showed that the combination of N sources and cultivar did not affect plant height, numbers of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight. Plant height in the control was shorter than the treatment with urea, as well as 10, and 20% LOF, meanwhile, the application of N sources from urea, as well as 10, 20, and 30% LOF showed no significant differences (Table 1). Moreover, the numbers of trifoliolate leaves in the control was lesser compared to 10, 20, and 30% LOF, while the number of trifoliolate leaves treated with Urea, and the different LOF concentrations showed no significant differences (Table 1). Application of 20% LOF produced heavier dry weight compared to control, while the application of urea, and the different LOF concentrations were not different (Table 1).

**Table 2.** Effects of treatment with different nitrogen sources and cultivar on chlorophyll, carotenoid, and numbers of stomata.

~~**Table 2.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on, chlorophyll, carotenoid of leaves, and number of stomata.~~

Treatment	Chlorophyll (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	Carotenoid (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	The number of stomata (/mm <sup>2</sup> )
Perkasa Cultivar	12.92 a	1.59 a	14.40 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	13.24 a	1.88 a	14.67 a
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	1.16	0.29	3.50
Control	9.68 b	1.38 b	8.50 c
Urea	15.93 a	2.35 a	22.00 a
LOF 10%	15.56 a	1.69 ab	11.50 bc
LOF 20%	13.77 a	1.76 ab	17.83 ab
LOF 30%	10.46 b	1.47 b	12.83 bc
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	2.64	0.67	8.05

In a column, common values letter(s) do not differ significantly at  $p \leq 0,05$  as per HSD

~~The results showed that~~ Based on the results, the application of N sources and ~~cultivar-cultivars~~ affected chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of stomata in green beans. ~~Parameters~~ Meanwhile,

the parameters of chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of leaf stomata of in the Perkasa cultivar did not differ significantly compared to cultivar Lebat-3. The chlorophyll content at in the control was lower than the urea treatment, while the chlorophyll content and was not different between the control and the 30% LOF. Chlorophyll Furthermore, the chlorophyll content treated with for the urea treatment did not differ compared to 10% LOF 10 and 20% LOF (Table 2). The application of urea resulted in produced a higher carotenoid content than compared to the control, while the application of urea, but was not different compared to 10% LOF, and 20% LOF were not different treatments (Table 2). The Also, the application of N source 1 0% LOF 10, 20% LOF 20%, and 30% LOF resulted showed no differences in no different the carotenoid content between compared to the control. The application of urea produced a higher number of stomata compared to the control, The while the application of urea and 20% LOF were not different on showed no differences in the number of stomata. Similarly, while LOF application applications of 10%, and 30% also produced no different difference in the numbers of stomata (Table 2).

**Table 3.** Effects of treatment with different nitrogen source sources and cultivar cultivars on dry weight plant, weight, number of pods, greenness greenness of leaves and yield of two cultivar beanbeans cultivar.

Parameter	Source N	Cultivar		HSD <sub>0,05</sub>
		Perkasa	Lebat-3	
Greenness Greenness of the leaves (unit)	Control	18.31 Ab	17.54 Ab	9.34
	Urea	27.79 Aa	28.91 Aa	
	LOF 10%	20.13 Aab	28.11 Aa	
	LOF 20%	24.06 Aab	24.19 Aa	
	LOF 30%	28.96 Aa	21.81 Aab	
	Number of pods	Control	5.46 Ac	
Urea	9.13 Aab	9.05 Aa		
LOF 10%	9.96 Aab	12.13 Aa		
LOF 20%	13.38 Aa	4.67 Bab		
LOF 30%	6.92 Abc	3.75 Ab		
Yield (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Control	231.11 Ac	113.33 Ab	220.24
Urea	720.89 Aab	515.56 Aa		
LOF 10%	565.33 Ab	429.78 Aa		
LOF 20%	846.67 Aa	148.00 Bb		
LOF 30%	333.78 Ac	181.33 Ab		

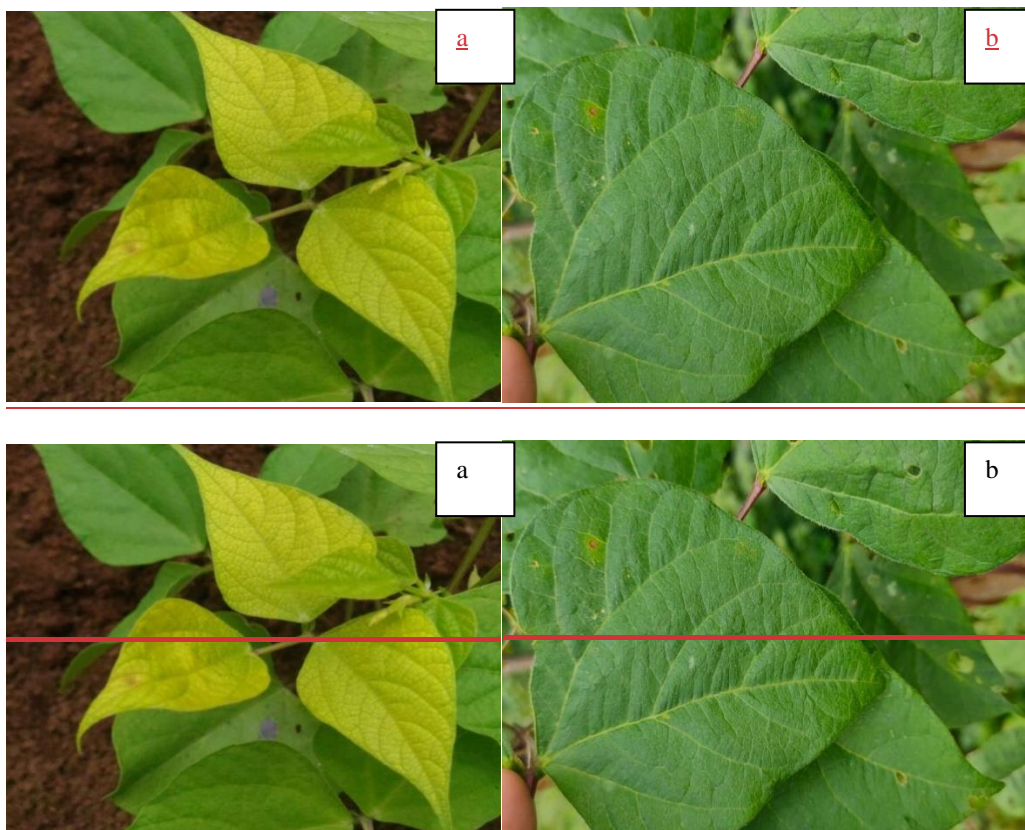
Mean followed by the same letter (capital read horizontally and small letter read vertically) do not differ significantly at  $p \leq 0,05$  as per HSD

The results showed that the level of leaf greenness, number of pods, and bean production were significantly affected by the interaction of N sources and bean cultivar (Table 3). For the greenness level of the leaves, the The 30% LOF treatment at with Perkasa cultivar and urea at with Lebat-3 cultivar produced the highest level of leaf greenness compared to the others but were still significantly the same as the other treatments of with different N sources. The. Moreover, the data indicated that the average value of leaf greenness of plants treated with nitrogen fertilizers with organic and inorganic fertilizers

was ~~much~~ higher than ~~the~~ control plants without nitrogen fertilizers. The treatment without N fertilizer had low greenness. ~~-Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced a statistically more-higher number of bean pods compared to the Lebat-3 cultivar treatment.3. Similarly, Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced the highest number of bean pods per plant and-but was not significantly different from the treatment of 10% LOF and urea. Cultivar-urea treatments. Furthermore, Lebat-3 cultivar with LOF 10% produced the highest number of bean pods and-but was not significantly different from the urea fertilizer treatment and 20% LOF. LOF treatment.~~ There ~~is-was~~ a significant difference between ~~the~~ yield of ~~2 cultivars on the treatment of two cultivars with 20% LOF~~ ~~LOF treatment.~~ ~~On-the-The~~ Perkasa ~~cultivar,~~ ~~the plants cultivar~~ treated with urea and LOF 20% ~~had-produced~~ a higher ~~yield-yield,~~ while ~~on~~ Lebat-3 ~~cultivar, with~~ urea and 10% LOF treatment ~~had-produced~~ a higher yield compared to other treatments (Table 3).

### Symptoms of N Deficiency (Figure 1.)

Symptoms of nitrogen nutrient deficiency ~~occur-were found~~ in ~~the~~ green bean leaves. ~~Symptoms of This~~ deficiency ~~of nitrogen nutrients occur-occurs~~ in the leaves of plants without treatment (control), ~~with the characteristic that the green bean leaves appear characterized by a~~ yellowish ~~appearance~~ compared to the leaves treated with nitrogen fertilizer. Normal leaves have ~~a~~ fresh green leaf color (Figure 1). Santosa et al. (2017) stated that the use of chemical fertilizers not only increases production costs but also decreases productivity and ~~gradually~~ leads to ~~gradually~~ higher risks. ~~Nitrogen-for~~ ~~Furthermore, nitrogen requirement by plants must-is needs to~~ be in accordance with the ~~needs-demand~~ of the plant. ~~According to~~ Zainal et al. (2014). ~~Laek- stated that the lack~~ of this nutrient ~~will-cause-the~~ ~~leaves-leads~~ to ~~experience-leaf~~ chlorosis ~~which is~~ indicated by yellowing of the leaves. ~~In contrast,~~ ~~whereas if~~ excess nitrogen ~~will-accelerate-accelerates~~ plant growth, especially on the stems, the leaves ~~will~~ turn dark ~~green-and-the plants become secondary-green.~~



**Figure 1.** Comparison of deficiency N (a) The color of the leaf deficient N (b) The color of the normal leaf

## Discussion

The results showed that the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar had no ~~different significantly different~~ effect on ~~the~~ vegetative growth. ~~The~~, while the application of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen affected vegetative growth parameters namely plant height, ~~number numbers~~ of ~~leaves leaves~~, and dry weight (Table 1). This is supported by ~~the research of~~ Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017) which ~~states reported~~ that nitrogen fertilizer ~~has a significant effect in significantly affect~~ the growth of tea plants. ~~According to~~ In addition, Amin (2011), ~~reported that~~ nitrogen ~~will increase increased~~ plant growth and height ~~so that it will to~~ produce ~~a lot of numerous~~ internodes ~~and these will which resultantly~~ produce more leaves.

The number of trifoliolate leaves in green beans is influenced by the availability of N nutrients. ~~The number of leaves~~ This parameter increased significantly ~~when fertilized with after the application of~~ organic nitrogen sources. ~~At~~ Based on the results, the 10% LOF treatment produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves ~~and but~~ was not different ~~from from the 20% LOF, and 30% LOF, and ureas well as urea treatment~~. ~~According to~~ Pramitasari et al. (2016), ~~the more N is absorbed by the plant, the leaves will grow larger~~. The effect of LOF lamtoro leaves in increasing plant growth was also ~~stated stated that higher N absorption~~ by Pary (2015) ~~which found that application of plant leads to larger growth of the leaves~~. Furthermore, the application of LOF ~~of from~~ lamtoro ~~leaves leaves~~ showed significant ~~plant growth in the parameters of in~~ plant height, ~~number numbers~~ of leaves, and fresh weight of mustard ~~greens~~; by Hidayat and Suharyana (2019) ~~who stated that application of LOF leaves lamtoro showed the greens~~ (Pary, 2015) highest yield on the number of pakcoy ~~leaves~~; by Septirosya et al. ~~(leaves (Hidayat and Suharyana, 2019), and who stated that application of LOF lamtoro increased the growth and number of fruit in tomato plants plants (Septirosya et al., 2019)~~. The number of trifoliolate leaves is a plant characteristic that affects the speed of photosynthesis to capture sunlight. ~~Liquid~~ Meanwhile, liquid organic fertilizers ~~contained a are rich of in~~ nitrogen ~~that affect an increased and increases the number of plant leaves~~.

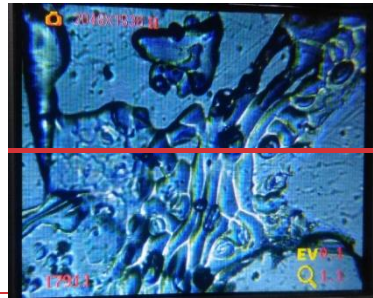
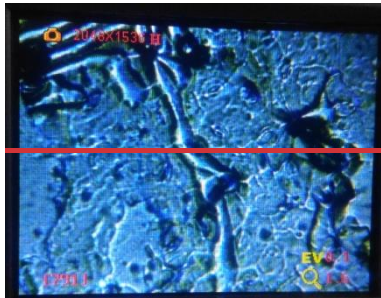
The ~~results showed that the~~ application of nitrogen sources affected the dry weight of the ~~plants plant~~. LOF 20% produced the highest dry weight ~~of green beans and but~~ was not significantly different from urea and LOF 10%. ~~It is~~ Furthermore, it was assumed that the availability of sufficient ~~nutrients nutrients~~ in ~~an appropriate amount in~~ the treatment affects plant growth and yield. The high dry weight was influenced by the initial vegetative growth ~~of green beans because the dry weight was as this parameter is~~ related to the number of leaves and ~~plant~~ fresh weight. ~~According to~~ Arista et al. (2015) ~~stated that~~ nitrogen is an element that functions to increase leaf size and ~~increase~~ the percentage of protein. ~~The more leaves and this protein will increase the dry stover weight in plants~~. Meanwhile, Madusari (2019) ~~said reported~~ that liquid organic fertilizers ~~tend to determine affect~~ plant growth and ~~good~~ nutrient absorption ~~which can increase by increasing~~ plant stem diameter, ~~so that liquid organic fertilizers could increase plant and dry weight~~.

~~The~~ Based on the results, the application of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen affected physiological characters namely chlorophyll, carotenoids, number of stomata and greenness of leaves. ~~Chlorophyll~~. However, chlorophyll and leaf carotenoids ~~did were~~ not affected by the bean cultivar. ~~According to~~ Bojovic et al. (2005), ~~the~~ ~~stated that the~~ leaf color of ~~each cultivar and certain cultivar cultivars~~ did not directly correlate with ~~leaf~~ chlorophyll content. ~~The content of~~ Meanwhile, the chlorophyll and ~~carotenoids can be carotenoid contents are~~ affected by the availability of N nutrients. ~~According to~~ Wijiyanti (2019) ~~reported that~~ nitrogen is the main nutrient needed for the formation of chlorophyll and carotenoids. This is also in line with ~~the result of research of~~ Razaq et al. (2017) ~~who~~ ~~which~~ found ~~synthesis of that~~ chlorophyll and carotenoids ~~synthesis~~ depends on optimal N ~~availability so that N play availability, therefore, nitrogen plays~~ an important role in the formation of photosynthetic pigments. ~~According to~~ Furthermore, Hendriyani et al., (2018) ~~reported that~~ carotenoids and chlorophyll

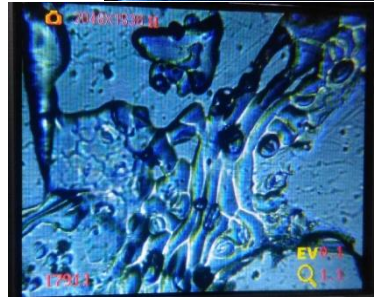


are complementary pigments, but carotenoids ~~have less numbers than chlorophyll~~ are fewer in number because ~~carotenoids~~ it play a role in ~~helping~~ the absorption of light by chlorophyll.

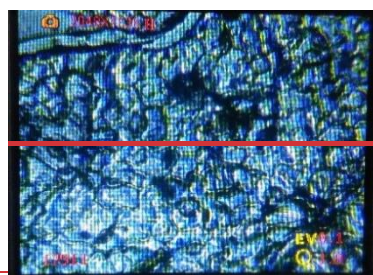
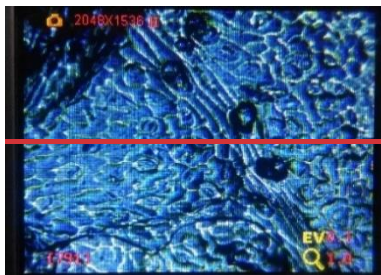
The ~~results of observing the~~ number of stomata in the two cultivars of green beans ~~showed that nitrogen fertilizer was~~ affected ~~by~~ the ~~number application~~ of ~~stomata-nitrogen fertilizers~~ (Table 2). The two cultivars ~~of green beans gave the same responses~~ showed similar responses, ~~and while~~ the application of inorganic fertilizers produced more stomata ~~than the compared to~~ other treatments. Nitrogen fertilizer treatment on green beans had a significant effect on the number of stomata (Figure 1). ~~It can be seen that Furthermore,~~ urea and 20% LOF ~~had produced~~ a higher number of stomata ~~than those without N source (compared to the control)~~. ~~The Meanwhile,~~ the number of stomata in plants affects ~~the~~ metabolic ~~process-processes~~ in plants, ~~namely plants such as~~ photosynthesis. The rate of photosynthesis increases as the number of stomata ~~increases so that rises, hence,~~ plant ~~production-productivity~~ also increases. This is supported by Proklapmasiningsih et al. (2012), which ~~states-stated~~ that the rate of photosynthesis in plants is closely related to the ~~plant production yield~~. ~~According to Moreover,~~ Putri et al. (2017), ~~reported that~~ stomata play an important role in ~~the~~ photosynthesis ~~process because they function by~~ acting as a ~~place to surface for~~ CO<sub>2</sub> exchange ~~CO<sub>2</sub>~~ in the leaves.



Perkasa Cultivar (control)

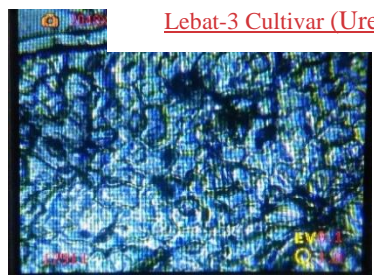


Lebat-3 Cultivar (control)



Perkasa Cultivar (Urea)

Lebat-3 Cultivar (Urea)







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Figure 2. The number of stomata on Perkasa (left) and Lebat-3 (right)

The application of nitrogen fertilizers ~~contained nitrogen~~ also affects the greenness of the leaves. Nitrogen is an important ~~part of increasing element which increases~~ leaf greenness in plants (Faustina et al., 2015). ~~According to~~ Pramitasari et al. (2016) ~~also~~ stated that the N nutrient affects plant growth, appearance, and color ~~so that hence,~~ the plant organs turn green ~~because they contain chlorophyll.~~ ~~According due to the chlorophyll content.~~ Furthermore, Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017), ~~reported that~~ the level of leaf greenness of the leaves indicates that the plant has sufficient nitrogen levels and ~~indicates healthy planting good health~~ conditions.

~~The~~ Based on the results, the application of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen affected ~~generative growth vegetative growth,~~ namely number of pods and yield. ~~The results showed that the application of nitrogen sources and cultivar affected the number of bean pods per plant.~~ In this study, the application of 10 and 20% LOF ~~and 10% LOF was was~~ sufficient for the growth of green beans ~~and but was no not significantly~~ different from urea. ~~According to~~ Meanwhile, Permanasari et al. (2014) ~~in generative plant growth,)~~ ~~stated that~~ chlorophyll formation ~~will play a very plays an~~ important role in the process of ~~plant photosynthate formation photosynthesis.~~ In addition, ~~it,~~ nitrogen is ~~expected that that nitrogen known to~~ increase the chlorophyll content of leaves, which is important for photosynthesis and ~~has a role in affects~~ the ~~number numbers~~ of bean pods. ~~In addition,~~ The plant genetic traits in the two ~~cultivar cultivars~~ influenced the different responses to N fertilization. ~~According to~~ Beshir et al. ~~.,~~ (2015) stated that different cultivars ~~have an effect in increasing increase~~ the photosynthetic area (or leaf area index), ~~so that thereby, producing more pods are formed pods.~~

The results showed that there was a symptom of N deficiency in green bean leaves without nitrogen fertilizer. ~~Symptoms that arise are the color of old leaves that are yellowish~~ The symptoms include yellowish-green coloration of leaves compared to normal leaves which are fresh green. ~~According to~~ Erythrina et al. (2016) ~~stated that~~ nitrogen is the main nutrient in the formation of leaf color ~~because nitrogen will play a due to its important~~ role in increasing leaf green matter and protein. ~~Applying~~ Therefore, the application of nitrogen ~~will increase increases~~ the green color of the leaves ~~and if it is deficient in nitrogen but when deficient, it reduces~~ the formation of ~~chlorophyll, chlorophyll is reduced thereby~~ causing the leaves to appear yellowish-green. ~~According to~~ Furthermore, Bojovic et al. (2009) ~~stated that~~ nitrogen deficiency causes a reduction in leaf greenish ~~color, decreases leaf color and area, and reduces as well as photosynthesis because nitrogen has a due to the linear correlation with between leaf chlorophyll formation formation and nitrogen.~~

Lebat-3 cultivar requires a lower LOF concentration compared ~~to Perkasa cultivar with Perkasa~~ to produce ~~the significant~~ yield. Table 3 ~~showed shows~~ that Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF ~~treatment resulted in higher production produced a higher yield~~ compared to other treatments ~~and but~~ was not significantly different from the 100% recommended urea treatment. This is attributed to the effect of liquid organic fertilizer which does not ~~undergo a dissolving process so that it can be easily absorbed uniformly dissolve for easy absorption~~ by plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). ~~In~~ The Lebat-3 ~~cultivar, cultivar with 10% LOF treatment resulted in higher production produced a higher yield~~ compared to other treatments ~~and but~~ was not significantly different from the recommended 100% urea treatment. ~~According to~~ Chaturdevi (2005), ~~nitrogen reported that nitrogen~~ fertilization with the right dose ~~affect affects~~ grain yield in rice and other parameters in each cultivar. ~~The~~ Furthermore, the use of N sources for plants affects the results of ~~the photosynthesis process photosynthesis.~~ This is supported by Rathke (2005), ~~who which~~ stated that plant yield is improved by increasing the source of N increase the yield N. ~~Nitrogen increases~~ In addition, nitrogen improves yield due to increased by increasing leaf area and the rate of photosynthesis ~~so that the production of assimilation and dry matter also increases and consequently produces hence,~~ high carbohydrates ~~for are produced by the plants~~ (Chaturdevi, 2005). The yield of Lebat-3 cultivar was lower ~~than that of compared to Perkasa cultivar in the but was not significantly different from the~~ recommended 100% urea treatment and 20% LOF. Ratnasari et al.



(2015), stated that the differences in the characters possessed by cultivar are caused by ~~differences in the varying genetic composition in composition, hence, each cultivar so that they show different responses responds differently to the environment environmental~~ and production factors. The positive effect of ~~using~~ liquid organic fertilizers from lamtoro leaves in increasing crop yields was also found by Duaja et al. (2013) on chickpeas, Palimbungan et al. (2006) -on mustard plants, Septirosya et al. (2019) on tomato plants, and Ainiya et al. (2019) on sweet corn plants. The experiment showed that the liquid organic fertilizers derived from lamtoro leaves ~~could be~~ are applicable as an alternative nitrogen ~~sources source~~ in bean cultivation. ~~This low-cost technology could be easily adopted is easy to use~~ by farmers and also ~~support the supports~~ organic ~~bena bean~~ production.

### CONCLUSION

~~The Based on the results, the~~ use of plant-based nitrogen fertilization from lamtoro leaves ~~could be used is applicable~~ as an alternative to N fertilization in bean plants. The 20% LOF is recommended ~~concentration as could an adequate concentration to~~ increase the growth and yield of green beans. ~~Different cultivars showed Furthermore, each cultivar shows~~ different ~~responses responses to environmental and production factors~~. Treatment of Perkasa ~~cultivar at ( with 20% LOF resulted in the highest bean yield of, while treatment of LOF) and~~ Lebat-3 cultivar ~~at ( with 10% LOF resulted in LOF) produced~~ the highest bean yield, respectively.

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## THE GROWTH AND YIELD RESPONSES OF TWO BEAN CULTIVARS TO ORGANIC AND INORGANIC NITROGEN SOURCES

**Abstract.** The productivity of beans is increased by selecting the best cultivar and applying fertilizers according to the needs of the plant. In addition, the application of high-yielding cultivar and N fertilizers with the right dosage is used to improve low production. Therefore, this study aims to determine the effect of nitrogen sources on the growth and yield of two beans cultivars. A 5x2 factorial treatment was used in a randomized block design with three replications. The first factor is the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar, while the second is organic and inorganic nitrogen fertilizer, namely control, urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, as well as 10, 20, and 30% concentrations of liquid organic fertilizer from lamtoro leaves. The results showed that the use of liquid organic fertilizers with the right dose is applicable as an alternative to nitrogen fertilization. Furthermore, the 20% concentration produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves (8.81 leaves) and dry weight (4.52 g), while urea produced the highest plant height (171.48 cm), chlorophyll (15.93 mg g<sup>-1</sup> FW), carotenoids (2.35 mg g<sup>-1</sup> FW) and the number of stomata (22 mm<sup>-2</sup>). Based on the results, the use of 20% liquid organic fertilizer with Perkasa cultivar showed the best effect on the number of pods per plant (5.67), and yield (846.67 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>).

**Keywords:** chlorophyll, cultivar, liquid organic fertilizers, stomata, urea,

## I. INTRODUCTION

Green bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) constitutes one of the legume plants and serve as a source of vegetable protein. The plant is widely consumed by the Indonesians due to its important role in fulfilling health needs as a nutritious food ingredient. Rihana et al. (2013), stated that beans are source of vegetable protein, rich in vitamins A, B, C and has great potential for the treatment of several diseases such as oxidative stress, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes (Camara et al., 2013). Furthermore, as the population grows, the need for fresh food and vegetables continue to also increases. Therefore, to increase the production of green beans, it is necessary to apply good cultivation techniques such as applying a balanced fertilization that fulfills the nutritional needs for growth. The productivity of green beans is also increased by using improved cultivars. Meanwhile, there are numerous green beans cultivar available in the market. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that each cultivar has different genetic characteristics, which lead to differences in appearance, character, as well as responses to production factors.

Fertilization is one way to meet the nutritional needs of nitrogen in green beans. Meanwhile, nitrogen is an important nutrient required by green beans for the formation of chlorophyll, protoplasm, protein, and nucleic acids (Fahmi et al., 2010). Fertilization with nitrogen (N) is derived from organic and inorganic fertilizers such as Urea. Furthermore, green bean nutritional need for N is higher than any other nutrient. Pahlevi et al. (2016) reported that nitrogen affects the photosynthetic process in plants as well as the photosynthate produced. Maghfoer et al. (2018), also stated that the application of inorganic fertilizers produced large growth and plant yield. However, the continuous use of inorganic fertilizers leads to low soil fertility and productivity. Therefore, an alternative approach is needed to reduce the use of inorganic fertilizers, via organic fertilization.

Nitrogen is commonly supplied alternatively to plants using Liquid Organic Fertilizers (LOF). It is an organic fertilizer available in liquid form and contains nutrients in the form of a solution, therefore, it is easily absorbed by plants. Furthermore, it is applied via sprinkling or spraying on the leaves or stems of plants. Organic fertilizers are made from plant waste available in the environment. In particular, liquid organic fertilizers are more beneficial because its distribution is adjustable to the needs of plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). One example of organic matter widely used as a liquid organic fertilizer source of nitrogen is lamtoro leaves (*Leucaena leucocephala*). Liquid organic fertilizer derived from this plant contains nitrogen nutrients needed by plants (Jeksen and Mutiara, 2017). The N content in lamtoro leaves is quite high, namely 3.84%, therefore, it is a source of organic nutrient to increase the growth and yield of green beans (Palimbungan et al., 2006). Furthermore, the application of liquid organic fertilizers increased the fresh weight of pods in green beans (Rizqiani et al., 2007), and provided the highest yield of pods and bean per plant in kirinyuh (*Chromolaena odorata* L.) (Duaja, 2013).

Plant cultivar is a factor that greatly determines the quality of agricultural products. The use of high-yielding beans cultivar increases productivity and yield quality. Each cultivar has different genetic characteristics and traits which leads to differences in the respective character and appearance. Examples of high-yielding beans cultivar include Perkasa and Lebat-3. The advantages of Perkasa cultivar include resistance to leaf rust disease, early maturity as well as the large and long pods. In contrast, the advantages of Lebat-3 cultivar include well adapted to the low-highlands, early maturity and has high yield potential. Sinaga et al. (2017) showed that the use of cultivars had a significant effect on the growth and yield of beans. Furthermore, Duaja (2013) stated that there is an interaction between the use of bean cultivar with liquid organic fertilizers doses on the number of pods and productivity.

The fertilizer requirement by each cultivar is usually different, this is due to the individual genetic characteristics hence, the selection of fertilizer types and requirements need to be considered. Besides, the appropriate doses of liquid organic fertilizers also influence plant growth. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that variations in genetic traits of cultivar lead to different responses to environmental and production factors. There are only few studies on the different organic and inorganic nitrogen

sources. In this study, two beans cultivar were hypothesized to produce different responses to treatment with various types and doses of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen. Therefore, this study aims to determine the effect of inorganic and organic nitrogen sources on the growth and yield of two beans cultivars.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was conducted at the experimental research area Pemanggilan, Natar, Lampung province, Indonesia from January to March 2020. The soil was first cultivated using hoes, loosened to a depth of 20-30 cm, evenly processed and an experimental plot was made with a size of 3 x 2.5 m. Furthermore, the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar were planted by drilling the planting holes, while two seeds each were planted with a spacing of 40 cm x 40 cm.

The (2 x 5) factorial treatment was used in a randomized block design (RBD) with three replications totaling 30 experimental units. The first factor was the bean cultivars, namely Perkasa and Lebat-3, while the second was the source of nitrogen, namely control, urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, as well as 10, 20, and 30% LOF. Furthermore, the data were analyzed using analysis of variance procedures, while the means were compared using the Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) of 5%.

The liquid fertilizer was prepared by mixing chopped lamtoro leaves (1 kg of lamtoro leaves: 2 liters of water), with 200 ml of molasses and 200 ml of EM4 in a drum, the mixture was then fermented for 15 days and the liquid was filtered. The inorganic fertilizers given include urea 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) at the beginning and 4 weeks after planting (WAP), while SP-36 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (150 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) and KCL 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (75 g plot<sup>-1</sup>) were given at the beginning of planting. Fertilization was applied in a strip with a distance of 5 cm from the plant.

The liquid organic fertilizer was applied by spraying on the top and bottom of the plant (60:40). This was carried out once a week using a concentration of 10% (100 ml LOF solution + 900 ml water), 20% (200 ml LOF solution + 800 ml water), and 30% (300 ml LOF solution + 700 ml water).

Plant maintenance includes weeding manually and thinning, while the harvest was carried out in stages according to the age of each cultivar. The characteristics of beans ready for harvest include young and gloomy pod color, rough skin surface, less prominent seeds in the pods which usually make a popping sound when the pods are broken especially between 2-3 weeks after flowering.

The parameters observed include plant height (6 WAP), number of trifoliolate leaves (6 WAP), chlorophyll, carotenoids (5 WAP), number of stomata (5 WAP), greenness of leaves (5 WAP), symptoms of N deficiency, number of pods per plant, dry weight, and yield. Furthermore, the replica method modified from Paul, 2017 was used to observe the stomata on the leaf surface. The leaves were first cleaned with a tissue to remove dust or dirt and then rubbed with a transparent nail polish, and allowed to dry for a few minutes. A transparent strip tape measuring 1 cm x 1 cm in size was applied, smoothed, and then peeled off slowly. The sample produced was then attached to the slide and observed under a microscope.

The chlorophyll and carotenoid contents were measured using the spectrophotometric method. The green beans were crushed using a mortar and 100 ml of 70% alcohol solution was added. Furthermore, the extract was filtered and the filtrate was placed in a cuvet to measure the total chlorophyll and carotenoid contents using a spectrophotometer. The chlorophyll and carotenoid contents were calculated using the formula (Rahimi et al., 2019):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Chlorophyll } a &= 11,24 \times A_{662} - 2,04 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Chlorophyll } b &= 20,13 \times A_{645} - 4,19 \times A_{662} \\ \text{Chlorophyll total} &= 7,05 \times A_{662} + 18,09 \times A_{645} \\ \text{Carotenoid} &= \frac{(1000 \times A_{470} - 1,90 \times \text{clorofil } a - 63,14 \times \text{clorofil } b)}{214} \end{aligned}$$

### III RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The LOF analysis results showed that the N content in the lamtoro leaves was 0.16%, C-organic 3.08%, N-total 0.16%, P-total 0.18% and K 0.56% with a pH of 3.64. Furthermore, the C/N ratio was 19.25, which fulfills the standard of organic fertilizer. A good C/N ratio ranges between 15-20%, meanwhile, a high ratio decreases the biological activity of microorganisms, and a very low ratio causes denitrification (Watson et al., 2002)

**Table 1.** Effects of treatment with different nitrogen sources and cultivar on plant height, number of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight.

Treatment	Plant height (cm)	Number of trifoliolate leaves	Dry weight (g)
Perkasa Cultivar	133.60 a	7.20 a	3.21 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	137.63 a	8.11 a	3.17 a
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	18.47	1.43	0.92
Control	94.71 c	5.57 b	1.95 b
Urea	171.48 a	8.50 ab	3.78 ab
10% LOF	150.60 ab	9.11 a	3.13 ab
20% LOF	148.02 ab	8.81 ab	4.52 a
30% LOF	113.29 bc	6.30 ab	2.58 ab
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	42.11	3.25	2.09

In a column, common values letter(s) do not differ significantly at  $p \leq 0,05$  as per HSD

The results showed that the combination of N sources and cultivar did not affect plant height, numbers of trifoliolate leaves, and dry weight. Plant height in the control was shorter than the treatment with urea, as well as 10, and 20% LOF, meanwhile, the application of N sources from urea, as well as 10, 20, and 30% LOF showed no significant differences (Table 1). Moreover, the numbers of trifoliolate leaves in the control were lesser compared to 10, 20, and 30% LOF, while the number of trifoliolate leaves treated with urea, and the different LOF concentrations showed no significant differences (Table 1). Application of 20% LOF produced heavier dry weight compared to control, while the application of urea, and the different LOF concentrations were not different (Table 1).

**Table 2.** Effects of treatment with different nitrogen sources and cultivar on chlorophyll, carotenoid, and numbers of stomata.

Treatment	Chlorophyll (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	Carotenoid (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	The number of stomata (mm <sup>-2</sup> )
Perkasa Cultivar	12.92 a	1.59 a	14.40 a
Lebat-3 Cultivar	13.24 a	1.88 a	14.67 a
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	1.16	0.29	3.50
Control	9.68 b	1.38 b	8.50 c
Urea	15.93 a	2.35 a	22.00 a
10% LOF	15.56 a	1.69 ab	11.50 bc
20% LOF	13.77 a	1.76 ab	17.83 ab
30% LOF	10.46 b	1.47 b	12.83 bc
HSD <sub>0,05</sub>	2.64	0.67	8.05

In a column, common values letter(s) do not differ significantly at  $p \leq 0,05$  as per HSD



Based on the results, the application of N sources and cultivars affected chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of stomata in green beans. Meanwhile, the parameters of chlorophyll, carotenoids, and the number of stomata in the Perkasa cultivar did not differ significantly compared to Lebat-3. The chlorophyll content in the control was lower than the urea treatment, and was not different between the control and 30% LOF. Furthermore, the chlorophyll content for the urea treatment did not differ compared to 10 and 20% LOF (Table 2). The application of urea produced a higher carotenoid content compared to the control, but was not different compared to 10, and 20% LOF treatments (Table 2). Also, the application of 10, 20, and 30% LOF showed no differences in the carotenoid content compared to the control. The application of urea produced a higher number of stomata compared to the control, while the application of urea and 20% LOF showed no differences in the number of stomata. Similarly, LOF applications of 10, and 30% also produced no difference in the numbers of stomata (Table 2).

**Table 3.** Effects of treatment nitrogen source and cultivar on dry weight, plant, number of pods, greenness leaves and yield two cultivar bean.

Parameter	Source N	Cultivar		HSD <sub>0,05</sub>
		Perkasa	Lebat-3	
Greenness of the leaves	Control	18.31 Ab	17.54 Ab	9.34
	Urea	27.79 Aa	28.91 Aa	
	10% LOF	20.13 Aab	28.11 Aa	
	20% LOF	24.06 Aab	24.19 Aa	
	30% LOF	28.96 Aa	21.81 Aab	
Number of pods	Control	5.46 Ac	2.50 Ab	4.40
	Urea	9.13 Aab	9.05 Aa	
	10% LOF	9.96 Aab	12.13 Aa	
	20% LOF	13.38 Aa	4.67 Bab	
	30% LOF	6.92 Abc	3.75 Ab	
Yield of green bean (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Control	231.11 Ac	113.33 Ab	220.24
	Urea	720.89 Aab	429.78 Aa	
	10% LOF	565.33 Ab	515.56 Aa	
	20% LOF	846.67 Aa	181.33 Bb	
	30% LOF	333.78 Ac	148.00 Ab	

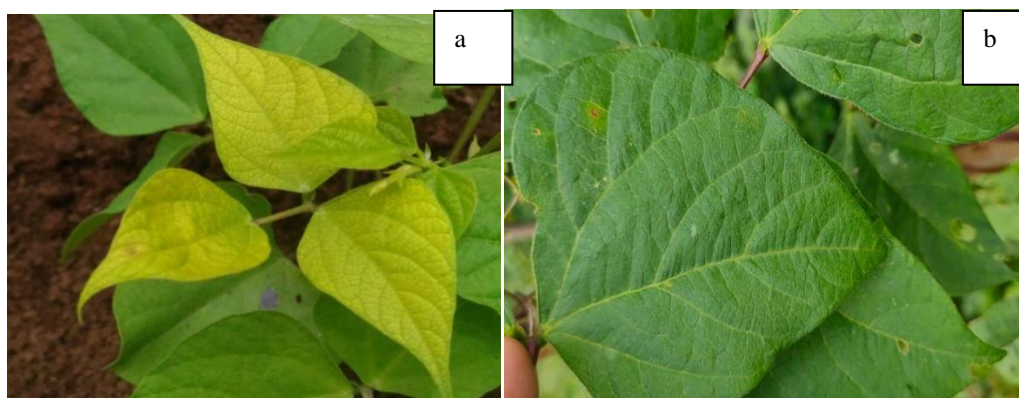
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The results showed that the level of leaf greenness, number of pods, and bean production were significantly affected by the interaction of N sources and bean cultivar (Table 3). The 30% LOF treatment with Perkasa cultivar and urea with Lebat-3 produced the highest level of leaf greenness compared to the others but were still significantly the same as the other treatments with different N sources. Moreover, the data indicated that the average value of leaf greenness of plants treated with organic and inorganic fertilizers was higher than the control plants without nitrogen fertilizers. The treatment without N fertilizer had low greenness. Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced a statistically higher number of bean pods compared to the Lebat-3. Similarly, Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced the highest number of bean pods per plant but was not significantly different from the 10% LOF and urea treatments. Furthermore, Lebat-3 cultivar with LOF 10% produced the highest number of bean pods but was not significantly different from the urea and 20% LOF treatment. There was a significant difference between the yield of the two cultivars with 20% LOF treatment. The

Perkasa cultivar treated with urea and LOF 20% produced a higher yield, while Lebat-3 with urea and 10% LOF treatment produced a higher yield compared to other treatments (Table 3).

### Symptoms of N Deficiency (Figure 1.)

Symptoms of nitrogen nutrient deficiency were found in the green bean leaves. This deficiency occurs in the leaves of plants without treatment (control), characterized by a yellowish appearance compared to the leaves treated with nitrogen fertilizer. Normal leaves have fresh green leaf color (Figure 1). Santosa et al. (2017) stated that the use of chemical fertilizers not only increases production costs but also decreases productivity and gradually leads to higher risks. Furthermore, nitrogen requirement by plants is needs to be in accordance with the demand of the plant. Zainal et al. (2014) stated that the lack of this nutrient leads to leaf chlorosis indicated by yellowing of the leaves. In contrast, excess nitrogen accelerates plant growth, especially on the stems, the leaves turn dark green.



**Figure 1.** Comparison of deficiency N (a) The color of the leaf deficient N (b) The color of the normal leaf

### Discussion

The results showed that the Perkasa and Lebat-3 cultivar had no significantly different effect on vegetative growth, while the application of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen affected vegetative growth parameters namely plant height, numbers of leaves, and dry weight (Table 1). This is supported by Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017) which reported that nitrogen fertilizer significantly affect the growth of tea plants. In addition, Amin (2011), reported that nitrogen increased plant growth and height to produce numerous internodes which resultantly produce more leaves.

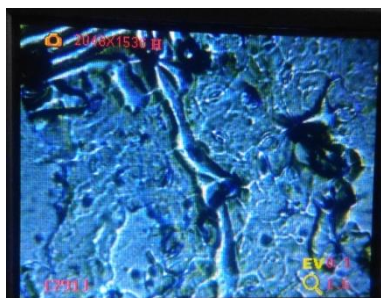
The number of trifoliolate leaves in green beans is influenced by the availability of N nutrients. This parameter increased significantly after the application of organic nitrogen sources. Based on the results, the 10% LOF treatment produced the highest number of trifoliolate leaves but was not different from the 20, and 30% LOF, as well as urea treatment. Pramitasari et al. (2016), stated that higher N absorption by plant leads to larger growth of the leaves. Furthermore, the application of LOF from lamtoro leaves showed significant growth in plant height, numbers of leaves, and fresh weight of mustard greens (Pary, 2015) highest yield on the number of pakcoy leaves (Hidayat and Suharyana, 2019), and increased the growth and number of fruit in tomato plants (Septirosya et al., 2019). The number of trifoliolate leaves is a plant characteristic that affects the speed of photosynthesis to capture sunlight. Meanwhile, liquid organic fertilizers are rich in nitrogen and increases the number of plant leaves.

The application of nitrogen sources affected the dry weight of the plant. LOF 20% produced the highest dry weight but was not significantly different from urea and 10% LOF. Furthermore, it was assumed that the availability of sufficient nutrients in the treatment affects plant growth and yield. The high dry weight was influenced by the initial vegetative growth as this parameter is related to the

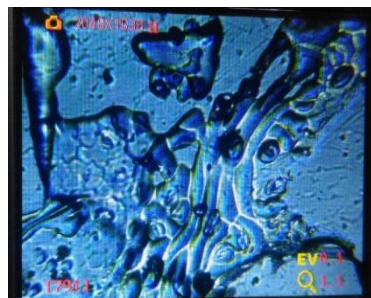
number of leaves and fresh weight. Arista et al. (2015) stated that nitrogen is an element that functions to increase leaf size and the percentage of protein. Meanwhile, Madusari (2019) reported that liquid organic fertilizers affect plant growth and nutrient absorption by increasing plant stem diameter and dry weight.

Based on the results, the application of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen affected physiological characters namely chlorophyll, carotenoids, number of stomata and greenness of leaves. However, chlorophyll and leaf carotenoids were not affected by the bean cultivar. Bojovic et al. (2005), stated that the leaf color of certain cultivars did not directly correlate with chlorophyll content. Meanwhile, the chlorophyll and carotenoid contents are affected by the availability of N nutrients. Wijiyanti (2019) reported that nitrogen is the main nutrient needed for the formation of chlorophyll and carotenoids. This is also in line with Razaq et al. (2017) which found that chlorophyll and carotenoids synthesis depends on optimal N availability, therefore, nitrogen plays an important role in the formation of photosynthetic pigments. Furthermore, Hendriyani et al., (2018) reported that carotenoids and chlorophyll are complementary pigments, but carotenoids are fewer in number because it play a role in the absorption of light by chlorophyll.

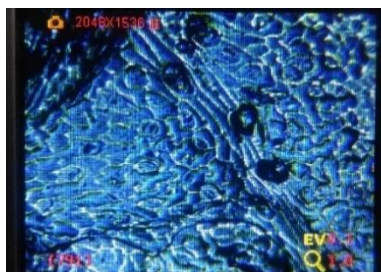
The number of stomata in the two cultivars of green beans was affected by the application of nitrogen fertilizers (Table 2). The two cultivars showed similar responses, while the application of inorganic fertilizers produced more stomata compared to other treatments. Nitrogen fertilizer treatment on green beans had a significant effect on the number of stomata (Figure 1). Furthermore, urea and 20% LOF produced a higher number of stomata compared to the control. Meanwhile, the number of stomata in plants affects metabolic processes in plants such as photosynthesis. The rate of photosynthesis increases as the number of stomata rises; hence, plant productivity also increases. This is supported by Proklapmasiningsih et al. (2012), which stated that the rate of photosynthesis in plants is closely related to the yield. Moreover, Putri et al. (2017), reported that stomata play an important role in photosynthesis by acting as a surface for CO<sub>2</sub> exchange in the leaves.



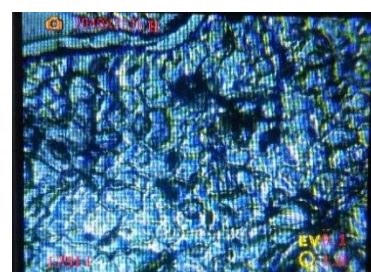
Perkasa Cultivar (control)



Lebat-3 Cultivar (control)



Perkasa Cultivar (Urea)



Lebat-3 Cultivar (Urea)



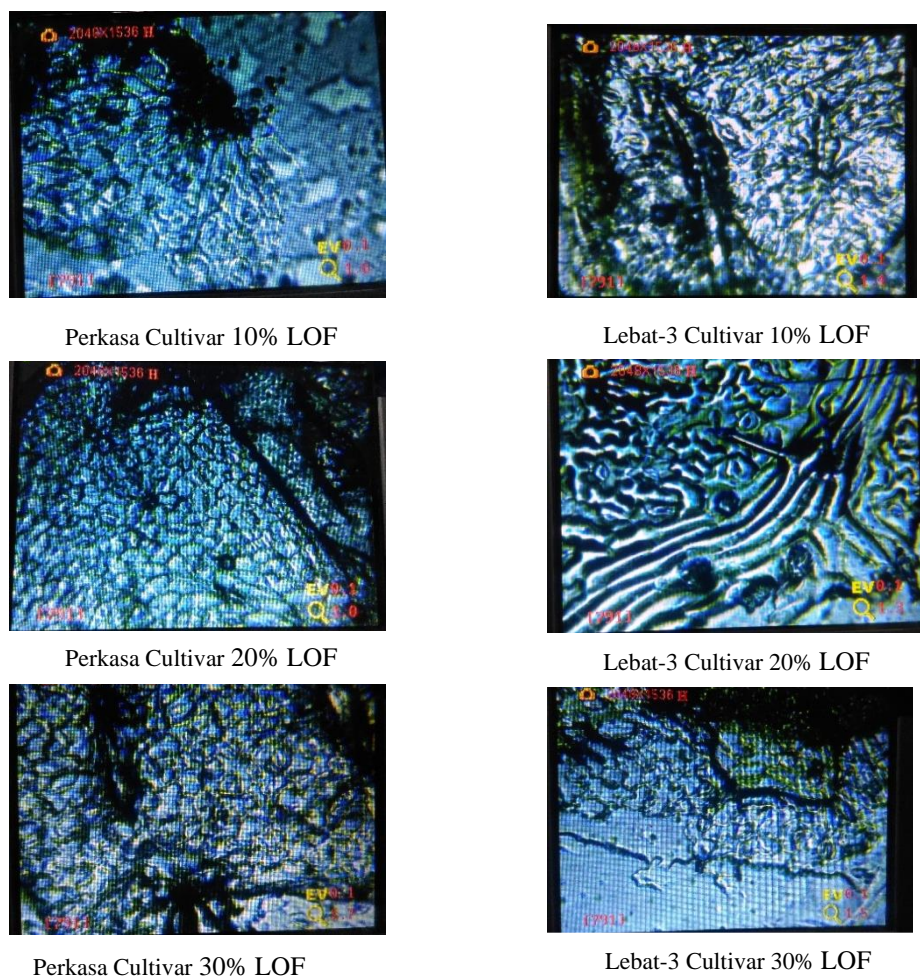


Figure 2. The number of stomata on Perkasa (left) and Lebat-3 (right)

The application of nitrogen fertilizers also affects the greenness of the leaves. Nitrogen is an important element which increases leaf greenness in plants (Faustina et al., 2015). Pramitasari et al. (2016) also stated that the N nutrient affects plant growth, appearance, and color hence, the plant organs turn green due to the chlorophyll content. Furthermore, Pamungkas and Supijatno (2017), reported that the level of leaf greenness indicates that the plant has sufficient nitrogen levels and good health conditions.

Based on the results, the application of inorganic-and-organic-sources-based nitrogen affected vegetative growth, namely number of pods and yield. In this study, the application of 10 and 20% LOF was sufficient for the growth of green beans but was not significantly different from urea. Meanwhile, Permanasari et al. (2014) stated that chlorophyll formation plays an important role in the process of photosynthesis. In addition, nitrogen is known to increase the chlorophyll content of leaves, which is important for photosynthesis and affects the numbers of bean pods. The plant genetic traits in the two cultivars influenced the different responses to N fertilization. Beshir et al., (2015) stated that different cultivars increase the photosynthetic area (or leaf area index), thereby, producing more pods.

The results showed that there was a symptom of N deficiency in green bean leaves without nitrogen fertilizer. The symptoms include yellowish-green coloration of leaves compared to normal leaves which are fresh green. Erythrina et al. (2016) stated that nitrogen is the main nutrient in the formation of leaf color due to its important role in increasing leaf green matter and protein. Therefore, the application of nitrogen increases the green color of the leaves but when deficient, the formation of chlorophyll is reduced thereby causing the leaves to appear yellowish-green. Furthermore, Bojovic et

al. (2009) stated that nitrogen deficiency causes a reduction in leaf greenish color and area, as well as photosynthesis due to the linear correlation between leaf chlorophyll formation and nitrogen.

Lebat-3 cultivar requires a lower LOF concentration compared with Perkasa to produce significant yield. Table 3 shows that Perkasa cultivar with 20% LOF produced a higher yield compared to other treatments but was not significantly different from the 100% recommended urea treatment. This is attributed to the effect of liquid organic fertilizer which does not uniformly dissolve for easy absorption by plants (Ginandjar et al., 2019). The Lebat-3 cultivar with 10% LOF produced a higher yield compared to other treatments but was not significantly different from the recommended 100% urea treatment. Chaturdevi (2005), reported that nitrogen fertilization with the right dose affects grain yield in rice and other parameters in each cultivar. Furthermore, the use of N sources for plants affects the results of photosynthesis. This is supported by Rathke (2005), which stated that plant yield is improved by increasing the source of N. In addition, nitrogen improves yield by increasing leaf area and the rate of photosynthesis, hence, high carbohydrates are produced by the plants (Chaturdevi, 2005). The yield of Lebat-3 cultivar was lower compared to Perkasa but was not significantly different from the recommended 100% urea treatment and 20% LOF. Ratnasari et al. (2015), stated that the differences in the characters possessed by cultivar are caused by the varying genetic composition, hence, each cultivar responds differently to environmental and production factors. The positive effect of liquid organic fertilizers from lamtoro leaves in increasing crop yields was also found by Duaja et al. (2013) on chickpeas, Palimbungan et al. (2006) on mustard plants, Septirosya et al. (2019) on tomato plants, and Ainiya et al. (2019) on sweet corn plants. The experiment showed that the liquid organic fertilizers derived from lamtoro leaves are applicable as an alternative nitrogen source in bean cultivation. This low-cost technology is easy to use by farmers and also supports organic bean production.

### CONCLUSION

The use of plant-based nitrogen fertilization from lamtoro leaves is applicable as an alternative to N fertilization in bean plants. The 20% LOF is recommended as an adequate concentration to increase the growth and yield of green beans. Furthermore, each cultivar shows different responses to environmental and production factors. Treatment of Perkasa (with 20% LOF) and Lebat-3 cultivar (with 10% LOF) produced the highest bean yield, respectively.

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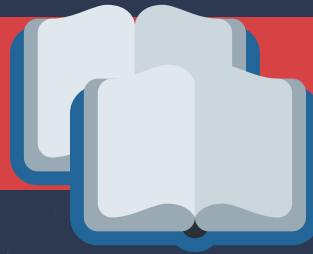


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