

Kale with Vitazyme application

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Location: USDA Plant Gene Expression Center, Albany, California

Variety: *Brassica oleracea*

Growth media: Sunshine Mix #1 (Sungro Horticulture)

Experimental design: A greenhouse trial was established using 3-gallon pots, to compare the effects of Vitazyme on kale fresh weight compared with untreated controls. Eleven pots were used for each treatment.

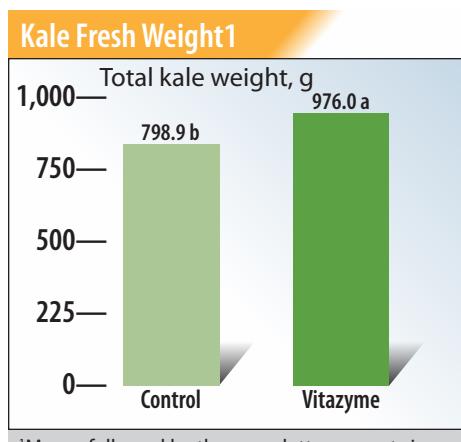
① Control ② Vitazyme

Fertilization: Peters Professional 20-20-20 water soluble fertilizer applied at 1:64 dilution each week

Vitazyme application: a 1% Vitazyme solution sprayed on the leaves and soil, to the dripping point, every 14 days beginning at the four-leaf stage until flowering or harvest

Disease control: Floramite and Decathlon at 0.25 tsp/gal, sprayed at 1-2 gal/100 plants

Yield results: The mature plants in each pot were weighed, and the values were statistically analyzed.



Increase in kale fresh weight with Vitazyme: 177.1 g (+ 22%)

Conclusions: This greenhouse pot trial with kale, using Vitazyme every 14 days, showed that the fresh weight of the kale was increased by 22%, or 16.1 grams per plant. These results show the excellent effect of Vitazyme to increase the productivity of kale.

¹Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at $P = 0.05$. $P = 0.029$.

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Location: USDA/Plant Gene Expression Center, Albany, California **Variety:** unknown

Planting date: September 1, 2024 **Potting Soil:** Sunshine Mix #1 (Sungro Horticulture) **Pot size:** 3 gal tall

Experimental design: A small greenhouse trial, with eight plants per treatment, was set up to evaluate the effect of Vitazyme biostimulant on the growth of kale plants.

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Fertilization: Peters 20-20-20 water soluble fertilizer at 1:64 ppm, once per week

Vitazyme applications: 1:100 dilution on the leaves to the dripping point, and to the soil, every two weeks

Kale harvest results: The kale plants were harvested on December 23, and the leaves for both treatments were weighed.

Treatment	Leaf weight ¹		Weight change
	grams	grams	
1. Control	1,265.0 b	—	
2. Vitazyme	1,340.8 a	75.8 (+6%)	

¹Total of eight plants, fresh weight. The mean weight of the treated plants (a) is significantly greater than the control plants (b) at P = 0.18.

Conclusions: A small-pot greenhouse kale trial, which compared an untreated control with a Vitazyme treatment (1% solution every two weeks), revealed a fresh leaf weight increase of 6% with Vitazyme. This increase was significant at P = .18.

