



# Slow release fertilizer using biochar from hemp cores by granulation process for sustainable agriculture.

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Farmers use a lot of fertilizer to grow their crops.

Fertilizers release nutrients too quickly and when it rains, a large amount of nutrients are lost into the environment. causing farmers to use more fertilizers, It pollutes the soil and the environment.



Biochar from hemp cores

#### **Keyword:**

Hemp cores
Biochar
Granulation
Torrefaction
Slow release







Reduce the cost of farmers and do not pollute the soil and the environment.



in order for the fertilizer to release nutrients more slowly, allowing plants to absorb nutrients for longer.

# 02. OBJECTIVES

- To create fertilizers that have a nutrient release rate slower than conventional fertilizers.
- To reduce the loss of nutrients to the environment.
- For ease of use





Farmers who plant hemps.



#### **MIDSTREAM**

Fertilizer production industry



#### **DOWNSTREAM**

Farmers who grow perennial crops

## Initial variables

- 1. Ratio Fertilizer & Biomass
  - 100:0 75:25 25:75 0:100
- 2. Binder
  - non binder
  - Chitosan
  - Cellulose
- 3. Oven Temperature



#### 03. VARIABLES

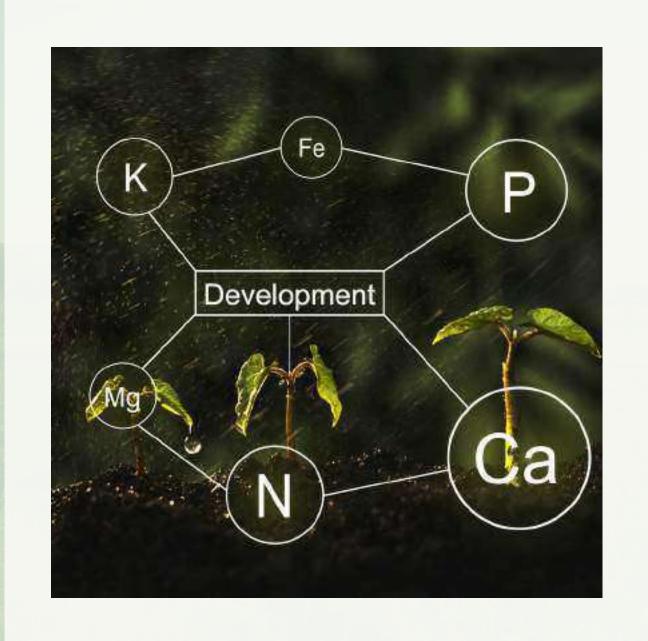
# Dependent variables

- FTIR Analysis
- Surface Area and
   Porosity
- Characterization
- N, P, and K Release

### Control variables

- Pressure
- Biomass type
- Total volume
- Fertilizer type

### 03. HYPOTHESIS



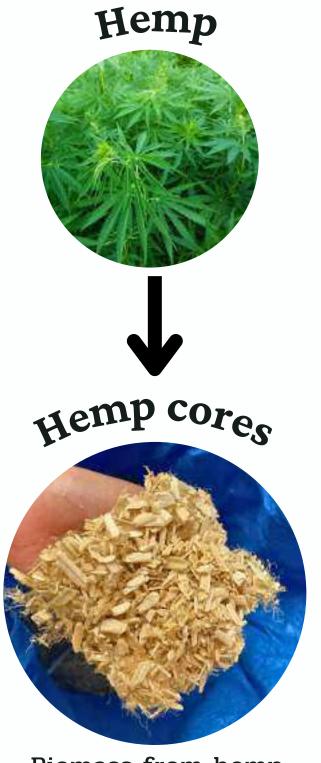
Fertilizers mixed with biochar slow down the nutrient release rate of minerals, making the plants take longer to absorb, slow down the minerals into environment.

#### 04.OUR PRODUCT

#### "GRANULATION FERTILIZER"

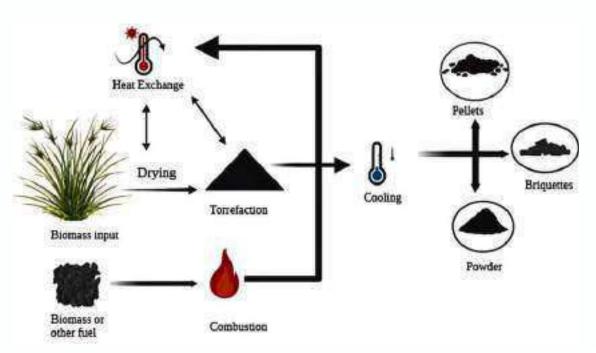


#### 05. EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN



Biomass from hemp

• Crush the hemp cores and put them in an oven to remove moisture.



Biochar manufacturing scheme using the torrefaction method (A sustainable approach to improve soil health, 2023).



Burning biomass with <u>tube furnace</u> with torrefaction process



The torrefaction biochar has 33.56 %yield.

#### 05. EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN



Grind biochar with mortar.



Grind commercial chemical fertilizers with mortar.





Pressurized material is formed using a PressPRO Programmable Hydraulic Press.



fertilizer using biochar by granulation. Take it to check the characteristics and properties as follows.



**FTIR Analysis** 

Surface Area and Porosity

Characterization

N, P, and K Release

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