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EXPLORING THE HEALTH IMPACT OF CHEMICAL INDICATORS IN

AMARANTH PRODUCTS

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Abstract

The cultivation of amaranth in Uzbekistan presents a promising opportunity for its widespread application across various sectors, including agriculture, medicine, and environmental management. This resilient plant plays a vital role in addressing contemporary challenges such as soil degradation and energy shortages. Amaranth thrives in saline soils with NaCl concentrations up to 10 mM, yielding high outputs even in such adverse conditions. Remarkably, after 2-3 years of growth in saline environments, the soil becomes suitable for wheat cultivation. Additionally, amaranth withstands high temperatures of 45-50°C, promoting the activity of nitrogen-fixing microorganisms and enhancing soil quality. Its robust root system improves soil porosity and contributes to humus restoration, making it an affordable and efficient green manure. Furthermore, as a phytoremediator, amaranth aids in the detoxification of soils by removing heavy metals, radionuclides, and pesticides. This versatile plant offers a sustainable solution to ecological and agricultural challenges in Uzbekistan.

Keywords: amaranth, chemical, vitamin, amaranth oil, malofene, squalene, protein, vitamins, biologically active substances, diseases.

Introduction

Amaranth (Amaranthus spp.), an ancient crop with a rich history of cultivation, has recently gained renewed attention for its remarkable adaptability and wide range of applications. In Uzbekistan, the growing interest in this plant stems from its potential to address critical challenges in agriculture, environmental sustainability, and medicine [1,2]. As the country

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faces issues such as soil degradation, salinization, and food security, the cultivation of amaranth offers a promising solution [3].

Amaranth's ability to thrive in saline soils with NaCl concentrations of up to 10 mM makes it an ideal crop for regions where soil salinity limits agricultural productivity. Its capacity to improve soil health through nitrogen fixation and organic matter restoration further enhances its value [4]. In saline environments, amaranth not only produces high yields but also conditions the soil for subsequent crops like wheat, transforming once-barren land into productive farmland. Furthermore, the plant's resilience to extreme temperatures-up to 45-50°C-makes it a reliable crop in arid regions prone to harsh climates [5,6].

Beyond its agricultural benefits, amaranth serves as an effective phytoremediator, capable of absorbing and removing heavy metals, radionuclides, and pesticides from contaminated soils. This function highlights its potential as a key player in ecological restoration and environmental protection. Moreover, its nutritional and medicinal properties have been extensively studied, revealing numerous health benefits that make it a valuable addition to the fields of nutrition and medicine [7,8,9].

In light of these factors, the cultivation of amaranth in Uzbekistan offers a strategic advantage in addressing environmental degradation, improving soil fertility, and contributing to food security. This introduction highlights the significance of further research into the chemical indicators of amaranth plant products and their effects on the human body, with the goal of unlocking its full potential for both the national economy and public health [10,11,12,13].

The main part

The amaranth plant is one of the most urgent issues that our government is paying special attention to today, increasing the efficiency and productivity of animal husbandry, poultry, and fishing, and ultimately providing the population of Uzbekistan, whose number is increasing, with cheap, high-quality meat, milk, eggs, fish, etc. it is also of particular importance in terms of providing food products [14-19].

Amaranth is a useful fodder for pets and poultry. If 25% of amaranth blue mass is added to their feed, lambs and calves grow 1.5-2 times, nutria and rabbits 2-3 times faster, milk yield and fat content of cows increase dramatically. Piglets fed with amaranth have been tested in practice to gain 60 kg of live weight in 4 months.

The high level of vitamin C and carotene in amaranth is an important factor in the health of animals and poultry.

Amaranth attracts the attention of agricultural workers, and practitioners-researchers due to its rich protein content, high productivity, many vitamins and mineral salts. It is considered a leading raw material not only for food and fodder but also as an invaluable medicinal plant [20-23].

Its trunk, leaves and grain husk are used as valuable fodder in livestock farming. The large number of useful unique elements and the record level of protein in the composition ensures rapid and healthy growth of lambs, calves and chicks, sharply increases the fattening process of animals, and increases the amount of cow's milk and the level of fat in it. Amaranth is wellensiled together with corn, which solves the problem of fodder throughout the year. The high amount of sugar in corn pulp and protein in amaranth makes silage more nutritious.

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Another noteworthy point is that after extracting the oil from the seeds of this plant, the prospect of obtaining pectin substances as a high-quality biologically active additive from the remaining waste is very high.

A number of studies are being carried out on the extraction of oil and squalenes, pectin substances in amaranth plant varieties grown in the conditions of Uzbekistan.

Amaranth is an effective stimulator in the technology of obtaining biogas, it accelerates the fermentation process of organic mass and increases the amount of biogas. The amount of biogas obtained from silage is 3 times more effective than that of cattle manure.

Although it is known that biogas can be obtained from organic matter obtained voluntarily, the effectiveness of some of them in this field is the basis of scientific research. The process of obtaining biogas is very complicated, and its amount depends on the composition of the substrate. Biogas catalysts have been thoroughly studied by the scientific group of the Kazan Institute of Fine Chemical Technologies named after A. Arbuzov in order to dramatically increase biogas production. They took as a basis the green mass of the amaranth plant and the drug Malofen, which ensures rapid growth of the plant [24,25,26].

Stomach swelling due to accumulation of gas in cattle fed with amaranth was observed. It is this phenomenon that gives hope that there is a possibility of getting gas from amaranth. The results of scientific research entered the science system in a new direction - studying the possibilities of obtaining biogas from amaranth green mass or using it as a stimulant in this process. It turns out that adding amaranth increases the amount of methane in the gas released by 10 times or more. Amaranth porridge (jom) is a valuable substance, which has been found to increase gas production.

Due to such unique properties of amaranth, it is boldly entering the agricultural sector of Uzbekistan as a new promising culturally and economically effective plant.

Imported from Germany, "AEN Engineering GmbH & Co. KG" company's special cold pressing equipment extracted oil from locally grown amaranth grains and found that the oil contained high levels of squalene and a number of other beneficial substances. Preliminary studies have shown that the amount of squalene in Uzbekistan amaranth oil is 8-10 times higher than that of shark liver. It was found that the oil contains 12% squalene and a number of other useful substances listed above. Most interestingly, it was found that the amount of squalene enriched in kunjara reaches 42%, and Professor S. D. Gusakova of the Institute of Plant Substances of the Russian Federation considered this a discovery.

Amaranth oil grown in Andijan was checked by gas chromatography method and found to be rich in Omega-3 and Omega-6 unsaturated fatty acids. This determines the prospects for the use of locally produced amaranth oil as a unique medicinal substance in medicine.

Conclusions

The cultivation of amaranth in Uzbekistan holds considerable promise, not only for its agricultural benefits but also for its potential contributions to environmental sustainability and public health. As a highly adaptable plant, amaranth demonstrates exceptional resilience to saline soils and extreme temperatures, making it a valuable crop for improving soil fertility in regions affected by salinization. By planting amaranth for just 2-3 years in degraded soils, farmers can restore the land's productivity, allowing for the cultivation of crops like wheat.

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Amaranth's role as a phytoremediator further emphasizes its ecological importance, as it helps cleanse soils of harmful substances such as heavy metals, radionuclides, and pesticides. This function aligns with the broader goal of enhancing soil health while simultaneously addressing pollution concerns. Additionally, its potential applications in the energy sector, along with its nutritional and medicinal benefits, make it a multipurpose plant with significant value to the national economy.

In conclusion, the widespread cultivation and utilization of amaranth in Uzbekistan present a viable path forward in tackling key agricultural, environmental, and health challenges. Future research and development in this area could unlock even greater potential, positioning amaranth as a crucial element in the country's sustainable development efforts.

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