

# **Effects of rational K application on vegetable yield and quality**

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- ◆ 1、 Significance and research background of rational K application on vegetable
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# 1 Significance of rational K application on vegetable

- ◆ At the same time of resolving the food gross, the quality of important food like vegetable arouses more and more social attention.
- ◆ Although K is not the composing element of plants ,K takes part in many metabolize in plants. K plays the role of activation in the forming progresses of protein and nucleic acid.
- ◆ K plays many important roles such as improving crop yield, quality and resistance, and so on.
- ◆ K is named “quality element” .

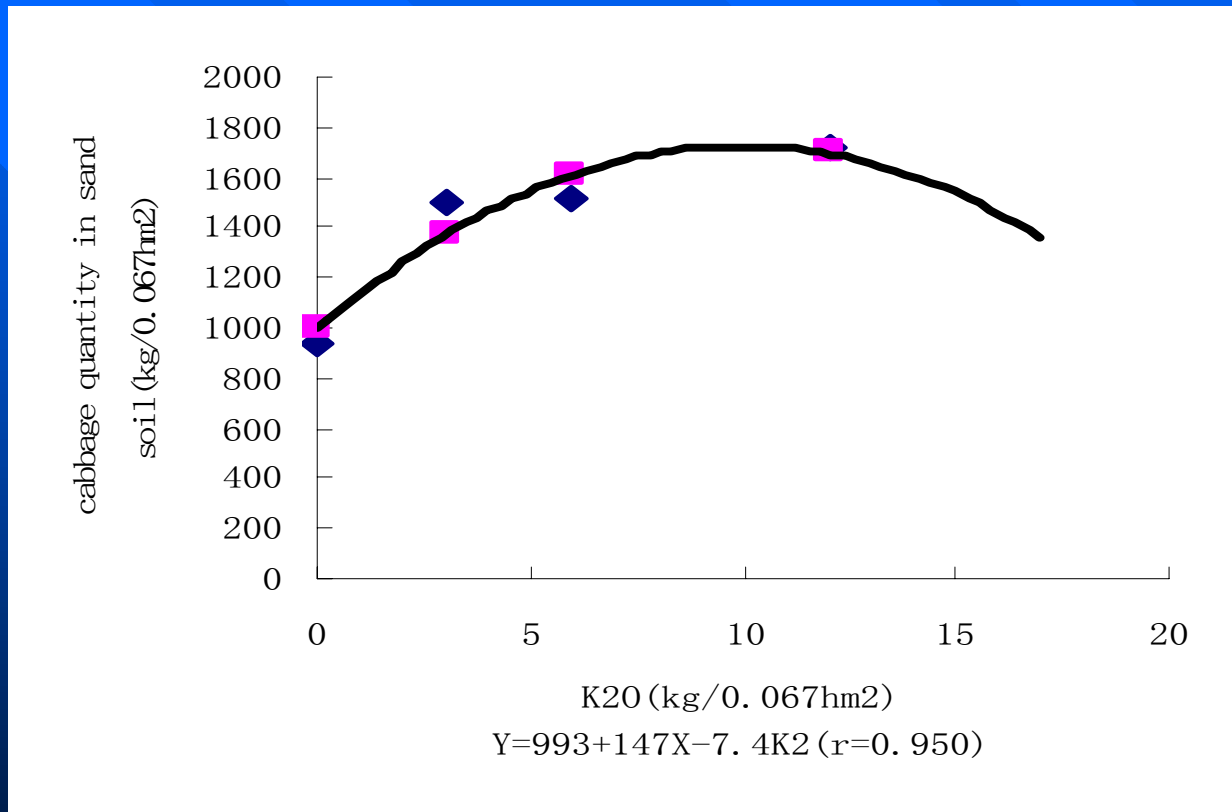
# Research background

- ◆ Purpose: to make regulations of fertilization technique about no social effects of pollution vegetable
- ◆ Test time: 2002--2005
- ◆ Test magnitude: more than 10 field tests
- ◆ Test content: relationship of vegetable yield and quality and K rate and varieties.
- ◆ To research effects of rational K application on vegetable yield and quality on the basis of using N and P.

## **2 Effects of rational K application on vegetable yield**

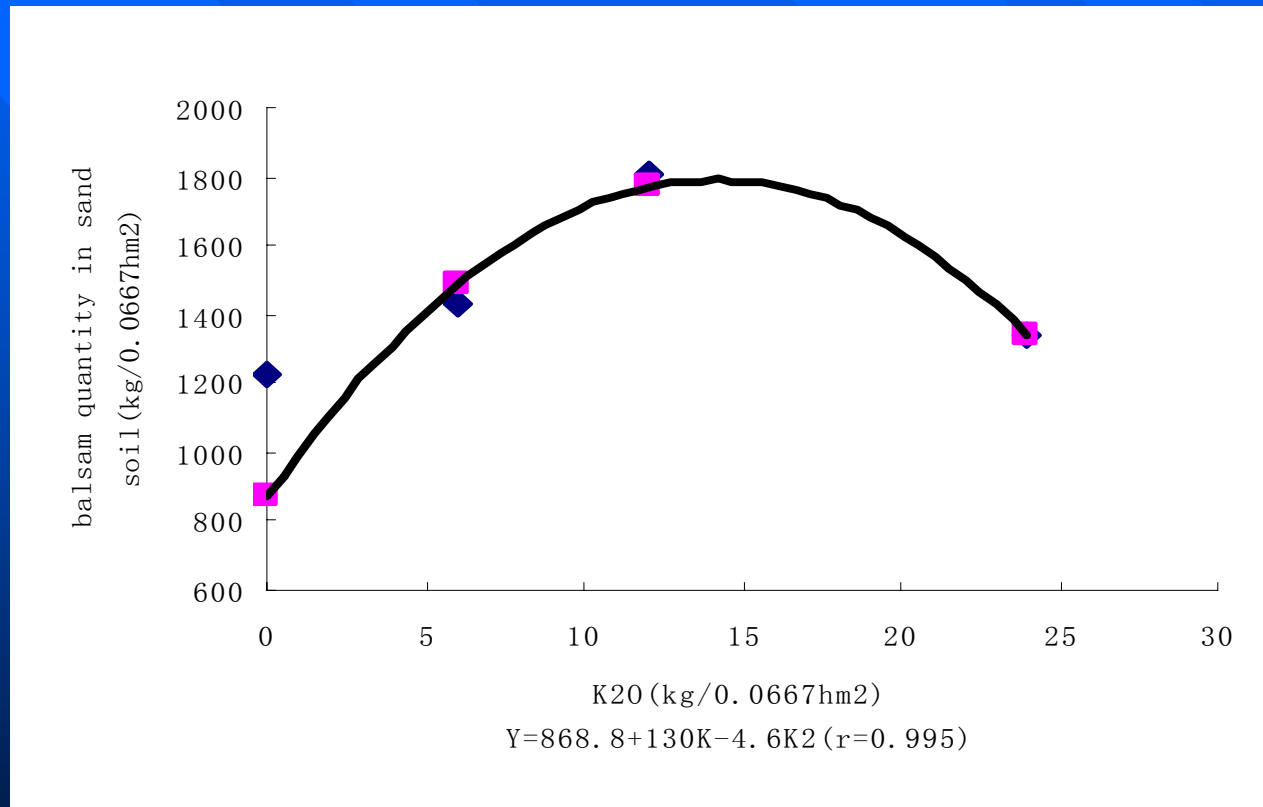
- **Effects of K application with N and P on**
  - ◆ **Cabbage yield**
  - ◆ **K application and balsam pear yield**
  - ◆ **K application and bean yield**
  - ◆ **K application and eggplant yield**
  - ◆ **K application and winter potato yield**

## 2.1 K application rate and cabbage yield



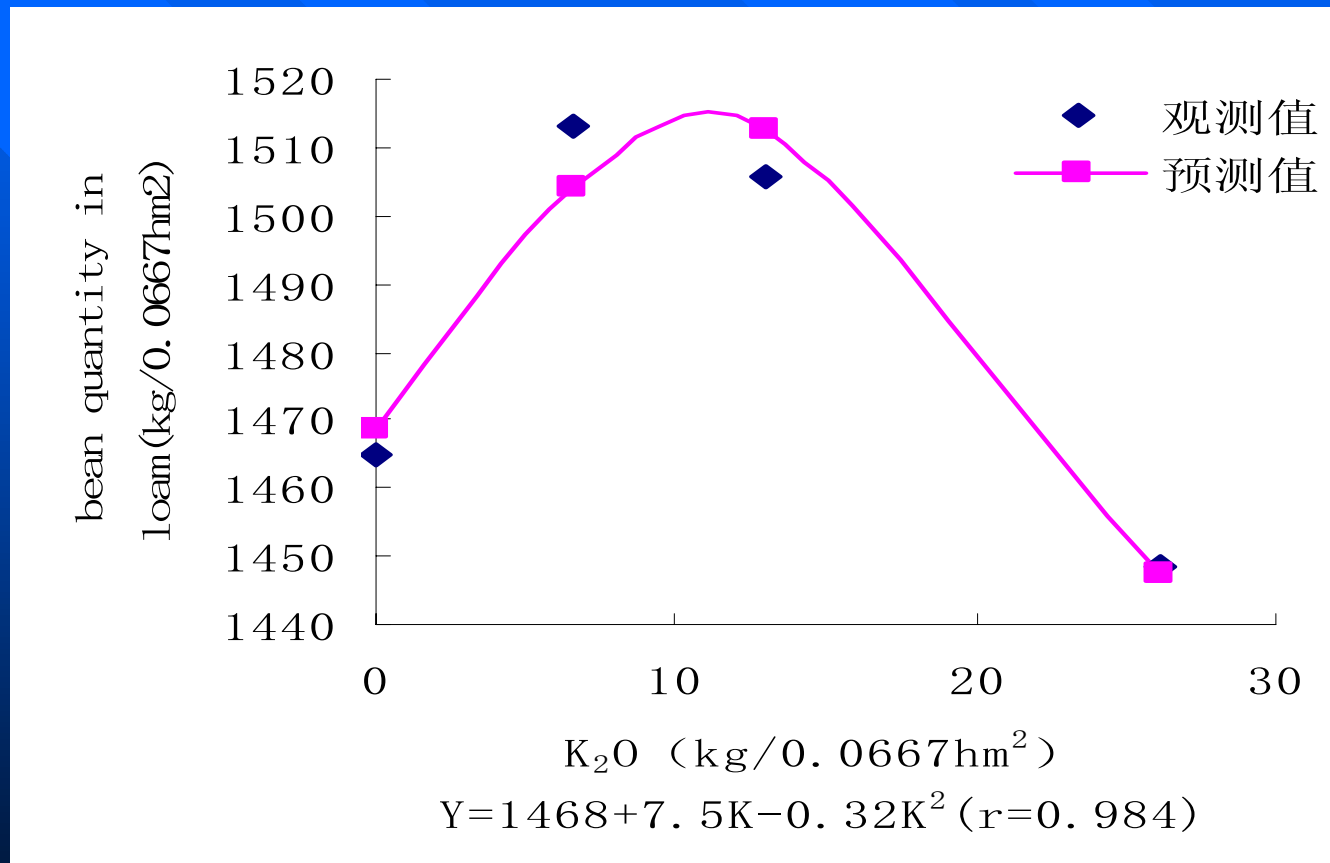
The quadratic regression relationship of K rate and cabbage yield indicates that more than appropriate K application will reduce vegetable yield.

## 2.2 K application rate and balsam pear yield



■ The same effects with cabbage

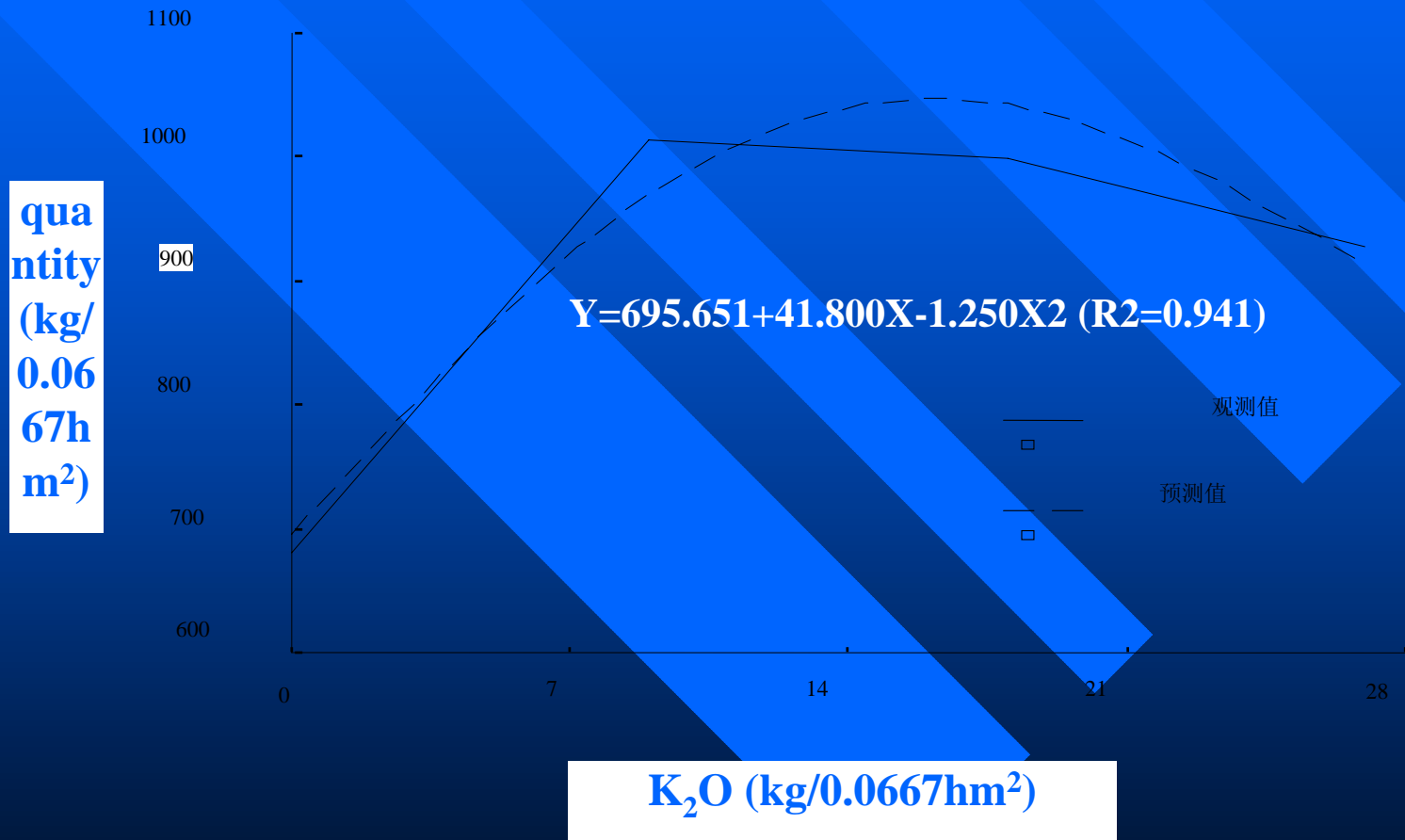
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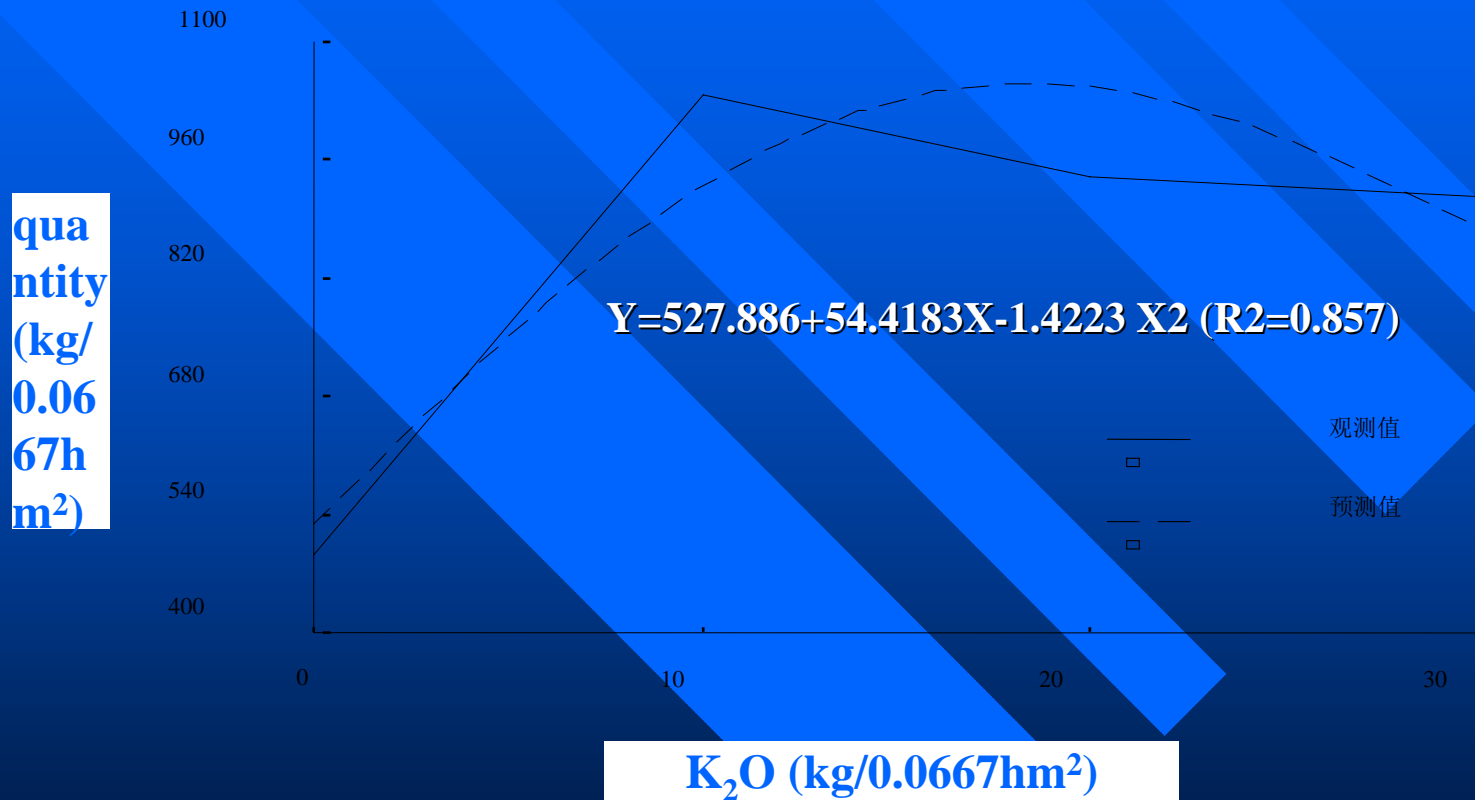


## 2.4 K application rate and eggplant yield



■ The same effects with cabbage

## 2.5 K application rate and winter potato yield

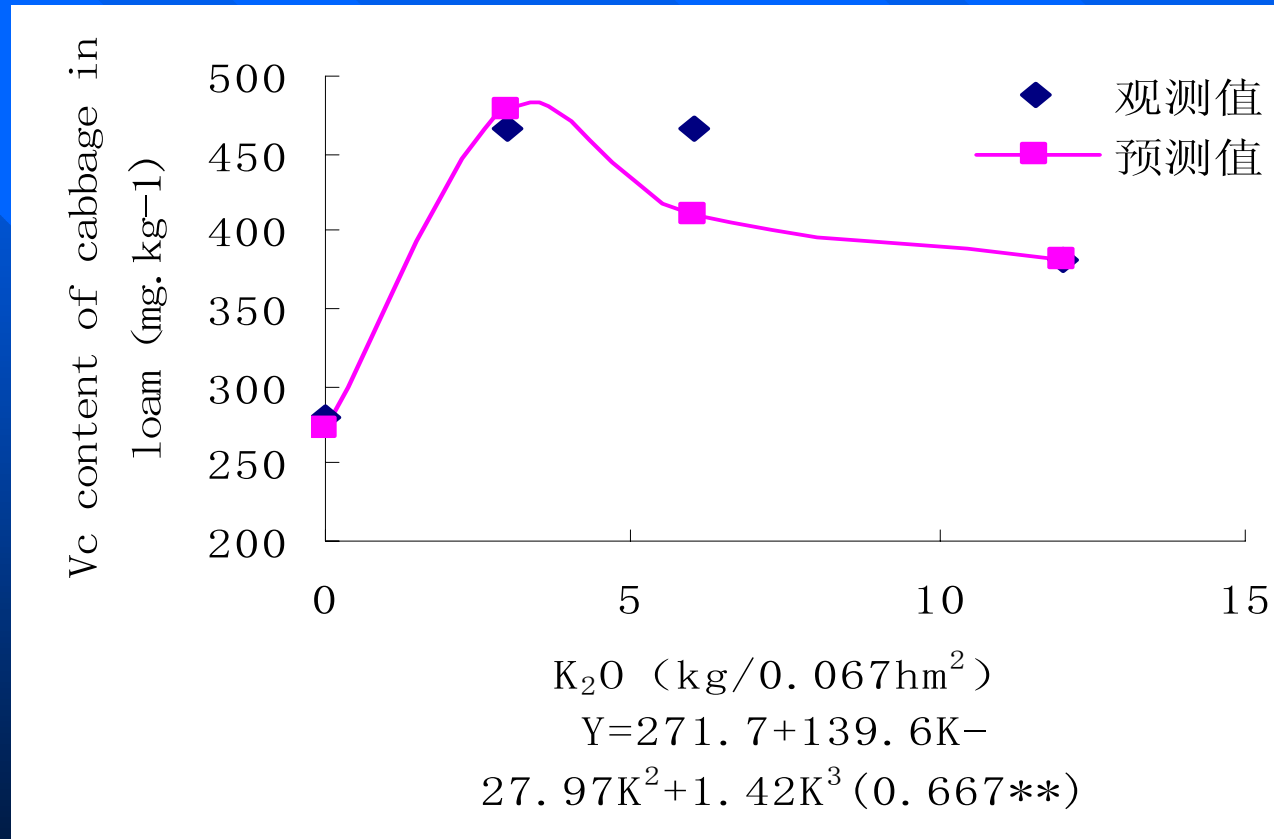


■ The same effects with cabbage

### **3 Effects of rational K application rate on Vc content in vegetable**

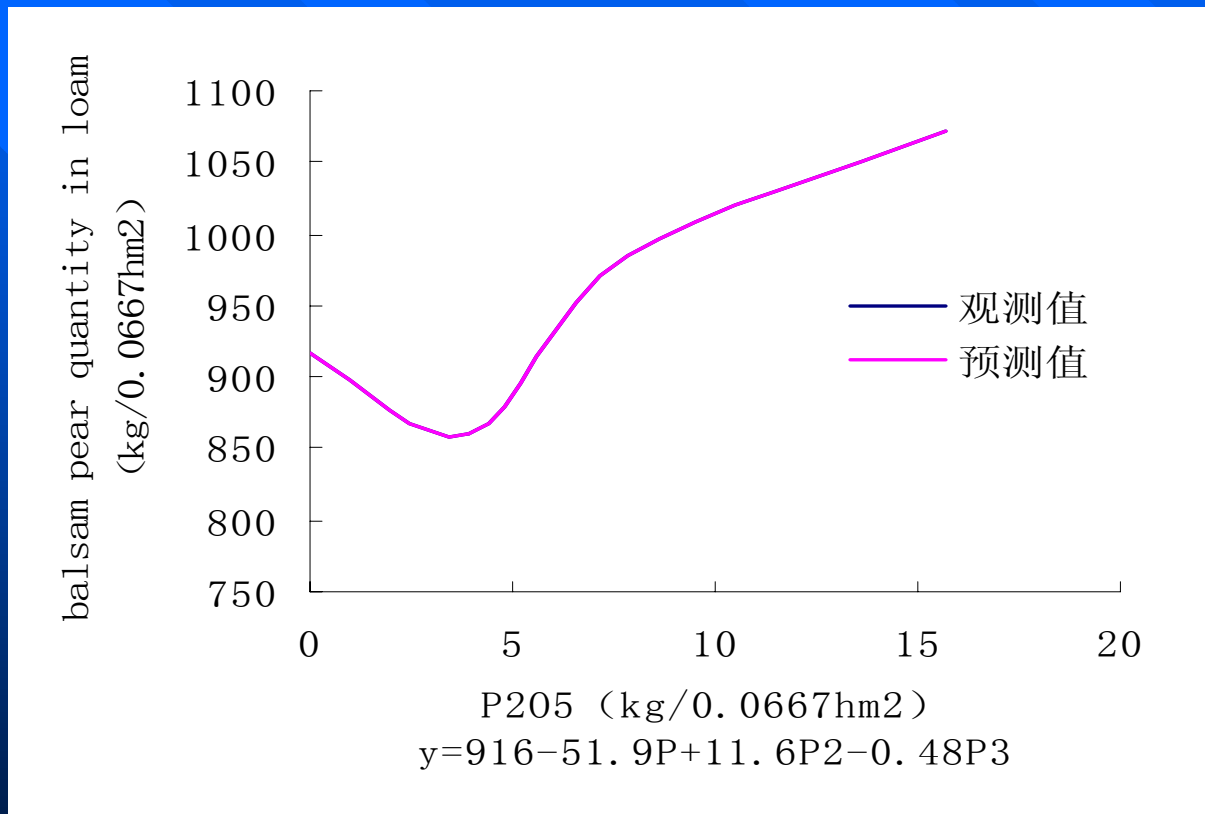
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# 3.1 K application rate and Vc content in cabbage



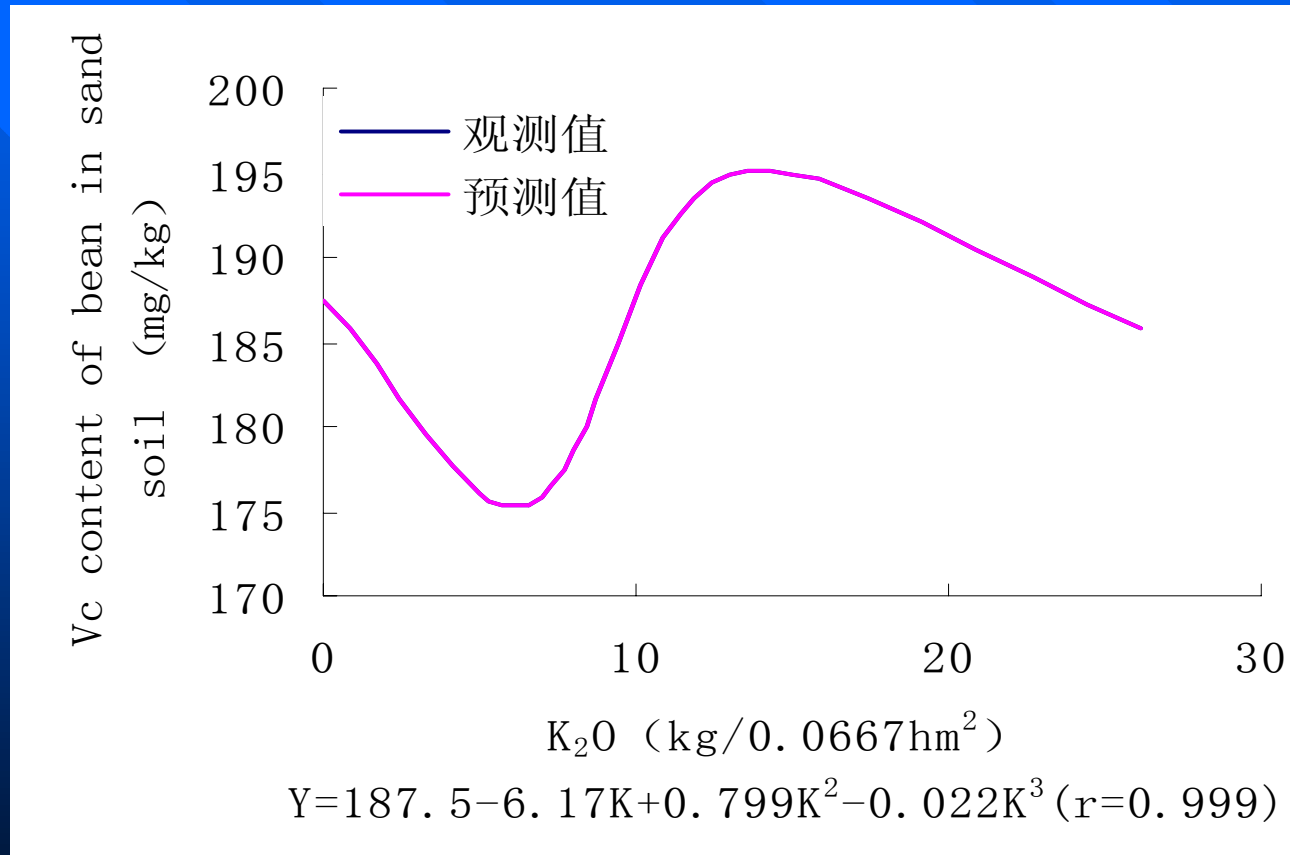
- To apply appropriate K fertilizer can get the highest Vc content in vegetable on the basis of using N and P.

## 3.2 K application rate and Vc content in balsam pear



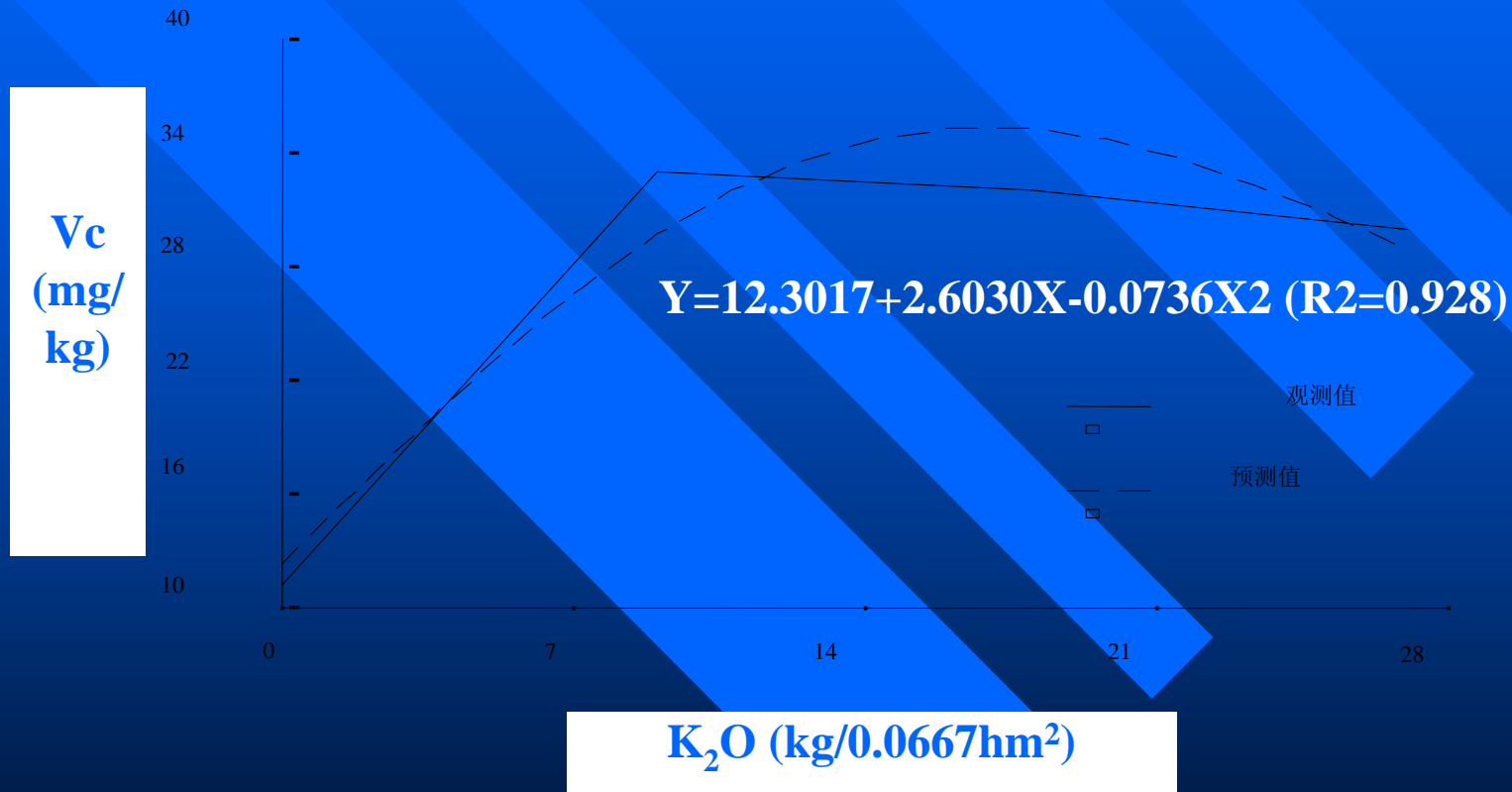
- There is a appropriate K rate for the Vc content in balsam pear.

### 3.3 K application rate and Vc content in bean



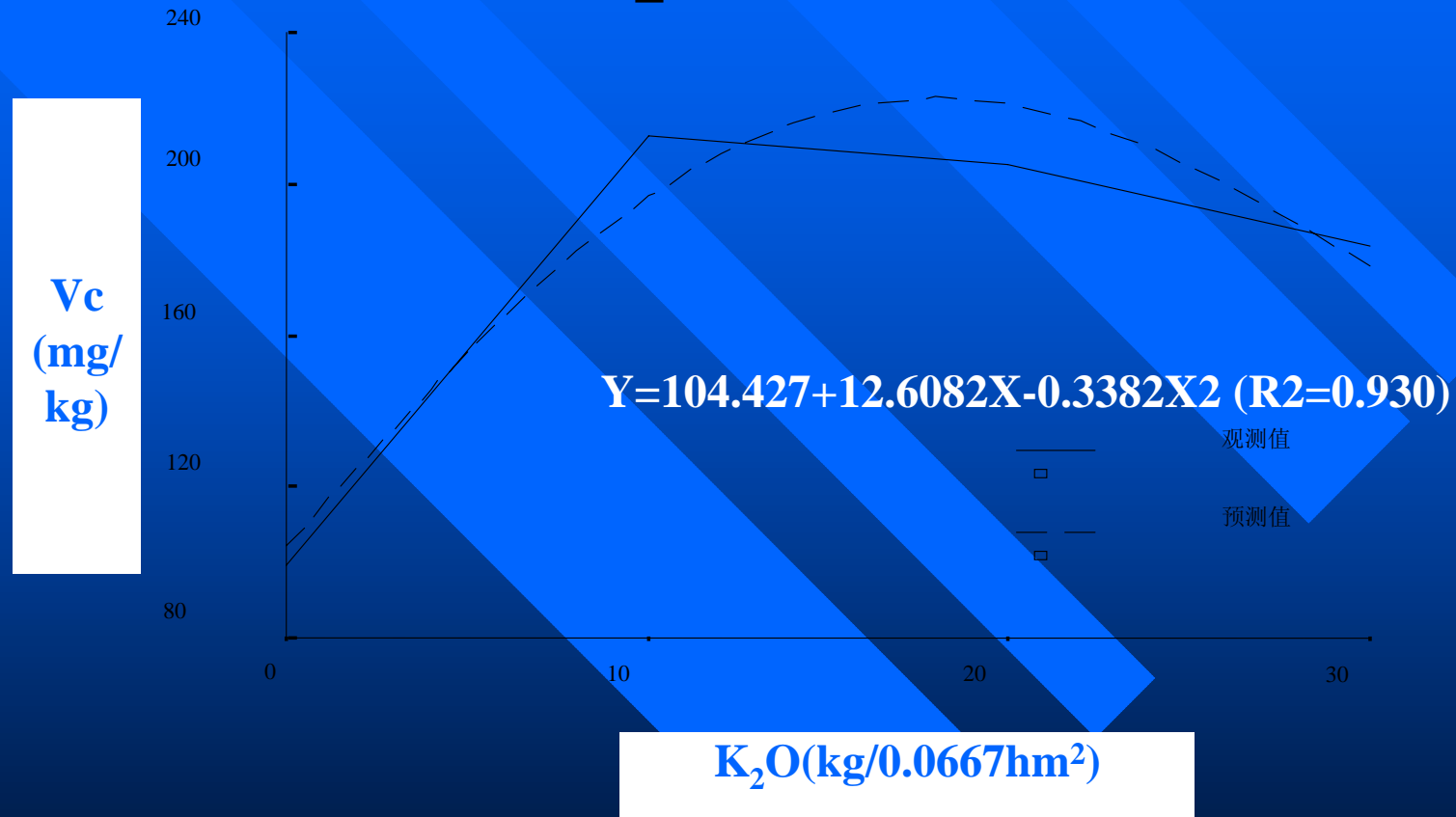
■ Bean has the same effects with balsam pear.

## 3.4 K application rate and Vc content in eggplant



- Eggplant has the same effects with balsam pear.

## 3.5 K application rate and Vc content in potato



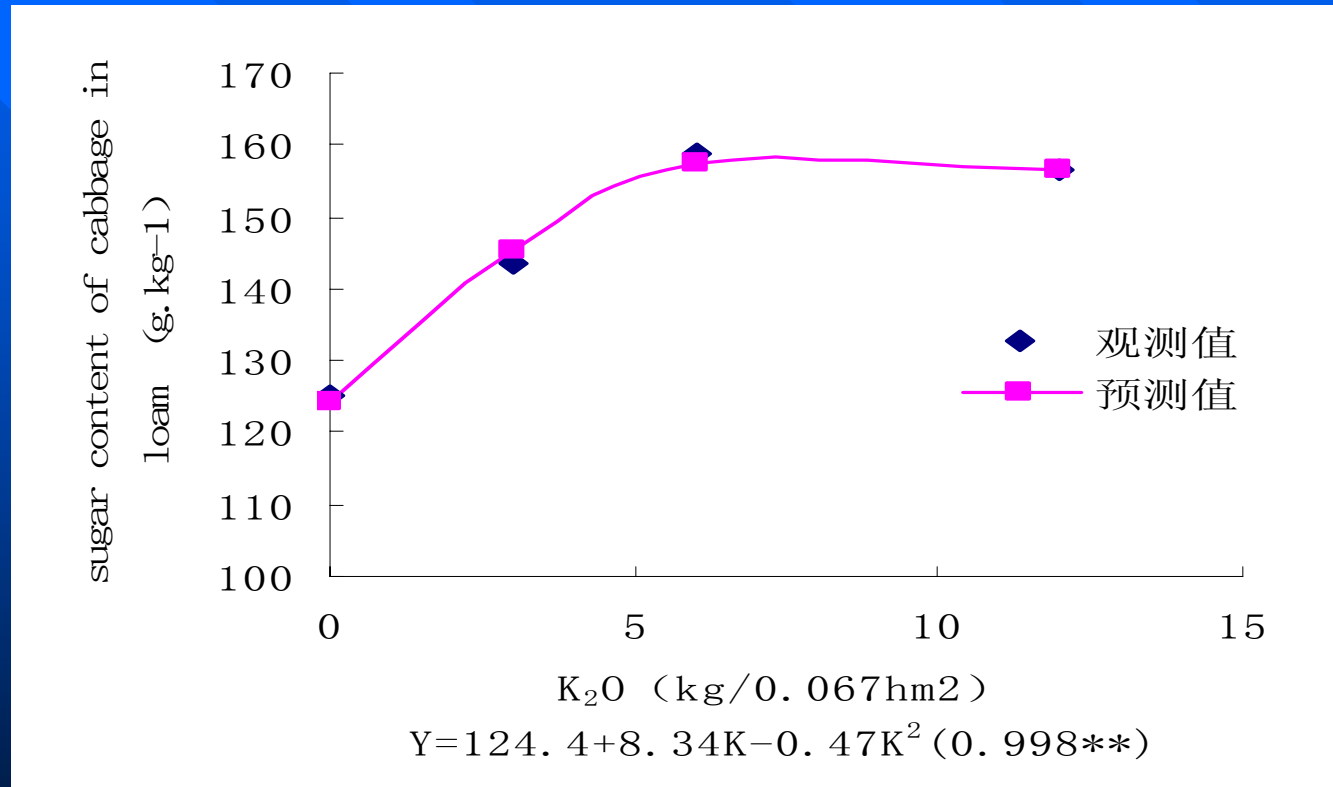
■ Potato has the same effects with balsam pear.



# **4 Effects of rational K application on sugar content in vegetable**

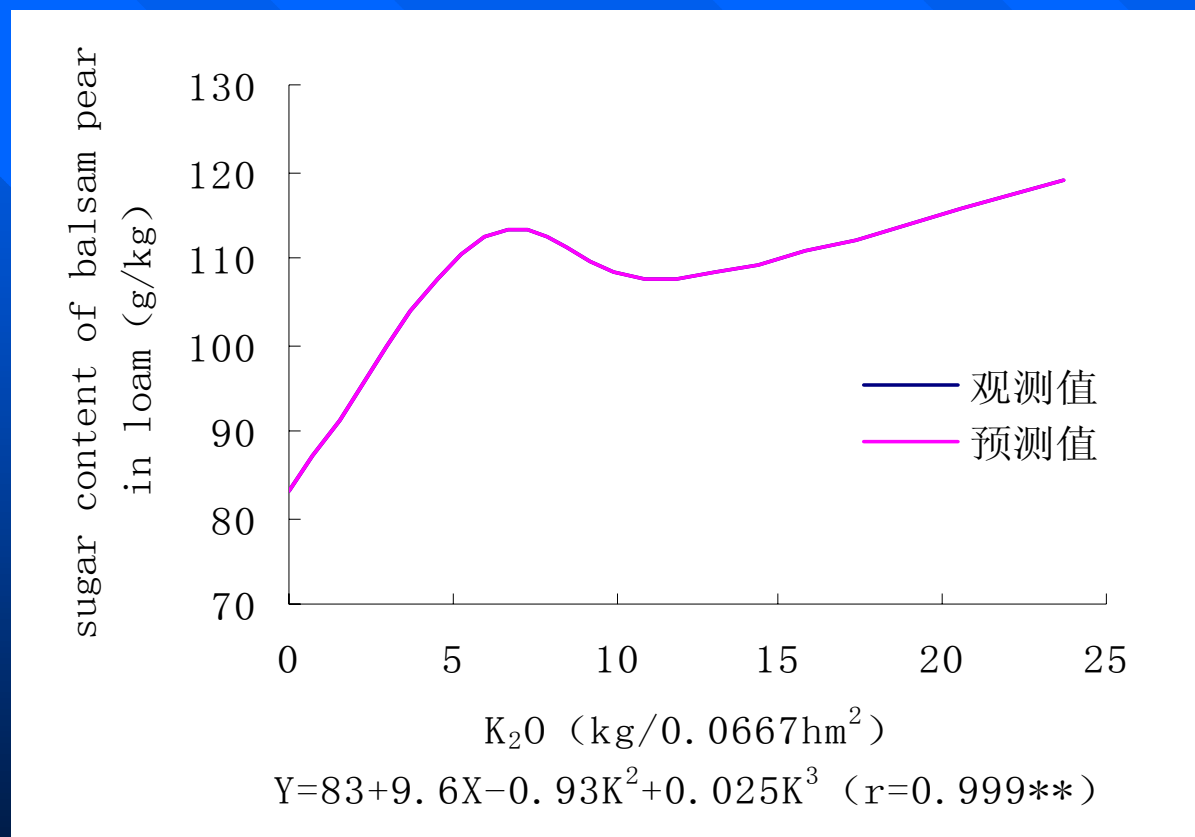
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## 4.1 K application rate and sugar content in cabbage



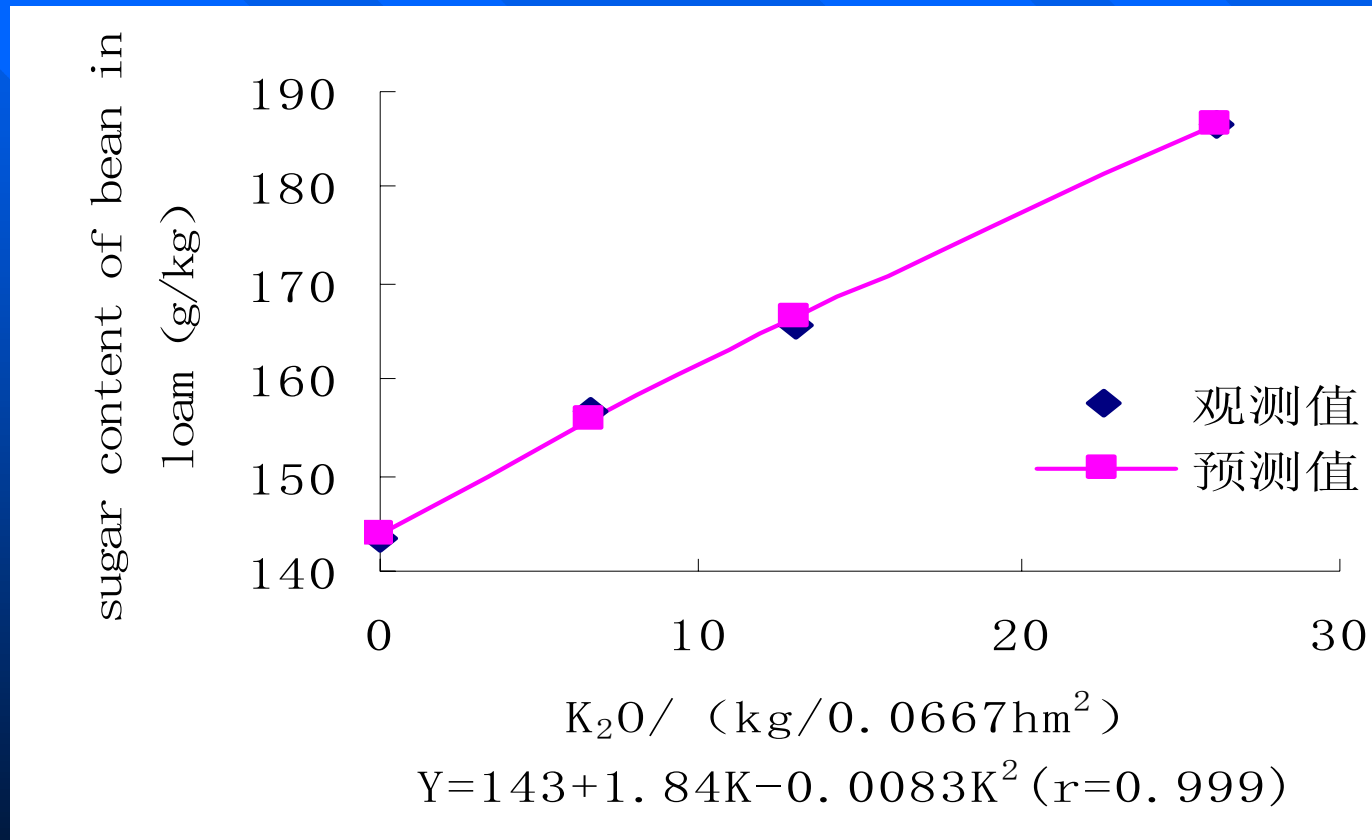
- Appropriate K rate can get the highest sugar content in cabbage at the same time using N and P, but over K rate reduce the sugar in cabbage.

## 4.2 K application rate and sugar content in balsam pear



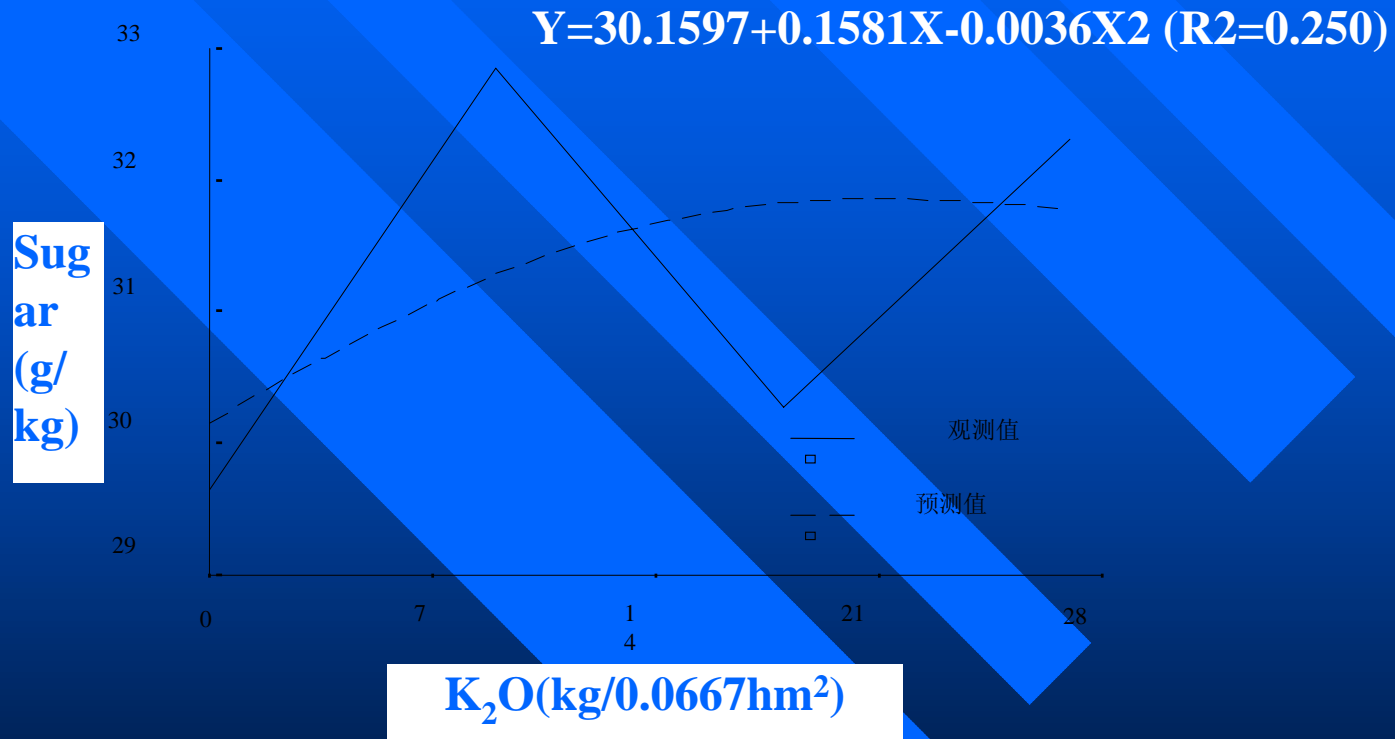
- Appropriate K application can adjust the sugar content in balsam pear .

## 4.3 K application rate and sugar content in bean



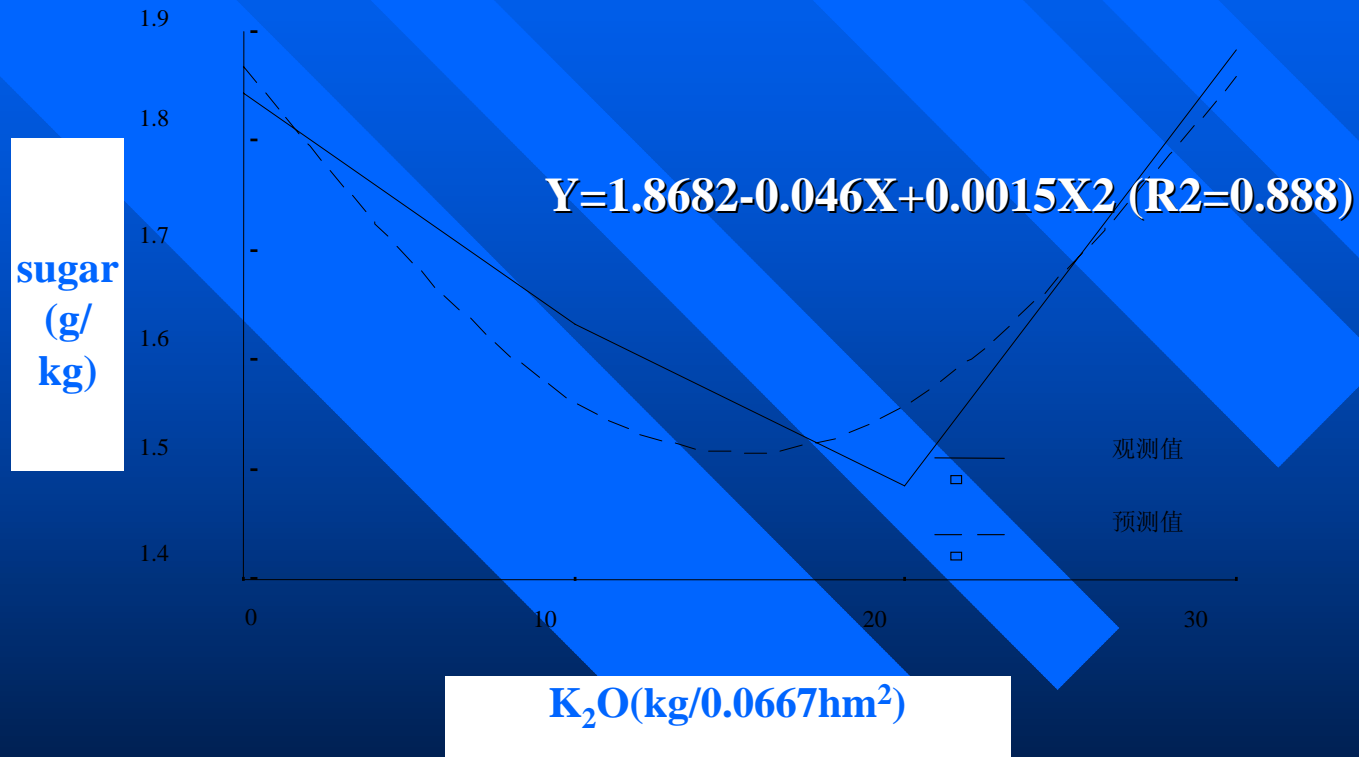
- More sugar in bean need more than 13kg/mu K.

## 4.4 K application rate and sugar content in eggplant



- There may be an appropriate point between K application and sugar content in eggplant.

## 4.5 K application rate and sugar content in potato



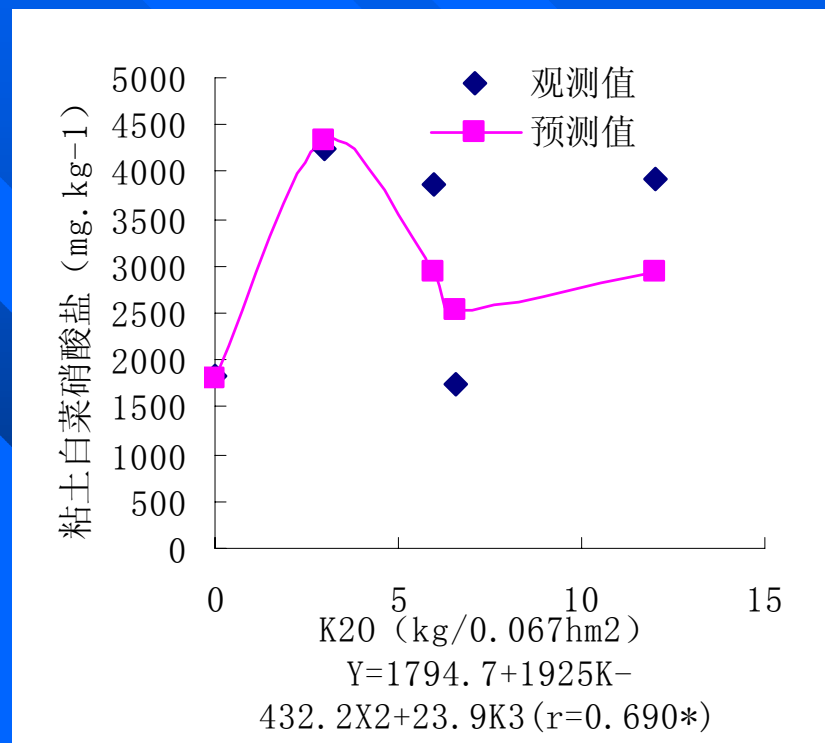
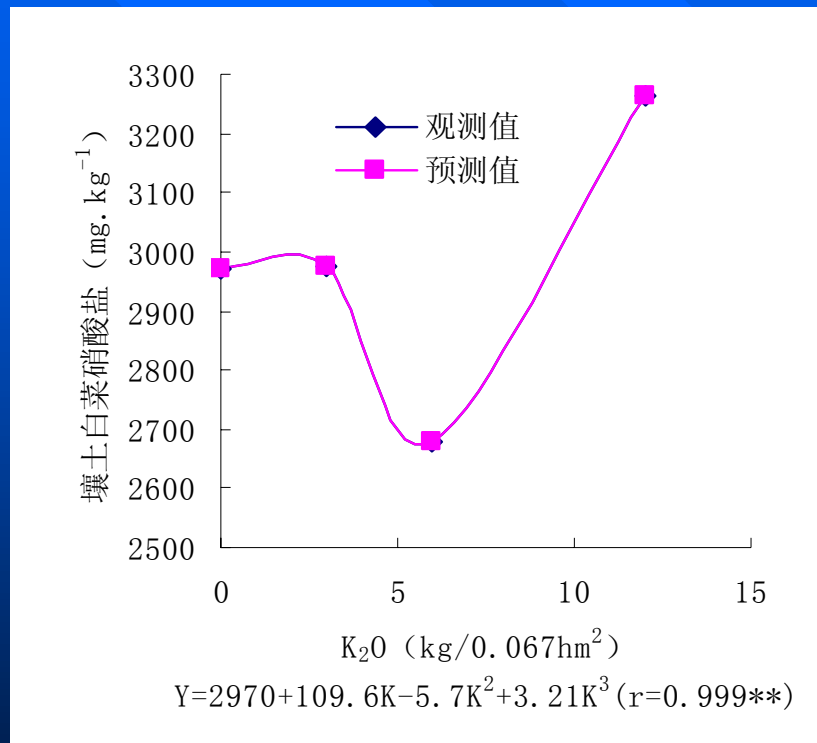
- Appropriate proportional NPK can control deoxidize sugar content in potato, and so can some K range.

## 5 Effects of different kind K fertilizer to winter potato yield and quality

K	Yield (kg/mu)	Dried matter( %)	Vc (mg/kg)	Sugar (g/kg)	Starch (g/kg)	protein (%)
No K	817.5b	19.65a	102.8bc	1.88a	149.8a	10.22a
KCl	976.4a	19.11a	170.1ab	1.50a	153.6a	9.71a
K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	970.5a	18.23a	225.2a	1.51a	149.8a	9.38a
KCl + K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	861.6ab	19.71a	208.4a	1.18a	162.3a	9.92a

- Differences of potato yield, dried matter, Vc, deoxidize sugar and starch between different kind K fertilizer are not significant .

## 6 Effects of K application on control of nitrate content in leaf vegetable



- K application in some range with N and P can control nitrate content in cabbage.



# 7 Conclusions

- 7.1 Vegetable yield and quality and K fertilizer rate
- 7.2 Rational K application on cabbage
- 7.3 Rational K application on balsam pear
- 7.4 Rational K application on bean
- 7.5 Rational K application on eggplant
- 7.6 Rational K application on potato

# Vegetable yield and quality and K rate

- ◆ Application of K with N and P can improve vegetable yield and quality .
- ◆ There is a quadratic regression relationship between K amount and vegetable yield , the appropriate K fertilizer application can get the highest quantity.
- ◆ More Vc and sugar content in vegetable need more  $K_2O$  amount .

# **Vegetable yield and quality and K rate**

- ◆ **Nitrate content in leaf vegetable and K rate have relationship of cubic regression, and there is the most appropriate K rate for the least nitrate content.**
- ◆ **Sugar content in potato and K rate have relationship of inverted quadratic regression , and there is the most appropriate K rate for the least sugar content.**

# Rational rate of K on cabbage

- Cabbage yield 2000kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Organic Matter 200-300kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ N 5-10 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 2.4 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Appropriate K<sub>2</sub>O rate  
6-8kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>

# Rational rate of K on balsam pear

- ◆ Balsam pear yield at following fertilizer  
1200-1500 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Organic Matter      300 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ N      5-8kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>      3kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Appropriate K<sub>2</sub>O rate      3-5kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ N:P:K      1: 0.44: 0.91

# Rational rate of K on bean

- ◆ Bean yield at following fertilizer  
1000-1500 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Organic Matter      200-300 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ N      5-8kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>      2-3kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Appropriate K<sub>2</sub>O rate      5-6.5kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ N:P:K      1: 0.70: 1.20

# Rational rate of K on eggplant

- ◆ Eggplant yield at following fertilizer  
2000kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Organic Matter      800 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ N      22 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>      10 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Appropriate K<sub>2</sub>O rate      18 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>

# Rational rate of K on winter potato

- ◆ Winter potato yield at following fertilizer 1100kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Organic Matter 400-550 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ N 12-16 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 3.5-5.2 kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Appropriate K<sub>2</sub>O rate 10-15kg/0.0667hm<sup>2</sup>



**Thank you!**