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**Tables**

Table 1

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Substrate Number | Compost Type20% by volume | Brick SizeSmall=2-5mmLarge=4-15mm | SwellGel1% by volume |
| 1 | Bark | Small | Yes |
| 2 | Green Waste | Small | Yes |
| 3 | Bark | Large | Yes |
| 4 | Green Waste | Large | Yes |
| 5 | Bark | Small | No |
| 6 | Green Waste | Small | No |
| 7 | Bark | Large | No |
| 8 | Green Waste | Large | No |

Table 2

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  **(a)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Factor | Df | F-value | P-value | Main factor means of water holding capacity (ml per Lsubstrate) | % Change(±SE, n=64) |
|  |  |  |  | Brick Size | Organic | SwellGel | Depth |
|  |  |  |  | Small | Large | Bark | GW | No | Yes | 80mm | 120mm |
| Brick | 1 | 640.6 | \*\*\* | 266.2 | 174.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -34.6± 1.9 |
| Organic | 1 | 3.8 | 0.053 |  |  | 216.5 | 223.6 |  |  |  |  | +3.3± 3.7 |
| SwellGel | 1 | 168.6 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  | 196.4 | 243.7 |  |  | +24.1± 3.8 |
| Depth | 1 | 222.4 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  | 192.9 | 247.2 | +28.1± 4.0 |
| Sw.G:OrgBrick:DepthSw.G:Org:BrickSw.G:Org:Brick:Depth | 1111 | 4.99.34.64.0 | \*\*\*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **(b)** |  |  |  | Main factor means of total pot evapotranspiration (ml) |  |
| Brick | 1 | 162.9 | \*\*\* | 1612.2 | 1415.5 |  |  |  |  |  | -12.2±1.2 |
| Organic | 1 | 47.0 | \*\*\* |  |  | 1461.0 | 1566.7 |  |  |  | +7.2±1.4 |
| SwellGel | 1 | 14.9 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  | 1484.1 | 1543.6 |  | +4.0±1.1 |
| Depth | 1 | 108.2 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1433.7 | 1594.0 | +11.2±1.3 |
| Sw.G:Brick | 1 | 7.8 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  **(a)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Factor | Df | F-value | P-value | Main factor means of dry shoot biomass (g) | % Change(±SE, n=64) |
|  |  |  |  | Brick Size | Organic | SwellGel | Depth |
|  |  |  |  | Small | Large | N | Y | No | Yes | 80mm | 120mm |
| Brick | 1 | 68.5 | \*\*\* | 1.31 | 1.10 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -16.7± 2.0 |
| Organic | 1 | 157.5 | \*\*\* |  |  | 1.04 | 1.38 |  |  |  |  | +32.1± 2.7 |
| SwellGel | 1 | 13.2 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  | 1.16 | 1.26 |  |  | +8.3± 2.6 |
| Depth | 1 | 3.9 | 0.05 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.18 | 1.23 | +4.2± 2.6 |
| Sw.G:Org:Depth | 1 | 4.3 | \* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **(b)** |  |  |  | Main factor means of dry root biomass (g) |  |
| Brick | 1 | 2.2 | 0.14 | 2.38 | 2.30 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -3.4± 2.1 |
| Organic | 1 | 26.7 | \*\*\* |  |  | 2.19 | 2.48 |  |  |  |  | +13.1± 2.6 |
| SwellGel | 1 | 9.4 | \*\* |  |  |  |  | 2.42 | 2.25 |  |  | -7.0± 2.3 |
| Depth | 1 | 70.6 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2.11 | 2.57 | +22.2± 2.6 |
| Sw.G:Org | 1 | 7.3 | **\*\*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sw.G:Brick | 1 | 12.1 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **(c)** |  |  |  | Main factor means of root:shoot ratios |  |
| Brick | 1 | 35.8 | \*\*\* | 1.84 | 2.14 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +16.2± 2.8 |
| Organic | 1 | 42.6 | \*\*\* |  |  | 2.16 | 1.83 |  |  |  |  | -15.1± 1.8 |
| SwellGel | 1 | 43.6 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  | 2.16 | 1.83 |  |  | -15.3± 2.1 |
| Depth | 1 | 38.7 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.84 | 2.15 | +16.9± 3.2 |
| Sw.G:Org | 1 | 22.5 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sw.G:Brick | 1 | 5.0 | \* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4

 **(a)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Factor | Df | F-value | P-value | Main factor means of total nitrogen shoot concentration(mg-1 g shoot biomass) | % Change(±SE, n=64) |
|  |  |  |  | Brick Size | Organic | SwellGel | Depth |
|  |  |  |  | Small | Large | Bark | GW | No | Yes | 80mm | 120mm |
| Brick | 1 | 53.897 | \*\*\* | 0.0053 | 0.0065 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +21.9± 2.8 |
| Organic | 1 | 43.866 | \*\*\* |  |  | 0.0054 | 0.0064 |  |  |  |  | +19.6± 3.1 |
| SwellGel | 1 | 50.765 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  | 0.0053 | 0.0065 |  |  | +21.2± 3.4 |
| Depth | 1 | 1.148 | 0.29 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.0058 | 0.0060 | +2.9± 3.0 |
| Sw.G:Org | 1 | 7.815 | \*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Org:DepthSw.G:Org:BrickSw.G:Org:Depth | 111 | 4.7078.0146.490 | \*\*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **(b)** |  |  |  | Main factor means mean chlorophyll content (mg g-1 dry shoot biomass) |  |
| Brick | 1 | 5.4 | \* | 0.16 | 0.14 |  |  |  |  |  | -14.4±5.7 |
| Organic | 1 | 44.4 | \*\*\* |  |  | 0.12 | 0.18 |  |  |  | +56.7±8.9 |
| SwellGel | 1 | 1.7 | 0.20 |  |  |  |  | 0.15 | 0.14 |  | -8.2±5.8 |
| Depth | 1 | 24.3 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.12 | 0.17 | +39.5±8.0 |
| Sw.G:Org | 1 | 11.7 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Org:Brick | 1 | 6.7 | \* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sw.G:Org:Brick | 1 | 12.9 | \*\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sw.G:Org:Brick:Depth | 1 | 6.1 | \* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |