

SHOFIRKON DISTRICT IS AN AGROPHYSICAL PROPERTY OF SOILS THAT HAVE BEEN IRRIGATED SINCE ANCIENT TIMES

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Annotation: The Shofirkon district stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of ancient agricultural practices. Through centuries of irrigation, its soils have developed unique agrophysical properties, shaping the region's agricultural landscape. This article delves into the historical significance, literature analysis, methodologies employed, and findings regarding the agrophysical properties of soils in Shofirkon. Additionally, it discusses the implications of these findings and offers suggestions for sustainable agricultural practices in the district.

Keywords: Agrophysical properties, irrigation, soil fertility, shofirkon district, ancient agriculture.

Shofirkon District, nestled in the heart of an ancient agricultural region, holds a profound historical significance in the realm of soil irrigation and cultivation. For millennia, its inhabitants have practiced irrigation, enriching the soil and fostering a vibrant agricultural ecosystem. This article explores the agrophysical properties of soils in Shofirkon, shedding light on the enduring legacy of ancient agricultural techniques and their impact on soil fertility.

A comprehensive review of literature reveals the rich tapestry of agricultural history in Shofirkon District. Ancient texts and archaeological findings attest to the intricate irrigation systems employed by early settlers, showcasing their ingenuity in harnessing water resources to cultivate the land. Furthermore, studies on soil composition and fertility highlight the correlation between sustained irrigation and the development of unique agrophysical properties in Shofirkon's soils.

To unravel the agrophysical intricacies of Shofirkon's soils, a multidisciplinary approach was adopted. Soil samples were collected from various locations within the district, encompassing different irrigation regimes and land use patterns. Laboratory analyses, including particle size distribution, soil moisture content, and hydraulic conductivity, were conducted to assess the physical properties of the soil.

In most irrigated soils, the specific gravity has a smaller indicator in the upper layers than in the lower ones, the reason for this is that the amount of humus in the

upper layer of soils is slightly higher. The comparative weight indicators of irrigated grassland soils of the Bukhara oasis in general do not differ sharply from each other, and they are not even a rapidly changing size.

The volume weight of the soils of the studied areas is variable and varied with respect to the specific gravity. This explains why the processes taking place in soils are special. The volume weights of the soils studied vary in different regions, and there is no significant difference between them.

In the case of old-irrigated grassland soils of the Kogon and Jondor districts, however, it is observed that heavy agricultural techniques have compacted the soil layers much higher than the optimal density, as a result of the introduction of land into the fields several times in its still physically immature state and the failure to comply with irrigation procedures.

In the conditions of irrigated soils of the Bukhara Oasis, as the mechanical composition becomes heavier, the density of soils is also determined to be slightly higher.

At the same time, strong compaction is observed not only in the upper layers of soil cuttings, but also in their lower layers. According to the data obtained, if the irrigation carried out over the years causes the breakdown of soil aggregates, continuous processing of the soil in the plowing layer is an event aimed at preventing its compaction.

Under the influence of irrigation and agrotechnical measures, in order to eliminate the compaction of the under-plowing and lower layers of the irrigated grassland soils of the Bukhara Oasis, it is primarily advisable to loosen the lands as deeply as possible, and plant perennial grass and legumes under-processing.

In irrigated soils, the amount of water (moisture), its movement, the amount of easily soluble salts, the increase in moisture and its retention, the air supply of the root nutrition layer will directly depend on the porosity of the soils.

From the above, it can be said that the comparative weight of irrigated grassland soils is low in the upper layers, does not differ sharply from each other, and they are not of rapidly changing size. It was observed that heavy agricultural techniques on old-irrigated grassland soils were repeatedly introduced into fields in the physically immature state of the Earth and compacted soil layers above acceptable density (1.55-1.60 g/cm³) as irrigation procedures were not followed, soil density was also found to be slightly higher as mechanical composition became heavier. In old-growth irrigated grassland soils, the total porosity is 47-51% in the upper layers. In the lower layers, however, a sharp decrease is observed in the range of 38-45%, a condition considered unsatisfactory. Usually the porosity is large in the upper layer, decreasing towards the lower driving lower layer.

The observed agrophysical properties signify the enduring impact of ancient irrigation practices on Shofirkon's soils. Through centuries of cultivation, irrigation has transformed the soil matrix, enhancing its capacity to support plant growth and sustenance. However, challenges such as salinization and soil degradation necessitate careful management strategies to preserve soil fertility and ensure sustainable agricultural practices in the district.

Conclusions and Suggestions:

In conclusion, the agrophysical properties of soils in Shofirkon District bear witness to the enduring legacy of ancient irrigation practices. To safeguard this legacy and promote sustainable agriculture, concerted efforts are needed to mitigate soil degradation, enhance water efficiency, and adopt modern irrigation techniques. Integrating traditional knowledge with contemporary innovations holds the key to preserving the fertility of Shofirkon's soils for future generations.

In light of these findings, it is imperative to develop tailored strategies for soil conservation and sustainable land management in Shofirkon District. Embracing agroecological principles, promoting crop diversification, and implementing precision irrigation technologies can mitigate the adverse effects of intensive agriculture while fostering resilience in the face of environmental challenges. By honoring the wisdom of the past and embracing innovation, Shofirkon can continue to thrive as a beacon of sustainable agriculture in the modern era.

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