ACTION OF THE PREPARATION ZIRCON ON THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF PLANTS OF CORN UNDER THE OSMOTIC STRESS

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In agriculture growth regulators are used to improve the salt tolerance of crop plants. Their influence is aimed at increasing crop and increase plant resistance to extreme environmental conditions, and in particular to soil salinity. The preparation Zircon is a growth regulator of new generation. It increases the root formation, growth processes, the duration of flowering and resistance to diseases, increases the crop yields and quality of plants. The effect of this preparation on the maize plants under osmotic stress today is not enough studied, so the aim of the work was to study the action of the preparation Zircon on the growth and development of corn plants in the early stages of development in the conditions of osmotic stress.

The object of research is the seeds and plants of corn Zea mays L., CV / TAR 349 MV. The corn seeds of medium size etched in a weak solution of potassium permanganate. Then to each cuvette on the filter paper laid 50 seeds. Osmotic stress was modeled by the addition in cuvettes 300 ml solution with a various concentrations NaCl (50 mM, 100 mM, 150 mM, 200 mM, control No1 - distilled water). To investigate the action of the preparation Zircon on the growth and development of plants of corn under the osmotic stress were using above mentioned concentrations of NaCl with 0.05% growth regulator (control No2 – Zircon 0.05%). The seeds are germinated in a thermostat TS-80M-2 in the dark at +25° C. On day 4 seedlings of plants were transferred to a 0.5-liter vessels on the water culture (solution of Knop). In 11-day-old plants were established value of morphometric parameters (plant height, roots length, the mass of raw substance, area of leaf surfaces) by conventional methods in plant physiology. Statistical processing of obtained data was performed by calculating arithmetic mean and standard error of arithmetic mean. In order to determine significant differences of distribution of biometric data the Student's t-test was used.

On the basis of conducted studies, we reached the following conclusions:

1. Is noted the significantly different (p < 0,05-0,001) stimulating and anti-stress the action of the preparation Zircon on the growth and development of plants of corn under the simulated osmotic stress.

2.Is shown the stimulating effect of growth regulator in a concentration of 0.05 % on the growth performance of 11-day-old plants of corn (plant height has increased on 10,6–36,3 %; length of roots – on 7,8–68,7 %; mass of raw substance of the aboveground part - to 12–50,4 %; mass of raw substance of the underground part – on 21–106,5 %; area of leaf surfaces – on 18,5–130 % compared with variants of saline solutions and control N 1) in simulated conditions of osmotic stress.

3. Preliminary steeping of the seeds in a solution of studied synthetic regulator of growth with a concentration of 0.05 % increases the salt tolerance of plants Zea mays L.,

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CV / TAR 349 MV, which in turn will improve the quality of the plants and will effect on their productivity.

Keywords: corn, Zircon, morphometric parameters, osmotic stress, salt tolerance.

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