

Supplementary Materials

In accordance with Lu (1999) [69], soil texture was measured using pipette analysis, and soil moisture content was measured by drying 10 g soil at 105 °C for 24 h to a constant weight. Soil bulk density (BD) was measured by collecting undisturbed soil cores using a 100 cm³ cutting ring from a depth of 0-20 cm after harvest. Soil pH and electric conductivity (EC) were measured in a 1:5 ratio of soil to deionized water with a pH meter (PHS-3C, Shanghai) and a Mettler Toledo instrument (FE30-K, Shanghai, China). The SOC content was determined by wet digestion with potassium dichromate, and total N was analyzed by the Kjeldahl method. The soil total P contents were determined by the molybdenum antimony colorimetric method after digestion with an H₂SO₄ + HClO₄ solution. Soil cation exchange capacity (CEC) was measured using hexamminecobalt trichloride and was expressed in cmol kg⁻¹. Soil dissolved organic C (DOC) and N (DON) contents were determined using a multi N/C 3100 analyzer (Jena TOC Analyzer, Germany). Briefly, DOC and DON were extracted by adding 25 mL H₂O to 5 g moist soil, shaking for 1 h followed by centrifuging at 4000 rpm for 20 min, and then the supernatant was filtered through a 0.45 µm membrane. Soil microbial biomass C (MBC) and N (MBN) were determined by using the chloroform fumigation extraction method (Shen, et al., 2021) [70]. Briefly, MBC and MBN were extracted with 0.50 M K₂SO₄ for 30 min (10 g soil with 50 mL solution) and subsequently measured on a multi N/C 3100 analyzer (Jena TOC Analyzer, Germany). The conversion coefficients of MBC and MBN are 0.45 and 0.54, respectively. The soil NH₄⁺-N and NO₃⁻-N contents were measured on an ultraviolet spectrophotometer (HITACHI, UV-2900, Tokyo, Japan) using indophenol blue and two-wavelength ultraviolet spectrometry, respectively, following extraction by shaking for 1 h on a rotary shaker with 2 M KCl (soil: KCl = 1:5) solution. Available P was extracted with 0.5 M NaHCO₃ and quantified by the molybdenum blue method using an ultraviolet spectrophotometer. Available K was determined using the flame photometry method.

Table S1 Initial properties of the soil in our study (mean ± SD, n = 3).

pH	BD (g cm ⁻³)	Clay (%)	Silt (%)	Sand (%)
7.95 ± 0.48	1.30 ± 0.35	30.5 ± 3.36	66.4 ± 7.30	3.10 ± 0.34
CEC (cmol kg ⁻¹)	SOC (g kg ⁻¹)	TN (g kg ⁻¹)	NO ₃ ⁻ -N (mg kg ⁻¹)	NH ₄ ⁺ -N (mg kg ⁻¹)
25.3 ± 2.08	18.8 ± 2.27	2.30 ± 0.36	36.0 ± 14.4	51.2 ± 12.2

Note: BD: bulk density; Sand is 0.02-2 mm, silt is 0.002-0.02 mm and clay < 0.002 mm. CEC: cation exchange capacity; SOC: soil organic carbon; TN: total N.

Table S2 Main compounds and ingredient content of the chemical fertilizers applied.

Fertilizers	Main compounds	Main ingredient content
Urea	(NH ₂) ₂ CO	46.0% N
Calcium magnesium phosphate	Ca ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	14.0% P ₂ O ₅
	CaSiO ₃	45.0% CaO
	MgSiO ₃	20.0% SiO ₂
		12.0% MgO
Potassium chloride	KCl	63.2% K ₂ O

Table S3 Results of two-way ANOVA and repeated-measures ANOVA (F-values and significance) for cumulative N₂O and NO emissions. *** Significant at $p < 0.001$; ** Significant at $p < 0.01$; * Significant at $p < 0.05$.

Parameter	Year	N ×			Biochar ×			
		N	Biochar	Year	Biochar	N × Year	Year	N × Biochar × Year
N ₂ O	2018-2020	1373***	21.44***	44.36***	9.096**	50.96***	4.518**	5.130**
	2018	2474***	97.42***		63.26***			
	2019	223.7***	8.825**		4.170*			
	2020	660.2***	0.530		0.293			
NO	2018-2020	946.9***	11.42**	40.82***	8.737**	30.73***	0.165	0.226
	2018	623.2***	5.694*		4.562*			
	2019	872.3***	16.09***		12.65**			
	2020	246.7***	2.842		2.036			

Table S4 Results of two-way ANOVA and repeated-measures ANOVA (F-values and significance) for vegetable yield and quality and soil fertility index (SFI). *** Significant at $p < 0.001$; ** Significant at $p < 0.01$; * Significant at $p < 0.05$.

Parameter	Year	N	Biochar	Year	N × Biochar	N × Year	Biochar × Year	N × Biochar × Year
Yield	2018-2020	262.6***	4.056*	0.922	0.316	7.891**	0.538	0.819
	2018	127.1***	2.626		0.534			
	2019	66.46***	2.261		0.127			
	2020	127.8***	0.664		1.211			
Nitrate	2018-2020	94.60***	2.081	3.245	1.870	0.975	1.066	0.175
	2018	49.21***	0.522		1.599			
	2019	33.36***	0.909		1.327			
	2020	36.15***	2.243		0.192			
Vitamin C	2018-2020	17.03**	0.329	3.897*	0.963	0.068	0.148	0.146
	2018	7.113*	0.477		1.154			
	2019	8.000*	0.432		0.150			
	2020	1.580	0.005		0.071			
Soluble sugar	2018-2020	1.001	0.241	1.083	0.082	5.935**	0.316	0.262
	2018	6.930*	0.202		0.084			
	2019	2.597	0.171		0.080			
	2020	5.945*	0.731		0.689			
Soluble protein	2018-2020	16.25**	0.388	2.365	0.244	0.355	0.136	0.012
	2018	13.87**	0.285		0.322			
	2019	3.388	0.173		0.093			
	2020	5.513*	0.239		0.041			
SFI	2018-2020	177.8***	3.782	34.53***	21.83***	26.77***	0.828	0.508
	2018	170.6***	0.113		10.51**			
	2019	46.30***	1.801		5.723*			
	2020	9.359**	4.232*		7.620**			

Table S5 Soil physicochemical properties after vegetable harvest in 2018, 2019 and 2020 (mean \pm SD, n = 3).

Parameter	Year	N0C0	N0C1	N0C2	N1C0	N1C1	N1C2
CEC (cmol kg ⁻¹)	2018	24.2 \pm 0.14Ac	20.2 \pm 0.52Cb	21.9 \pm 0.81BCb	23.2 \pm 0.38ABb	20.6 \pm 0.54Cb	21.7 \pm 1.24BCb
	2019	26.3 \pm 0.60Ab	22.6 \pm 1.69Bab	24.5 \pm 1.19ABa	26.3 \pm 0.79Aa	24.4 \pm 1.04ABa	23.7 \pm 0.74ABb
	2020	28.0 \pm 0.90Aa	23.5 \pm 0.81Da	24.9 \pm 0.25CDa	27.5 \pm 0.79ABa	23.7 \pm 0.50Da	26.2 \pm 0.21BCa
pH	2018	8.21 \pm 0.02Aa	8.24 \pm 0.10Aa	8.10 \pm 0.24Aa	7.70 \pm 0.01Bb	7.91 \pm 0.04ABb	8.02 \pm 0.17ABa
	2019	8.14 \pm 0.06Aa	8.12 \pm 0.11Aa	8.03 \pm 0.12Aa	7.59 \pm 0.02Bc	7.97 \pm 0.08Aab	7.98 \pm 0.10Aa
	2020	7.96 \pm 0.03Cb	8.12 \pm 0.01Ba	8.23 \pm 0.03Aa	7.79 \pm 0.04Da	8.06 \pm 0.02Ba	8.21 \pm 0.03Aa
EC (us cm ⁻¹)	2018	185 \pm 4.30Db	173 \pm 1.75Db	189 \pm 16.2Db	346 \pm 31.5Cb	541 \pm 19.5Ab	440 \pm 22.0Bb
	2019	230 \pm 6.51Da	313 \pm 22.6Ca	346 \pm 21.7Ca	477 \pm 5.51Ba	712 \pm 14.2Aa	743 \pm 50.3Aa
	2020	108 \pm 7.73BCc	131 \pm 5.41Bc	104 \pm 5.08BCc	102 \pm 3.03Cc	205 \pm 21.4Ac	104 \pm 7.53BCc
SOC (g kg ⁻¹)	2018	17.7 \pm 0.35Cb	21.2 \pm 1.07ABab	22.2 \pm 1.02Aab	18.7 \pm 0.12BCa	20.4 \pm 1.01ABa	22.5 \pm 1.42Aa
	2019	16.5 \pm 0.12Dc	21.6 \pm 0.22Ba	23.2 \pm 0.28Aa	18.6 \pm 0.14Ca	20.7 \pm 0.18Ba	22.8 \pm 0.84Aa
	2020	18.6 \pm 0.44Ba	20.0 \pm 0.20ABb	21.2 \pm 0.62Ab	18.8 \pm 0.55Ba	20.0 \pm 0.78ABa	21.1 \pm 0.96Aa
TN (g kg ⁻¹)	2018	2.03 \pm 0.08Bb	1.92 \pm 0.08Ba	1.98 \pm 0.08Ba	2.33 \pm 0.04Aa	2.15 \pm 0.08ABa	2.30 \pm 0.16Aa
	2019	2.21 \pm 0.03Ba	1.87 \pm 0.03Ca	1.95 \pm 0.04Ca	2.30 \pm 0.05ABab	2.29 \pm 0.03Ba	2.41 \pm 0.06Aa
	2020	2.11 \pm 0.05Bab	1.80 \pm 0.05Ca	1.87 \pm 0.09Ca	2.22 \pm 0.03ABb	2.20 \pm 0.06ABa	2.36 \pm 0.09Aa
TP (mg kg ⁻¹)	2018	0.66 \pm 0.03Ca	0.78 \pm 0.04Ba	0.84 \pm 0.02Aa	0.76 \pm 0.01Ba	0.76 \pm 0.02Ba	0.84 \pm 0.01Aa
	2019	0.67 \pm 0.03Aa	0.68 \pm 0.02Ab	0.73 \pm 0.09Aa	0.73 \pm 0.07Aa	0.73 \pm 0.05Aa	0.76 \pm 0.12Aa
	2020	0.66 \pm 0.13Aa	0.67 \pm 0.03Ab	0.70 \pm 0.07Aa	0.71 \pm 0.06Aa	0.70 \pm 0.09Aa	0.80 \pm 0.03Aa
NH ₄ ⁺ -N (mg kg ⁻¹)	2018	48.7 \pm 1.63Ba	52.2 \pm 7.84ABa	54.9 \pm 4.68ABa	61.5 \pm 1.90Aa	54.1 \pm 0.82ABa	48.3 \pm 2.91Ba
	2019	7.26 \pm 0.78Ab	7.57 \pm 1.05Ab	7.59 \pm 0.96Ab	5.69 \pm 0.31Ab	9.07 \pm 3.15Ab	19.4 \pm 12.3Ab
	2020	6.88 \pm 0.90ABb	7.84 \pm 1.60Ab	6.30 \pm 0.93ABb	5.77 \pm 1.09ABb	4.69 \pm 0.67Bb	5.37 \pm 0.68ABb
NO ₃ ⁻ -N (mg kg ⁻¹)	2018	68.8 \pm 7.67Ba	40.2 \pm 0.29Ba	40.8 \pm 2.00Ba	376 \pm 55.6Aa	433 \pm 17.5Aa	413 \pm 38.2Ab
	2019	7.38 \pm 0.47Db	17.0 \pm 4.19Db	13.3 \pm 1.27Db	73.0 \pm 5.12Cb	276 \pm 12.5Bb	488 \pm 30.1Aa
	2020	16.5 \pm 3.99Cb	14.4 \pm 2.41Cb	7.83 \pm 0.38Cc	18.3 \pm 2.81Cb	106 \pm 1.38Ac	34.6 \pm 10.9Bc
Available P	2018	112 \pm 1.22Ba	127 \pm 2.97Aa	122 \pm 6.10ABa	117 \pm 2.08ABb	118 \pm 7.26ABa	117 \pm 1.37ABa

(mg kg ⁻¹)	2019	96.2 ± 28.16Ba	141 ± 19.2Aa	92.0 ± 10.2Bb	123 ± 3.21ABa	126 ± 13.7ABa	96.7 ± 10.1ABb
	2020	87.4 ± 2.97Aa	86.5 ± 2.32Ab	56.8 ± 0.87BCc	52.4 ± 0.56Cc	59.9 ± 3.65Bb	50.3 ± 2.69Cc
Available K	2018	330 ± 25.5Ca	353 ± 6.60BCa	231 ± 8.37Eb	443 ± 5.87Aa	273 ± 2.80Da	374 ± 8.98Ba
(mg kg ⁻¹)	2019	293 ± 4.75Ca	333 ± 10.0Bb	253 ± 11.5Db	358 ± 1.54Ab	290 ± 8.17Ca	348 ± 7.39ABb
	2020	322 ± 13.2BCa	364 ± 3.50Aa	284 ± 7.19Ca	357 ± 8.24ABb	309 ± 29.3Ca	303 ± 8.82Cc
DOC	2018	146 ± 1.61Ab	177 ± 25.0Ab	163 ± 9.25Ab	144 ± 2.75Ab	184 ± 39.1Aa	148 ± 3.14Ab
(mg kg ⁻¹)	2019	201 ± 4.97Ba	220 ± 4.75Aa	188 ± 1.40Ca	160 ± 6.21Dab	161 ± 2.57Da	134 ± 2.15Eb
	2020	161 ± 13.6ABb	178 ± 1.51Ab	188 ± 1.66Aa	184 ± 19.8Aa	138 ± 3.24Ba	174 ± 14.1Aa
DON	2018	81.5 ± 1.34Ca	60.4 ± 6.96Ca	63.4 ± 2.26Ca	335 ± 36.1Aa	325 ± 17.7ABa	285 ± 8.75Ba
(mg kg ⁻¹)	2019	43.0 ± 0.23Bb	43.8 ± 2.45Bb	41.2 ± 0.74Bb	265 ± 1.08Ab	279 ± 2.29Ab	259 ± 35.5Aa
	2020	37.3 ± 2.23Cc	40.4 ± 3.36BCb	41.8 ± 0.88BCb	45.3 ± 6.26BCc	105 ± 14.1Ac	57.5 ± 1.40Bb
MBC	2018	216 ± 8.94Ab	206 ± 59.9Ab	236 ± 10.9Ab	198 ± 9.70Aa	191 ± 13.2Aa	224 ± 22.1Ab
(mg kg ⁻¹)	2019	167 ± 25.1BCa	216 ± 7.24ABCab	228 ± 34.8Ab	161 ± 12.2Cb	176 ± 22.1ABCa	220 ± 14.8ABb
	2020	265 ± 15.3Ba	301 ± 6.41Ba	297 ± 16.7Ba	217 ± 8.65Ca	217 ± 22.1Ca	342 ± 13.7Aa
MBN	2018	32.1 ± 3.72Ca	43.6 ± 5.00BCa	43.6 ± 2.15BCa	52.1 ± 3.72ABa	66.3 ± 7.37Aa	51.2 ± 7.31Ba
(mg kg ⁻¹)	2019	28.7 ± 4.67Ca	29.7 ± 6.25BCa	20.13 ± 4.91Cb	43.2 ± 3.93ABa	50.6 ± 6.14Aab	55.5 ± 4.22Aa
	2020	23.3 ± 5.17Aa	24.7 ± 12.2Aa	28.6 ± 10.4Aab	43.0 ± 7.64Aa	35.7 ± 14.9Ab	39.9 ± 17.2Aa

Note: N0 or N1 refers to N fertilizer application rates of 0 or 240 kg N ha⁻¹, respectively. C0, C1 and C2 refer to biochar incorporation rates of 0, 20 and 40 t ha⁻¹, respectively. CEC: cation exchange capacity; EC: electrical conductivity; SOC: soil organic carbon; TN: total N; TP: total P; DOC: dissolved soil organic carbon; DON: dissolved soil organic nitrogen; MBC: microbial biomass carbon; MBN: microbial biomass nitrogen. Capital letters indicate significant differences among treatments for each cropping year at $p < 0.05$. Lowercase letters indicate significant differences among cropping years for each treatment at $p < 0.05$.

Table S6 Results of two-way ANOVA (F-values and significance) for soil properties. *** Significant at $p < 0.001$; ** Significant at $p < 0.01$; * Significant at $p < 0.05$.

Parameter	Year	N	Biochar	N × Biochar
CEC	2018	0.586	33.77***	1.583
	2019	0.332	11.54**	2.327
	2020	1.410	62.27***	2.722
pH	2018	25.64***	1.553	4.162*
	2019	34.65***	6.776*	12.74**
	2020	42.49***	270.7***	13.67**
EC	2018	850.6***	35.56***	44.94***
	2019	861.5***	99.12***	18.06***
	2020	21.94**	75.26***	27.62***
SOC	2018	0.109	30.31***	1.446
	2019	1.492	308.6***	26.84***
	2020	0.002	22.81***	0.118
TN	2018	43.20***	3.937*	0.373
	2019	279.4***	28.16***	37.69***
	2020	109.0***	8.655**	12.89**
TP	2018	5.434*	46.61***	9.538**
	2019	1.643	0.730	0.052
	2020	2.756	1.330	0.394
NH ₄ ⁺ -N	2018	1.979	1.129	8.742**
	2019	2.525	2.910	2.698
	2020	12.75**	0.400	2.168
NO ₃ ⁻ -N	2018	701.6***	0.381	3.650
	2019	1730***	360.1***	340.6***
	2020	288.7***	134.6***	128.7***
Available P	2018	2.027	5.532*	3.977*
	2019	0.541	8.943**	2.438
	2020	388.1***	110.8***	53.47***
Available K	2018	103.9***	85.31***	148.9***
	2019	107.1***	15.30***	126.4***
	2020	0.005	19.14***	16.64***
DOC	2018	0.142	5.435*	0.499
	2019	718.6***	79.49***	7.335**
	2020	3.613	6.416*	11.28**
DON	2018	938.0***	6.012*	2.638
	2019	1075***	0.887	0.550
	2020	90.74***	36.76***	32.71***
MBC	2018	1.355	2.075	0.017
	2019	3.168	11.72**	1.180
	2020	16.83**	46.40***	30.37***
MBN	2018	45.91***	9.094**	3.555
	2019	96.20***	1.029	6.656*
	2020	6.128*	0.182	0.252

Note: CEC: cation exchange capacity; EC: electrical conductivity; SOC: soil organic carbon; TN: total N; TP: total P; DOC: dissolved soil organic carbon; DON: dissolved soil organic nitrogen; MBC: microbial biomass carbon; MBN: microbial biomass nitrogen.

Table S7 Pearson correlation coefficients among selected soil indicators. **

Significant at $p < 0.01$; * Significant at $p < 0.05$.

	PH	TP	NO ₃ ⁻ -N	Available K	DOC	DON
PH	1.000					
TP	-0.011	1.000				
NO ₃ ⁻ -N	-0.341*	0.327*	1.000			
Available K	-0.387**	-0.043	0.298*	1.000		
DOC	0.240	-0.256	-0.473**	-0.286*	1.000	
DON	-0.570**	0.299*	0.888**	0.349**	-0.434**	1.000

Note: TP: total P; DOC: dissolved soil organic carbon; DON: dissolved soil organic nitrogen.

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