

**Table S1:** Zn content (mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) in wheat grain and stover

Treatments	Grain Zn content (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Straw Zn content (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )
T <sub>1</sub> : Zn at 2.5 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in 1 <sup>st</sup> year	24.7	24.7
T <sub>2</sub> : Zn at 5.0 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in 1 <sup>st</sup> year	24.6	24.7
T <sub>3</sub> : Zn at 7.5 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in 1 <sup>st</sup> year	24.7	24.7
T <sub>4</sub> : Zn at 10 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in 1 <sup>st</sup> year	24.7	24.6
T <sub>5</sub> : Zn at 2.5 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in alternate year	24.7	24.7
T <sub>6</sub> : Zn at 5.0 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in alternate year	24.6	24.4
T <sub>7</sub> : Zn at 7.5 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in alternate year	24.6	24.7
T <sub>8</sub> : Zn at 10 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in alternate year	24.7	24.7
T <sub>9</sub> : Zn at 2.5 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in every year	24.7	24.7
T <sub>10</sub> : Zn at 5.0 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in every year	24.7	24.7
T <sub>11</sub> : Zn at 7.5 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in every year	24.7	24.7
T <sub>12</sub> : Zn at 10 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> in every year	24.7	24.7
T <sub>13</sub> : Control (No Zn application)	24.6	24.5
SEm (±)	1.1	1.1
LSD ( <i>P</i> ≤0.05)	ns	ns