

# **Biochar acts as an emerging soil amendment and its potential ecological risks: A review**

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|--------|-----|-------|-----|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|        |     | 0.04  |     | 0.07   |       | 0.02 |       | 0.09  |       | 1.06  |       |   |       |       |       |     |
|        | 500 | 7.57  | -   | 8.35 ± | 0.85  | -    | 1.18  | -     | 0.98  | -     | 0.10  | - | 57.5  | -     | -     |     |
|        |     | ±     |     | 0.06   | ±     |      | ±     |       | ±     |       |       |   | 6 ±   |       |       |     |
|        |     | 0.10  |     | 0.04   |       | 0.02 |       | 0.09  |       | 0.81  |       |   |       |       |       |     |
|        | 600 | 7.96  | -   | 8.15 ± | 0.59  | -    | 0.94  | -     | 0.95  | -     | 0.07  | - | 54.5  | -     | -     |     |
|        |     | ±     |     | 0.06   | ±     |      | ±     |       | ±     |       |       |   | 2 ±   |       |       |     |
|        |     | 0.07  |     | 0.04   |       | 0.02 |       | 0.06  |       | 0.61  |       |   |       |       |       |     |
|        | 700 | 8.51  | -   | 7.68 ± | 0.41  | -    | 0.66  | -     | 0.94  | -     | 0.05  | - | 50.2  | -     | -     |     |
|        |     | ±     |     | 0.12   | ±     |      | ±     |       | ±     |       |       |   | 7 ±   |       |       |     |
|        |     | 0.12  |     | 0.04   |       | 0.33 |       | 0.08  |       | 0.58  |       |   |       |       |       |     |
| Sewage | 450 | 6.5 ± | 62. | 21.2 ± | -     | -    | 1.8 ± | 4.2 ± | 1.0 ± | 0.31  | -     | - | -     | 3.4 ± | 18.9  | [3] |
| sludge |     | 0.3   | 2 ± | 0.10   |       |      | 0.2   | 0.3   | 0.1   | ± 0.1 |       |   |       | 0.3   | ± 2.5 |     |
|        |     |       | 0.7 |        |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |   |       |       |       |     |
|        |     |       | 5   |        |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |   |       |       |       |     |
| Sewage | 300 | 5.8 ± | -   | 23.4 ± | 3.6 ± | -    | 3.3 ± | 4.1   | 1.5   | 0.1   | 1.8 ± | - | 20.2  | -     | -     | [4] |
| sludge |     | 0.2   |     | 0.4    | 0.1   |      | 0.1   |       |       |       | 0.1   |   | ± 1.8 |       |       |     |
|        | 500 | 6.5 ± | -   | 19.0 ± | 1.7 ± | -    | 2.3 ± | 6.1   | 0.7   | 0.1   | 1.1 ± | - | 52.5  | -     | -     |     |

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|------------|-----|------|-----|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-----|
|            |     | 0.3  |     | 0.2    | 0.1  |      | 0.1  |      |      |      | 0.1  |      | ± 4.3 |      |       |     |
| Brewery    | 500 | 9.18 | 79. | 14.76  | 0.61 | 82.2 | 2.14 | 0.85 | 0.28 | 0.59 | 0.49 | 5.57 | -     | 0.60 | 46.62 | [5] |
| wastewater |     |      | 89  |        |      | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |     |
| sludge     |     |      |     |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |     |
| Sewage     | 500 | 7.28 | 34. | 43.0 ± | 3.20 | -    | 6.80 | 1.06 | -    | -    | 0.07 | -    | 77.2  | 10.4 | 22.2  | [6] |
| sludge     |     | ±    | 1 ± | 0.05   | ±    |      | ±    | ±    |      |      |      |      | ±     | ±    | ±     |     |
|            |     | 0.05 | 0.0 |        | 0.02 |      | 0.01 | 0.05 |      |      |      |      | 0.75  | 0.05 | 0.11  |     |
|            |     |      | 5   |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |     |
| Sewage     | 200 | 6.54 | 68. | 17.09  | 2.09 | 10.0 | 2.19 | 0.04 | -    | 0.76 | 0.12 | 0.59 | -     | 0.35 | -     | [7] |
| sludge     |     |      | 62  |        |      | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |     |
|            | 300 | 7.20 | 70. | 19.72  | 1.79 | 5.76 | 2.59 | 0.02 | -    | 1.0  | 0.09 | 0.29 | -     | 0.11 | -     |     |
|            |     |      | 14  |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |     |
|            | 500 | 8.70 | 79. | 15.26  | 0.73 | 3.28 | 1.73 | 0.02 | -    | 1.3  | 0.05 | 0.21 | -     | 0.07 | -     |     |
|            |     |      | 00  |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |     |
|            | 700 | 11.1 | 85. | 11.33  | 0.31 | 1.90 | 0.71 | 0.01 | -    | 1.3  | 0.03 | 0.17 | -     | 0.10 | -     |     |
|            |     | 5    | 75  |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |     |
| Sewage     | 550 | 8.2  | -   | -      | -    | -    | 0.23 | 0.01 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -     | 1.9  | -     | [8] |

sludge

Rice 400 7.87 2.3 51.41 2.75 20.4 1.45 - - - 0.64 0.30 1.35 - 11.09 [9]

straw

89 9  
700 10.7 3.2 55.85 2.08 9.47 1.30 - - - 0.45 0.13 9.72 - 9.70  
3 69

Rice

400 7.72 2.8 47.45 0.68 21.4 0.80 - - - 0.17 0.34 1.39 - 9.58  
husk 23 3

husk

700 10.3 4.0 50.22 1.14 7.35 1.07 - - - 0.27 0.11 10.0 - 6.40  
9 22 2

Rice

250 7.64 - 45.07 4.62 19.2 0.86 1.16 0.28 1.88 1.23 0.32 1.13 - - [10]  
straw 3 5

straw

350 9.94 - 48.71 3.55 18.8 0.91 1.62 0.26 3.61 0.87 0.29 2.90 - -  
3 0

450 10.6 - 50.44 2.75 18.8 0.83 2.01 0.27 3.88 0.65 0.28 7.65 - -  
3 3 8

550 11.1 - 48.53 2.08 18.7 0.77 2.57 0.24 4.06 0.51 0.29 13.2 - -  
1 6 73

|        |     |      |   |        |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |   |
|--------|-----|------|---|--------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|---|
|        | 650 | 11.1 | - | 39.75  | 1.73 | 19.6 | 0.71 | 3.94 | 0.36 | 5.42  | 0.52 | 0.37 | 14.3 | -    | - |
|        |     | 5    |   |        | 3    | 1    |      |      |      |       |      |      | 26   |      |   |
| Canola | 250 | 7.19 | - | 46.19  | 4.98 | 45.5 | 1.07 | 1.90 | 0.68 | 1.40  | 1.29 | 0.74 | 0.66 | -    | - |
| stalk  |     |      |   |        |      | 7    |      |      |      |       |      |      | 4    |      |   |
|        | 350 | 10.5 | - | 56.21  | 3.42 | 47.2 | 1.01 | 2.60 | 0.93 | 25.35 | 0.73 | 0.63 | 1.15 | -    | - |
|        |     | 8    |   |        |      | 2    |      |      |      |       |      |      | 1    |      |   |
|        | 450 | 10.6 | - | 61.87  | 3.02 | 47.8 | 1.01 | 2.95 | 1.06 | 25.74 | 0.59 | 0.58 | 2.50 | -    | - |
|        |     | 3    |   |        |      | 5    |      |      |      |       |      |      | 2    |      |   |
|        | 550 | 10.7 | - | 60.26  | 2.23 | 49.8 | 0.89 | 3.11 | 1.20 | 25.68 | 0.44 | 0.62 | 4.37 | -    | - |
|        |     | 6    |   |        |      | 1    |      |      |      |       |      |      | 5    |      |   |
|        | 650 | 10.9 | - | 41.66  | 1.86 | 49.4 | 1.02 | 5.06 | 1.96 | 42.47 | 0.54 | 0.89 | 7.93 | -    | - |
|        |     | 6    |   |        |      | 4    |      |      |      |       |      |      | 7    |      |   |
| Wheat  | -   | 10.0 | - | 66.15  | 2.72 | -    | 0.88 | 0.14 | 0.04 | 3.02  | 0.04 | -    | 64.1 | 1.68 | - |
| straw  |     | 2 ±  |   | ±      | ±    |      | ±    | ±    | ±    | ±     |      |      | 5    | ±    |   |
|        |     | 0.01 |   | 0.80   | 0.05 |      | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.07  |      |      |      | 0.10 |   |
| Maize  | -   | 9.99 | - | 53.50  | 2.66 | -    | 2.17 | 0.72 | 0.08 | 2.29  | 0.05 | -    | 76.3 | 1.66 | - |
| straw  |     | ±    |   | ± 0.11 | ±    |      | ±    | ±    | ±    | ±     |      |      | 3    | ±    |   |

[11]

|         |     |      |     |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------|-----|------|-----|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|         |     | 0.01 |     |        | 0.02 |      | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.18 |      |      | 0.01 |      |      |      |
| Orange  | 500 | 10.0 | 16. | 72.3 ± | 1.83 | -    | 2.55 | 0.52 | -    | -    | 0.03 | -    | 99.2 | 3.75 | 63.5 | [6]  |
| bagasse |     | ±    | 1 ± | 0.28   | ±    |      | ±    | ±    |      |      |      |      | ±    | ±    | ±    |      |
|         |     | 0.05 | 0.0 |        | 0.01 |      | 0.02 | 0.01 |      |      |      |      | 0.45 | 0.02 | 0.17 |      |
|         |     |      | 5   |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Coconut | 500 | 10.5 | 10. | 79.5 ± | 2.21 | -    | 0.42 | 0.02 | -    | -    | 0.03 | -    | 122  | 4.20 | 69.7 |      |
| shell   |     | ±    | 8 ± | 0.06   | ±    |      | ±    | ±    |      |      |      |      | ±    | ±    | ±    |      |
|         |     | 0.06 | 0.0 |        | 0.01 |      | 0.01 | 0.05 |      |      |      |      | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.17 |      |
|         |     |      | 5   |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Oilseed | 550 | 9.78 | 19. | 68.85  | 1.82 | 8.91 | 1.29 | 0.29 | -    | 2.86 | 0.32 | 0.10 | 7.30 | 2.27 | -    | [12] |
| rape    |     | ±    | 50  | ± 2.26 | ±    | ±    | ±    | ±    |      | ±    | ±    | ±    |      | ±    |      |      |
| straw   |     | 0.47 | ±   |        | 0.22 | 1.30 | 0.22 | 0.08 |      | 0.26 | 0.03 | 0.02 |      | 0.38 |      |      |
|         |     |      | 2.1 |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|         |     |      | 6   |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|         | 700 | 10.4 | 21. | 67.74  | 1.09 | 7.84 | 1.26 | 0.26 | -    | 2.98 | 0.19 | 0.09 | 25.2 | 3.11 | -    |      |
|         |     | 1 ±  | 92  | ± 0.86 | ±    | ±    | ±    | ±    |      | ±    | ±    | ±    | 0    | ±    |      |      |
|         |     | 0.49 | ±   |        | 0.14 | 1.23 | 0.18 | 0.08 |      | 0.40 | 0.02 | 0.02 |      | 0.37 |      |      |



|     |                   |                        |                 |                   |   |                   |   |                   |   |      |   |           |   |   |
|-----|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|------|---|-----------|---|---|
| 400 | 9.18<br>±<br>0.01 | 45.03<br>±<br>0.2<br>1 | 36.90<br>± 0.34 | 2.67<br>±<br>0.04 | - | 2.62<br>±<br>0.06 | - | 0.15<br>±<br>0.00 | - | 0.87 | - | 5.01      | - | - |
| 500 | 9.36<br>±<br>0.01 | 47.99<br>±<br>0.1<br>9 | 37.51<br>± 0.21 | 1.99<br>±<br>0.04 | - | 2.53<br>±<br>0.08 | - | 0.15<br>±<br>0.00 | - | 0.64 | - | 7.04      | - | - |
| 600 | 9.60<br>±<br>0.01 | 51.73<br>±<br>0.0<br>1 | 38.47<br>± 0.40 | 1.49<br>±<br>0.02 | - | 2.15<br>±<br>0.01 | - | 0.23<br>±<br>0.00 | - | 0.46 | - | 13.9<br>3 | - | - |

|                 |     |                     |                    |                 |                   |                     |                   |   |                     |   |                   |                   |            |                   |   |      |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|---|------|
|                 | 700 | 10.3<br>6 ±<br>0.02 | 54.<br>49 ±<br>0.4 | 36.97<br>± 0.42 | 1.09<br>±<br>0.01 | -                   | 1.45<br>±<br>0.04 | - | 0.28<br>0 ±<br>0.01 | - | 0.35              | -                 | 121.<br>10 | -                 | - |      |
| Swine<br>manure | 300 | 9.01<br>±<br>0.04   | 50.<br>56 ±<br>0.5 | 32.58<br>± 0.51 | 3.60<br>±<br>0.08 | 11.5<br>1 ±<br>0.35 | 2.80<br>±<br>0.06 | - | -                   | - | 1.33<br>±<br>0.01 | 0.26<br>±<br>0.01 | 2.33       | 1.12<br>±<br>0.03 | - | [15] |
|                 | 400 | 9.30<br>±<br>0.07   | 58.<br>49 ±<br>0.7 | 30.15<br>± 0.38 | 2.38<br>±<br>0.09 | 6.21<br>±<br>0.08   | 2.61<br>±<br>0.05 | - | -                   | - | 0.95<br>±<br>0.01 | 0.16<br>±<br>0.00 | 3.84       | 1.24<br>±<br>0.01 | - |      |



|                |     |      |     |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |   |      |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---|------|
|                | 700 | 10.2 | 68. | 30.87  | 0.68 | 19.9 | 0.94 | -    | -    | -    | 0.26 | 0.48 | 24.1 | 2.11 | - |      |
|                |     | 6 ±  | 33  | ± 0.05 | ±    | 3 ±  | ±    |      |      |      |      |      | 4 ±  | 0 ±  |   |      |
|                |     | 0.06 | ±   |        | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.00 |      |      |      |      |      | 0.16 | 0.01 |   |      |
|                |     |      | 0.2 |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 6    |   |      |
|                |     |      | 3   |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |   |      |
| Chicken manure | 300 | 7.76 | -   | 39.23  | -    | -    | 5.78 | 2.36 | 0.28 | 2.92 | -    | -    | 102. | 4.00 | - | [17] |
|                |     |      |     |        |      |      |      |      | 7    |      |      |      | 73   |      |   |      |
| Horse manure   | 300 | 8.71 | -   | 60.45  | -    | -    | 2.41 | 1.67 | 0.12 | 1.45 | -    | -    | 102. | 0.31 | - |      |
|                |     |      |     |        |      |      |      |      | 4    |      |      |      | 86   |      |   |      |
| Goat manure    | 300 | 7.24 | -   | 57.18  | -    | -    | 0.25 | 1.57 | 2.58 | 0.55 | -    | -    | 98.8 | 1.56 | - |      |
|                |     |      |     |        |      |      | 8    |      |      |      |      |      | 0    |      |   |      |
| Camel manure   | 300 | 8.51 | -   | 54.33  | -    | -    | 1.94 | 0.82 | 0.15 | 0.50 | -    | -    | 103. | 0.32 | - |      |
|                |     |      |     |        |      |      |      |      | 3    |      |      |      | 81   |      |   |      |
| Sheep manure   | 300 | 8.73 | -   | 57.55  | -    | -    | 2.27 | 0.77 | 0.19 | 0.34 | -    | -    | 96.2 | 0.19 | - |      |
|                |     |      |     |        |      |      |      |      | 0    |      |      |      | 9    |      |   |      |
| Rabbit manure  | 300 | 8.24 | -   | 56.75  | -    | -    | 2.43 | 0.37 | 0.17 | 0.29 | -    | -    | 105. | 0.27 | - |      |
|                |     |      |     |        |      |      |      |      | 2    |      |      |      | 61   |      |   |      |



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