



STUDY OF THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE SOIL OF THE MIRZACHUL REGION

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Abstract

In this research work, soil samples from 3 regions of the Mirzachul zone of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Boyovut district, Khovos district, and the city of Yangiyer) were analyzed and laboratory analysis was carried out. In laboratory analysis, soil humus, electrical conductivity, pH, humidity, CO₂, NO₃⁻N, NH₄⁺N, Fe, P₂O₅, Mo⁶⁺, K₂O, Zn, Cl⁻, Cu, SO₄²⁻, Mn, Ca, Mg²⁺ the number of substances were studied. After studying the salinity level of the soils of 3 regions, it was found to be in the range of pH 7-8.

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Introduction

Today, many scientific studies have shown that global climate change is causing the rate of desertification to increase continuously. Thus, desertification is one of the most important problems of humanity today.[1]

Changes in surface temperature and soil erosion have the most direct effects on the soil ecosystem. A 1°C increase in global temperature would increase the water-holding capacity of the atmosphere by about 7%. This change leads to an increase in water





vapor in the atmosphere, which ultimately contributes to a more intense trend in precipitation events. [2]

In the last two decades, the rate of warming of dryland ecosystems in Central Asia is almost twice as fast as the average rate of global warming. [3]

Comparing desert ecosystems with forest ecosystems, it can be seen that biological diversity is relatively low in desert ecosystems. In addition, the desert ecosystem differs from the forest ecosystem in terms of biological productivity and biological instability. Therefore, the desert ecosystem is prone to rapid change by external forces.[4]

Soil fertility in desert ecosystems is low, and nutrient deficient, and nutrient cycling is simple. Thus, the soil is plastic and changeable. [5]

Deserts are important components of terrestrial ecosystems, occupying approximately 20% of the Earth's surface [6]

Despite the low soil fertility of the desert region, xerophytes have adapted to grow in this region. Therefore, studying the nutritional status of desert soils, chemical elements ratio, relief structure and their relationship with biotic and abiotic factors can be useful for desert ecosystem management and desertification control.

Dunes are common in desert regions around the world and are the main landform units of deserts [7,8,9,10].

The morphology of dunes differs significantly from the morphology of the desert. There are the following types of dunes. It can be divided into linear (longitudinal), transverse, pyramidal, and honeycomb-shaped dunes. Linear dunes are relatively stable because the dunes' trend generally follows the sand wind's annual direction. Soil pH and electrical conductivity (EC, ms cm⁻¹) are determined by standard methods. [11]

Determining soil moisture as a substrate for plant growth Soil nutrient composition is the result of the interaction between topography, soil environment, and abiotic and biotic factors, and this interaction is the basis for many studies. . [12,13,14,15,16]

C: N₂:P in the soil is usually directly related to soil type, climate zone, and topography. [17,18,19,20] On a large scale, climate change is the most important factor affecting plant and soil cytochemistry. [21,22]

On the other hand, climate change on a narrow scale can affect soil cytochemistry, soil topography, microrelief form, distribution of plants, and soil pH with enzyme activity. [23,24,25,26]

Soil chemistry is often considered an ecological factor in analyzing plant-environment relationships. On the contrary, the chemical composition of the soil is influenced by



plants and other environmental factors. For example, precipitation, land use, vegetation cover, ecosystem type, and soil structure all influence [27,28,29,30]

As an integral component of soil-terrestrial ecosystems, it plays an important role in environmental protection, secure energy supply, and biodiversity conservation. The soil also provides nutrition to the plant ecosystem. [31] Global iqlim o'zgarishlari tuproq ekotizimini zaiflashtirishi va bu esa kelajak avlodlardagi hayvonlar va o'simliklar xavfsizligiga tahdid solishi taxmin qilinmoqda. [32,33]

In desert ecosystems, nitrogen ions (N_2), usually in the post-Water position, are the main factor limiting primary production, so it is very important to control the presence of N_2 factors, so it is very important to understand the factors controlling the presence of N_2 . [34,35]

Water resources are considered to be the main indispensable factor for the development of agriculture and ecologically. Due to climate change and population growth, the natural boundaries of many countries and regions are pushed and several environmental and agricultural socio-economic problems such as drought, soil salinity, and food crisis arise. [36]

There is a continuous relationship between the soil and the plant. The effectiveness of nutrients in the soil can significantly affect plant growth, development, and propagation. [37,38,39,40,41,42]

The imbalance of substances in the soil leads to a decrease in soil fertility. The growth of shoots and shoots and the absorption of water and mineral substances from the soil to the roots, the movement of them through the conducting ligaments changes. Also, this condition can further affect soil cytochemistry. If this situation continues for a long time, different soil cytochemistry can significantly affect plant productivity and species composition at the ecosystem level. [43,44,45,46]

Issues such as increasing food demand, declining crop yields, and environmental degradation all pose major challenges to sustainable development in the country. [47]

For example, in Central Asia, the production of agricultural products occupies an important place as the main production sector. Due to the scarcity of natural water resources for the production of agricultural products, a gendered irrigation system is used. Since 1960, the water volume of the Aral Sea has been greatly reduced (about 75% of the area of the Aral Sea has disappeared) as a result of a sharp reduction in the arrival of the Amudarya and Syrdarya waters that supply the Aral Sea with the expansion of irrigation and irrational management of water resources. the decrease in water inflow has led to an increase in environmental problems such as soil salinization, vegetation degradation, and sandstorm formation. The amount of water used in agriculture is about 90% of the total amount of water used.[48]





Therefore, it is important to optimize the rational use of water resources, taking into account soil salinity control, to improve environmental conditions and ensure agricultural sustainability. [49]

Mirzachol's geographical location, topography, and climatic features shape its natural conditions. The combination of natural geographical conditions, especially climatic factors (soil, water, air) affects the health of people living here. Global and regional climate changes in the territory of Uzbekistan show that in 20-30 years the average annual temperature in the republic is expected to increase by 2-3 °C in the northern regions and by 1 °C in the southern regions. Salinity affects more than 20% of irrigated land, and soil salinity is a major problem limiting agricultural development worldwide. [50]

A high concentration of salt can have a negative effect not only on the physical and chemical properties of the soil but also on the growth and productivity of plants. [51]

Recently, the demand for food has been increasing. But for this, there are few opportunities to expand the land and cultivated areas. Uncultivated saline lands are a reserve resource for arable land without destroying the ecology. Many agricultural practices, including plowing, drip irrigation, and fertilization, are used to improve soil quality for these saline land uses. Conversion of uncultivated and uncultivated saline soils to tilled soils alters soil properties and soil microorganisms.[52]

Studying and implementing changes in soil microbial processes can help maintain long-term land-use sustainability in agricultural systems. [53,54]

As an important regulator of soil processes, soil microorganisms participate in the mineralization of nutrients, structure formation, nutrient capture, and transport to plants. Soil microorganisms are sensitive to changing environmental conditions, including salinity. An increase in soil salinity can cause a significant decrease in microbial biomass. [55,56]

When salinity stress was reduced, sensitive species such as fungi [57] or Gram-negative bacteria [58] increased, leading to corresponding shifts in microbial community composition. Even in highly saline soils, the activity and growth of sensitive functional groups can increase rapidly when electrical conductivity decreases and substrate availability increases. [59,60]

These changes in microbial biomass and community structure help to understand the effects of cultivation and may serve as early and sensitive indicators of future changes. [61,62]

The soil microbial community consists of two main functional groups, fungi, and bacteria, with distinct roles in microbial processes. [63]





During the Archaean and Protozoic eras, soil microbial biomass contributes only a small percentage. [64] Molecular biomarkers are mainly derived from cell membrane components such as ergosterol [65] and amino acids [66,67]. The cell wall components fungal glucosamine (GlcN) and bacterial muramic acid (Murein) are highly specific to two major functional microbial groups but accumulate as microbial residues in soil organic matter. [68,69]

Ergosterol is found only in fungi, but not in all, especially in arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi [70], but not in some Zygomycetes. [71]

As the largest reservoir of carbon (C) on Earth, terrestrial soils contain more than 70% of organic C. [72] The amount is greater than the combined mass of living biomass and organic C stored in the atmosphere. [73]

Therefore, C plays an important role in the composition of the soil and the periodic cycle of substances. In general, the decrease in the volume of water bodies on the surface of the earth leads to an increase in the concentration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere and a decrease in the quality of the soil. These are the main driving forces of global warming and land degradation respectively. [74,75]

In contrast, water sequestration is a promising way to mitigate global warming and achieve sustainable agriculture. [76]

Water dynamics and its drivers are well-studied, and therefore widely used to simultaneously mitigate and manage the crisis of climate change and food insecurity. [77,78]

Land-use change can lead to changes in plant species and land management practices, both of which determine and determine the balance between gains and losses of soil organic matter. [79,80]

Hence, the watershed can be significantly affected by land use change. [81,82] So far, much attention has been paid to water dynamics in the topsoil (30 cm), mainly because the topsoil stores large amounts of water that can be easily affected by external influences. [83]

More than 27% of the world's water is stored in arid and semi-arid regions, which cover a third of the entire earth's surface and support more than 40% of humanity. [84] Empirical evidence has shown that ecosystems in these regions are important sinks for atmospheric CO₂.

Material and methods

An average sample is prepared from the soil brought from the field for analysis. That is, the soil sample is spread on a flat surface and divided into certain pieces. A total of 400 grams of soil samples will be taken from each plot. 100 grams of the obtained





sample is placed in a drying cabinet for moisture determination, 100 grams is used to determine humus, and 100 grams is used to prepare an aqueous extract to determine the chemical composition.

When analyzing the soil samples, a technical balance (OHAUS» Evrope GmbH Model: SKX6201, max 6200 g) was used to weigh the sample.

First of all, to determine soil moisture, 100 grams of soil is taken and dried in a drying oven at 106 degrees, and its moisture content is determined. It is assumed that the effect of the amount of moisture on the obtained result is taken into account.

For analysis using a spectrophotometer, 100 grams of soil and 990 ml of distilled water are taken in a ratio of 10:1 and a solution is prepared.

Soil acidity and alkalinity were measured based on water absorption pH (PHS-3E pH meter Shanghai, China) and electrical conductivity ES (PHS-3E pH meter Shanghai, China). For this purpose, after 1 hour of this prepared solution, the pN index and electrical conductivity ES of the soil in the sample are determined.

Then, 10 mm of 5 molar formic acids is poured into this solution (after determining rN and electrical conductivity ES). The solution is left for an hour. The required amount is taken from the prepared watery syrup using filter paper. A certain amount is taken from the prepared aqueous extract through the necessary test cuvettes, and chemical analysis of the content of the extract is carried out in a DR-3900 (Germany) brand spectrophotometer in terms of quality and quantity. -2, Russia), the humidity of the room was controlled in % (Hygrometer psikhrometrichesky (oS) VIT-2, Russia) measuring device. Test cuvettes are used in the process of determining the chemical elements in the soil.

Spectrophotometric determination of macro and microelements in the soil.

To determine the moisture content of soil samples, we first take 100 grams of the soil sample on a scale ("OHAUS" Model: SKX6201 Switzerland) and dry it in a thermostat (VWR Germany) until it reaches a constant mass at 105 °C. It is determined by the following formula:

The weight of the soil container is determined (g)

the net weight of the soil is found (d)

The difference between the weight of wet soil (c) and absolute dry soil sample (d), that is, the amount of evaporated water, indicates the amount of soil moisture;

$$e=c-d$$

The amount of soil moisture is determined as a percentage from the following ratio:

$$d \text{ -----} 100 \%$$





$$e = \frac{e \times 100}{d} - x \%$$

When determining the organic content of soil samples, 10 grams of the soil sample is burned in a muffle furnace (Nabertherm GmbH, Germany) at 550°C. It is determined by the following formula:

Soil moisture content (f)

The weight of an earthenware pot is determined (g)

the net weight of the soil is found (d)

Depending on the difference between the weight of wet soil (c) and absolute dry burnt soil sample weight (d), the amount of burned soil is determined;

$$e = c - d$$

The amount of soil humus is determined as a percentage from the following proportion:

$$x = \frac{e \times f}{100} - 100\%$$

As a result $= e - x$

To prepare an aqueous solution (in a ratio of 1:10), take 100 g of the soil sample, dissolve it in 990 ml of distilled water (BIOSAN, Latvia), and leave it for 1 hour. Conductivity values are determined, then 10 ml of 5 M formic acid is added to the aqueous solution and left for another 1 hour. After that, the aqueous extract is filtered and the water passed through the filter paper is analyzed.

Chemical analysis of the soil composition in terms of quality and quantity was carried out using the reagents shown in Table 1 in the spectrophotometer (DR-3900 Germany) by taking a certain amount of the prepared aqueous extract and using appropriate test cuvettes.

The experiment was conducted at a room temperature of 23°C and humidity of 74% (psychrometric hygrometer VIT-2, Russia).



Results and Discussion

Table 1. Analysis of the chemical composition of soils (in terms of mg per 100 g)

Chemical substances	Boyovut district	Yangiyer city	Khovos district
NH ⁴⁺ -N	1,62	0	2,13
P ₂ O ₅	34,15	6,21	3,96
Mo ⁶⁺	10,93	6,48	6,73
K ₂ O	12,44	17,75	10,55
Zn	0,44	0,39	0,37
Cl ⁻	40	40	338,92
Cu	0,28	0,18	0,12
SO ₄ ²⁻	61,59	402,5	414,37
Mn	1,06	0,72	1,76
Ca	42,07	45,5	53,05
Mg ²⁺	293,9	338,75	293,41

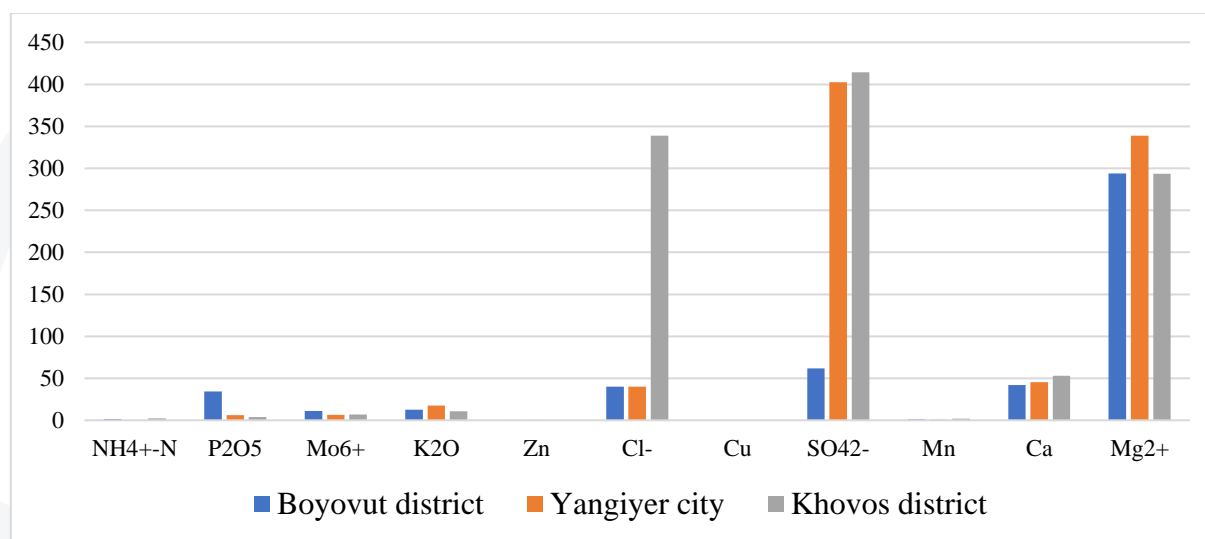


Diagram 1. Chemical composition (mg)

According to the soil samples of the Boyovut district, the following results were obtained. NH₄⁺-N (mg/100 gr) 1.62 mg, P₂O₅ (mg/100 gr) 34.15 mg, Mo⁶⁺ (mg/100 gr) 10.93 mg, K₂O (mg/100 gr) 12.44 mg, Zn (mg/100 gr) 0.44 mg, Cl⁻ (mg/100 gr) 40 mg, Cu (mg/100 gr) 0.28 mg, SO₄²⁻ (mg/100 gr) 61.59 mg, Mn (mg/l) 1.06 mg, Ca (mg/100 gr) 42.07 mg, Mg²⁺ (mg/100 g) 293.90 mg.

The following results were obtained according to soil samples in the city of Tangier. NH₄⁺-N (mg/100 gr) 0 mg, P₂O₅ (mg/100 gr) 6.21 mg, Mo⁶⁺ (mg/100 gr) 6.48 mg, K₂O (mg/100 gr) 17.75 mg, Zn (mg/100 gr) 0.39 mg, Cl⁻ (mg/100 gr) 40 mg, Cu (mg/100 gr) 0.18 mg, SO₄²⁻ (mg/100 gr) 402.50 mg, Mn (mg/l) 0.72 mg, Ca (mg/100 gr) 45.50 mg, Mg²⁺ (mg/100 g) 338.75 mg.



The following results were obtained according to soil samples in the Khavos district. $\text{NH}_4\text{+N}$ (mg/100 gr) 2.13 mg, P_2O_5 (mg/100 gr) 3.96 mg, Mo^{6+} (mg/100 gr) 6.73 mg, K_2O (mg/100 gr) 10.55 mg, Zn (mg/100 gr) 0.37 mg, Cl^- (mg/100 gr) 338.92 mg, Cu (mg/100 gr) 0.12 mg, SO_4^{2-} (mg/100 gr) 414.37 mg, Mn (mg/l) 1.76 mg, Ca (mg/100 gr) 53.05 mg, Mg^{2+} (mg/100 g) 293.41 mg.

Table 2. Analysis of the chemical composition of soils (in mg per 1 l)

Address name	B (mg/l)	CO_2 (mg/l)	$\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ (mg/l)	Fe (mg/l)
Boyovut district	0,23	276,83	42,07	5,17
Yangiyer city	0,18	175	0	3,525
Khovos district	0,17	285,03	29,1	2,43

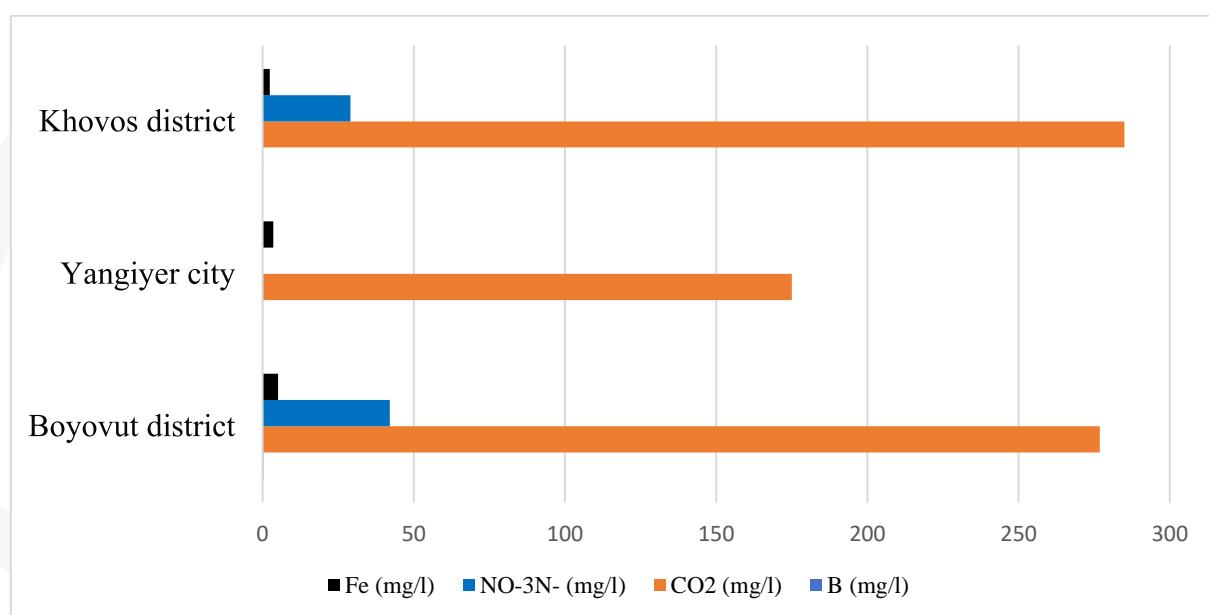


Diagram 2. Analysis of the chemical composition of soils

According to the soil samples of the Boyovut district, the following results were obtained. B (mg/l) 0.23 mg, $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ (mg/l) 42.07 mg, Fe (mg/l) 5.17 mg, CO_2 (mg/l) 276.83 mg.

The following results were obtained according to soil samples in the city of Yangiyer. CO_2 (mg/l) 175 mg, B (mg/l) 0.18 mg, $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ (mg/l) 0 mg, Fe (mg/l) 3.525 mg.

The following results were obtained according to soil samples in Khavos district. CO_2 (mg/l) 285.03 mg, B (mg/l) 0.17 mg, $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ (mg/l) 29.10 mg, Fe (mg/l) 2.43 mg



Table 3. Soil pH indicators

Address name	pH
Boyovut district	7,91
Yangiyer city	7,53
Khovos district	7,15

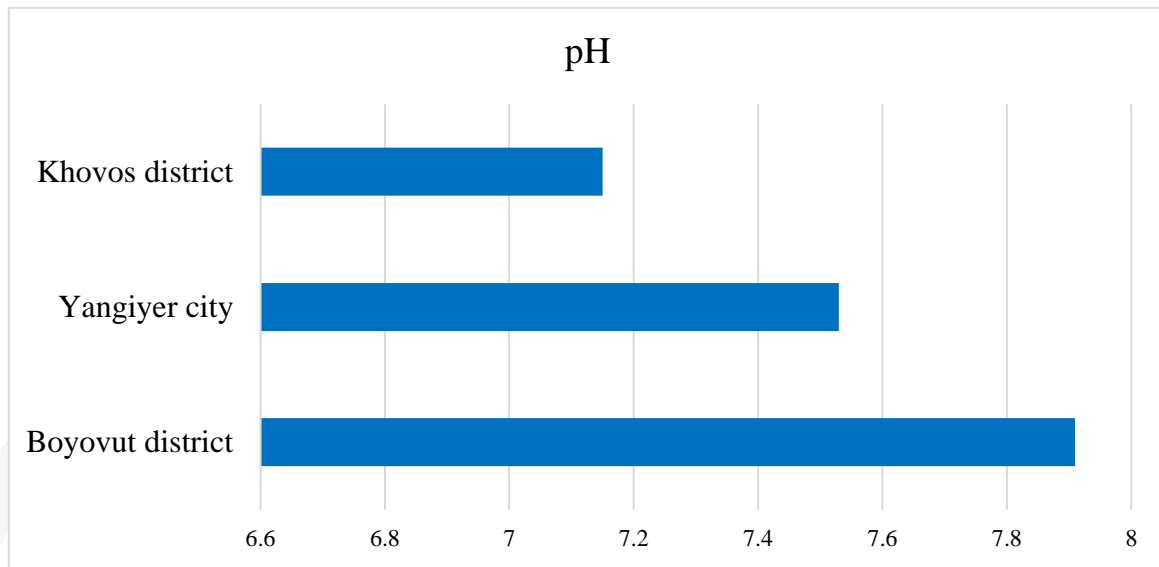


Diagram 3. Soil pH indicators

The soil pH of Boyovut district is pH 7.91.

The pH indicator of the soil of the city of Yangiyer is pH 7.53.

The pH indicator of the soil of Khovos district is pH 7.15.

Table 4. Electrical conductivity (mS/cm)

Address name	Electrical conductivity
Boyovut district	0,134
Yangiyer city	0,9
Khovos district	1,72

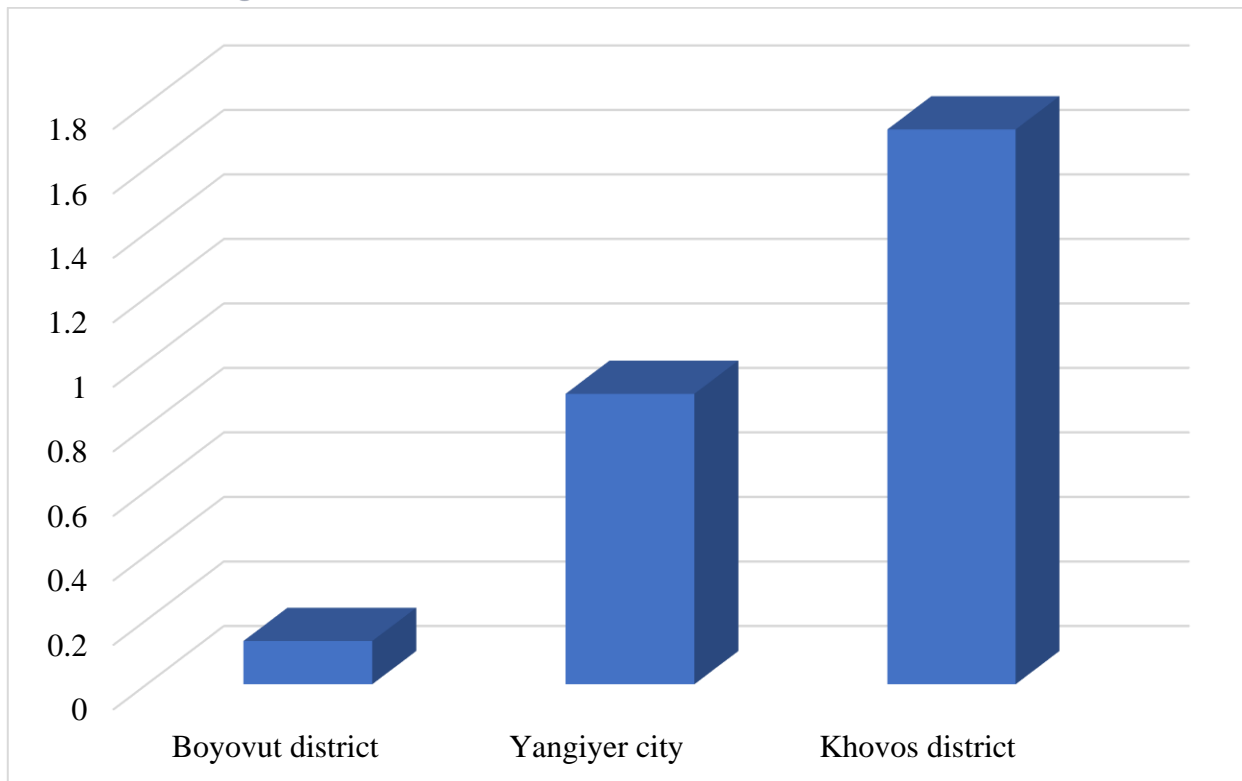


Diagram 4. Electrical conductivity (mS/cm)

Electrical conductivity of Boyovut district soil (mS/cm) 0.134 mS

The electrical conductivity of the soil of Yangiye city (mS/cm) is 0.9 mS

Electrical conductivity of the soil of Khavos district (mS/cm) 1.72 mS

Table 5. Analysis of soil organic content and moisture content
(in % per 100 g)

Address name	Hummus (Organic Content) % in 100 gr	Moisture % in 100 gr
Boyovut district	0,9	18
Yangiyer city	0,8	20
Khovos district	0,8	16,5

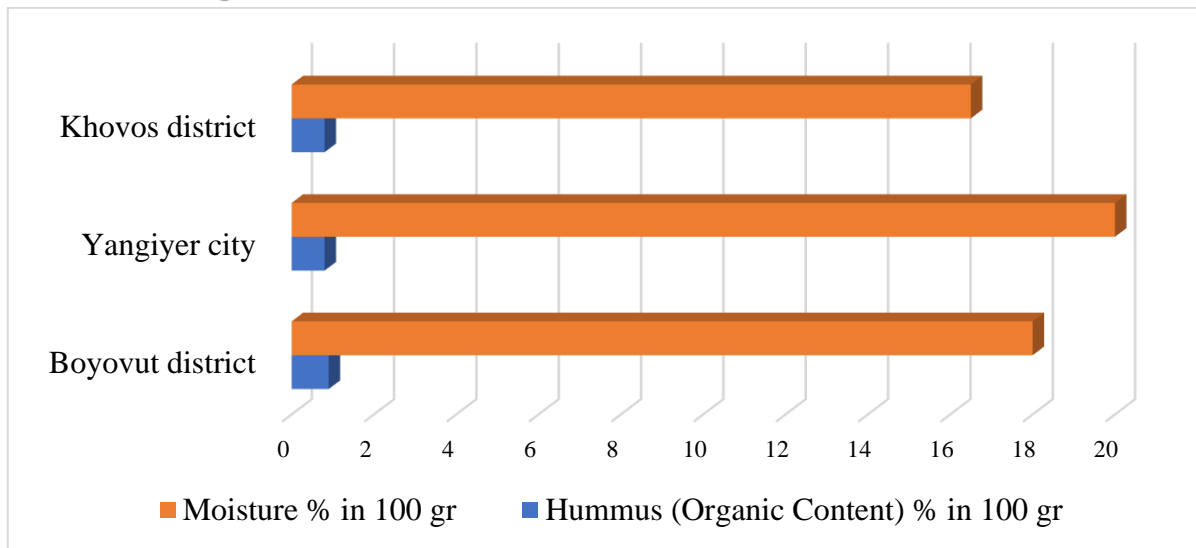


Diagram 5. Analysis of soil organic content and moisture content

Analysis of organic composition and moisture content of the soil of Boyovut district (in % per 100 g) Humus 0.9%, moisture 18%.

Analysis of the organic composition and moisture content of the soil of the city of Yangiyer (in % per 100 g) Humus 0.8%, moisture 20%.

Analysis of the organic composition and moisture content of the soil of Boyovut district (in % per 100 g) Humus 0.8%, moisture 16.50%.

Conclusion

Based on the soils taken from 3 zones of the Mirzachol region (Boyovut, Khovos districts, and the city of Yangiyer), we can make a conclusion about the electrical conductivity of the soils taken for analysis: Boyovut district is saline soil, Yangiyer city is weakly saline soil, the moderately saline soil of Khovos district was determined. The Humus content of the regions is 0.8% on average in 10 grams of soil. According to the amount of moisture, the soil with a high level of moisture is the soil of the city of Yangiyer (18% per 100 g of soil), and the soil with a low level of moisture in the soil of Khovos district (16.5% per 100 g of soil). The pH indicator of soils was determined in a weak alkaline environment (average pH 7.53).

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