

Table 2 Effect of plant nutrients on June and Pre-harvest fruit drops of mandarin at Chungmang, Dhankuta during 2019 and 2020

Treatments	2019			2020		
	Total fruitlets/branch on 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Fruit drop%		Total fruitlets/branch on 23 <sup>th</sup> April	Fruit drop%	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.		2 <sup>nd</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.
NPK	372	75.6 <sup>bc</sup>	28.0	182	77.1 <sup>abc</sup>	34.5 <sup>ab</sup>
NK	511	82.4 <sup>ab</sup>	22.9	186	79.6 <sup>ab</sup>	28.2 <sup>ab</sup>
NPK + micro-nutrients	474	72.0 <sup>c</sup>	23.3	123	67.6 <sup>c</sup>	23.3 <sup>b</sup>
NK + micro-nutrients	500	72.4 <sup>c</sup>	23.9	169	67.8 <sup>bc</sup>	27.1 <sup>ab</sup>
Micro-nutrients	520	79.5 <sup>abc</sup>	25.4	214	71.2 <sup>abc</sup>	24.5 <sup>ab</sup>
Control	373	85.6 <sup>a</sup>	31.1	212	80.7 <sup>a</sup>	37.2 <sup>a</sup>
Grand mean	458	77.9	25.8	181	74.0	29.1
F value		*	ns		*	*
LSD <sub>0.05</sub>		8.7	11.2		11.9	13.8

Note: Means in the column followed by unlike letters indicate significantly different at P=0.05; June (19<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> June) and pre-harvest stages (4<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> November)