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Supplementary materials







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6 Fig. S1 Annual SOC increase rates at the harvest of wheat and maize from 2007 to 2016.

7 L1, L2, L3, L4 indicated the annual application rates of manure (M) at 3000, 6000, 9000,

8 and 12000 kg ha⁻¹ crop⁻¹ respectively, and the equivalent amounts of nutrients in the

9 inorganic (NPK) treatments. Data are mean \pm SE (n=3). The dashed line is the value of the

10 Control. Lowercase letters indicate significant differences among fertilizer application rates

11 of the same fertilizer type (P < 0.05).



Fig. S2 Concentrations of labile organic carbon (HWSC, WSC, MBC, DOC) within bulk soil and aggregates in all the treatments at wheat harvest. L1, L2, L3, L4 indicated the annual application rates of manure (M) at 3000, 6000, 9000, and 12000 kg ha⁻¹crop⁻¹ respectively, and the equivalent amounts of nutrients in the inorganic (NPK) treatments. Data are mean \pm SE (n=3). Dashed lines indicate the value of the Control. Lowercase letters indicate significant differences among fertilizer application rates of the same fertilizer type (*P*<0.05).

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Fig. S3 Concentrations of labile organic carbon (HWSC, WSC, MBC, DOC) within bulk soil and aggregates in all the treatments at maize harvest. L1, L2, L3, L4 indicated the annual application rates of manure (M) at 3000, 6000, 9000, and 12000 kg ha⁻¹crop⁻¹ respectively, and the equivalent amounts of nutrients in the inorganic (NPK) treatments. Data are mean \pm SE (n=3). Dashed lines indicate the value of the Control. Lowercase letters indicate significant differences among fertilizer application rates of the same fertilizer type (*P*<0.05).

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- 35 **Table S1** Pearson correlations between mean weight diameter (MWD) and SOC
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concentrations and its labile fractions in both bulk soil and aggregates at harvests of

Crops		Bulk soil	>2.0mm	0.25-2.0mm	<0.25mm	
Wheat	SOC	.578**	.559**	.619**	ns	
	HWSC	.610**	.684**	.539**	.511**	
	MBC	.490**	.413*	.601**	.531**	
	DOC	ns	.486*	.670**	.627**	
	WSC	.694**	.573**	.607**	.562**	
Maize	SOC	.587**	.493**	.554**	.558**	
	HWSC	.537**	.529**	.566**	.526**	
	MBC	.650**	.569**	$.470^{*}$	ns	
	DOC	.527**	ns	.554**	.471*	
	WSC	.567**	.682**	.523**	.729**	

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SOC- soil organic carbon; HWSC - hot water extractable soil organic carbon; MBC microbial biomass carbon; DOC - dissolved organic carbon; WSC - cold water extractable soil organic carbon. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, ns: non-significant.

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Table S2 Effects of long-term manure (M) and inorganic (NPK) fertilization on soil chemical properties in the topsoil of 0-15 cm at harvests of wheat and maize

Crops	Application rates	Fertilizer types	pH (1:2.5)	$N_{min} (mg \; kg^{\text{-}1})$	Olsen-P (mg kg ⁻¹)	AK (mg kg ⁻¹)	Water-extractable cation (mg kg ⁻¹)			
							Ca ²⁺	Mg ²⁺	K^+	Na ⁺
Wheat	CK	Control	8.19 ± 0.01	3.94 ± 0.54	5.80 ± 0.97	100.70 ± 7.14	96.53 ± 2.15	23.05 ± 1.68	25.21 ± 2.20	161.97 ± 4.24
I	L1	М	$8.14{\pm}~0.02a~A$	$6.40\pm0.79aB$	$10.70\pm2.58aC$	$122.30\pm3.57 bD$	$120.40\pm11.32aB$	$25.40\pm0.75 aA$	$47.35\pm10.49aB$	$173.47\pm0.89aA$
		NPK	$7.98 \pm 0.05 b$	$4.78\pm2.07a$	$13.19 \pm 2.29a$	$157.39 \pm 7.14a$	$106.22\pm5.14a$	$25.17 \pm 1.32a$	$39.41\pm3.87a$	$138.27\pm1.57b$
	L2	М	$8.11\pm0.02aA$	$4.85\pm0.78 bAB$	$15.49\pm3.02 aBC$	$161.43 \pm 11.53 aC$	$107.83\pm2.45aB$	$28.15\pm1.62aA$	$42.72\pm 6.28 aB$	$149.93\pm8.77aB$
		NPK	$8.06\pm0.02a$	$7.94 \pm 0.63 a$	$13.51 \pm 2.54a$	$185.73 \pm 12.87a$	$109.35 \pm 1.01a$	$24.15\pm0.66a$	$57.76\pm3.53a$	$133.18\pm5.44a$
	L3	М	$8.03\pm0.03 aAB$	$4.74\pm0.57 bAB$	$26.32\pm4.74aB$	$228.91 \pm 10.19 aB \\$	$108.92\pm0.22aB$	$28.87\pm0.79aA$	$74.60\pm8.76aB$	$157.55\pm9.81aAB$
		NPK	$8.04\pm0.02a$	$9.28 \pm 1.24 a$	$13.53 \pm 1.62a$	$174.93 \pm 3.57b$	$105.80\pm4.46a$	$22.14\pm0.78b$	$32.85\pm0.99b$	$129.62\pm4.61a$
	L4	М	$8.03\pm0.01 aB$	$5.29 \pm 0.73 b A$	$36.84 \pm 6.03 aA$	276.15±13.29aA	$147.27\pm15.37aA$	$31.16\pm3.24aA$	$111.53\pm8.89aA$	$146.30\pm8.10aB$
		NPK	$7.93 \pm 0.01 b \\$	$10.74 \pm 1.25 a$	$20.82\pm0.73a$	$253.21 \pm 14.22a$	$122.20\pm1.46a$	$24.15\pm1.10a$	$56.05\pm4.80b$	$115.12\pm2.05b$
Maize	CK	Control	8.27 ± 0.02	13.47 ± 2.36	4.14 ± 0.33	143.69 ± 12.24	130.75 ± 7.92	35.71 ± 2.29	21.69 ± 1.35	75.00 ± 18.57
	L1	М	$8.22\pm0.07aA$	$35.12 \pm 6.44 \mathrm{aC}$	$18.85\pm3.02aC$	$227.89 \pm 12.25 aD$	$141.70\pm4.14aB$	$46.20\pm2.71aB$	$44.68\pm8.76aC$	$111.02 \pm 17.27 aA$
		NPK	$8.20 \pm 0.06a$	$19.85 \pm 2.97a$	$10.83 \pm 1.19a$	193.14 ± 15.41a	$170.13 \pm 14.10a$	$43.40\pm2.82a$	$29.70\pm7.18a$	$90.40\pm13.60a$
	L2	М	$8.13\pm0.08aA$	$42.93 \pm 4.74 aBC$	$27.68\pm3.16aB$	$276.00 \pm 11.57 aC$	$156.88\pm0.71aB$	$50.33 \pm 1.26 aB$	$54.90\pm2.98 aBC$	$84.13\pm4.84aA$
		NPK	$8.17\pm0.02a$	$29.65 \pm 7.13a$	$19.07 \pm 0.56a$	$238.58 \pm 10.94a$	$164.23 \pm 5.00a$	$40.16\pm1.68b$	$43.23\pm8.99a$	$89.03\pm8.72a$
	L3	М	$8.08\pm0.06aAB$	$46.87\pm9.56aB$	$43.10\pm 6.40 aB$	$323.14 \pm 11.57 aB$	$149.17\pm3.71aB$	$51.57 \pm 1.91 aAB \\$	$72.77\pm12.32aAB$	$107.68\pm9.23aA$
		NPK	$8.12\pm0.07a$	$46.06 \pm 1.61a$	$18.94 \pm 0.59 b$	$275.99 \pm 22.08a$	$189.68 \pm 17.57a$	$42.96\pm7.23a$	$59.25 \pm 13.05 a$	$70.70\pm15.30a$
	L4	М	$7.96\pm0.02aB$	$76.22 \pm 8.88 aA$	$59.83 \pm 6.89 aA$	$398.95 \pm 8.13 a A$	$178.13 \pm 10.72 a A \\$	$65.32\pm3.42aA$	$110.53 \pm 11.66 a A \\$	$103.40 \pm 14.02 aA$
		NPK	$8.05\pm0.04a$	$46.20\pm8.08b$	$28.58 \pm 3.97b$	$337.47 \pm 17.37b$	$206.78 \pm 15.88a$	$42.54\pm3.31b$	$78.18 \pm 4.96a$	$49.36\pm8.63b$

CK, no fertilizer input; L1, L2, L3, L4 indicated the annual application rates of manure (M) at 3000, 6000, 9000, and 12000 kg ha⁻¹ crop⁻¹ respectively, and the equivalent amounts of nutrients in the inorganic (NPK) treatments. N_{min} -mineral nitrogen, AK- available potassium. Lowercase letters indicate significant differences between the two

fertilizer types at the same application rate; Capital letters indicate significant differences among different application rates (P<0.05).