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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment See the attached file for more information on comments.	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	What was the control plot? How was irrigation scheduled as it has an effect on nutrient uptake? If there was an interaction effect between topsoil removal and soil amendment on BD, then topsoil removal cannot be discussed independently. If there was an interaction effect on grain yield then the authors should discuss the interaction effect and not the individual treatments.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Keywords should be other words that are not in title. The title suggest that the study was done on maize only. Was the poultry manure analysed for nutritional quality, before application?	
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