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Analysis of Lignin, Cellulose, and Hemicellulose Contents in Miscanthus sinensis Cultivars.

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Objectives

Recent studies are focused on producing ethanol from cellulose type crops. Producing bioenergy from plant leafs and stems can be effective if the contents of lignin and cellulose in leaves and stems are found out. In this study, we suggested determining lignin, cellulose, and hemicellulose contents in various *Miscanthus sinensis* cultivars.

Materials and Methods

\bigcirc Materials

Samples were classified by collected regions: Dongsan-myeon, Seongsan-eup, Hacheon-ri and Yangpyeong-gun, and their parts: leaf and stem.

\bigcirc Methods

Prior to measuring the components, we eliminated the extracts by using soxhlet. After that, lignin contents were measured using modified Klason lignin method. Cellulose contents were measured using modified method that is provided by KS M 7044. For calculating hemicellulose contents, measured contents of lignin and cellulose were subtracted from the weight of extractive-free samples.

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Results and Discussion

The results of this study showed that the major component of extractive-free sample was cellulose. Especially, Yangpyeong-gun leaves and stems yielded a significantly higher contents for cellulose than the other samples. The total of amount of all contents was the highest in Yangpyeng-gun stems. The highest total lignin contents were Yangpyeng-gun stems, either. However, hemicellulose contents from Seongsan-eup stems were higher than that achieved from other samples. Therefore, it was observed that there was no clear correlation among lignin, cellulose, and hemicellulose contents, neither was there between stems and leaves.

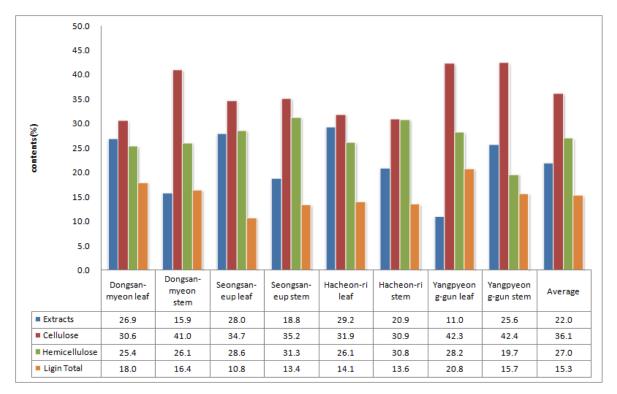


Figure 1. The comparison of lignin, cellulose, and hemicellulose contents in Miscanthus sinensis cultivars's leaves and stems. (collected regions : Dongsan-myeon, Seongsan-eup, Hachenon-ri and Yangpyeong-gun.)