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ABSTRACT

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This study was conducted to reduce the accumulation of wastes by using Agricultural wastes "unmarketable potato tubers and banana peel" for producing biodegradable plastic films to be substitute of oil based plastics "OBP" which is often not biodegradable. Starch extracted from unmarketable potato tuber used to produce starch based plastic samples "SBP" with different of glycerol concentrations (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 99.5% v/v) as a plasticizer, by casting after gelatinization. Banana peel bio plastic "BBP" produced using glycerol 20 % only. The physical properties of SBP films samples including thickness; density, water absorption capacity, rate of weight loss, "biodegradability" were studied, as well as mechanical properties at (25 °C and RH 48 %) including tensile strength, modulus of elasticity, elongation %, firm force, and required energy for firm were also investigated compared with OBP samples. Based on the tests results, It was found that, the maximum value of extracted starch from unmarketable potato tuber was 13.5% obtained by blending potato tubers. As far physical properties, SBP films with elevated glycerol concentration increased the sample thickness but decreased its density. Glycerol 20% gave the best flexible compact structure SBP films. Average thickness and density of SBP film (20% glycerol) were 0.25 mm and 80.11 Kg/m³ respectively. Meanwhile, the average thickness and density for BBP films were 0.345 mm and 58.22 Kg/m³. On the other hand the corresponding values for OBP were 0.41 mm and 24.39 Kg/m³ respectively. The water absorption capacity for SBP and BBP films with 20 % glycerol were 83.33 and 55.5 % after 24 hour and the corresponding value for OBP was 35.11 %. The rate of weight loss of SBP and BBP films with 20% glycerol concentration was 72% and 82.3 % after 96 days and nearly to be 90 % after 103 day with BBP samples, while the rate of mass loss for OBP films with 15% HDPE not exceed 1.8 % and can be neglected. As far the mechanical properties of SBP; BBP 20% glycerol and OBP 15% HDPE films, the maximum values of tensile strength were (13.23, 1.73 and 1.12 MPa) respectively, modulus of elasticity were (1556.73, 96.36 and 44.97MPa), firm force were (0.916, 0.82 and 1.08 N), mean consumed energy for firm were (44.05, 54.45 and 31.06 N.mm), the optimum elongation were (100.77, 133.33 and 107.26 %) respectively. Although the high water absorption capacity of bio-plastic samples produced from potato starch or banana peels makes them unsuitable for using in the food service industry, they can be used with same additives in (one time use) packaging materials. Since it is biodegrade very fast, therefore, producing starch based biodegradable plastic from un-marketable potato tuber and banana peel can be used instead of the traditional oil based plastic.

Keywords: Municipal Solid Waste "MSW", Agro waste, Starch based plastic "SBP", Oil based plastic "OBP", Unmarketable potato tubers, Banana peel and Biodegradability.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

OBP Oil Based Plastics
SBP Starch Based Plastic
BBP Banana Based Plastic

HDPE High Density Poly Ethylene

MSW Municipal Solid Waste
GHG Global Greenhouse Gas

FW Food Waste

AW Agricultural WasteMt Million Metric Tons

SWM Solid Waste Management

MSWM Municipal Solid Waste management

MSWMS Municipal Solid Waste Management System

PW Plastic Waste

USD United State of Dollar

EGP Egypt

FLW Food Loss and Waste

NENA Near East and North Africa

IUPAC International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

EPI Environmental Product Incorporation

SPI Society of the Plastics Industry
BSI British Standards Institution

ISO International Standards Organization

PCL Poly Capro Lactone

PBS Poly Butylene Succinate

PE PolyEthylene

NY11 Nylon 11

AcC Acetyl Cellulose
PLA Poly Lactide Acid

PHB Poly Hydroxy Butyrate
HMF Hydroxy Methyl Furfural