Summary

The effect of fertilization and liming on the dry matter (DM) production and chemical composition of Stylosanthes guianensis cv. Cook and Pueraria phaseoloides was evaluated at Embrapa's Tracuateua experiment station (Pará, Brazil) in the eastern Amazon region (36 m above sea level, 1° 05' S and 47° W). Local climate is type Ami (Köppen), with an average annual rainfall of 2000-2600 mm, an average temperature of 25 °C, and a relative humidity of 86%. Soils are yellow Latosols of medium texture, with pH = 5.2 and levels of 0.4 mE% Al+++, 1.4 mE% Ca++ Mg++, 1 ppm P, and 18 ppm K. A randomized block design was used with four replicates; separate trials were conducted for each legume specie. Treatments were arranged in split-split plots. Main plots included seven combinations of fertilizer: (T1) check; (T2) phosphorus (P); (T3) P + potassium (K); (T4) K; (T5) nitrogen (N); (T6) NPK; and (T7) NPK + micronutrients (M). Subplots included the levels of liming (0 and 2 t dolomitic lime/ ha). Results showed that, although liming did not affect DM production, the level of Ca in both legumes increased. Crude protein and P also increased with fertilization. The application of micronutrients significantly increased their presence in legume tissues.