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Effect of Deficit Irrigation and Weed Control Treatments on Grain Yield and Water Productivity for Three Bread Wheat Genotypes

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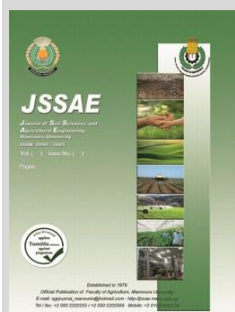
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ABSTRACT

A field experiment was conducted during two winter seasons 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 at Sakha Agricultural Research Station, Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate, Egypt to study the effect of deficit irrigation and weed control treatments on grain yield and water productivity of three bread wheat genotypes. The experimental design was stripe split-plot, with three replicates. Irrigation treatments were in the vertical plots which include I₁ irrigation at all stages (full irrigation), while I₂, I₃ and I₄ were deficit irrigation through withholding one irrigation at elongation, booting, and anthesis stages, respectively. Four weed control treatments were allocated in horizontal plots that include, W₁ (Gerostar + Action), W₂ (Atlants), W₃ (hand weeding twice), and W₄ control (untreated), Sub-Subplots were three wheat genotypes G₁ (Giza 171), G₂ (Sakha 95) and G₃ (promising Line). The results revealed that the highest values of plant height, number of spikes m⁻², number of kernels spikes⁻¹, 1000-kernel weight, biological yield, grain yield and straw yield were recorded under I₁ compared to all the studied irrigation treatments, as well as under W₁ compared to other weed control treatments and G₂ compared to others genotypes in the two seasons. The highest values of water consumptive use (CU), and applied water (AW) were recorded under I₁ to be 37.67, and 48.26 cm respectively, the values of AW under I₂, I₃ and I₄ were reduced by 18.5%, 17.6%, and 22.3% respectively compared to I₁ as mean of the two seasons. The values of productivity of irrigation water (PIW), and water productivity (WP) were taken the descending order W₁ > W₂ > W₃ > W₄ and G₂ > G₁ > G₃ for weed, and genotypes respectively. It could be recommended the I₂ × W₁ × G₂ interaction which recorded the highest grain yield, PIW and WP, moreover saved a reasonable amount of irrigation water.

Keywords: Wheat, Deficit irrigation, water productivity, weed control



INTRODUCTION

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) is one of the most important cereal crops in the world, provides about 21% of the food calories and 20% of the protein.

The proper wheat cultivar plays an important role in determining the grain yield of wheat. In Egypt increasing wheat production to reduce the gap between production and the rapid increase in the human population is a national target, but water scarcity is the main obstacle for horizontal expansion.

Drought is a worldwide problem; moreover, the expected impacts of global climate change will make the situation more serious, thus, there is a need to handle rational irrigation management practices to save irrigation water, enhance water productivity and increase the overall crop production using the same available water amount. Deficit irrigation (DI) is one of these irrigation management options, which increase water productivity by eliminating irrigation that has little impact on yield (Sarkar *et al.*, 2013). Many studies reported that deficit irrigation requires a clear understanding of the crop response to water stress during the growing season and water movement in the soil profile. (Tari, 2016; Saeed *et al.*, 2017 and Fahad *et al.*, 2019).

Water stress not only affects the morphology but also the metabolism of the plant. The extent of modification

depends upon the genotype, growth stage, duration, and intensity of stress (Mark and Antony 2005). All stages of crop growth are not uniformly susceptible to water deficit. On the other hand, some stages can cope-up with water shortage very well. Moisture stress reduces biomass, tillering ability, grains per spike and grain size at any stage when it occurs, so the overall effect of moisture stress depends on the intensity and length of stress (Bukhat, 2005).

Selecting wheat genotypes that could tolerate drought stress and produce acceptable yield has been the major challenge for the wheat breeders. It has been found that under drought stress conditions, those genotypes that show the highest harvest index and highest yield stability are drought tolerant (Almeselmani *et al.*, 2015). It needs time to develop the varieties, which have drought tolerant potential to increase the area under cultivation and yield of the wheat crop.

The weeds cause extra competition of crop plants with biotic factors of the environment. The large population of weeds cause drought to the crop plants as more moisture is taken which ultimately caused damage to crop plants, (Ali *et al.*, 2012 and Badawi, and Kenapar 2017) so, choose the high-yielding ability genotypes is very important to raise wheat productivity per unit of area and suppression weed growth. So, the main objective of the current study is to investigate the effect of deficit irrigation and weed control treatment on

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growth, yield, yield components, and productivity of irrigation water on some wheat genotypes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Experimental site:

A field experiment was carried out during, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 winter seasons at Sakha Agricultural Research Station, (31° 07' N latitude, 30° 57' E Longitude) Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate, Egypt. The agro-meteorological data for the two studied seasons were taken from Sakha Agro-meteorological Stations (Table 1).

Table 1. Monthly mean values of agro-meteorological data of Sakha Station in 2018 /2019 and 2019/2020 winter seasons.

Seasons	Months	Air temperature			Relative humidity			Wind Speed	Pan evaporation (mm d ⁻¹)	Rain (mm)
		Max. (°C)	Min. (°C)	Mean (°C)	Max. (%)	Min. (%)	Mean (%)	Mean (km d ⁻¹)		
2018/ 2019	November	25.00	17.40	21.20	86.60	54.60	70.60	24.20	1.60	11.90
	December	19.50	13.90	16.70	88.70	62.40	75.55	24.50	0.84	21.70
	January	18.90	12.30	15.60	82.30	53.30	67.80	33.10	1.14	14.90
	February	19.70	14.30	17.00	86.90	58.20	72.55	28.60	1.78	15.30
	March	21.70	17.60	19.65	87.80	56.60	72.20	45.70	2.86	17.30
	April	25.10	21.30	23.20	80.80	48.60	64.70	44.80	3.70	3.90
2019/ 2020	May	33.00	26.29	29.65	71.20	44.20	57.70	104.33	6.15	0.00
	November	27.40	25.10	26.25	82.80	48.30	65.55	36.60	2.31	0.00
	December	21.40	13.40	17.40	86.90	58.90	72.90	38.50	2.66	60.68
	January	18.40	11.80	15.10	86.70	62.70	74.70	30.00	2.09	67.50
	February	20.40	12.70	16.55	84.60	56.50	70.55	51.00	1.83	14.30
	March	22.60	15.60	19.10	81.10	53.90	67.50	80.10	5.12	60.80
	April	26.00	18.90	22.45	80.00	45.10	62.55	98.80	6.08	0.00
	May	31.90	23.80	27.85	68.90	38.40	53.65	114.40	7.70	0.00

Table 2. The mean values of some chemical and physical soil properties of the experimental site for both growing seasons.

Soil depth (cm)	Field capacity (%)	Wilting point (%)	Bulk density (Mg m ⁻³)	Total porosity (%)	Sand (%)	Silt (%)	Clay (%)	Texture class	EC _e (dS m ⁻¹)	pH
0-15	46.71	23.66	1.19	55.09	19.22	26.93	53.85	Clayey	1.93	8.31
15-30	42.08	21.98	1.24	53.21	19.43	26.32	54.25	Clayey	2.25	8.39
30-45	40.24	21.52	1.38	47.92	20.15	25.44	54.41	Clayey	2.68	8.54
45-60	39.73	20.19	1.45	45.28	19.61	26.83	53.56	Clayey	3.05	8.68
Mean	42.19	21.84	1.32	50.38	19.60	26.38	54.02	Clay	2.48	

Experimental design and treatments:

The experimental design was a stripe split-plot, with three replicates. The irrigation treatments (I) were located in the vertical plots: I₁-irrigation at all stages, irrigation at planting plus four irrigations (full irrigation), I₂-irrigation as I₁, with withholding one irrigation at elongation stage, I₃ irrigation as I₁, with withholding one irrigation at booting stage and I₄ irrigation as I₁, with withholding one irrigation at anthesis stage.

Horizontal plots were four weed control (W), to control annual weeds of broad-leaves (*Chenopodium album*, *Sonchus oleraceus* and *Anagallis arvensis*) and grassy weeds

Soil properties for the experimental site were analyzed before cultivation, soil chemical properties were determined according to Page *et al.*, (1982). Particle-size distribution was carried out using the pipette method according to Klute, (1986), soil field capacity and permanent wilting point were determined by using pressure membrane method at 0.33 and 15 Atm according to James, (1988). Soil bulk density was determined according to Vomocil, (1957) and total porosity P% was computed using values of soil bulk density according to Black, (1965) as shown in Table 2.

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(*Phalaris minor* and *Poa annua*) in the wheat crop, the treatments were as follows: W₁ (Gerostar at the rate of 20 g ha⁻¹ spraying 21 days after planting (DAP) + Action at the rate of 336 g ha⁻¹ spraying 40 DAP), W₂ (Atlants at the rate of 960 cm ha⁻¹ spraying 40 DAP), W₃ (Hand weeding twice 30 and 45 DAP) and W₄ control (untreated).The weeds were identified into species and classified into annual broadleaf , grasses, and total annual weeds. The dry weights of each species were determined in g m⁻².

Sub-Subplots were three wheat genotypes (G): G₁ (Giza 171), G₂ (Sakha 95), and G₃ (promising Line) as shown in Table (3).

Table 3. Cross name, pedigree and selection history of the three bread wheat genotypes.

Genotypes	Pedigree	Selection history
Giza 171	SAKHA 93/GEMMEIZA 9	S.6-1GZ-4GZ-1GZ-2GZ-0S.
Sakha 95	PASTOR // SITE / MO /3/ CHEN / AEGILOPS SQUARROSA (TAUS) // BCN /4/ WBLLI.	CMA01Y00158S-040POY-040M 030ZTM-040SY-26M-0Y-0SY-0S.
Promising line	CHEN/AEGILOPS SQUARROSA (TAUS)//BCN/3/2*KAUZ/4/GEN*2//BUC/FLK /3/ BUCHIN.	S.16280-020S-015S-4S-0S.

Wheat genotypes were planted on the 19th and 28th November in both seasons, respectively, the agricultural practices were carried out according to the local recommendations of the Agricultural Research Center. The irrigation treatments were isolated by ditches of 2.5 m in width to avoid lateral movement of water. The weed control

treatments were sprayed with a knapsack sprayer by the flat nozzle and the water volume used was 500 liters ha⁻¹.

The recorded data were days to heading, days to maturity, plant height (cm), number of spikes m⁻², number of kernels spikes⁻¹, 1000-kernel weight (g), biological yield (ton ha⁻¹), grain yield (ton ha⁻¹) and straw yield (ton ha⁻¹).

Applied Water (AW)

The applied irrigation water to each experimental plot was measured using PVC spile tubes (5 cm inner diameter of 80 cm length). The spile tubes were utilized to let water flows from field ditches into each plot. The effective water head above the cross section center of the spile was kept constant at 10 cm using a fixed sliding gate type. Stage gauges were placed in each plot to measure the water depth which flows through the spiles. The amount of water in each application was recorded and the consumed time was also monitored using a stop watch. The amount of water delivered through the spile tube was calculated according to Majumdar (2002) by the following equation:

$$q = CA\sqrt{2gh}$$

Where: **q** is the discharge of irrigation water (cm³ sec⁻¹), **C** is discharge coefficient equal 0.62 (determined by experiment), **A** is the inner cross section area of the irrigation spile (cm²), **g** is a gravity acceleration (cm sec⁻²), and **h** is the average effective head (cm).

The volume of water delivered for each plot was calculated by substituting **Q** in the following equation:

$$Q = q \times T \times n$$

Where: **Q** is the volume of water m³ plot⁻¹, **q** is the discharge (m³ min⁻¹), **T** is total irrigation time (min) and **n** is number of spiles tube per each plot.

The amount of applied water (Aw) during the whole growing season including effective rainfall was calculated according to Early (1975), following the formula given below.

$$Aw (m^3 ha^{-1}) = Iw + R$$

Where **Aw** is amount of seasonal applied water (m³ ha⁻¹); **Iw** is amount of water delivered to the field plot by irrigation (m³ ha⁻¹); and **R** is effective rainfall (m³ ha⁻¹) where, Effective rainfall= incident rainfall × 0.70 (Novica, 1979)]. The amount of water in “cm” described as water depth/height was also estimated.

Water consumptive use (CU):

Water consumptive use was determined as the soil moisture depletion (SMD) using the following equation (Israelsen and Hansen, 1962).

$$CU (SMD) = \sum_{i=1}^{n=4} (\theta_2 - \theta_1) / 100 \times Bd \times Di$$

Where **CU** is a water consumptive use in (cm) in the effective root zone of 60 cm; **SMD** is a soil moisture depletion; **θ₂** is a gravimetric soil moisture percentage 48 h after irrigation (% wet weight basis); **θ₁** is a gravimetric soil moisture percentage immediately before the next irrigation (% wet weight basis); **Bd** is a soil bulk density (Mg m⁻³) for the concerned soil layer; **Di** is a soil layer depth (15 cm); **n** is a number of soil layers.

Table 4. Seasonal water consumptive use (CU) and seasonal applied water (AW) as affected by different irrigation treatments, weed control treatments and wheat genotypes during the two growing seasons.

Irrigation parameters	Seasons	Irrigations				Weed control				Genotypes		
		I ₁	I ₂	I ₃	I ₄	W ₁	W ₂	W ₃	W ₄	G ₁	G ₂	G ₃
CU (cm)	2018/2019	36.89	32.60	32.96	29.75	33.25	32.40	31.96	34.60	33.93	33.04	32.18
	2019/2020	38.44	33.61	33.15	30.86	34.25	33.11	32.76	35.94	35.10	33.93	33.02
AW (cm)	2018/2019	49.72	40.72	41.91	38.82	43.26	42.34	41.86	43.71	43.30	42.77	42.31
	2019/2020	46.80	37.98	37.62	36.21	40.22	39.29	38.73	40.37	40.09	39.63	39.23

The values of CU were taken the descending order G₁>G₂>G₃ for wheat genotype and W₄>W₁>W₂>W₃ for weed control treatments. Water consumptive use for G₂ (Sakha 95), and G₃ (promising line) were decreased by 3%, and 5.6% respectively compared to G₁(Giza171), however, the values of CU for W₁, W₂, and W₃ were decreased by 4.3%, 7.1%, and 8.3% respectively compared to W₄ as mean of both seasons. In this concern, Fahad *et al.*, (2019) reported that no significant difference among evapotranspiration of different wheat genotypes. While there were no differences

Productivity of Irrigation Water (PIW) and Water Productivity (WP).

The productivity of irrigation water and water productivity were calculated according to (Ali *et al.*, 2007) as the following equations:

$$\text{Productivity of irrigation water (kg m}^{-3}\text{)} = \frac{\text{Grain yield kg ha}^{-1}}{\text{Amount of applied water m}^3\text{ ha}^{-1}}$$

Where, amount of applied water = Irrigation water + effective rainfall

$$\text{Water productivity (kg m}^{-3}\text{)} = \frac{\text{Grain yield kg ha}^{-1}}{\text{Water consumptive use in m}^3\text{ ha}^{-1}}$$

Statistical analysis

The results were statistically analyzed according to Gomez and Gomez (1984) for every single season. The comparisons of means were carried out using the least significant differences (L.S.D) at the 5% probability level to compare the differences among the treatments means (Steel *et al.*, 1997). The statistical analyses for the recorded data were conducted using Gen Stat software and the graphs by using Excel.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Wheat water consumptive use (CU) and applied water (AW):

Data in Table 4 shows the values of seasonal water consumptive use, and seasonal applied water as affected by irrigation treatments, weed control treatments, and wheat genotypes. Differences were obtained for water consumptive use and applied water between all irrigation treatments in both studied seasons, the highest values of CU and AW were recorded for I₁ to be 37.67 and 48.26 cm respectively as mean of both seasons. The values of CU under I₂, I₃ and I₄ were reduced by 12.1%, 12.2% and 19.5% respectively compared to I₁; whereas the values of AW after the same irrigation treatments were decreased by 18.5%, 17.6% and 22.3% respectively compared to I₁ as mean of the two seasons.

These results may be due to deficit irrigation which significantly contributes decreasing the amount of CU and AW (Zaman *et al.*, 2017; Zhang *et al.*, 2018 and Sarkar *et al.*, 2013). These results agree with those obtained by Mohamed and Abo-Marzoka, (2017), they indicated that traditional irrigation received the highest values of water consumptive use and total applied water compared to deficit irrigation stress at the heading and ripening stages of wheat.

Table 4. Seasonal water consumptive use (CU) and seasonal applied water (AW) as affected by different irrigation treatments, weed control treatments and wheat genotypes during the two growing seasons.

Irrigation parameters	Seasons	Irrigations				Weed control				Genotypes		
		I ₁	I ₂	I ₃	I ₄	W ₁	W ₂	W ₃	W ₄	G ₁	G ₂	G ₃
CU (cm)	2018/2019	36.89	32.60	32.96	29.75	33.25	32.40	31.96	34.60	33.93	33.04	32.18
	2019/2020	38.44	33.61	33.15	30.86	34.25	33.11	32.76	35.94	35.10	33.93	33.02
AW (cm)	2018/2019	49.72	40.72	41.91	38.82	43.26	42.34	41.86	43.71	43.30	42.77	42.31
	2019/2020	46.80	37.98	37.62	36.21	40.22	39.29	38.73	40.37	40.09	39.63	39.23

obtained of AW between all studied genotypes, as well as weed control treatments.

Concerning the effect of the interaction between irrigation treatments, weed control treatments, and wheat genotypes on the values of CU and AW, as shown in Table 5. There are noticeable differences in CU and AW values among all the interactions of irrigation treatments, weed control treatments and genotypes. The highest values of CU and AW were recorded with I₁ × W₄ × G₁ and I₁ × W₄ × G₂ interaction to be 41.03 and 40.35 cm for CU and 49.53 and 48.94 cm for

AW, respectively as mean of both seasons. But, the lowest values were observed for I₄ X W₃ X G₃ interaction to be 27.92 and 35.82 cm for CU and AW respectively as mean of the two seasons.

These results are in the same line with that reported by Imran *et al.*, (2015), they indicated that irrigation influenced the evaporation, transpiration, and canopy temperature of wheat

crop. Evapotranspiration was significantly increased with the increasing amount of water applied, and the number of irrigations (Gao *et al.*, 2014 and Imran *et al.*, 2015). Irrigating the crop only at drought sensitive growth stages and withheld water at other stages can help to manage water resources to meet crop requirements (Du *et al.*, 2010).

Table 5. Seasonal water consumptive use (CU) and seasonal applied water (AW) as affected by the interaction between irrigation treatments, weed control treatments and wheat genotypes during 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 growing seasons.

Irrigation parameters	Genotypes	Seasons	I ₁				I ₂				I ₃				I ₄			
			W ₁	W ₂	W ₃	W ₄	W ₁	W ₂	W ₃	W ₄	W ₁	W ₂	W ₃	W ₄	W ₁	W ₂	W ₃	W ₄
CU (cm)	G ₁	2018/2019	38.45	36.85	37.76	40.68	33.89	33.26	31.74	34.00	33.35	32.97	32.96	35.53	30.70	29.91	29.15	31.43
			36.57	35.22	35.93	39.65	32.67	32.92	31.04	33.61	32.81	32.34	32.15	34.11	30.21	29.57	28.83	31.08
		G ₃	35.84	33.50	34.40	37.81	32.33	31.73	30.75	33.27	32.02	31.89	31.78	33.41	29.96	28.58	27.02	30.61
	G ₂	2019/2020	40.64	38.67	38.53	41.38	34.19	33.97	33.11	36.59	33.89	33.84	33.09	35.55	32.64	31.40	30.11	33.95
			38.81	37.44	36.32	41.05	33.77	32.17	32.85	35.26	33.16	32.65	32.18	34.76	31.57	29.49	29.25	32.22
		G ₃	37.32	35.78	35.39	39.93	32.45	31.82	32.27	34.90	31.90	31.71	31.25	33.83	30.66	28.32	28.82	31.89
AW (cm)	G ₁	2018/2019	50.24	49.83	50.14	51.19	41.60	40.76	40.48	42.05	42.98	42.14	41.29	43.21	40.29	38.64	37.50	40.48
			49.40	49.48	49.79	50.36	41.26	40.24	39.64	41.76	42.48	41.48	41.17	42.38	39.88	38.00	36.98	40.02
		G ₃	49.93	48.69	48.67	49.88	40.62	40.02	38.81	41.43	41.93	41.07	40.95	41.86	39.52	37.74	36.88	39.88
	G ₂	2019/2020	47.69	46.79	46.62	47.86	39.60	38.00	37.14	39.17	38.36	37.88	37.67	38.83	36.74	36.43	35.60	37.14
			47.31	46.21	46.05	47.52	38.98	37.24	36.76	38.60	38.10	37.24	36.79	38.38	36.43	36.21	35.29	36.95
		G ₃	46.93	45.76	45.74	47.07	38.57	37.10	36.36	38.29	37.62	36.67	35.95	38.00	36.31	35.95	34.76	36.67

Productivity of irrigation water (PIW) and water productivity (WP):

Data in Table 6 present the effect of irrigation treatments, weed control treatments and different genotypes on (PIW) and (WP). There are significant differences between irrigation treatments, weed control treatments and genotypes. The highest values of PIW and WP were found under I₂ irrigation treatment to be 2.01 and 2.39 kg m⁻³ respectively, while the lowest values were found under I₃ irrigation treatment to be 1.49 and 1.79 kg m⁻³ respectively, as the mean of 1st and 2nd seasons.

Irrigation treatments of I₂ increased PIW and WP by 21.8% and 12.5% respectively as the mean of both seasons compared to full irrigation treatment of I₁. These results agree with those obtained by Ali *et al.*, (2008); Sarkar *et al.*, (2013) and Zaman *et al.*, (2017); they indicated that water use efficiency and applied water productivity were higher in deficit irrigation treatments compared to full irrigation. This may be due to the reduction of the irrigation water input Zhang *et al.*, (2018).

Weed control treatment had a significant effect on PIW and WP, the values of PIW were taken the descending order W₁ > W₂ > W₃ > W₄, for the two studied seasons. Significant differences in PIW and WP values were recorded between the studied wheat genotypes, the highest values of PIW and WP were 1.86 and 2.28 kg m⁻³ respectively for G₂ (sakha95), while the lowest values of them were 1.56 and 1.95 kg m⁻³ respectively for G₃ (promising line) as an average of both seasons.

There are significant differences among different irrigation treatments, weed control treatments and different genotypes interaction on PIW and WP as shown in Table 7, the highest values of PIW and WP were found under I₂ × W₁ × G₂ and I₂ × W₂ × G₂ interactions to be 2.26 and 2.24 respectively for PIW and 2.73 and 2.66 kg m⁻³ respectively for WP, while the lowest values were obtained from I₃ × W₄ × G₃ interaction as mean of both seasons. Water productivity and productivity of irrigation water are present a good relation between irrigation grain yield, and water applied because they increase when grain

yield increase and/or water applied decrease, (Ali *et al.*, 2007 and Mahmoud and Elsadany, 2017)

Table 6. Influence of irrigation treatments, weed control and wheat genotype on productivity of irrigation water and water productivity of wheat for both growing seasons.

Treatments	Irrigation parameters	PIW (kg m ⁻³)		WP (kg m ⁻³)	
		2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020
Irrigation treatments (I)	I ₁	1.64	1.66	2.21	2.04
	I ₂	1.98	2.03	2.48	2.3
	I ₃	1.39	1.59	1.77	1.81
	I ₄	1.68	1.83	2.19	2.15
	F test	**	**	**	**
	LSD at 0.05	0.019	0.02	0.032	0.029
Weed control treatments (W)	W ₁	1.79	1.87	2.33	2.19
	W ₂	1.73	1.82	2.25	2.16
	W ₃	1.66	1.78	2.17	2.09
	W ₄	1.5	1.65	1.89	1.85
	F test	**	**	**	**
	LSD at 0.05	0.039	0.012	0.043	0.019
Wheat Genotypes (G)	G ₁	1.73	1.8	2.2	2.05
	G ₂	1.83	1.89	2.36	2.2
	G ₃	1.47	1.65	1.93	1.97
	F test	**	**	**	**
	LSD at 0.05	0.017	0.019	0.027	0.021

Effect of irrigation treatments on studied wheat characters:

Data in Table 8 and 9 shows days to heading, days of maturity, Plant height (cm), number of spikes m⁻², number of kernels spikes⁻¹, 1000-kernel weight (g), biological yield (ton ha⁻¹), grain yield (ton ha⁻¹) and straw yield (ton ha⁻¹) as affected by irrigation treatments, weed management and some wheat genotypes. The irrigation treatment of I₁ recorded the highest values of all the studied characters compared to other irrigation treatments. They were taken the descending order I₁ > I₂ > I₄ > I₃ in the 1st and 2nd season. The best crop growth, thus the highest yield and its components may be due to better moisture availability, which maintained the internal water balance of the plant in the full irrigation compared to different deficit irrigation treatments (Rahim *et al.*, 2010).

Table 7. Influence of the interaction between irrigation treatments, weed control and wheat genotype on productivity of irrigation water and water productivity of wheat for both growing seasons

Irrigation treatments	Weed control	Genotypes	PIW (kg m ⁻³)		WP (kg m ⁻³)	
			2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020
I ₁	W 1	G ₁	1.82	1.85	2.38	2.17
		G ₂	1.89	1.92	2.55	2.33
		G ₃	1.68	1.73	2.3	2.18
	W 2	G ₁	1.61	1.67	2.18	2.01
		G ₂	1.71	1.74	2.41	2.15
		G ₃	1.65	1.63	2.4	2.08
	W 3	G ₁	1.58	1.61	2.1	1.96
		G ₂	1.62	1.72	2.25	2.19
		G ₃	1.49	1.51	2.11	1.96
	W 4	G ₁	1.53	1.56	1.92	1.8
		G ₂	1.61	1.65	2.05	1.91
		G ₃	1.42	1.43	1.87	1.69
I ₂	W ₁	G ₁	2.05	2.06	2.52	2.38
		G ₂	2.24	2.27	2.83	2.62
		G ₃	1.95	1.89	2.45	2.24
	W ₂	G ₁	2.04	2.14	2.51	2.39
		G ₂	2.21	2.26	2.7	2.62
		G ₃	1.89	1.9	2.38	2.21
	W ₃	G ₁	1.97	2.09	2.51	2.35
		G ₂	2.13	2.16	2.72	2.41
		G ₃	1.85	1.94	2.33	2.18
	W ₄	G ₁	1.82	1.93	2.25	2.07
		G ₂	1.97	1.99	2.45	2.18
		G ₃	1.66	1.77	2.06	1.95
I ₃	W ₁	G ₁	1.53	1.7	1.96	1.92
		G ₂	1.68	1.73	2.17	1.99
		G ₃	1.26	1.57	1.65	1.85
	W ₂	G ₁	1.51	1.65	1.93	1.84
		G ₂	1.71	1.78	2.19	2.02
		G ₃	1.13	1.47	1.46	1.7
	W ₃	G ₁	1.48	1.63	1.86	1.85
		G ₂	1.58	1.69	2.02	1.92
		G ₃	1.09	1.47	1.41	1.69
	W ₄	G ₁	1.33	1.51	1.62	1.65
		G ₂	1.35	1.59	1.68	1.75
		G ₃	1.03	1.35	1.29	1.51
I ₄	W ₁	G ₁	1.9	1.96	2.5	2.2
		G ₂	1.99	2.03	2.63	2.34
		G ₃	1.53	1.76	2.02	2.08
	W ₂	G ₁	1.91	1.91	2.46	2.22
		G ₂	2.01	1.95	2.59	2.4
		G ₃	1.4	1.79	1.85	2.27
	W ₃	G ₁	1.87	1.84	2.4	2.18
		G ₂	1.96	1.94	2.51	2.34
		G ₃	1.32	1.73	1.81	2.08
	W ₄	G ₁	1.63	1.7	2.1	1.86
		G ₂	1.53	1.78	1.97	2.05
		G ₃	1.13	1.53	1.47	1.77
L.S.D			0.065	0.074	0.084	0.077

I₁-irrigation at all stages (full irrigation), I₂-withholding irrigation at elongation stage, I₃- withholding irrigation at booting stage and I₄-withholding irrigation at anthesis stage. Weed control W₁-Gerostar + Action, W₂-Atlants, W₃-Hand weeding and W₄-control (without). Genotypes G₁-Giza 171, G₂-Sakha 95 and G₃-promising Line.

The highest grain yield was obtained from the full irrigation (I₁) with values of 8.13 and 7.81 ton ha⁻¹ for the 1st and 2nd seasons respectively, while the lowest grain yield was found of I₃ (withholding irrigation at booting stage) with values of 5.83 and 5.99 ton ha⁻¹ at 1st and 2nd seasons respectively as shown in Table 9. These results indicated that deficit irrigation negatively affected the grain yield of wheat in the two seasons of the experiments. Similar results were obtained by Badran and Moustafa (2014) and Mekki *et al.*, (2014). The reduction of grain yield under deficit irrigation of I₃ was 28% and 23%, whereas the reduction under I₄ was 20% and 15% in the first and second seasons respectively compared to I₁ treatment. This significant

reduction may be due to deficit irrigation during moisture sensitive stages, tillering, booting and grain formation of wheat crop (Ali *et al.*, 2007).

The reduction of grain yield was ranged from 23% to 28% when irrigation was skipped at the booting and grain formation stage (Fahad *et al.*, 2019). A considerable wheat yield reduction happened due to water deficit during flowering and grain-filling stages, this may be due to accelerating leaf senescence, oxidative damage to photo-assimilatory machinery, assimilate translocation, and reduced grain set (Farooq *et al.*, 2014). The reduction of total dry matter in water stress treatments may be due to unstable plant-soil-water relations which led to decrease photosynthetic rate (Bashir *et al.*, 2017). Also, water shortage reduced nutrient availability and subsequently the photosynthesis process (Jazy *et al.*, 2007). Water stress at the late growth stage (grain formation) reduces the efficiency of transformation of accumulated dry matter into the economical yield of the plant (Ali *et al.*, 2007). Many studies showed that water deficit at the heading stage significantly decrease wheat yields and water deficit at the anthesis stage can negatively affect photosynthetic characteristics. (Tari, 2016)

Effect of weed control treatments on studied wheat characters:

Among weed control treatments as shown in Table 8 and 9. W₁ was recorded the highest values of yield and its components, as well as plant height and biological yield, this may be due to less crop-weed competition, which gave a better environment for the growth and development of wheat crop; in these treatments weed population and their growth was abstracted due to broad-spectrum activity. The lowest straw and grain yield were recorded in the W₄ treatment because of more weed growth and poor performance of yield attributing characters and straw yield of wheat. Weed control of W₂ treatment was statistically at par with W₃ treatment in the 1st and 2nd seasons with higher yield attributes. Similar results are in conformity with the findings of Pandey *et al.*, (2006).

Relative weed-free situation under weed control treatments reduced the crop weed competition and thus lead to higher vegetative growth and yield attributes and significantly affected the grain and straw yields of wheat (Verma *et al.*, 2008), while, W₄ treatment recorded the lowest values of grain and straw yields in the two seasons as shown in Table 9.

Effect of wheat genotypes on studied wheat characters:

The results in Table 8 and 9 showed the significant variations among the genotypes in yield and its components, biological yield, and straw yield, referring to the influence of the performance of the genotypes under the studied environments in order to identify the superior genotype for a suitable environment.

The highest grain yield was recorded in G₂ (sakha 95) with values 7.76 and 7.44 ton ha⁻¹ while, the lowest one was in G₃ (promising line) with values of 6.23 and 6.47 ton ha⁻¹ in the first and second season, respectively as shown in Table 9. These findings are agreeing with the findings of Abd El-Rahman, and Hammad (2014); Farhat, (2015) and El Hag-Dalia,(2017).

Interaction effect of different irrigation treatments, weed control and genotypes on grain yield over two seasons

Analysis of data revealed that the interaction between irrigation treatments, weed control and genotypes significantly affected grain yield as shown in Fig 1.

The highest grain yield was obtained with the interaction of $I_1 \times W_1 \times G_2$ and $I_2 \times W_1 \times G_2$, meanwhile the lowest grain yield was reported with the interaction of $I_3 \times W_4 \times G_3$. These results are in line with the findings of Bayoumi *et al.*, (2008) and Tesfay *et al.*, (2016), they found that skipping irrigation at different crop growth stages significantly affected wheat yield of different genotypes. The same results were reported by Shamsi (2010) and Bogale *et al* (2011) they reported that, there were significant differences among the varieties concerning deficit irrigation at any crop growth stage in terms of grain yield.

Higher yield attributes under these treatments may be due to less crop-weed competition, which gave a better environment for wheat crop growth and development of crop because in these treatments weed population and their growth was abstracted due to broad spectrum activity of mentioned weed control and reduced the associated weeds and thus reduced competition with the wheat crop on water, food, and

light. The lowest grain yield was recorded in weed because of more weeds growth and poor performance of yield characters. Similar results were confirmed to the findings of Tesfay *et al.* (2016)

Relative weeds free situation under weed control treatments reduced the crop weeds competition, and thus lead to higher vegetative growth and yield components, significantly affected the grain and straw yield wheat Verma *et al.* (2008).

Interaction effect of different Irrigation treatments, weed control and genotypes on weeds dry weight

Data in Table 10 reveal that dry weight (gm^{-2}) of grassy, broad-leaved and total weeds were significantly affected by the interaction between irrigation, weed control and genotypes treatments.

The $I_2 \times W_1 \times G_3$ interaction recorded the lowest values of grassy and total weeds, while $I_3 \times W_1 \times G_3$ interaction recorded the lowest values of broad weeds. Similar results were in conformity with the findings of Tesfay *et al.* (2016).

Table 8. Mean of days to heading, days to maturity, plant height (cm), number of spikes m^{-2} and number of kernels spikes $^{-1}$ of wheat genotypes as affected by irrigation treatments and weed control in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 seasons.

Treatments	Characters seasons	Days to heading		Days to maturity		Plant height (cm)		Number of spikes m^{-2}		Number of kernels spikes $^{-1}$	
		2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020
Irrigation treatments (I)	I ₁	92.00	101.64	140.06	149.33	107.44	123.61	406.60	482.50	65.65	50.82
	I ₂	91.47	101.11	138.97	148.36	105.56	122.36	394.90	468.80	64.21	50.08
	I ₃	90.44	99.58	136.06	145.88	101.86	119.06	341.90	393.10	58.52	46.62
	I ₄	90.66	100.28	137.50	146.58	104.75	120.86	364.00	437.80	62.11	48.07
	F test	**	**	**	**	**	*	**	**	**	**
LSD at 0.05		0.59	0.86	0.39	0.59	1.32	2.66	14.18	16.34	2.15	0.89
Weed control treatments (W)	W ₁	91.83	101.78	138.78	148.31	107.50	123.75	401.00	481.30	64.09	50.51
	W ₂	91.33	101.36	138.42	147.86	106.67	122.28	393.90	452.20	63.24	48.75
	W ₃	90.94	99.92	137.92	147.22	103.78	120.64	363.90	432.40	62.15	48.39
	W ₄	90.47	99.56	137.47	146.78	101.67	119.22	348.60	416.30	61.01	47.93
	F test	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
LSD at 0.05		0.44	0.31	0.46	0.36	1.35	1.64	8.39	14.37	1.314	1.17
Wheat Genotypes (G)	G ₁	91.96	100.21	139.81	145.21	105.46	121.96	378.60	449.70	63.66	49.16
	G ₂	90.69	101.67	136.75	150.92	108.62	123.90	406.10	466.10	65.09	52.83
	G ₃	90.79	100.08	137.80	146.50	100.62	118.56	345.90	420.80	59.12	44.70
	F test	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
	LSD at 0.05		0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29	1.43	1.22	9.40	8.45	1.00
Interactions	I×W	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	**	*	NS	NS
	I×G	NS	NS	**	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
	W×G	NS	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
	I×W×G	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

Table 9. Mean of 1000-kernel weight (g), Biological yield (ton ha $^{-1}$), Grain yield (ton ha $^{-1}$) and Straw yield (ton ha $^{-1}$) of wheat genotypes as affected by irrigation treatments and weed control in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 seasons.

Treatments	Characters Seasons	1000-kernel weight (g)		Biological yield (ton ha $^{-1}$)		Grain yield (ton ha $^{-1}$)		Straw yield (ton ha $^{-1}$)	
		2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020
Irrigation treatments (I)	I ₁	50.61	49.91	18.52	18.27	8.13	7.81	10.39	10.46
	I ₂	49.72	49.10	17.91	17.84	8.07	7.72	9.84	10.12
	I ₃	45.81	45.77	14.68	16.13	5.83	5.99	8.85	10.14
	I ₄	47.29	47.24	16.07	16.97	6.53	6.62	9.54	10.35
	F test	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
LSD at 0.05		1.23	0.95	0.175	0.161	0.109	0.094	0.129	0.191
Weed control treatments (W)	W ₁	49.38	49.27	17.61	17.94	7.76	7.52	9.85	10.42
	W ₂	49.18	48.15	17.08	17.52	7.31	7.13	9.77	10.39
	W ₃	47.98	47.88	16.55	17.10	6.93	6.84	9.62	10.25
	W ₄	46.90	46.71	15.94	16.64	6.56	6.64	9.38	10.00
	F test	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
LSD at 0.05		0.90	0.76	0.21	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.255	0.149
Wheat Genotypes (G)	G ₁	49.15	48.75	17.06	17.80	7.43	7.19	9.62	10.61
	G ₂	50.49	50.78	18.32	18.35	7.76	7.44	10.56	10.90
	G ₃	45.45	44.48	15.00	15.75	6.23	6.47	8.78	9.28
	F test	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
	LSD at 0.05		0.79	0.64	0.16	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.18
Interactions	I×W	NS	NS	**	**	*	**	*	**
	I×G	NS	NS	*	**	**	**	*	**
	W×G	NS	NS	**	**	**	*	**	**
	I×W×G	NS	NS	**	**	**	*	**	**

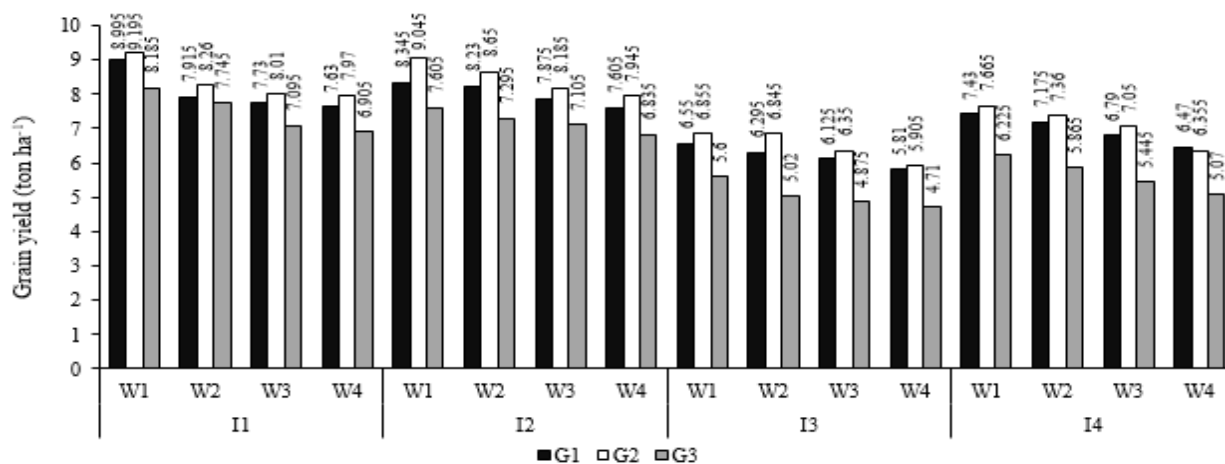


Fig. 1. Interaction effect of different irrigation treatments, weed control, and genotypes on grain yield as the mean of the two studied seasons.

Table 10. Interaction effect of irrigation treatments (I), weed control (W) and genotypes (G) on dry weight of the grassy, broad-leaved weeds and total weeds average two seasons.

Irrigation	Weed control	Genotypes	Grass weeds	Broad weeds	Total weeds
I1	W 1	G1	10.23	9.36	19.59
		G2	10.30	9.29	19.59
		G3	10.10	9.38	19.48
	W 2	G1	12.07	10.93	22.99
		G2	12.03	10.86	22.90
		G3	12.00	11.04	23.04
	W 3	G1	15.80	14.22	30.02
		G2	15.80	14.18	29.98
		G3	15.83	14.25	30.08
	W 4	G1	52.67	46.98	99.65
		G2	53.33	47.21	100.54
		G3	53.13	47.54	100.67
I2	W1	G1	10.13	9.20	19.33
		G2	10.23	9.31	19.55
		G3	5.57	9.43	14.99
	W2	G1	11.97	10.79	22.76
		G2	12.09	10.95	23.04
		G3	6.83	11.08	17.91
	W3	G1	15.70	14.13	29.83
		G2	15.86	14.11	29.97
		G3	8.77	14.28	23.05
	W4	G1	52.57	47.43	99.99
		G2	53.09	46.92	100.01
		G3	29.50	47.48	76.98
I3	W1	G1	9.50	9.54	19.04
		G2	9.50	9.33	18.83
		G3	9.47	9.28	18.74
	W2	G1	11.50	11.21	22.71
		G2	11.50	11.02	22.52
		G3	11.67	10.94	22.61
	W3	G1	15.00	14.45	29.45
		G2	13.80	14.27	28.07
		G3	15.17	14.16	29.32
	W4	G1	50.67	48.05	98.72
		G2	51.33	48.00	99.33
		G3	51.13	47.49	98.62
I4	W1	G1	7.07	9.39	16.46
		G2	8.80	9.51	18.31
		G3	7.23	9.30	16.54
	W2	G1	8.43	11.08	19.51
		G2	10.70	11.21	21.91
		G3	8.50	11.02	19.52
	W3	G1	11.00	14.33	25.33
		G2	14.00	14.50	28.50
		G3	11.17	14.32	25.49
	W4	G1	36.67	48.06	84.73
		G2	47.33	48.64	95.97
		G3	37.13	48.60	85.73
L.S.D			1.99	0.89	1.66

CONCLUSION

The highest grain yield was obtained from $I_1 \times W_1 \times G_2$ and $I_2 \times W_1 \times G_2$ without any significant differences among them, but it could be concluded that the application of $I_2 \times W_1 \times G_2$ interaction, achieved the highest values of WP and PIW to be 2.72 and 2.26 kg m⁻³, respectively compared to all the studied treatments. Whereas this interaction saved about 12% and 17 % of CU and AW respectively compared to $I_1 \times W_1 \times G_2$ interaction as the mean of both seasons.

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تأثير نقص الري ومعاملات مكافحة الحشائش على محصول الحبوب وانتاجية المياه لثلاثة تراكيب وراثية من قمح الخبز محمد سعيد جندي¹، علي علي شرشر²، أنس محمد صفاء الدين شرشر^{1*}، محمود محمد عبدالله³ وهدى السيد العربي إبراهيم⁴ اقسم بحوث القمح - معهد بحوث المحاصيل الحقلية - مركز البحوث الزراعية - الجيزة - مصر المعمل المركزي لبحوث الحشائش مركز البحوث الزراعية - الجيزة - مصر اقسم بحوث المقننات المائية والري الحقلية - معهد بحوث الأراضي والمياه والبيئة - مركز البحوث الزراعية - الجيزة المعمل المركزي للتصميم والتحليل الاحصائي مركز البحوث الزراعية - الجيزة - مصر

أجريت تجربة حقلية خلال موسم الزراعه 2019/2018 و2020/2019 في محطة البحوث الزراعية بسخا بمحافظة كفر الشيخ وذلك بهدف دراسة تأثير نقص الري ومكافحة الحشائش على المحصول وانتاجية المياه لثلاث تراكيب وراثية من قمح الخبز. كان التصميم المستخدم هو الشرائح المنشقة في ثلاثة مكررات، حيث وزعت معاملات الري في الشرائح الراسية و كانت: I₁ (الري الكامل)، بينما I₂ و I₃ و I₄ معاملات نقص الري من خلال حرمان رية واحدة فقط في مرحلة الإستطالة وإمتلاء السنابل و التزهير، في حين وزعت في الشرائح الاقضية أربعة معاملات لمكافحة الحشائش وهي (W₁ (Gerostar + Action)، W₂ (Atlants)، W₃ (مكافحة الحشائش بيويًا مرتين)، W₄ (بدون مكافحه)، أما القطع المنشقة الفرعية فكانت لثلاثة تراكيب وراثية من قمح الخبز وهي G₁ (صنف جيزة 171)، G₂ (صنف سخا 95) و G₃ (ساله مبشره). أظهرت النتائج ان أعلى قيم لطول النبات، عدد السنابل/م²، عدد الحبوب/السنابل، وزن 1000 حبة، المحصول البيولوجي ومحصول القش ومحصول الحبوب وجدت للمعاملة I₁ مقارنة بباقي معاملات الري وكذلك للمعاملة W₁ مقارنة بباقي معاملات مكافحة الحشائش وايضا عند G₂ مقارنة بباقي التراكيب الوراثية خلال موسم الزراعه. لقد سجلت أعلى قيم للاستهلاك المائي وكمية المياه المضافة بعد معاملة الري I₁ حيث كانت 37.67 و 48.26 سم على الترتيب وانخفضت كمية مياه المضافة بعد المعاملات I₂ و I₃ و I₄ ب 18.5 % و 17.6 % و 22.3 % مقارنة بمعاملة الري I₁ كمتوسط لموسم الزراعه. أخذت قيم انتاجية مياه الري و انتاجية المياه الترتيب التنازلي التالي W₁ > W₂ > W₃ > W₄ و G₂ > G₁ > G₃ لمعاملات مكافحة الحشائش والتراكيب الوراثية على الترتيب. وبالتالي يمكن التوصية بتطبيق التفاعل I₂ × W₁ × G₂ حيث انه سجل أعلى قيم لانتاجية الحبوب وانتاجية مياه الري وانتاجية المياه بالاضافة الى توفير مياه الري.