STUDIES ON THE BEST TIME FOR CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLE SOYBEAN UNDER EGYPTIAN CONDITION.

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ABSTRACT

Two field experiments were carried out in the experimental farm of Barrage Horticulture Research station of the Agricultural Research Center, Qalubia Governorate, Egypt. during two summer seasons of 2017 and 2018 to study the effect of sowing date (1st April, 1st May and 1st June) on two cultivars of vegetable soybean (K173 - Royston Petrie). The experimental design was a split plot design the main plots were the three sowing dates and the sub plots were the two vegetable soybean cultivars. The results indicated that the third date (1st June) gave the highest values in plant length in the both seasons, number of leaves/ plant and number of branches/ plant in the first season. And the first sowing date (1st April) significantly increased the 100 green seeds weight and net ratio of green pods in both seasons too. But the second sowing date (1st May)) gave a significant effect on green pod number of green pod / plant, total yield of green pod (ton/ Fed) and gave significantly increased in the total sugars content in green seeds in the both seasons. The K173 cv. gave the highest number of green pod/ plant, total yield of green pod (ton/ Fed), % Potassium and the total sugars content in green seeds in the first and the second seasons, % phosphorus contents in green seeds in the first season. However Royston Petrie cv. recorded significant effect in number of nods to first pod, green pod weight, net ratio of green pods, % nitrogen and % protein in green seeds in the first and the second seasons. K173cv. which sowing in the third date (1st June) gave the highest plant length, number of leaves/ plant, number of branches/ plant and stem length in both seasons. Also K173cv.with second sowing date (1st May) gave the highest number of green pod/ plant, total yield of green pod (ton/Fed) in the first and the second season. However The Royston Petrie cv. gave highest number of nods to first pod with the third sowing date (1st June) in the first season. Sowing the Royston Petrie cv. in the first sowing date (1st April) significantly increased green pod weight and net ratio of green pods in both seasons

INTRODUCTION

Vegetable soybean or edamame is a specialty soybean (Glycine max Merrill). Edamame is known by many names (Shurtleff, Aoyagi, unpublished, beer bean, edible soybean, fresh green soybean, garden soybean, green soybean, green-mature soybean, green vegetable soybean, immature soybean, large-seeded soybean, vegetable-type soybean) but the most common is vegetable soybean (Konovsky et al., 1994). Also is called (mao dou) in China and (poot kong) in Korea (Saldivar et al., 2011). Edamame can be transplanted or direct-seeded. It harvested as a fresh vegetable before fully filled green pods turn yellow (Zhang et al., 2007). The seeds of vegetable soybeans are larger, sweeter and tender than that of grain soybean. Because of its excellent nutrition and slightly sweet taste, mild flavor and nutty texture, with less objectionable beany taste, it is preferred over conventional grain soybeans as a fresh green bean (Lee and Hwang, 1998). Vegetable soybean is a very important crop for Vegetabletype soybean, rich in protein, fat (without cholesterol), minerals, and vitamins, is harvested when the pod is still green and full. The green seeds shelled from the immature pods are quick-to-cook, free from off-flavour, and more importantly, their appearance as well as cooking method being similar to that of other immature beans viz. green pea, chick pea, French bean (Kumar et al., 2011).

Vegetable soybean originates from China and cultivated for more than 5,000 years, spreading from China to neighboring countries such as Korea, Japan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. The main soybean producing countries are the United States, Brazil, Argentina, China, India, Paraguay, Canada and Indonesia, which together produce 80% of the world's soybean (Slaton et al., 2008 and Shanmunga 2009). The crop is well known and widely used in Asia and America, but less known in Africa (Chadha and Oluoch, 2004). There is high research interest for edamame in Asia and America (Basavaraja et al., 2005) but in Africa, research on edamame is very scarce. Currently, soybean is one of the most important crops in the world but it is a new non-traditional culture for our country, which has great potential and interest for introducing it in Egypt. Sowing date is a good approach to enhance both crop yield and economic benefit. Effects of planting date on soybean yield and other traits varied at locations (Hoeft et al., 2000; Naeve et al., 2004). Edamame is easy and reliable to grow, but wait until weather warms before planting; cold and/or wet conditions prevent good germination. In spring, once weather is warm and night's stay securely above (13°C), sow in well-worked, fertile soil in full sun. The yielding ability of vegetable soybean may be affected by its sowing time due to adverse weather conditions and the number of pods, the green soybean yield decreased with delay in the sowing time (Nishioka and Okumura, 2008; Zhang et al., 2008). Sowing date is the variable with the largest effect on crop yield (Calvino et al., 2003a, b). Fine-tune management of soybean by sowing date is a good approach to enhance both crop yield and economic benefit. Effects of planting date on soybean yield and other traits varied at locations (Hoeft et al., 2000; Naeve et al., 2004). Environmental conditions associated with late sowing affect crop features related to the capture of radiation and portioning of crop resources. These include less vegetative growth (**Board** *et al.*, **1992**), shorter stems (**Boquet**, **1990**), lower reproductive nodes (**Board** *et al.*, **1999**), and shortening of the reproductive phases (**Kantolic and Slafer**, **2001**). The yielding ability of green soybean may be affected by its sowing time due to adverse weather conditions and the number of pods set; the green soybean yield decreased with delay in the sowing time (**Nishioka and Okumura**, **2008**; **Zhang** *et al.*, **2008**). Large pods containing many grains are considered to be of good quality. While variation in soybean planting date is expected to impact the pattern of soybean growth and development, very few reports have been examined in vegetable soybean.

The objective of this study was to examine the effect of different sowing dates on vegetative growth, yield, and yield components of two genotypes of soybean (Glycine max Merrill) under Egyptian conditions. The ultimate goal is produce vegetable soybean in the summer season to fill the deficit resulting from the absence of leguminous vegetables in the Egyptian markets.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Two field experiments were carried out during the summer season of 2017 and 2018 at Barrage Horticulture Research station of the Agricultural Research Center (A. R. C.), Qalubia Governorate, Egypt, to study the effect of sowing dates on plant growth characters, yield and its components, and the chemical composition of leaves and fresh seeds of two vegetable soybean cultivars (Edamame). The soil was clay loam with pH 8.28. The meteorological data during 2017 and 2018 prevailing at Qalubia governorate region were given in **Table (1)**.

| Montha | | Max. | Air temperature C° | Min. Air tem | perature C° |
|--------|-----------|------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Monuis | | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 |
| April | | 37.9 | 39.1 | 13.4 | 14.6 |
| May | | 45.1 | 45.8 | 16.9 | 17.1 |
| June | | 39.7 | 43.7 | 19.7 | 20.2 |
| July | | 41.9 | 41.4 | 17.6 | 15.9 |
| August | | 43.5 | 39.5 | 13.9 | 14.2 |
| | September | 38.9 | 39.7 | 15.7 | 14.9 |
| Mean | | 41.2 | 41.5 | 16.1 | 16.3 |

 Table (1). Maximum air temperature of Qalubia governorate region

 during the summer seasons of 2016 and 2017.

The treatments were as following

A. Sowing dates: 1st April, 1st May and 1st June

B. Two cultivars were tested in this experiment which were:

K173: Early maturing, full of antioxidants, sweeter than other varieties and great for eating fresh or freezing.

Royston Petrie: A variety that's early to mature and regularly produces pods with two to three beans.

The experimental design:-

These treatments were arranged in split plot design with three replicates in both seasons .Sowing dates were assigned at the main plots, while sub plots were devoted two vegetable soybean cultivars. Each experimental plot area was 9m2 where including of five ridges (3m length and 0.60m width). Seeds of both cvs were sowing at 10 cm apart on one side of ridge.

All agricultural practices for growing soybean were followed as recommended by the Ministry of agriculture for soybean as field crop because there are no present recommendations for it as vegetable crop under Egypt condition.

Data recorded:-

1. Vegetative growth characters

Five plants from each plot were randomly taken at seed sitting stage (65 days after sowing) in the two seasons and the following data were recorded.

1.1. Plant length (the length of main stem (cm).

1.2. Stem diameter (cm).

. 1.3. Number of branches per plant

1.4. Number of leaves per plant

1.5. Number of nods to first pod

1.6. Total leaf chlorophyll (at flowering stage) in the fourth upper leaf (three readings per leaf at different places) it was measured by using Minolta chlorophyll meter (SPAD-501) as SPAD units (Yadava 1986). -

2. Green pods yield and its components

A random sample of ten pods from each plot, were taken on marketable stage for green pods to determine.

- 2.1. Pods number of / plant
- 2.2. Average Pod length (cm)
- 2.3. Average Pod diameter (cm)
- 2.4. Average Pod weight (g)
- 2.5. Pods weight/plant (g)

2.6. Seeds weight/plant (g).

- 2.7. Net ratio of green pods.
- 2.8. Weight of 100 green seeds (g).

2.9. Total green pods yield (ton/fed).

Green pods of each plot were continuously harvested at suitable maturity stage, counted and weighted then Green pod (yield/ feddan) it was calculated as sum of all harvests per plot, then converted to (yield/ feddan).

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3- Green seed chemical analysis

The green seeds (were taken at 90days after sowing) dried at 70 °C in forced air oven for 72 hours, and then finely ground to determine the following chemical analysis.

-3.1.Total nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus on dry weight of vegetable soy bean green seeds so were determined on the basis of dry weight according to (Pregl 1945), (Brown and Lilleland 1946) and (Jackson 1967) respectively.

Total protein was calculated as multiplying nitrogen by 6.25

3.2. Total sugars were determined colorimetric according to the method described by (**Dubois et al. 1975**).

Statistical analysis

Data obtained were subjected to the proper analysis of variance (split plot design) as described by **Snedecor and Cochran (1980)** using 8 statistics. Averages between treatments were differentiated by using (L.S.D) at 5% level of probability.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1-Vegetative growth characters

Data presented in **Table (2)** illustrated that delay in sowing date (1st June) significantly excelled on some parameters of plant growth expressed as plant height, number of leaves and branches per plant compared to the others planting date. This could be mainly due to suitable temperature prevailing during growing period (**Table 1**). (**Cakmakci & Oral 2001**) reported that thermo period refers to daily temperature change; however, plants produce maximum growth when exposed to a day temperature that is about 10 to $15C^{\circ}$ higher than the night temperature. This allows the plant to photosynthesize (build up) and respire (break down) during an optimum daytime temperature, and to curtail the rate of respiration during night. On the other side different sowing dates did not significant differences in the obtained results of stem diameter, number of nods to first pod and leaf chlorophyll content.

Concerning the behavior of cultivars to sowing date, it is clear in **Table (2)** that the obtained growth parameters of plants differed among cultivars however, cv. K137 gave significantly longest plants and has much number of leaves per plant beside containing highest amount of chlorophyll in their leave than cv. Royeston petrie . While the other growth parameters i.e., number of branches per plant, stem diameter and number of nods did not significantly differences between **cultivars**. Many investigators supported our results such as (**Faris & Abd EL-Hakeem, 1992**), and (**Helal et al., 2006**) who reported that variation among cultivars could be attributed to the genetic factors.

Regarding the interaction between investigated cultivars and sowing date for vegetative growth recorded data in **Table (2)** showed

that the highest plant length number of leaves/ plant and number of branches/ plant were detected from K173cv. which sowing in the third date (1st June). Also the number of nods to first pod gave the highest value from K173 cv. in the second sowing date (1st May) but in the first season. While the chlorophyll content significantly increased as a result of sowing the Royston Petrie cv. in the first sowing date (1st April) in the first and the second seasons.

2. Green pods yield and its components

The results of green pod yield and its component are presented in **Table (3).** In general the first date (1st April) obtained the highest values on weight of 100green seeds and net ratio of green pods in both seasons. Meanwhile the second date (1st May) produced much number of pod per plant, pods weight per plant and total yield (ton/Fed). On the other hand late sowing date (1st June) gave the lowest values of all the above parameters. That means, the sowing date in first may is the best sowing date, and sowing date in June must be avoided due to reduction in yield and yield components. It clear that the difference in temperature (Table 1) and photoperiod length during different growth stages strongly influences the shape of soybean plant by bringing about a change in flowering and maturation time and dry matter production. Length of photoperiod strongly influences the morphology of soybean plant by causing change in the time of flowering, maturity and dry matter production. This leaned heavily on yield and yield components of vegetable soybean. These results agreed with (Woong and Yamakawa **2006**) who reported that the number of pods and seed per plant decreased as planting date delayed. on the other hand (Bastidas et al., 2008) found that yield was significantly affected by planting date. This result also, was in line with (Zhang, et al., 2010), and (Moosavi et al., 2011) who illustrated the importance of early sowing for maximizing the yield potential of soybean. From another point of view high temperature causes an increase in respiration, sometimes above the rate of photosynthesis. This means that the products of photosynthesis are being used more rapidly than they are being produced. For growth to occur, photosynthesis must be greater than respiration as happened in the third sowing date (1st June) causing a reduction in obtained

Regarding to the effect of cultivars data illustrated in **Table (3)** show clearly that the K173 cv. had a significant increase plant pods, the weight of plant pods, the weight of plant seeds, and total green pods yield (ton/Fed) in the first and the second seasons. On the other side the green pod weight and net ratio of green pods gave significant increase with Royston Petrie cv. in the second seasons. This is contrary to the results of (**Zhang, et al., 2010**) who found yield significantly increased among vegetable soybean varieties which because the genetic predisposition.

| Treatme | nts | Plant len | gth (cm) | No., of | Leaves | No., of I | Branches | Stem d | iameter m) | No., of nods to first pod | | Chlorophyll (SPAD) | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| | | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2^{nd} | 1 st | 2^{nd} | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | | |
| | | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | seasor | | |
| | | | | Sowir | ng date | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 st April | | 55.5 | 63.17 | 101.67 | 90.83 | 32.83 | 38.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 4.33 | 5.00 | 44.45 | 45.37 | | |
| 1 st May | | 48.0 | 55.5 | 92.00 | 90.00 | 30.50 | 36.33 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 3.67 | 4.67 | 42.97 | 42.20 | | |
| 1 st June | | 60.35 | 65.22 | 102.33 | 103.67 | 35.90 | 37.67 | 0.73 | 0.72 | 4.11 | 4.67 | 43.33 | 43.00 | | |
| L.S.D at 5 % | | 4.48 | 5.60 | 5.02 | N.S | 2.59 | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | | |
| | | | | Soy | bean | Cult | ivars | | | | | | | | |
| K | | 53.33 | 66.33 | 103.83 | 90.67 | 32.50 | 38.50 | 0.91 | 0.90 | 3.50 | 3.83 | 3.83 46.48 | | | |
| R | | 50.17 | 52.33 | 89.83 | 90.17 | 31.83 | 35.83 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 4.50 | 4.83 | 40.93 43.5 | | 40.93 | 43.55 |
| L.S.D at 5 % | | N.S | 2.96 | 4.14 | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | 0.65 | 0.53 | N.S | N.S | | |
| | | | | Inter | action | | | | | | | | | | |
| | к | 56.00 | 58.33 | 102.67 | 92.33 | 39.67 | 40.67 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 46.17 | 45.63 | | |
| First April | R | 55.00 | 56.00 | 81.33 | 87.67 | 33.00 | 34.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 4.33 | 4.67 | 48.73 | 46.77 | | |
| First May | К | 58.67 | 59.33 | 98.00 | 99.00 | 42.00 | 41.33 | 0.97 | 0.97 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 45.70 | 46.40 | | |
| | R | 49.33 | 56.67 | 94.33 | 92.67 | 33.00 | 34.67 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 4.67 | 4.67 | 44.23 | 44.33 | | |
| First June | К | 66.97 | 67.33 | 103.11 | 102.67 | 43.33 | 42.67 | 0.77 | 0.73 | 3.67 | 3.93 | 45.67 | 44.84 | | |
| | R | 64.33 | 63.67 | 98.95 | 99.33 | 38.87 | 39.33 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 4.83 | 4.33 | 44.33 | 45.22 | | |
| L.S.D at 5 % | • | 0.25 | 0.19 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.25 | 0.02 | N.S | N.S | 0.13 | N.S | N.S | N.S | | |

K = K173 cv. R = Royston Petrie

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| Treatments | | No., of pods/plant | | Pod length(cm) | | Pod diameter (cm) | | Average green pod weight (g) | | Average 100 green seeds weight (g) | | Total yield (ton/ Fed) | | green pods weight/plant (g) | | green seeds weight/plant (g) | | Net ratio of green pods (%) | |
|--------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|--|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2^{nd} | 1 st | 2^{nd} | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2^{nd} | 1 st | 2^{nd} | 1 st | 2 nd |
| | | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season | season |
| | | | | | | Sowing | g date | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| First April | | 85.50 | 85.83 | 5.03 | 5.05 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.92 | 18.65 | 17.95 | 5.77 | 5.79 | 84.63 | 78.37 | 44.48 | 42.42 | 52.58 | 54.15 |
| First May | | 99.00 | 91.67 | 5.25 | 4.97 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.92 | 16.76 | 16.66 | 6.39 | 6.36 | 96.40 | 84.03 | 44.85 | 41.26 | 46.61 | 48.75 |
| First June | | 67.33 | 66.83 | 4.30 | 4.22 | 0.73 | 0.72 | 0.84 | 0.82 | 15.88 | 15.57 | 4.70 | 4.67 | 56.83 | 55.03 | 18.45 | 17.72 | 32.29 | 32.03 |
| L.S.D at 5 % | | 3.02 | 1.36 | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | 0.75 | 0.63 | 0.30 | 0.27 | 3.43 | N.S | N.S | 1.43 | 1.67 | 2.08 |
| | Soybean | | | | | Cultivars | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| К | | 89.95 | 85.98 | 4.74 | 4.69 | 0.91 | 0.90 | 0.92 | 0.85 | 17.32 | 15.89 | 5.66 | 5.35 | 83.84 | 72.14 | 37.10 | 31.85 | 43.28 | 43.34 |
| R | | 78.48 | 73.33 | 4.98 | 4.80 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.9 5 | 0.93 | 16.88 | 17.16 | 4.64 | 4.47 | 74.74 | 72.61 | 34.75 | 35.75 | 44.37 | 46.61 |
| L.S.D at 5 % | | 1.85 | 2.11 | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | 0.03 | N.S | 0.72 | 0.24 | 0.12 | 6.52 | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | 0.44 |
| | | | | | | Intera | ction | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| First April | K | 93.33 | 94.33 | 5.00 | 4.87 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.95 | 0.83 | 18.42 | 18.55 | 5.30 | 6.79 | 88.70 | 78.62 | 46.44 | 41.13 | 52.36 | 52.30 |
| | R | 77.67 | 77.33 | 5.07 | 5.25 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.30 | 1.10 | 19.29 | 19.15 | 3.80 | 3.39 | 80.55 | 78.12 | 42.51 | 43.72 | 54.87 | 55.99 |
| First May | K | 105.3 | 91.00 | 4.83 | 4.90 | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.95 | 0.56 | 16.64 | 16.20 | 5.82 | 6.42 | 99.63 | 77.80 | 43.46 | 34.10 | 43.59 | 43.84 |
| | R | 92.67 | 92.33 | 5.67 | 5.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.07 | 0.98 | 17.38 | 17.27 | 4.56 | 4.50 | 93.18 | 90.26 | 46.24 | 48.41 | 49.62 | 53.67 |
| First June | K | 72.33 | 70.33 | 4.40 | 4.30 | 0.77 | 0.73 | 0.87 | 0.85 | 15.30 | 15.43 | 2.86 | 2.83 | 63.18 | 60.02 | 21.41 | 20.33 | 33.88 | 33.87 |
| | R | 62.33 | 63.33 | 4.20 | 4.13 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.81 | 0.79 | 16.27 | 16.47 | 2.55 | 2.50 | 50.48 | 50.04 | 15.5 | 15.10 | 30.70 | 30.18 |
| L.S.D at 5 % | | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | N.S | 0.57 | 0.87 | 1.31 | 2.07 | 1.93 | N.S | N.S | N.S | 1.11 | 1.24 |

 Table (3): Effect of the sowing dates and cultivars on Green pods yield and its components of vegetable soybean plants during the two seasons of 2017 and 2018.

K = K173 cv. R = Royston Petrie

| Treatments | N % | Ľ | Protein % | 0 | Р% | | К% | | Total sugars % | | |
|--------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | 1 st | 2 nd |
| | | season |
| | | | | Sowin | g date | • | • | | | | • |
| First April | 6.92 | 6.95 | 43.23 | 43.63 | 1.70 | 1.78 | 5.61 | 5.63 | 4.62 | 4.73 | |
| First May | | 6.87 | 6.93 | 42.92 | 43.34 | 1.85 | 1.93 | 5.73 | 5.62 | 4.87 | 4.88 |
| First June | | 6.77 | 6.73 | 42.30 | 42.30 | 1.74 | 1.72 | 5.51 | 5.51 | 4.45 | 4.50 |
| L.S.D at 5 % | | N.S | 0.13 | 0.11 |
| | | | | | Soybean | • | Cultivars | | | | |
| К | | 6.78 | 6.81 | 42.38 | 42.56 | 1.80 | 1.84 | 5.97 | 5.93 | 4.91 | 4.96 |
| R | | 6.99 | 6.98 | 43.69 | 43.63 | 1.72 | 1.78 | 5.26 | 5.24 | 4.41 | 4.56 |
| L.S.D at 5 % | | 0.1 | 0.09 | 0.67 | 0.87 | N.S | 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| | | | | | Interaction | • | | | | | |
| First April | K | 6.79 | 6.85 | 42.44 | 42.81 | 1.94 | 1.97 | 5.94 | 6.01 | 4.63 | 4.87 |
| | R | 6.97 | 7.00 | 43.56 | 43.75 | 1.46 | 1.59 | 5.28 | 5.26 | 4.40 | 4.50 |
| First May | K | 6.80 | 6.70 | 42.50 | 41.88 | 1.78 | 1.84 | 6.20 | 6.03 | 4.67 | 4.60 |
| | R | 6.93 | 7.00 | 43.31 | 43.75 | 1.93 | 2.01 | 5.26 | 5.21 | 4.47 | 4.57 |
| First June | K | 6.63 | 6.73 | 41.44 | 42.06 | 1.69 | 1.7 | 5.77 | 5.76 | 4.53 | 4.80 |
| | R | 6.90 | 6.83 | 43.13 | 42.69 | 1.78 | 1.74 | 5.25 | 5.25 | 4.37 | 4.60 |
| L.S.D at 5 % | | N.S |

 Table (4): Effect of the sowing dates and cultivars on N%, P%, K% and protein% and total sugars % on green seeds of soybean plants during the two seasons of 2017 and 2018.

K = K173 cv. R = Royston Petrie

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Concerning the interaction between sowing dates and the cultivars presented in **Table (2)**. The results elucidated that there were not significant differences among the interaction treatments in the first and the second seasons.

3. Chemical composition

Data in **Table** (4) indicated that the vegetable soybean plants grown in the second sowing date 1st May) gave significantly increased the total sugars content in green seeds in the both seasons. These results are in harmony with (Veronika Kim 2019) Biochemical analysis of vegetable soybeans showed that with the delay of sowing in later terms the content of the main components of the chemical composition slightly increases.

It is obvious from the data in **Table (4)** that the K173 cultivar had significant differences in% phosphorus and% Potassium contents in green seeds in both seasons except phosphorous content, it is not significant in the first season, it was not moral. Also the K173 cultivar gave the highest value of total sugars contents in green seeds in the both seasons this might be due to the protein and total sugars are negatively associated (**Hymowitz et al. 1972**), too much protein leads to a lack of sweetness, an important component of flavor. These results are generally in agreement with those reported by (**Saldivar** *et al.* **2011**) all edamame seed attributes measured. Significant differed among the varieties for changes in chemical soybean seed composition.

Results of **Table** (4) revealed that the statistical analysis of the data indicated that the interaction between sowing date and the vegetable soybean cultivars were not significant in the first and the second seasons.

CONCLUSION

The results from this study indicated that vegetable soybean could be successfully grown in Egypt. Growth and yield for the first of April and first of May planting dates were better than the first of June planting. Sowing date had a significant impact on marketable yield.

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دراسة عن افضل ميعاد لزراعة وانتاج فول الصويا الخضر تحت الظروف المصرية.

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أجريت تجربتين حقليتين فى الموسم الصيفى لعامى 2017 و2018 بمحطة بحوث البساتين بالقناطر الخيرية التابعة لمعهد بحوث البساتين – مركز البحوث الزراعية محافظة القليوبية وذلك لدراسة تأثير مواعيد الزراعة (الأول من ابريل – الأول من مايو – الأول من يونيه) على صنفين من أصناف الفول الصويا الخضر (كى 173 – روى – ستون) تحت ظروف الاراضى المصرية . صممت التجربة بطريقة القطع المنشقة مرة واحدة حيث كانت القطع الرئيسية هى مواعيد الزراعةوالقطع الشقية هى أصناف فول الصويا الخضر . وقد كانت النتائج كما يأتى:

أعطى الاول من يونية زيادة معنوية فى طول النبات فى الموسمين وعدد الاوراق/ نبات وعدد الأفرع/ نبات فى الموسم الأول فقط.وميعاد الاول من ابريل اعطى زيادة معنوية فى وزن 100 بذرة طازجة فى الموسم وزيادة معنوية فى % للتصافى فى الموسم الاول والثانى وقد اظهر الميعاد الثانى معنوية فى عدد القرون/ نبات والمحصول الكلى /فدان كما أعطى زيادة معنوية فى محتوى البذور من السكريات الكلية فى الموسمين. بالنسبة للاصناف: كان تأثيرالصنف (كى 173) معنوى فى طول النبات ومعنوية فى % للفسفور فى الموسم الثانى – كما أعطى معنوية فى عدد الأوراق / نبات فى الموسم الأول و معنوية فى عدد القرون/ نبات والمحصول الكلى للفدان و %للسكريات الكلية فى موسمى الزراعة. بينما كان الصنف (روى – ستون) الاقضل فى رقم عقدة اول قرن فى الموسمين واعطى معنوية للوزن الطازج ل100 بذرة نسبة التصافى فى الموسم الثانى كما أعطى زيادة معنوية فى كلا من % للنتروجين و % للبروتين فى البذور الخضراء في موسمى الزراعة .

بالنسبة للتفاعل بين مواعيد الزراعة والاصناف فقد اظهرت النتائج أن الميعاد الثالث (الاول من يونية) مع الصنف (كى 173) اعطى زيادة معنوية فى طول النبات و عددالاوراق/نبات وعدد الافرع/ نبات وقطر الساق فى موسمى الزراعة واعطى الميعاد الثانى (الاول من مايو) مع نفس الصنف (كى 173) زيادة معنوية فى عدد القرون/ نبات والمحصول الكلى للفدان فى موسمى الزراعة. فى حين أعطى الميعاد الاول مع الصنف (روى-ستون) معنوية فى الوزن الطازج ل100 بذرة و % وذلك فى الموسم الاول والثانى وكان هناك معنوية فى رقم عقدة اول قرن مع الميعاد الثالث فى الموسم الاول. وكانت نتائج التفاعل بين مواعيد الزراعة واصناف الفول الصويا الخضر غير معنوية بالنسبة للتقديرات الكيميائية فى الموسم الاول والثانى.