

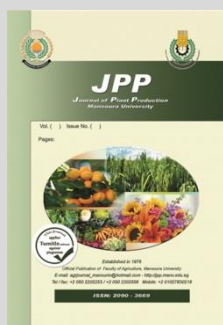
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Evaluation of New Promising Rice Lines Under Water Deficit Conditions Based on Grain Yield, Quality and Stress Tolerance Indices

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ABSTRACT

Two field experiments were carried out at the Experimental Farm of Sakha Agricultural Research Station during 2019 and 2020 growing seasons, to evaluate 21 rice genotypes (18 new promising lines and three commercial check varieties) for grain yield, yield components and quality characters under normal and water deficit conditions. Moreover, eight stress tolerance indices were calculated based on grain yield under water deficit and normal conditions to differentiate the water deficit tolerant genotypes from sensitive ones. The results showed that the variances due to years, environments, genotypes and their interactions were significant for most studied traits. All mean values of the studied traits decreased under water deficit stress condition compared to those under normal condition. The earliest genotypes were L4, L15 and L12 under normal condition. Whereas under stress condition L11, Giza 179 and Sakha 107 were the earliest ones. The most desirable mean values towards dwarfness were recorded by the lines L1 and L9. While, L13 and L2 had the highest mean values towards tallness. Moreover, Line 2 recorded the most desirable estimates for grain quality characters across all environments. The lines L14, L12 and L3 gave the highest grain yield and stress tolerance index (STI), while L6 displayed the lowest grain yield and STI. Moreover, the results indicated that harmonic mean (HM) and yield index (YI) indices gave similar ranks for these lines which considered as water deficit tolerant genotypes. Accordingly, these lines could be used in breeding programs to transmit tolerance genes to commercial cultivars for reduced irrigation.

Keywords: Rice, promising lines, water deficit, grain quality, stress tolerance indices

INTRODUCTION

Rice is one of the most important food crops that feed millions of people around the world (Tiwari *et al.*, 2021). Rice is grown in many different regions of the world. In Egypt, rice is of particular importance, as it is the second most important economic crop after wheat, and it is widely accepted by farmers due to its economic importance as well as its nutritional importance. The world is now going through great changes in climatic conditions, as well as in the amount of available water, as the amount of water available for irrigation has begun to decrease in many regions of the world, which led to a change in the agricultural systems used by farmers to face this shortage (Yang *et al.*, 2019). Water deficit can be defined as the absence of adequate moisture necessary for a plant to grow normally and complete its life cycle. The lack of adequate moisture leading to water deficit is a common occurrence in rainfed areas, brought about by infrequent rains and poor irrigation. Drought is one of the most severe abiotic factors limiting rice productivity in rainfed agriculture (Wu and Cheng, 2014). Rosales *et al.*, (2012) reported that reduction in water availability for plants results in a complex response characterized by a decrease in the water potential of its tissues, leading to several changes in different plant processes. O'Connell (2017) showed that the effects of drought in agriculture are aggravated due to the depletion of water resources and the increased food demand from an alarming world population growth. As well as Passioura and Angus (2010), Devincentis (2020), Daryanto *et al.*,

(2020) and Salehi-Lisar *et al.*, (2020) indicated that the unpredictable nature of the drought is dependent upon various factors such as uneven and undependable distribution of rainfall, evapotranspiration, and water holding capacity around the rhizosphere. Moreover, in some cases plants are unable to uptake water from the soil, even though enough moisture is present in the root zone, a phenomenon known as physiological drought or pseudo-drought.

Quality of rice is an important criterion for the choice and demand by rice consumers and it is determined by physicochemical parameters, White and translucent grains are more preference by rice consumer (Amaka *et al.*, 2014). The economic value of rice in the market depends upon its cooking and processing quality, which can be measured in terms of optimum cooking time, water uptake ratio, grain elongation, swelling index (Ekka *et al.*, 2016). Amylose content is an important because it has a marked effect on the cooking, palatability characteristics, softness and stickiness of cooked rice (Kaur *et al.*, 2017).

Drought tolerance breeding has a major priority in the Egyptian rice breeding programme to minimize water requirements and developing and releasing new rice varieties appropriate for water deficit conditions. Therefore, the objectives of this study were to (1) evaluate the performance of some new promising lines for grain yield, its components and quality characters under normal and water deficit conditions, (2) identify the water deficit

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tolerant genotypes based on several stress tolerance indices for using it in future breeding programs.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were conducted at the Experimental Farm of Sakha Agricultural Research Station, Kafr EL-Sheikh, Egypt, during 2019 and 2020 growing seasons. The plant materials consisted of 18 promising lines selected from the Fn generation of three crosses, in addition to three commercial Egyptian varieties of rice, which are tolerant to drought; Giza178, Giza179, and Sakha 107. The chosen crosses were produced from hybridization between Giza 178 × WAB880-1-32-1-2-P1-HB, GZ6296-12-1-2-1×IRAT170 (9 Fn genotypes) and IET1444×IRAT170 (8 Fn genotypes). Pedigree selection methods in segregated generation from F₂ to F₆ were used after hybridization to ensure their stability. The name, code and parentage of the studied genotypes are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Name, code and parentage of the studied rice genotypes.

Code	Parentage
L1	Giza 178/ WAB 880-1-32-1-2-P1-HB
L2	GZ6296-12-1-2-1 / IRAT 170-1
L3	GZ6296-12-1-2-1 / IRAT 170-2
L4	GZ6296-12-1-2-1 / IRAT 170-3
L5	GZ6296-12-2-1-1/ IRAT 170-4
L6	GZ6296-12-2-1-1/ IRAT 170-5
L7	GZ6296-12-2-1-1/ IRAT 170-6
L8	GZ6296-12-2-1-1/ IRAT 170-7
L9	GZ6296-12-2-1-1/ IRAT 170-8
L10	GZ6296-12-2-1-1/ IRAT 170-9
L11	IET 1444 / IRAT 170-1
L12	IET 1444 / IRAT 170-2
L13	IET 1444 / IRAT 170-3
L14	IET 1444 / IRAT 170-4
L15	IET1444// IRAT 170-5
L16	IET1444// IRAT 170-6
L17	IET1444// IRAT 170-7
L18	IET1444// IRAT 170-8
Giza 178	Giza175/ Milyang 49
Giza 179	GZ 1368-S-5-4/ GZ 6296-12-1-2-1-1
Sakha 107	Giza177/ BL1

All selected rice genotypes (18 advanced lines and the three checks) were grown under full irrigated (normal 5500 m³) and water deficit conditions (flash irrigation every 12 days 3500 m³) in separated experiments using randomized complete block design (RCBD) with three replications. Each genotype was planted in seven rows per replicate using direct seeding method (dry seeds were sown in dry soil). Each row was 5.0 m long with the spacing of 20 × 20 cm among rows and hills. All cultural practices were applied as recommended by Recommendations of Rice Research and Training Center (RRTC). Soil samples were collected from the experimental site at a depth of 0 to 25 cm from soil surface before cultivation to study the soil mechanical and chemical properties of the experimental site according to Piper (1950). The mechanical and chemical analyses of the soil are presented in Table 2. The monthly maximum and minimum temperatures during the 2019 and 2020 growing season are presented in Table 3.

Table 2. Soil mechanical and chemical properties of the experimental site

Soil characteristics	Season	
	2019	2020
Soil texture (%)	Clayey	Clayey
Clay %	57.00	55.00
Sand %	12.00	12.00
Silt %	31.00	33.00
pH (1: 2.5 water suspension)	8.12	8.17
EC (dSm ⁻¹)	3.09	2.98
Organic matter	1.34	1.39
Total N (ppm)	585.60	580
Available P (ppm)	5.70	5.65
Exchangeable K (ppm)	440.50	441
Cations (meq/L.)		
Ca ⁺⁺	6.30	6.22
Mg ⁺⁺	4.40	4.25
Na ⁺	19.13	19
K ⁺	1.40	1.25
Anions (meq/L.)		
HCO ₃ ⁻	6.50	6.00
Cl ⁻	8.80	8.15
SO ₄ ⁻	15.63	15.00
CO ₃ ⁻	--	--
Available micronutrients (ppm)		
Fe	6.00	6.03
Mn	3.70	3.41
Zn	1.00	1.05

Table 3. The monthly maximum and minimum temperature (°C) as well as relative humidity (%) at Sakha Agricultural Research Station during 2019 and 2020 growing seasons.

Month	Sakha Agricultural Research Station					
	Air Temperature		RH %	Air Temperature		RH %
	2019			2020		
	Max	Min	Max	Min		
May	31.9	25.4	76.4	32.0	23.8	68.9
June	33.1	28.0	81.5	31.1	25.2	78.0
July	33.5	28.4	85.2	33.7	27.3	84.2
August	34.2	28.9	85.7	34.6	28.2	85.3
September	32.4	27.9	83.4	34.6	27.1	86.7
October	30.2	26.7	87.3	31.5	24.6	84.8

Data collection

A. Agronomic characters

Days to heading (day), plant height (cm), number of tillers plant⁻¹, number of panicle plant⁻¹, panicle weight (g), panicle length (cm), fertility %, 1000- grain weight (g) and grain yield m⁻² (g) were measured according to Standard Evaluation System for Rice (IRRI 2002).

B. Grain quality characteristics

1- Hulling %

Duplicate 150 grams of rough rice from each variety were used for hulling percentage determination. It was calculated according to Khush *et al.*, (1979) as follows:

$$\text{Hulling \%} = \frac{\text{Brown rice weight (g)}}{\text{Total rough rice weight (g)}} \times 100$$

2- Milling%

The objective of the rice milling is to remove the bran and germ with the minimum endosperm breakage. It was also determined on the basis of Ghosh *et al.*, (1971) as follows:

$$\text{Milling \%} = \frac{\text{Total milled rice weight (g)}}{\text{Total rough rice weight (g)}} \times 100$$

3- Head rice %

The whole grains (head rice) were separated according to the broken size (less than 1/4th of grain

length) with rice-sizing device and then weighted. Head rice percentage was determined as follows:

$$\text{Head rice \%} = \frac{\text{Weight of head rice (g)}}{\text{Rough rice weight (g)}} \times 100$$

4- Gelatinization temperature (GT)

Such alkali spreading and clearing of starchy endosperm represented the GT which was visually rated on 7- point numerical scale adopted by Little *et al.*, (1958) scale.

5- Grain elongation of cooked rice

The length of cooked grains was measured in millimeters. Average length of row and cooked grains was calculated. The proportionate change (PC) in L/W ratio was calculated according Sood *et al.*, (1980).

6- Amylose content

Amylose content % was determined according to the methods of Williams *et al.*, (1958).

7- Grain shape

Grain size (length and width) was taken from 10 normal grains of each plot using a Micrometer. The length/width ratio (grain shape) was calculated from these values and the following scale as suggested Khush *et al.*, (1979).

Tolerance indices

Eight drought tolerance indices including mean productivity (MP), stress tolerance index (STI), geometric mean productivity (GMP), tolerance index (TOL), stress susceptibility index (SSI), harmonic mean (HM), yield index (YI) and yield stability index (YSI) were estimated for each genotype based on grain yield under stress (Ys) and non-stress (Yp) conditions. Names, equations and references of these indices are presented in Table 4.

Table 4. Drought tolerance indices used in the present study.

Drought tolerance indices	Equation	Reference
Stress Susceptibility Index (SSI)	SSI = 1 - (Ys / Yp) / SI, while SI = 1 - (Ŷs / Ŷp)	Fischer and Maurer (1978)
Geometric Mean Productivity (GMP)	GMP = (Yp × Ys) ^{0.5}	Fernandez (1992) and Kristin <i>et al.</i> (1997)
Mean Productivity (MP)	MP = (Ys + Yp) / 2	Rosielle and Hambling (1981)
Harmonic Mean (HM)	HM = 2(Yp * Ys) / (Yp + Ys)	Jafari <i>et al.</i> (2009)
Tolerance Index (TOL)	TOL = (Yp - Ys)	Rosielle and Hambling (1981)
Stress Tolerance Index (STI)	STI = (Yp * Ys) / (Ŷp) ²	Fernandez (1992)
Yield Index (YI)	YI = Ys / Ŷs	Gavuzzi <i>et al.</i> (1997)
Yield Stability Index (YSI)	YSI = Ys / Yp	Bouslama and Schapaugh (1984)

Data Analysis

Combined analysis of variance (ANOVA) was calculated according to Gomez and Gomez (1984) after testing the homogeneity of variance over the two years. Least significant difference (LSD) test was used to classify the significant differences between the proper items at probability level of 0.05 and 0.01.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Analysis of variance

The analysis of variance (Table 5) showed that the mean squares due to years were not significant for all the studied traits, except for plant height and milled grain shape, which reflects unconsidered variations between the two years for these traits. Environments (E) mean squares were found to be highly significant for all studied characters, indicating that the performances of these genotypes differed from normal to stress conditions. These results agree with those obtained by Abd Allah *et al.*, (2010), Aboukhadrah *et al.*, (2015) and Ghazy *et al.*, (2021).

Mean squares due to genotypes (G) were significant for all studied traits. This indicates the wide diversity among the genetic materials used in the present study. Mean squares due to genotypes × environments (G × E) interactions were significant for all studied traits, suggesting that the tested genotypes varied from one environment to another and ranked differently from normal to stress conditions. Similar findings were reported by Raman *et al.*, (2012), Kamarudin *et al.*, (2018) and Yang *et al.*, (2019).

Genotypes × years (G × Y) interaction mean squares were significant only for plant height, fertility %, 1000-grain weight, hulling%, head rice%, elongation, paddy grain shape and milled grain shape. This indicates that the ranks of the evaluated genotypes changed across years for these traits. Mean squares due to genotypes × environments × years (G × E × Y) interactions were not significant for all the studied traits, except fertility %, head rice%, elongation and milled grain shape indicating that the performance of each genotype in one environment will be changed from one year to another.

Table 5. Combined analysis of variance of all the studied traits across years, environments and genotypes.

S.O.V.	df	Days to heading	Plant height (cm)	Number of panicles	Panicle length (cm)	Panicle weight (g)	Fertility %	1000- grain weight (g)	Grain yield (g/ m ²)
Years (Y)	1	0.32	82.01*	0.68	0.86	0.36	0.26	0.14	10.94
Rep/Y	4	6.26	10.18	6.79	7.31	0.23	2.55	1.56	839.88
Environments (E)	1	1452.48**	33321.48**	3936.57**	2088.98**	469.12**	15105.85**	1238.27**	26704345.72**
Y × E	1	0.05	18.22	2.68	9.62	0.01	6.41	5.50*	23.22
Error a	4	4.55	6.35	4.89	5.33	0.13	1.43	0.63	428.09
Genotypes (G)	20	275.45**	766.50**	5.42**	35.46**	1.89**	139.34**	45.23**	15385.25**
G × Y	20	1.57	10.96*	1.68	0.53	0.11	2.26*	1.13**	410.98
G × E	20	97.38**	293.41**	3.03*	10.89**	0.86**	69.17**	11.45**	8341.20**
G × Y × E	20	1.4	9.9	1.27	0.63	0.11	3.28**	0.51	100
Pooled Error (Eb)	160	1.66	6.06	1.73	1.99	0.12	1.33	0.52	419.61

Table 5. Continued.

S.O.V.	df	Hulling (%)	Milling (%)	Head rice (%)	Gelatinization temperature	Amylose content %	Elongation %	Grain Shape (paddy)	Grain Shape (milled)
Years (Y)	1	21.62	0.95	40.5	0.57	0.53	0.21	0.04	0.21*
Rep/Y	4	8.57	23.6	51.99	0.67	1.13	17.01	0.02	0.01
Environments (E)	1	1086.43**	1584.87**	1431.95**	26.68**	354.79**	946.72**	0.31*	0.01
Y × E	1	12.12	1.82	5.41	0.02	1.51	22.35	0	0.01
Error a	4	1.87	3.16	11.96	0.44	0.46	9.61	0.02	0.01
Genotypes (G)	20	55.67**	79.09**	115.68**	43.80**	4.75**	221.12**	0.36**	0.18**
G × Y	20	2.70*	3.54	14.81**	0.29	0.23	21.97**	0	0.03**
G × E	20	41.11**	46.48**	98.03**	11.70**	1.24**	116.00**	0.15**	0.05**
G × Y × E	20	2.33	4.1	17.23**	0.3	0.13	16.24**	0	0.03**
Pooled Error (Eb)	160	1.56	2.91	4.86	0.42	0.41	5.5	0.01	0.005

*, **Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 levels of probability, respectively

Interaction Effects

Means of the studied traits under normal and water deficit conditions across the two years are presented in Table 6. It is noteworthy that the mean values of all studied characters under normal irrigation were higher than those recorded under water deficit conditions, except elongation trait. These results are in good agreement with those reported by Abd Allah *et al.*, (2010), Sedeek *et al.*, (2012), Abd EL-Aty *et al.*, (2017), Elgamal *et al.*, (2018) and Mumtaz *et al.*, (2020).

Data in Table 6 indicated that the earliest genotypes were L4, L15 and L12 under normal conditions, whereas under stress conditions the earliest genotypes were L11, Giza 179 and Sakha 107. In contrast, latest genotypes were L9 and L10 under normal and stress conditions, respectively. For plant height, the shortest plants were obtained by L2 and Giza 179 while the tallest ones were given by the lines L2 and L 13 under normal conditions.

However, under stress conditions the shortest plants were obtained by the lines L1 and L15, while the tallest ones were recorded by L5 and L11. It is clear that plant height significantly decreased under water deficit conditions compared with normal conditions for all the tested genotypes. The reduction of stem elongation in rice plants could be considered as a tolerance mechanism, since it reduces the plant demand for water (Fischer *et al.*, 2003 and Chaves *et al.*, 2009). Number of panicles per plant was the highest in Giza 178, L4 and L3 under normal conditions, while under stress conditions the highest mean values were observed in the three check varieties Giza 179, Giza 178 and Sakha 107. Regarding panicle length, the line L3 and L12 under normal conditions as well as the lines L4 and L11 under stress conditions recorded the highest mean values for this trait. The highest mean values for panicle weight was recorded by the lines L11 and L3 under normal conditions as well as L12 and L 15 under stress conditions. Similarly, the highest desirable mean values for fertility percentage were exhibited by the genotypes L11 and L4 under normal conditions, and the check varieties Sakha 107 and Giza 179 under stress conditions. Likewise, the lines L17 and L18 recorded the heaviest 1000-grain weight under normal and water deficit conditions, respectively. Grain yield differed significantly by irrigation treatments. It varied between 948 to 1120 g under normal conditions, and 329.5 to 490 g under water deficit conditions. The lines L9 and L6 exhibited the lowest values under normal

and water deficit conditions, respectively. While L12 and L14 showed the highest values under both conditions. Generally, the results indicated that grain yield and its components significantly reduced under water deficit conditions compared to normal conditions. Similar findings were reported by Pantuwan *et al.*, (2002), Kamoshita *et al.*, (2004), Botwright *et al.*, (2008) and Gaballah *et al.*, (2021).

They found that water deficit at vegetative growth especially at booting stage and flowering stage cause spikelet sterility and poor grain filling resulting in lower grain weight and ultimately reduced rice grain yield.

Regarding hulling %, the genotypes L18 and the three check varieties; Giza 179, Giza 178 and Sakha 107 exhibited the highest mean values while, Lines L1 and L2 showed the lowest ones for this trait under both normal and stress conditions. Concerning milling %, the lines L2 and L7 under normal conditions as well as the lines L1 and L17 under water deficit conditions showed the highest mean values. The highest desirable mean values for head rice percentage were assigned for L2, Giza 178 and Sakha 107 under normal conditions. While, the lines L12, L2 and L1 presented the highest values under stress conditions. With respect to gelatinization temperature, the lowest mean values were obtained by the lines L12, L18 and L11 while the highest ones were detected by L6, Giza 178 and Sakha 107 under normal conditions. However, under stress conditions the lowest means were obtained by L1, L10 and L15, while the highest ones were recorded by the lines L14, L13 and L10. For amylose content %, the lines L6 and L7 had the highest values, while L2 had the lowest mean values under both conditions. Liu *et al.*, (2010) and Wang *et al.*, (2014) reported that amylose content in rice grains reduced under drought stress which is in accordance with our results.

The lowest values of elongation trait were exhibited by L4 and L17 and the highest values were shown by L8 and L11 under normal and stress conditions, respectively.

The line L13 gave the highest values for paddy and milled rice grain shape under normal conditions, while under stress conditions the lines L14 and L15 recorded the highest values for paddy and milled rice grains, respectively. In general water deficit treatment significantly reduced hulling %, milling %, head rice %, amylose content %, gelatinization temperature and grain shape. These results confirm that reported by Rayee *et al.*, (2021).

Table 7. Continued.

Genotype	Hulling %				Milling %				Head Rice%				Gelatinization temperature (GT)			
	2019		2020		2019		2020		2019		2020		2019		2020	
	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S
L1	80.11	79.19	79.77	79.00	71.55	70.73	71.22	69.33	60.22	58.78	61.77	60.44	5.67	1.67	4.67	1.33
L2	81.00	78.50	81.22	77.55	73.89	68.86	73.77	67.78	64.00	58.12	68.29	61.33	6.67	5.67	6.33	5.67
L3	82.00	78.67	82.92	79.44	72.33	67.20	72.22	68.89	61.78	58.50	64.40	60.66	5.67	4.33	5.33	4.33
L4	82.00	74.67	79.55	74.44	71.00	65.22	70.41	63.96	60.22	49.67	60.88	46.22	5.67	5.67	5.67	5.33
L5	79.89	76.67	79.63	75.77	69.67	62.86	68.89	64.89	57.33	55.00	56.85	57.33	5.67	1.67	6.33	1.67
L6	82.44	79.74	81.77	78.33	72.67	69.07	71.49	68.33	59.22	56.67	61.26	58.89	6.67	5.67	6.67	5.67
L7	81.89	76.67	81.49	75.78	72.22	62.85	75.15	65.00	58.89	50.33	65.83	50.18	6.00	7.00	6.00	6.33
L8	81.55	78.67	81.70	78.00	71.33	67.59	70.52	68.00	61.00	55.66	62.11	61.79	1.67	7.67	1.67	7.67
L9	79.44	78.75	79.97	78.55	68.44	69.05	69.71	68.77	54.67	57.29	49.00	60.52	5.67	5.67	5.67	5.67
L10	78.00	74.66	76.04	72.11	65.67	61.57	63.88	62.67	53.00	53.11	47.67	51.33	6.33	6.00	5.33	5.67
L11	79.89	64.00	81.33	58.67	69.44	52.00	71.74	50.67	58.00	43.67	62.07	43.00	1.33	1.67	2.00	1.67
L12	81.22	78.67	81.33	78.22	70.89	68.37	71.96	67.44	59.00	58.67	58.73	61.22	1.67	1.67	1.33	1.67
L13	80.44	77.00	81.15	76.89	70.55	65.16	70.82	65.85	59.22	54.85	63.25	54.00	1.67	2.00	2.67	1.33
L14	80.67	76.33	81.08	77.89	69.33	63.27	70.88	67.89	58.00	53.00	60.65	52.88	2.67	1.33	2.67	1.67
L15	80.33	77.00	80.07	76.11	69.89	64.78	70.96	64.22	58.00	56.33	56.89	53.66	2.00	1.33	2.33	1.67
L16	80.33	77.22	80.15	78.00	69.78	68.61	71.29	67.55	58.00	55.00	64.96	56.11	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.33
L17	81.22	79.67	80.08	76.55	70.66	71.55	72.52	66.67	58.89	58.96	63.52	51.22	5.00	1.67	3.67	1.67
L18	78.33	75.17	78.19	72.79	66.11	62.61	65.11	63.28	53.00	54.55	50.07	54.05	1.67	1.67	1.33	1.33
Giza 178	81.99	76.67	80.55	74.55	70.86	62.33	70.78	63.00	66.00	52.67	65.33	54.67	6.67	5.33	6.67	5.67
Giza 179	79.44	78.33	81.50	77.29	72.66	67.33	72.33	66.33	61.88	54.67	63.00	57.89	6.33	5.00	6.67	4.67
Sakha 107	80.70	78.67	80.31	77.44	70.85	67.00	70.29	66.53	65.13	56.00	61.89	54.78	6.67	5.33	6.67	5.33
LSD 0.05			NS				2.75					3.55				NS
LSD 0.01			NS				3.63					4.69				NS

Table 7. Continued.

Genotype	Amylose content %				Elongation %				Grain Shape (paddy)				Grain Shape (milled)			
	2019		2020		2019		2020		2019		2020		2019		2020	
	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S
L1	17.63	16.13	17.6	15.23	33.00	38.67	31.52	35.53	2.49	2.32	2.5	2.32	2.08	1.94	2.2	2.00
L2	16.61	14.83	17.04	15.1	37.11	35.72	40.26	54.13	2.26	2.36	2.25	2.36	1.88	2.00	1.9	1.94
L3	18.31	15.71	18.33	15.67	40.13	43.68	35.89	44.53	2.5	2.63	2.43	2.63	2.22	2.12	2.24	2.28
L4	18.14	15.82	18.52	15.06	30.85	39.03	33.61	38.33	2.45	2.36	2.45	2.36	1.98	1.95	1.98	1.88
L5	17.94	16.46	17.98	16.17	37.04	42.16	36.76	39.52	2.58	2.3	2.57	2.3	2.03	1.81	1.99	2.24
L6	20.01	17.21	20.01	16.58	38.33	48.65	37.61	45.65	2.18	2.32	2.21	2.32	1.84	1.9	1.97	1.83
L7	19.16	16.94	19.5	16.55	39.73	44.25	41.91	42.53	2.33	2.44	2.29	2.44	1.9	2.03	2.05	2.05
L8	18.4	15.84	18.24	15.43	48.04	48.61	46.34	50.05	2.31	2.47	2.28	2.47	1.89	1.98	2.2	2.03
L9	19.11	16.78	18.79	16.92	40.94	36.54	43.03	34.9	2.29	2.25	2.51	2.25	2.06	1.84	2.02	2.00
L10	19.68	16.52	19.55	16.34	40.33	35.6	40.78	37.94	2.29	2.56	2.31	2.56	1.93	1.91	2.1	1.93
L11	17.05	15.96	16.77	15.88	40.26	61.79	40.75	60.0	2.59	2.75	2.44	2.75	2.07	2.18	2.31	2.15
L12	17.51	15.81	17.76	15.78	42.00	35.89	37.71	36.01	2.67	2.85	2.8	2.85	2.1	2.16	2.03	2.13
L13	17.98	15.65	17.99	15.52	40.33	47.9	36.4	48.56	2.83	2.48	2.68	2.48	2.4	2.16	2.4	1.8
L14	17.15	15.27	17.6	15.76	47.76	40.26	42.89	42.67	2.68	2.96	2.67	2.96	2.13	2.26	2.19	2.24
L15	18.5	15.16	18.37	15.22	40.00	50.25	38.82	49.33	2.53	2.63	2.49	2.63	2.01	2.3	2.33	2.3
L16	18.89	15.37	18.97	15.24	43.67	49.36	40.26	51.58	2.36	2.8	2.39	2.8	1.85	1.96	1.92	1.97
L17	18.1	16.23	18.11	15.75	37.67	34.75	35.87	33.87	2.48	2.33	2.48	2.33	2.00	1.97	2.21	2.17
L18	19.11	16.59	19.17	15.8	35.86	38.00	37.29	38.52	2.66	2.84	2.63	2.84	2.29	2.13	2.25	2.35
Giza 178	17.6	15.6	17.85	15.88	33.67	41.45	34.67	40.57	2.48	2.93	2.47	2.93	1.99	1.89	1.95	2.16
Giza 179	18.17	16.37	18.75	16.19	38.00	40.18	38.00	39.77	2.36	2.48	2.37	2.48	1.86	2.04	1.8	2.09
Sakha 107	18.84	17.07	18.35	16.06	44.00	44.88	44.67	44.96	2.38	2.07	2.4	2.07	1.88	1.88	1.84	1.76
LSD 0.05			1.03				3.78					0.16				0.11
LSD 0.01			1.36				4.99					0.21				0.15

Tolerance indices

To investigate water deficit resistance indices for screening of rice genotypes under normal and water deficit condition during 2019 and 2020 growing seasons, grains yield m⁻² were used for calculating different sensitivity and tolerance indices (Table 8). A suitable index must correlate to any measured parameter under both tested conditions as reported by Farshadfar *et al.*, (2013). Grain yield across

genotypes exhibited significant differences between stress and normal irrigation conditions. The differences varied among rice genotypes (Table 8). The highest grain yield was given by L12 and L14 under normal and water stress conditions. The lowest grain yield under normal and water deficit conditions was shown by L9 and L6, respectively. Variations among the genotypes are in agreement with results of who reported that grain yield varied considerably

from adequate to stress conditions and that genotypes had a high yield under adequate environment.

Based on the stress tolerance index (STI) and grain yield, L14 and L12 were drought tolerant with the highest STI and grain yield, while L6 displayed the lowest STI and grain yield. In general, similar ranks for the genotypes were observed by harmonic mean (HM) and yield index (YI), which suggests that these three parameters are equal

for screening tolerant genotypes (Mevlut and Sait 2011). Moreover, L12 showed the highest MP, L14 recorded the highest HM, STI as well as GMP as compared with other genotypes suggesting more stress tolerance. Hence, these lines could be recommended for using under shortage water conditions. Moreover, it can be used in rice breeding program to transmit stress tolerance genes to the commercial varieties.

Table 8. Tolerance indices of grain yield m⁻² measured for 21 rice genotypes cultivated under adequate and stress environments.

Genotypes	Grain yield/ m ²		Tolerance indices							
	N	S	TOL	MP	HM	GMP	SSI	STI	YI	YSI
2019 season										
L1	1089.33	456.67	632.67	773	643.55	705.31	0.96	0.43	1.08	0.42
L2	1042.67	480.67	562.0	761.67	658	707.94	0.89	0.44	1.14	0.46
L3	1108.67	471.67	637.0	790.17	661.79	723.13	0.95	0.45	1.12	0.43
L4	1051.67	442.0	609.67	746.83	622.41	681.79	0.95	0.4	1.05	0.42
L5	1070.67	397.0	673.67	733.83	579.23	651.96	1.04	0.37	0.94	0.37
L6	1034.0	318.67	715.33	676.33	487.19	574.02	1.14	0.29	0.76	0.31
L7	1101.67	383.33	718.33	742.5	568.76	649.85	1.07	0.37	0.91	0.35
L8	1050.33	391.33	659.0	720.83	570.22	641.12	1.03	0.36	0.93	0.37
L9	959.33	398.0	561.33	678.67	562.6	617.91	0.96	0.33	0.95	0.42
L10	1104.67	333.67	771.0	719.17	512.52	607.12	1.15	0.32	0.79	0.3
L11	1106.0	454.0	652.0	780.0	643.75	708.61	0.97	0.44	1.08	0.41
L12	1129.67	494.33	635.33	812.0	687.72	747.28	0.93	0.49	1.17	0.44
L13	1090.33	441.33	649.0	765.83	628.34	693.69	0.98	0.42	1.05	0.41
L14	1122.33	498.67	623.67	810.5	690.52	748.11	0.91	0.49	1.18	0.44
L15	1081.33	462.67	618.67	772.0	648.05	707.32	0.94	0.43	1.1	0.43
L16	1082.33	399.67	682.67	741.0	583.77	657.7	1.04	0.38	0.95	0.37
L17	1077.33	456.33	621.0	766.83	641.11	701.16	0.95	0.43	1.08	0.42
L18	1061.0	440.33	620.67	750.67	622.37	683.52	0.96	0.41	1.04	0.42
Giza178	1055.0	354.0	701.0	704.5	530.12	611.12	1.09	0.32	0.84	0.34
Giza179	1083.0	381.67	701.33	732.33	564.42	642.92	1.07	0.36	0.91	0.35
Sakha107	1025.67	386.0	639.67	705.83	560.91	629.21	1.03	0.34	0.92	0.38
Mean	1072.71	421.04								
2020 season										
L1	1084.33	458.67	625.67	771.5	644.65	705.23	0.95	0.43	1.09	0.42
L2	1047.0	475.67	571.33	761.33	654.15	705.71	0.89	0.43	1.12	0.45
L3	1105.67	466.67	639.0	786.17	656.32	718.32	0.95	0.45	1.1	0.42
L4	1051.67	441.67	610.0	746.67	622.08	681.53	0.95	0.4	1.04	0.42
L5	1081.67	389.33	692.33	735.5	572.57	648.94	1.05	0.37	0.92	0.36
L6	1051.67	340.33	711.33	696.0	514.25	598.26	1.11	0.31	0.81	0.32
L7	1106.33	365	741.33	735.67	548.91	635.46	1.1	0.35	0.87	0.33
L8	1043.0	389.33	653.67	716.17	567.01	637.24	1.03	0.35	0.92	0.37
L9	936.67	390.33	546.33	663.5	551.04	604.66	0.96	0.32	0.93	0.42
L10	1108.67	346.0	762.67	727.33	527.4	619.35	1.13	0.33	0.82	0.31
L11	1112.67	468.0	644.67	790.33	658.87	721.61	0.95	0.45	1.11	0.42
L12	1110.33	484.67	625.67	797.5	674.79	733.58	0.92	0.47	1.15	0.44
L13	1082.5	447.33	635.17	764.92	633.06	695.87	0.96	0.42	1.06	0.41
L14	1103.0	481.33	621.67	792.17	670.2	728.64	0.92	0.46	1.14	0.44
L15	1069.67	456.33	613.33	763.0	639.74	698.66	0.94	0.43	1.08	0.43
L16	1079.0	387.33	691.67	733.17	570.04	646.48	1.05	0.36	0.9	0.36
L17	1067.0	465.67	601.33	766.33	648.37	704.89	0.92	0.43	1.1	0.44
L18	1078.0	462.0	616.0	770.0	646.8	705.72	0.94	0.43	1.09	0.43
Giza178	1070.33	350.67	719.67	710.5	528.26	612.64	1.1	0.33	0.83	0.33
Giza179	1064.0	372.67	691.33	718.33	552.0	629.7	1.07	0.35	0.88	0.35
Sakha107	1052.33	407.0	645.33	729.67	586.98	654.45	1.01	0.37	0.97	0.39
Mean	1071.69	421.23								

ABBREVIATIONS

MP, Mean productivity; STI, stress tolerance index; GMP, geometric mean productivity; TOL, tolerance index; SSI, stress susceptibility index; HARM, harmonic mean; YI, yield index; YSI, yield stability index; Ys, yield under stress; Yp, non-stress.

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تقييم سلالات مبشرة من الأرز تحت ظروف نقص المياه على أساس محصول الحبوب وصفات الجودة و دلالات الإجهاد المائي

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أقيمت تجربتان حقليةتان في المزرعة البحثية بمحطة البحوث الزراعية - سخا خلال موسمي الزراعة 2019 و 2020 و ذلك لتقييم 21 تركيب وراثي (18 سلالة مبشرة و 3 أصناف مصرية للمقارنة) لمحصول الحبوب ومكوناته و صفات الجودة تحت ظروف الزراعة العادية و ظروف نقص المياه. مع استخدام ثمانية من دلالات الجفاف المعتمدة على محصول الحبوب تحت ظروف نقص المياه و تحت الظروف العادية لتحديد التراكيب المحتملة من الحساسية لنقص المياه. أظهرت النتائج معنوية التباين الخاص بالسنوات ، البيئات ، التراكيب الوراثية والتفاعل بينهم لمعظم الصفات المدروسة. انخفضت كل القيم المتوسطة للصفات المدروسة تحت ظروف نقص المياه بالمقارنة بالظروف العادية . كان هناك اختلافات عالية المعنوية بين التراكيب الوراثية لكل الصفات المدروسة. كانت السلالات 15، 4 و 12 الأكثر تمييزاً بين باقي السلالات تحت الظروف العادية، بينما تحت ظروف نقص المياه كانت السلالات 11، الصنف جيزه 179 و سخا 107 الأكثر تمييزاً. كانت السلالات 1 و 9 الأفضل لقصر النبات بينما السلالات 13 و 12 الأعلى لمتوسط قيم الطول . علاوة على ذلك ، فقد سجلت السلالة 2 أفضل القيم لصفات جوده الحبوب في كل البيئات المدروسة. السلالات 12، 14 و 3 سجلت أعلى محصول حبوب و دليل تحمل الجفاف (STI)، بينما السلالة 6 اعطت أقل محصول للحبوب و دليل تحمل الجفاف (STI) . علاوة على ذلك ، فقد أظهرت النتائج أن دليل التوافق (HM) و دليل الحصول (YI) سجلا نفس المعدل للسلالة التي تعتبر متحملة لنقص المياه. وتبعاً لذلك ، فهذه السلالات يمكن استخدامها في برامج تربية الأرز لنقل جينات التحمل لنقص مياه الري للأنصاف المحلية.