BEHAVIOUR OF SUPERIOR GRAPEVINES TO APPLICATION OF SOME REST BREAKING AGENTS AND WINTER PRUNING II- EFFECT OF TIMES OF WINTER PRUNING AND DIFFERENT VINE LOADS

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons to adjust the best date of winter pruning (24th Dec., 31st Dec. or 7th Jan.) as well as vine load levels (66, 72, 78 or 84 eyes/vine) that responsible for gaining higher yield with fairly good berries quality of Superior grapevine cv.

Delaying dates of winter pruning from 24th Dec. to 7th Jan. considerably enhanced the perentages of bud burst and fruiting buds, yield, shot berries%, T.S.S.%, and reducing sugars% and reduced leaf area, wood ripening coefficient, total chlorophylls and N, P, K, berry weight and total acidity%. All the investigated characteristics except bud burst%, berry weight and total acidity% were gradually increased with increasing vine loads from 66 to 84 eyes/vine.

Pruning on 7^{th} Jan. leaving 84 eyes/vine (6 fruiting cane x 12 eyes plus 6 renewal spurs x two eyes) gave the best results with regard to productivity of Superior grapevine cv.

Keywords: Dates of pruning, Vine load, bud burst, Fruiting buds, growth, yield, berries quality, Superior grapevines.

INTRODUCTION

Pruning is the most important and vital cultural practice in the management of different grapevine cvs. It is a limiting factor for producing an economical yield and better quality of berries (**Chapman, 1990**). It is done to select the suitable vine load and maintain vine shape. It must be done each dormant season and it directly influences yield, fruit quality, vine vigour and hardiness. Proper pruning with the optimum vine load and proper date will result in improving yield quantitively and qualitatively (**Akopyan and Khasapetyan, 1994**).

Improper date of winter pruning (Al-Khayat and Al-Dujaili, 2001), vine loads and fruiting canes length were accompanied with unfavourable impact on yield and berries characteristics in different grapevine cvs. (Attia, 1998; Avenant, 1998; Ahmed-Ansam, 2002; Jarad, 2004;Hussein, 2009; Fawzi *et al.*, 2010; Abdel- Mohsen, 2013; Abu- Zinada, 2015; Aly *et al.*, 2015; Rahmani *et al.*, 2015 and Khalaf, 2017).

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The target of this was examining the effect of dates of winter pruning and different levels of vine loads on behavior of buds, growth, yield and berries quality of Superior grapevines grown under Fayoum environmental conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was carried out during the two consecutive seasons of 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 on seventy-two uniform in vigour 8-years old Superior grapevines grown in a private vineyard located at Ahmed Afendy Village, Youssef El-Sediek district, Fayoum Governorate where the soil texture is clay and well drained water since water table depth is not less than two meters. The chosen vines are planted at 2 x 3 meters apart. Generally, Cane pruning system was practiced at the first week of January. leaving different vine loads according to the present treatments with the assistance of Baron shape supporting system. The vines were irrigated through surface irrigation system using Nile water. The selected vines received the same and common horticultural practices that already applied in the vineyard except pruning treatments.

This study contained two factors (A x B).

The first factor (A) compressed from three dates of winter pruning namely

a₁) Carrying out pruning on Dec 24.

a₂) Carrying out pruning on Dec31.

a₃) Carrying out pruning on Jan 7.

The second factor (B) included four vine loads and fruiting spurs lengths namely:

b1) leaving six fruiting spurs each with nine eyes plus six renewal spurs each with two eyes with a total vine load of 66 eyes.

 b_2) leaving six fruiting spurs each with ten eyes plus six renewal spurs each with two eyes with a total vine load of 72 eyes.

 b_3) leaving six fruiting spurs each with eleven eyes plus six renewal spurs each with two eyes with a total vine load of 78 eyes.

b₄) leaving six fruiting spurs each with twelve eyes plus six renewal spurs each with two eyes with a total vine load of 84 eyes.

Each treatment was replicated three times, two vines per each.

Randomized complete block design (RCBD) in splite plote arrangement was adopted where the three dates of pruning occupied the whole plots and the four different vine loads ranked the sub-plots.

During both seasons, the following parameters were recorded:

1- Percentages of bud burst and fruiting buds.

2- Vegetative growth characteristics namely leaf area (Ahmed and Morsy, 1999) and wood ripening coefficient (Bouard, 1966).

3- Percentages of N, P and K in the leaf petioles (on dry weight basis) (according to **Wilde** *et al.*, **1985 and Summer**, **1985**).

4- Total chlorophylls (chlorophyll a & b) (**Von-Wettstein, 1957**) (mg/100g F.W).

5- Percentage of berry setting.

6- Harvesting date.

7- Yield/vine expressed in weight (kg.) and number of clusters/vine.

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8- Cluster weight (g.).

9- Percentage of shot berries.

10- Physical and chemical characteristics of the berries namely berry weight and total soluble solids%, total acidity% expressed as g/ml juice tartaric acid and reducing sugars% (Lane and Eynon, 1985) (A.O.A.C., 2000).

The obtained data was tabulated and subjected to the proper statistical analysis using new L.S.D. at 5% (Mead *et al.*, 1993).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Percentages of bud burst and fruiting buds:

Data in Table (1) clearly show that delaying dates of pruning from 24th Dec. to 7th Jan. was significantly followed by a gradual promotion on the percentages of bud burst and fruiting buds. Percentage of bud burst was significantly reduced gradually, while percentage of fruiting buds was significantly promoted gradually with increasing vine loads from 66 to 84 eyes/vine and fruiting canes lengths from 9 to 12 eyes per each. Similar trend was noticed during both seasons.

2. Growth as well as total chlorophylls, N, P and K in the leaves:

Data in Tables (1&2) obviously clear that delaying dates of pruning from 24th Dec. to 7th Jan. significantly caused a gradual promotion on the leaf area and reduction on wood ripening coefficient, total chlorophylls, N, P and K. Increasing vine loads from 66 to 84 eyes/vine and lengths of fruiting canes from 9 to 12 eyes per each was significantly followed by a gradual promotion on the leaf area, wood ripening coefficient, total chlorophylls, N, P and K. These results were true during both seasons.

Table (1): Effect of different dates of pruning and/or vine load levels on the percentages of bud burst, fruiting buds, leaf area and wood ripening coefficient of Superior grapevines during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons

				Bud bur	rst %			Fruiting buds %										
		2011/	2012		2012/2013					2011/	2012		2012/2013					
Vine load		Date of pruning (A)																
levels (B)	\mathbf{a}_1	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃		\mathbf{a}_1	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃		\mathbf{a}_1	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃		\mathbf{a}_1	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃			
ic veis (D)	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean		
	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	ec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)		
b1 66 eyes/vine	78.1	80.2	82.0	80.1	79.4	81.5	83.6	81.5	41.1	43.3	46.0	43.5	43.0	45.3	48.9	45.7		
b2 72 eyes/vine	76.0	78.0	80.0	78.0	77.0	79.0	81.2	79.1	43.3	45.9	48.9	46.0	45.5	48.0	51.0	48.2		
b3 78 eyes/vine	74.0	76.0	78.0	76.0	75.0	77.0	79.0	77.1	45.9	48.9	51.9	48.9	48.0	51.2	54.0	51.1		
b4 84 eyes/vine	72.0	74.0	76.3	74.1	73.0	75.0	77.0	75.0	48.0	52.0	54.0	51.3	50.0	53.9	56.0	53.3		
Mean (A)	75.0	77.1	79.1		76.1	78.1	80.2		44.6	47.5	50.2		46.6	49.6	52.5			
New L C D at 50/	Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB			
New L.S.D at 5%	1.6	1.8	3.1		1.9	2.0	3.5		1.0	1.0	1.7		1.0	1.0	1.7			
Characteristics			L	eaf area	1 (cm) ²				Wood ripening coefficient									
b1 66 eyes/vine	106.0	104.0	102.0	104.0	105.9	103.8	101.0	103.6	0.79	0.73	0.67	0.73	0.80	0.79	0.72	0.77		
b2 72 eyes/vine	109.0	107.0	104.9	107.0	110.0	106.7	103.0	106.6	0.87	0.8	0.73	0.80	0.87	0.80	0.73	0.80		
b3 78 eyes/vine	111.0	109.0	106.9	109.0	113.0	110.0	106.8	109.9	0.91	0.83	0.77	0.84	0.94	0.87	0.8	0.87		
b4 84 eyes/vine	113.0	110.9	108.0	110.6	111.9	113.0	109.9	111.6	0.95	0.89	0.83	0.89	0.97	0.90	0.83	0.90		
Mean (A)	109.8	107.7	105.5		110.2	108.4	105.2		0.88	0.81	0.75		0.90	0.84	0.77			
New L S D at 5%	Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	B	AB		Α	В	AB			
New L.S.D at 5%	1.2	1.3	2.2		1.3	1.4	2.4		0.07	0.06	0.10		0.07	0.07	0.11			

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Table (2): Effect of different dates of pruning and/or vine load levels on total chlorophylls and percentages of N, P and K in the leaves of Superior grapevines during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons.

		To	tal chl	orophyll	s (mg/	100 g F	.W)		Leaf N %									
		201	1/2012			2012	/2013			2011	/2012		2012/2013					
Vine lood		Date of pruning (A)																
lovola (P)	\mathbf{a}_1	a_2	a ₃		a ₁	a_2	a ₃		\mathbf{a}_1	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃		a_1	a ₂	a ₃			
levels (D)	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean		
	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)		
b1 66 eyes/vine	6.5	5.6	4.8	5.6	7.1	6.3	5.3	6.2	1.59	1.53	1.46	1.53	1.46	1.54	1.44	1.48		
b2 72 eyes/vine	7.4	6.5	5.5	6.5	8.0	6.9	5.9	6.9	1.66	1.57	1.50	1.58	1.80	1.63	1.53	1.65		
b3 78 eyes/vine	8.2	7.2	6.3	7.2	9.0	8.0	7.1	8.0	1.73	1.66	1.59	1.66	1.90	1.8	1.63	1.78		
b4 84 eyes/vine	9.1	8	6.9	8.3	10.0	8.7	7.9	8.9	1.81	1.72	1.66	1.73	1.96	1.89	1.79	1.88		
Mean (A)	7.8	6.8	6.1		8.5	7.5	6.6		1.70	1.62	1.55		1.78	1.72	1.60			
New L S D at 5%	Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB			
New L.S.D at 5 /6	0.4	0.4	0.7		0.4	0.4	0.7		0.06	0.07	0.12		0.06	0.07	0.12			
Characteristics				Leaf	P %				Leaf K %									
b1 66 eyes/vine	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.10	1.39	1.3	1.19	1.29	1.40	1.30	1.20	1.30		
b2 72 eyes/vine	0.15	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.11	1.46	1.38	1.30	1.38	1.50	1.39	1.30	1.40		
b3 78 eyes/vine	0.17	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.16	0.13	0.11	0.13	1.53	1.45	1.35	1.44	1.61	1.49	1.41	1.50		
b4 84 eyes/vine	0.20	0.17	0.14	0.17	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.15	1.60	1.52	1.41	1.51	1.71	1.60	1.51	1.61		
Mean (A)	0.16	0.13	0.11		0.15	0.12	0.10		1.50	1.41	1.31		1.56	1.45	1.36			
New LSD at 5%	Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB			
New L.S.D at 5%	0.02	0.02	0.03		0.02	0.02	0.03		0.05	0.05	0.09		0.04	0.05	0.09			

3. Yield/vine and cluster weight:

Data in Table (3) noticeably revealed that yield/vine and cluster weight were significantly improved in response to pruning on 31th Dec. and 7th Jan. than pruning on 24th Dec. There was significant and gradual promotion on the yield and cluster weight with delaying dates of pruning. Increasing vine loads from 66 to 84 eyes/vine and fruiting canes lengths from 9 to 12 eyes per each caused a significant and gradual promotion on the yield and cluster weight. Similar trend was noticed during both seasons.

Table (3): Effect of different dates of pruning and/or vine load levels on the number of clusters/vine, yield/vine, cluster weight (g.) and shot berries of Superior grapevines during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons.

			No	. of clu	sters/vin	e		Yield/vine (kg.)										
		2011/	2012			2012/2	2013			2011/	2012		2012/2013					
Vine load		Date of pruning (A)																
levels (B)	a 1	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃		a ₁	a ₂	a ₃		a ₁	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃		a ₁	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃			
	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean		
	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)		
b1 66 eyes/vine	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	22.0	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.8	7.8	8.7	7.8		
b2 72 eyes/vine	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	23.0	25.0	27.0	25.0	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.4	8.1	9.1	10.1	9.1		
b3 78 eyes/vine	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	25.0	27.0	29.0	27.0	7.8	8.0	8.3	8.0	9.1	10.1	11.1	10.1		
b4 84 eyes/vine	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	28.0	32.0	32.0	30.7	7.8	8.4	8.6	8.3	10.5	12.4	12.7	11.9		
Mean (A)	20.5	20.5	20.5		24.0	26.5	28.0		7.5	7.8	8.0		8.6	9.9	10.7			
	Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	B	AB			
New L.S.D at 5%	NS	NS	NS		2.0	2.0	3.5		0.2	0.3	0.5		0.4	0.5	0.9			
Characteristics			Avr.	cluster	· weight	(g.)			Shot berries %									
b1 66 eyes/vine	350.0	359.0	370.0	359.7	341.9	353.0	364.0	353.0	4.1	4.8	5.9	4.9	3.9	5.1	5.5	4.8		
b2 72 eyes/vine	361.0	371.0	381.0	371.0	353.0	365.0	375.0	364.3	4.9	5.9	7.1	6.0	4.7	6.2	7.2	6.0		
b3 78 eyes/vine	372.0	383.0	394.0	383.0	363.0	374.0	384.0	373.7	5.6	6.7	7.9	6.7	5.5	6.9	8.0	6.8		
b4 84 eyes/vine	383.0	399.0	410.0	397.3	374.0	389.0	396.0	386.3	6.9	8.0	8.9	7.9	7.1	8.1	8.9	8.0		
Mean (A)	366.5	378.0	388.8		358.0	370.3	379.8		5.4	6.4	7.5		5.3	6.6	7.4			
New L S D at 59/	Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	В	AB			
New L.S.D at 5%	9.0	10.0	17.3		9.2	10.0	17.3		0.4	0.4	0.7		0.4	0.4	0.7			

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It is evident from the date in Table (3) that delaying dates of pruning from 24^{th} Dec. to 7^{th} Jan. as well as increasing vine loads from 66 to 84 eyes/vine and lengths of fruiting canes from 9 to 12 eyes per each significantly caused a gradual increase on the percentage of shot berries. The lowest values (4.1 & 3.9%) were recorded on the vines that pruned on 24^{th} Dec. leaving 66 eyes/vine. These results were true during both seasons.

5. Quality of the berries:

It is noticed from the data in Table (4) that delaying dates of pruning significantly was followed by a gradual reduction on berry weight and total acidity% and promotion on T.S.S.%, and reducing sugars%. A significant reduction were observed on berry weight and total acidity% and promotion on T.S.S.% and reducing sugars% with increasing levels of vine load from 66 to 84 eyes and fruiting cane length from 9 to 12 eyes per each. One can state that the best results with regard to chemical characters were obtained due to pruning on 7^{th} Jan. leaving 84 eyes/vine. Similar results were announced during both seasons.

Table (4):	Effect of different dates of pruning and/or vine load levels on berry
	weight and percentages of T.S.S, total acidity and reducing sugars of
	Superior grapevines during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons.

			Av	r. Berry	weight	(g.)		T.S.S.%										
		2011	/ 2012		2012/ 2013						2012/ 2013							
Vine load		Dates of pruning (A)																
levels (B)	a ₁	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃		a ₁	a ₂	a ₃		a ₁	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃		a ₁	\mathbf{a}_2	a ₃			
	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean	24	31	7	Mean		
	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	(B)		
b1 66 eyes/vine	3.8	3.73	3.66	3.7	3.87	3.8	3.70	3.8	17.5	18	18.4	18.0	17.6	18.1	18.6	18.1		
b2 72 eyes/vine	3.74	3.66	3.59	3.7	3.79	3.69	3.60	3.7	17.8	18.4	18.9	18.4	17.9	18.7	19.2	18.6		
b3 78 eyes/vine	3.65	3.59	3.52	3.6	3.7	3.59	3.51	3.6	18.2	19	19.4	18.9	18.4	19.3	20	19.2		
b4 84 eyes/vine	3.57	3.51	3.44	3.5	3.59	3.51	3.44	3.5	18.6	19.5	19.9	19.3	18.9	19.9	20.4	19.7		
Mean (A)	3.7	3.6	3.6		3.7	3.6	3.6		18.0	18.7	19.2		18.2	19.0	19.6			
		D	AD			D	AD		٨	D	AD			D	AD			
New L.S.D at 5%	0.06	0.07	AD 0.12		0.06	0.07	AD 0.12		03	03	AD 0.5		0.2	03	AD 0.5			
	0.00	0.07	0.12		0.00	0.07	0.12		0.5	0.5	0.5		0.2	0.5	0.5			
Characteristics		-		Total ac	idity %	0			Reducing sugars %									
b1 66 eyes/vine	0.699	0.675	0.650	0.675	0.705	0.679	0.659	0.681	15.7	16.0	16.5	16.1	15.9	16.6	17	16.5		
b2 72 eyes/vine	0.68	0.655	0.620	0.652	0.680	0.658	0.63	0.656	16.1	16.6	17.0	16.6	16.4	17.1	17.5	17.0		
b3 78 eyes/vine	0.659	0.622	0.601	0.627	0.660	0.631	0.605	0.632	16.6	17.1	17.6	17.1	16.8	17.4	17.8	17.3		
b4 84 eyes/vine	0.63	0.610	0.589	0.610	0.630	0.640	0.594	0.621	17.2	17.7	18.2	17.7	17.2	17.7	18.1	17.7		
Mean (A)	0.667	0.641	0.615		0.669	0.652	0.622		16.4	16.9	17.3		16.6	17.2	17.6			
New L C D at 59/	Α	В	AB		Α	B	AB		Α	В	AB		Α	B	AB			
New L.S.D at 5%	0.014	0.015	0.026		0.015	0.015	0.026		0.3	0.3	0.5		0.3	0.3	0.5			

DISCUSSION

The beneficial effects of adjusting date of pruning as well as vine load levels and lengths of fruiting canes on controlling growth and yield of the vines could explain the present results. Percentage of fruiting buds, growth magnitude, vine nutritional status and the ratio between growth and fruiting state greatly governed by adjusting dates of pruning and vine loads during winter pruning.

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These results are in harmony with those obtained by Al-Khayat and Al-Dujaili, (2001), Attia, (1998); Avenant, (1998); Ahmed-Ansam, (2002); Jarad, (2004);Hussein, (2009); Fawzi *et al.*, (2010); Abdel- Mohsen, (2013); Abu- Zinada, (2015); Aly *et al.*, (2015); Rahmani *et al.*, (2015) and Khalaf, (2017).

CONCLUSION

Leaving 84 eyes/vine (6 fruiting canes x 12 eyes + 6 renewal spurs x two eyes) on 7^{th} Jan. gave the best results with regard to yield and chemical characteristics of Superior grapevines grown under Fayoum environmental conditions.

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سلوك كرمات العنب السوبيريور لاستخدام بعض كاسرات السكون والتقليم الشتوى ٢ - تأثير مواعيد التقليم الشتوى ومختلف حمولة الكرمات فيصل فاضل أحمد حسن*- معوض عبد الحميد محمد*- ميرفت عبد الكريم علي**- أحمد يوسف السمان السيد

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أجريت هذه الدراسة خلال موسمى ٢٠١٢/٢٠١١، ٢٠١٢/٢٠١٢ لتحديد أنسب موعد للتقليم الشتوى (٢٤ أو ٣١ ديسمبر أو ٧ يناير) كذلك حمولة البراعم (٦٦، ٢٧، ٢٧، ٨٤ عين علي الكرمة/سنويا) للحصول على أعلي كمية محصول وخصائص جودة عالية للحبات لكرمات العنب السوبيريور.

أدى تأخير موعد تقليم الكرمات من ٢٤ ديسمبر إلي ٧ يناير الي زيادة النسبة المئوية لتفتح البراعم والبراعم الثمرية وكمية المحصول ووزن العنقود والنسبة المئوية للحبات الصغيرة والمواد الصلبة الذائبة الكلية والنسبة المئوية للسكريات المختزلة والى حدوث نقص فى مساحة الورقة ومعامل نضج الخشب والكلوروفيل الكلى وعناصر النيتروجين والفسفور والبوتاسيوم وزن الحبة والنسبة المئوية للحموضة الكلية وكانت هناك زيادة تدريجية فى جميع الصفات تحت الدراسة ما عدا النسبة المئوية لتفتح البراعم ووزن الحبة والنسبة المئوية للحموضة الكلية بزيادة معدل حمولة البراعم من ٦٢ إلى ٢٤ عين على الكرمة.

يوصى بتقليم كرمات العنب السوبيريور النامية تحت ظروف منطقة الفيوم فى السابع من يناير مع ترك ٤٨ عين علي الكرمة/سنويا (٦ قصبات ثمرية × ١٢ عين + ٦ دوابر تجديدية بكل دابرة عينين). الكلمات الدالة: موعد التقليم الشتوى- حمولة الكرمة- تفتح البراعم – البراعم الثمرية - كمية المحصول-خصائص الجودة للحبات - كرمات العنب السوبيريور.