SUSCEPTIBILITY OF CERTAIN SUGAR BEET VARIATEIES TO INFESTATION WITH *Pegomyia mixta* VILL. AND *Cassida vittata* VILL. IN RELATION TO THE YEILD CROP AT KAFR EL-SHEIKH GOVERNORATE

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ABSTRACT

The population density of the beet fly, Pegomyia mixta Vill. attacking for seven sugar beet varieties during the two successive seasons (2004/2005 and 2005-2006). It was found P. mixta has between one to three peaks on Lola, Carola, Kws₁₄₃₆, Hend9422, 3S40, Anema and Top varieties. Also, the range same trend was observed in the second season (2005-2006). Infestation rates of P. mixta. were studied on seven varieties (Lola, Carola, Kws₁₄₃₆, Hend₉₄₂₂, 3S₄₀, Anema and Top). Kws₁₄₃₆ variety was the most susceptible than Top variety to P. mixta infestation. The moderate susceptible variety was Hend₉₄₂₂ during (2004-2005 & 2005-2006). The population density of the tortoise beetle, Cassida vittata Vill. attacking for seven sugar beet varieties during the two successive seasons (2004/2005 and 2005-2006). It was found C. vittata has between one to two peaks on Lola, Carola, Kws₁₄₃₆, Hend₉₄₂₂, 3S₄₀, Anema and Top varieties. Also, the range same trend was observed in the second season (2005-2006). Infestation rates of P. mixta were studied on seven varieties (Lola, Carola, Kws $_{1436}$, Hend $_{9422}$, $3S_{40}$, Anema and Top). Anema variety was more susceptible than $3S_{40}$ variety to $\emph{C. vittata}$ infestation. The moderate susceptible variety was Hend₉₄₂₂ during 2004-2005 sesaon. While during 2005-2006 season, found Kws₁₄₃₆ variety was more susceptible than Top variety to *C. vittata* infestation. The moderate susceptible variety was Lola. The correlation between the infestation rate, root yield and sugar percentages of P. mixta and C. vittata on some varieties of sugar beet also, studied. 3S₄₀ and Top varieties had the maximum yield Ton/fed. In addition, the sugar percentage of the two varieties reached the maximum. On the other hand, Anema variety had the minimum yield (Ton/fed.). The other varieties the yield ranged between (Lola to Carola), also, the sugar percentage ranged between (Lola-Kws₁₄₃₆). In conclusion, 3S₄₀ and Top varieties gave the highest root yield and sugar production that we concluded with the lowest infestation rate by the two insect pests, P. mixta (larvae) and *C. vittata* (larvae and adults) compared with the other varieties.

INTRODUCTION

The beet fly, *Pegomyia mixta* Vill. (Anthomyiidae: Diptera) and the tortoise beetle, *Cassida vittata* Vill. (Chrysomelidae: Coleoptera) are the most two economic important insect pests infesting sugar beet in Egypt (Guirguis, 1985, Salouma 1989, Awadalla *et al.*, 1991 and Youssef 1994). Iskander (1982) observed that *P. mixta* was one of the most serious pest threatening sugar beet plantations attacking the plant in all stages of its growth, particularly full-grown mature leaves. The larvae penetrate into the leaves causing the appearance of wide blotch and shaped areas on them and finally dry up. Awadalla *et al.* (2001) found that, the maximum abundance of the egg stage was in mid-March and early-May. The larval populations have

three successive peaks occurred at mid-January, late-March, and early-May. Abou-Said Ahmed (1987) stated that larvae affected the quantity of root yield by this pest, while sugar percentage was not significantly affected. Ebieda (1998) showed that the injury levels of the main properties (quantity and quality) of roots, leaves, sugar grow yield, root: leaves ratio and %root/gross yield were affected by the infestation by *P. mixta*. El-Khouly (1998) illustrated considerable decrement in root weight, root sugar content, weight of foliage and number of plant leaves as infestation levels of both larva or adult increased. Leaf number increased by the increase of infestation rates of *C. vittata*. At infestation levels of 25, 50 and 100 larvae/adults/plat. At the same trend sugar yield crop degraded in quality and quantity. Mousa (2005) indicated that Top variety was less sensitive for *P. mixta*, while Kwsa421 received moderate infestation for the same insect. He recorded Top variety received the lowest number of *C. vittata*.

Thus, the present study was carried out to clarify the correlation between the infestation levels of both insects *Pegomyia mixta* and *Cassida vittata* Vill. On the produced root and sugar yields of seven sugar beet varieties.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

1. Experimentation:

The present study was carried out in Delta Sugar Company Farm in El-Hamoul District, Kafr El-Sheik Governorate, during the two seasons 2004/2005 and 2005/2006.

The experimental area (about ½ Feddan), the mid-October as normal planting date was divided into 28 plots (6X7 = 42 $\rm m^2$, 1/100 of fed.). Every sugar beet variety was cultivated in an area (168 $\rm m^2$). An area of each sugar beet variety divided to 4 replicates in a complete randomized block design, with a space of 1 m wide belt between plots. An unplanted belt (2 m wide) was left around the experimental area. The seven sugar beet varieties Lola, Carola, Kws₁₄₃₆, Hend₉₄₂₂, 3S₄₀, Anema and Top were cultivated randomly in four plots.

2. Agricultural practices and sampling:

Al normal agricultural practices were followed with no insecticides applications.

Starting from early November, a sample of 10 plants/plot was picked up randomly every 10 days intervals continued until the end of May at the harvest time. Recorded the counts of *P. mixta* and *C. vittata*. Leaves were examined for the infestation to both insects, and the counts of them were taken. At harvest times, a hundred sugar beet roots was randomly taken from the middle ridge along 2 m for each plot. The roots were brushed and transferred immediately to laboratory of Delta sugar company immediately where cut off from the roots and weighed. Also, the root sucrose percentage was determined in the cleaned roots by using Saccharometer on a lead basis according to the procedure of Le Docte (1927).

3. Determination of technological characteristics:

Were calculated by the following equations of Delta sugar company:

a. Sugar recovery (SR) (white sugar):

SR = Pol-0.29-0.343 (K+Na)- α NX 0.94

Where: Plo = Sucrose%

b. Percentages of Sugar losses in wastes ©:

 $D = (K+Na, 34++\alpha NX 0.094-0.129)$

c. Juice purity:

Obtained according to Sapronov et al. (1979).

Purity = Sucrose% X 100 (soluble solid%)

d. Estimation of P. mixta and C. vittata damage:

The damage caused by *P. mixta* and *C. vittata* was estimated by the following equation according to (Delta Sugar Company):

Sugar yield (Ton/fed.) = root yield sucrose X prity/100.

The microcomputer program ANOVA was used for statistical analysis and the Duncan's multiple range tests was used for separating means.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Population density of the beet fly, *Pegomyia mixta* Vill. for seven sugar beet varieties during the two successive seasons (2004/2005 and 2005-2006):

1.1. During (2004/2005) sesaon:

Data in Fig. (1) shows that the population density of the beet fly, *P. mixta* attacking seven sugar beet varieties during the first season (2004/2005).

It was found P. mixta has activity peak during 13th February with mean number 99 individuals, then the population where decreased and increased again to make activity broad ranged from 14th March, 2005 (92 individuals /40 plants) till 3rd April, 2005 (91 individuals) on Lola Varity. On Carola variety, it was found P. mixta has two activity peaks during 13th February and 14th March 2005 with mean number 101 and 109 individuals /40 plants, respectively. While, on Kws₁₄₃₆ the population density of *P. mixta* has three activity peaks during 4th January, 13th February and 14th March 2005 with mean number 59, 112 and 127 individuals, respectively. On the other hand, on Hend9422 it was found P. mixta has activity peak during 13th February with mean number 98 individuals, then the population where decreased and increased again to make activity broad ranged from 14th March (100 individuals) till 13th April, 2005 (99 individuals). On 3S₄₀ variety, found P. mixta has two activity peaks during 13th February and 14th March 2005 with mean number 103 and 125 individuals, respectively. On Anema variety has one activity peak on 10th February with mean number 115 individuals. On Top, variety has broad ranged between 3rd February until 5th March with mean number 82 and 82 individuals, respectively.

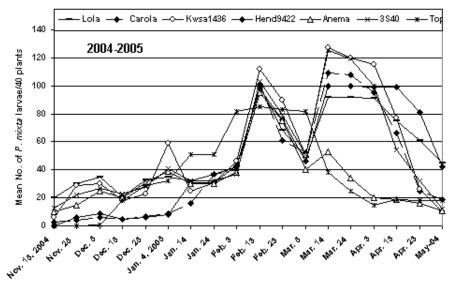


Fig. (1): Mean number of the beet fly, *P. mixta* (larvae) for seven sugar beet varieties during the frist season 2004/05.

1.2. During (2005/06) sesaon:

Data in Fig. (2) shows that the population density of the beet fly, *P. mixta* attacking for seven sugar beet varieties during the fist season (2005/2006).

It was found *P. mixta* has two activity peaks during 10th February and 24th March with mean number 108 and 111 individuals, respectively on Lola Varity. On Carola variety, it was found *P. mixta* has two activity peaks during 10th February and 24th March 2005 with mean number 93 and 108 individuals, respectively. While, on Kws₁₄₃₆ the population density of *P. mixta* has two activity peaks during 10 April, and 24th March 2005 with mean number 111 and 150 individuals, respectively. On the other hand, on Hend₉₄₂₂ variety, found *P. mixta* has activity peak during 10th February with mean number 102 individuals. On 3S₄₀ variety, found *P. mixta* has two activity peaks during 10th February and 24th March 2005 with mean number 119 and 130 individuals, respectively. On Anema variety, has one activity peak on 10th February with mean number 115 individuals. On Top, variety has two activity peaks during 10th February and 24th March with mean number 105 and 79 individuals, respectively.

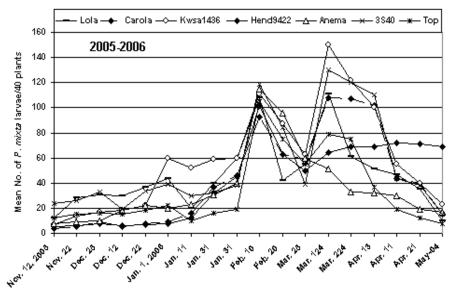


Fig. (2): Mean number of the beet fly, *P. mixta* (larvae) for seven sugar beet varieties during the second season 2005/06.

2. Infestation rates of *P. mixta* on some varieties of sugar beet:

2.1. During 2004-2005 season:

The total number of larvae of *P. mixta* were 957, 763, 1004, 866, 599, 924 and 634/18 inspections of seven varieties, Lola, Carola, Kws₁₄₃₆, Hend₉₄₂₂, $3S_{40}$, Anema and Top, while the mean number of these varieties were 136.7, 109.0, 143.43, 123.71, 85.57, 132.00 and 90.57/40 plants, respectively.

As shown in Table (1) Kws₁₄₃₆ variety was more susceptible (143.43) than Top variety (90.57) to *P. mixta* infestation. The moderate susceptible variety was Hend₉₄₂₂ (123.71).

Statistical analysis of the data, showed highly significant differences between seven sugar beet varieties as the infestation with P. mixta, (F = 714.44 on P < 0.05) and LSD = 2.57.

2.2. During 2005-2006 season:

The total number of larvae of *P. mixta* were 852, 770, 1060, 758, 634, 974 and 608/18 inspections of seven varieties, Lola, Carola, Kws₁₄₃₆, Hend₉₄₂₂, $3S_{40}$, Anema and Top, while the mean number of these varieties were 121.71, 110.00, 151.43, 108.29, 90.57, 139.14 and 86.86/40 plants, respectively.

As shown in Table (2) Kws₁₄₃₆ variety was more susceptible (151.433) than Top variety (90.57) to P. mixta infestation. The moderate susceptible variety was Hend₉₄₂₂ (108.29).

Statistical analysis of the data, showed highly significant differences between seven sugar beet varieties as the infestation with P. mixta, (F = 1428.69 on P < 0.05) and LSD = 1.91.

Table (1): Mean numbers of the beet fly, *P. mixta* Larvae for seven sugar beet varieties during 2004/2005 season.

Inspection	Varieties						
date	Lola	Carola	Kws ₁₄₃₆	Hend ₉₄₂₂	3S ₄₀	Anema	Тор
Nov. 2004	50	7	45	6	25	35	0
Dec.	89	18	71	20	76	78	48
Jan. 2005	104	62	115	56	97	99	121
Feb.	209	202	248	217	208	219	240
March	233	269	297	246	127	295	155
April	227	186	218	279	55	186	52
May	45	19	10	42	11	12	18
Total	957	957 763 1004 866 599 924 634					
Mean	136.7 ^a	109.0 e	143.43 ^a	123.71 ^d	85.58 ^g	132.00 °	90.57 ^f
F	***						
ſ	714.44						
LSD	9.57						

Table (2): Mean numbers of the beet fly, *Pegomyia mixta* larvae for seven sugar beet varieties during 2005/2006 seasons.

Inspection	Varieties						
date	Lola	Carola	Kws ₁₄₃₆	Hend ₉₄₂₂	3S ₄₀	Anema	Тор
Nov. 2005	40	9	21	11	17	50	27
Dec.	98	22	57	21	50	86	49
Jan. 2006	164	108	231	97	114	139	67
Feb.	180	156	198	165	211	203	180
March	227	274	335	183	144	289	209
April	133	186	195	212	81	192	68
May	10	15	23	69	17	15	8
Total	852	770	1060	758	634	974	608
Mean	121.71 °	110.00 d	151.43 a	108.29 ^d	90.57 e	139.14 ^b	86.86 f
F				***			
Г	1428.69						
LSD	1.91						

3. Population density of *Cassida vittata* (larvae & adults) for seven sugar beet varieties during the two successive seasons (2004/2005 and 2005-2006):

3.1. During (2004/2005) sesaon:

Data in Fig. (3) shows that the population density of the tortoise beetle, *C. vittata* attacking for seven sugar beet varieties during the first season (2004/2005).

It was found *C. vittata* has two activity peak during 14th March and 23rd April with mean number 95 and 150 individuals on Lola Varity. On Carola variety, it was found *C. vittata* has two activity peaks during 14th May and 13th April 2005 with mean number 85 and 130 individuals, respectively. In addition, on Kws₁₄₃₆ the population density of *C. vittata* has two activity peaks

during 14th March and 13 April with mean number 97 and 165 individuals, respectively. On the other hand, on Hend₉₄₂₂ it was found *C. vittata* has two activity peaks during 14 March and 13th April with mean number 89 andf 123 individuals, respectively. On 3S₄₀ variety, found *C. vittata* has two activity peaks during 14 March and 13th April 2005 with mean number 97 and 165 individuals, respectively. On Anema variety, has two activity peaks during 14 March and 13th April 2005 with mean number 150 and 202 individuals, respectively. On Top variety, found two activity peaks during 14 March and 13th April 2005 with mean number 39 and 45 individuals, respectively.

3.2. During (2005/2006) sesaon:

Data in Fig. (4) shows that the population density of *C. vittata* Vill. attacking for seven sugar beet varieties during the fist season (2005/2006).

It was found *C. vittata* has one activity peak during 12 March with mean number 155 individuals, respectively on Lola Varity. On Carola variety, found *C. vittata* has one activity peak during 2nd March with mean number 83 individuals. While, on Kws₁₄₃₆ the population density of *C. vittata* has one activity peak during 12th March with mean number 103 individuals. On the other hand, on Hend₉₄₂₂ variety, found *C. vittata* has activity peak during 12 March with mean number 141 individuals. On 3S₄₀ variety, found *C. vittata* has activity peak during 12 March with mean number 37 individuals. On Anema variety, has one activity peak on 12th March with mean number 148 individuals. On Top, variety has two activity peaks during 12 March and 11th April with mean number 39 and 45 individuals, respectively.

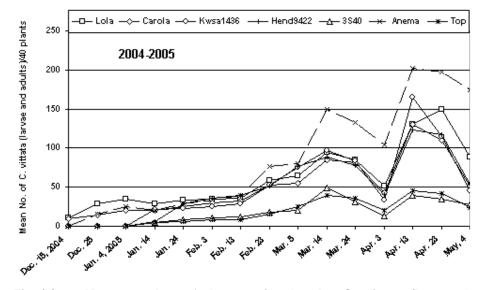


Fig. (3): Mean number of the tortoise beetle, *C. vittata* (larvae & adults) for seven sugar beet varieties during the first seasons 2004/05.

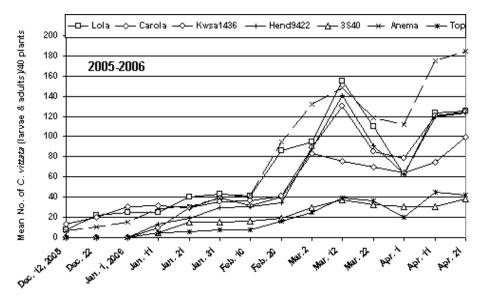


Fig. (4): Mean number of the tortoise beetle, *C. vittata* (larvae & adults) for seven sugar beet varieties during the second seasons 2005/06.

4. Infestation rates of the tortoise beetle, *Cassida vittata* on some varieties of sugar beet:

4.1. During 2004-2005 season:

The total number of larvae of *C. vittata* were 933, 758, 765, 740, 268, 1279 and 274/18 inspections of seven varieties, Lola, Carola, Kws₁₄₃₆, Hend₉₄₂₂, 3S₄₀, Anema and Top, while the mean number of these varieties were 155.5, 126.33, 127.5, 123.33, 44.67, 213.17 and 45.67/40 plants, respectively.

As shown in Table (3) Anema variety was more susceptible (213.17) than $3S_{40}$ variety (44.67) to *C. vittata* infestation. The moderate susceptible variety was Hend₉₄₂₂ (123.33).

Statistical analysis of the data, showed highly significant differences between seven sugar beet varieties as the infestation with C. vittata, (F = 1459.92 on P < 0.05) and LSD = 4.72.

4.2. During 2005-2006 season:

The total number of larvae of *C. vittata* were 1100, 820, 929, 928, 311, 1339 and 274/18 inspections of seven varieties, Lola, Carola, Kws₁₄₃₆, Hend₉₄₂₂, 3S₄₀, Anema and Top, while the mean number of these varieties were 103.33, 136.67, 154.83, 154.67, 51.83, 223.17 and 45.67/40 plants, respectively.

As shown in Table (4) Kws₁₄₃₆ variety was more susceptible (154.83) than Top variety (45.67) to *C. vittata* infestation. The moderate susceptible variety was Lola (103.33).

Statistical analysis of the data, showed highly significant differences between seven sugar beet varieties as the infestation with $P.\ mixta$, (F = 9032.75 on P < 0.05) and LSD = 2.003.

The obtained results are agreement with those obtained by Mousa (2005), who proved that Top variety is lowest, reaccepted with infestation by *C. vittata*.

Table (3): Mean number of the tortoise beetle, *C. vittata* (larvae & adults) for seven sugar beet varieties during 2004/2005 season.

Inspection	Varieties						
date	Lola	Carola	Kws ₁₄₃₆	Hend ₉₄₂₂	3S ₄₀	Anema	Тор
Dec. 2004	40	23	0	0	0	16	0
Jan. 2005	97	65	44	35	13	74	11
Feb.	130	115	107	126	41	148	32
March	245	221	256	244	100	363	100
April	332	283	313	281	87	503	107
May	89	51	45	54	27	175	24
Total	933	758	765	740	268	1279	274
Mean	155.5 b	126.33 ^c	127.5 °	123.33 ^c	44.67 ^e	213.17 a	45.67 ^d
F				***			
	1459.92						
LSD	4.72						

Table (4): Mean number of the tortoise beetle, *C. vittata* (larvae & adults) for seven sugar beet varieties during 2005/2006 season.

Inspection	Varieties						
date	Lola	Carola	Kws ₁₄₃₆	Hend ₉₄₂₂	3S ₄₀	Anema	Тор
Dec. 2005	30	33	0	0	0	18	0
Jan. 2006	133	132	75	62	35	114	19
Feb.	127	72	77	65	35	137	24
March	360	229	304	320	100	399	100
April	310	239	323	306	100	472	107
May	140	115	150	175	41	199	24
Total	1100	820	929	928	311	1339	274
Mean	103.33 ^d	136.67°	154.83 ^b	154.67 ^b	51.83 ^e	223.17 ^a	45.67 ^f
F				***			
Г	9032.75						
LSD	2.003						

2. The relationship between the infestation rate, root yield and sugar percentages of *Pegomyia mixta* and *Cassida vittata* on some varieties of sugar beet:

The relation between the infestation rates of *P. mixta* (larvae) and *C. vittata* (larvae and adults) and root yield of some varieties of sugar beet and their percentages were studies.

Data in Table (5) showed that 3S₄₀ and Top varieties had the maximum yield (20.5 & 19.5) Ton/fed. with rate in infestation by the two insect pests, *P. mixta* and *C. vittata*, (113.05 &58.0) and (103.6 & 66.7), respectively, also, the sugar percentage of the two varieties reached 19.8 and 19.4, respectively.

On the other hand, the data indicated that Anema variety had the minimum yield (15.7 Ton/fed.) with rate in infestation by the two insect pests, *P. mixta* and *C. vittata*, (158.65 & 295.4), respectively, also, the sugar percentage of the Anema variety reached 17.7.(Table 5).

The other varieties the yield ranged between (Lola 18.9 to Carola 20.1 Ton/fed.), respectively, also, the sugar percentage ranged between (Lola 17.8- **Kws**₁₄₃₆ 19.3).

Statistical analysis of the data, showed highly significant differences between the infestation with $P.\ mixta$ and $C.\ vittata$ on seven sugar beet varieties and weight (Ton/fed.) (F = 8.37 on P < 0.05) and LSD = 1.69 and also give significant differences between the infestation with $P.\ mixta$ and $C.\ vittata$ on seven sugar beet varieties and % of sucrose (F = 3.635 on P < 0.05) and LSD = 1.29.

High quality and quantity of sugar beet crop are obtained with reduce pests attack.

In Egypt **Ali (1988)**, pointed out that the number of pests of which attack sugar beet plants differs according to the crop rotation.

Table (5): Mean weight and % of sucrose for seven sugar beet varieties combined as infestation with *P. mixta* and *C. vittata* from 2 seasons (2004/2005 and 2005/2006).

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Variety	Mean				
Variety	Ton/fed.	Sucrose%			
Lola	18.9ª	17.8°			
Carola	20.1 ^a	18.4 ^{ab}			
Kws ₁₄₃₆	19.6ª	19.3ª			
Hend ₉₄₂₂	19.9ª	18.8 ^{ab}			
Anema	20.5ª	19.8ª			
3S ₄₀	15.7⁵	17.7°			
Тор	19.5ª	19.4ª			
F	***	*			
Г	8.37	3.635			
LSD	1.69	1.29			

In general, it was observed that when the infestation rates increased the sugar percentage decreased. The maximum sugar percentages were attained by all varieties after planting on the recommended date.

In conclusion, $3S_{40}$ and Top varieties gave the highest root yield and sugar production that we concluded with the lowest infestation rate by the two insect pests, *P. mixta* (larvae) and *C. vittata* (larvae and adults) compared with the other varieties.

The effects of *P. mixta* (larvae) and *C. vittata* on root yields and sugar percentages were observed by several studies such as, Abou-Said Ahmed (1987), El-Khouly (1992 & 1998), Ebieda (1998).

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حساسية بعض أصناف بنجر السكر للإصابة بحشرتي ذبابة أوراق البنجر وخنفساء البنجر السلحفانية وعلاقتها بالمحصول

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تم دراسة تذبذبات تعداد حشرتي ذبابة أوراق البنجر وخنفساء البنجر السلحفائية على سبعة أصناف من بنجر السكر وهي ((Lola, Carola, Kws1436, Hend9422, 3S40, Anima and Top) حيث وجد أن حشرة ذبابة أوراق البنجر لها من قمتين الي ثلاثة قمم في الموسم على الأصناف المختلفة بينما حشرة وخنفساء البنجر السلحفائية لها من قمة الى قمتين وذلك خلال سنتي الدراسة.

كما درست حساسية السبعة أصناف من بنجر السكر (Lola, Carola, Kws₁₄₃₆, السبحر السكر (Hend₉₄₂₂, 3S₄₀, Anema and Top) للإصابة بحشرتي ذبابة أوراق البنجر وخنفساء البنجر السلحفائية.

حيث وجد أن الصنف Kws1436 كان أكثر حساسية من الصنف Top للإصابة بنبابة أوراق البنجر في حين كان الصنف Hend9422 متوسط الإصابة بينما كان أكثر الأصناف حساسية لهذه النبابة كان الصنف Kws1436.

على الجانب الآخر كان الصنف Anema أكثر الأصناف حساسية للإصابة بخنفساء البنجر السلحفائية بينما كان أكثر هم تحملا للإصابة هما الصنفان Top . 3S40 ، Top

وكذلك ظهرت العلاقة بين معدل الإصابة بحشرتي ذبابة أوراق البنجر وخنفساء البنجر السلحفائية وكذلك محصول الجذور الناتج ونسبة السكر حيث أظهرت النتائج أن صنفي 3S₄₀ ، Top هما أكثر الأصناف إنتاجا للسكر وأكثرهم نسبة سكر في حين جاء الصنف Anema أقل الأصناف إنتاجا للسكر كما جاءت الأصناف الأخري في الوسط بينهما من حيث كمية السكر المستخرجة ونسبتها.

من ذلك يمكن أن نستنج أن صنفي Top ، 3S40 هما أكثر الأصناف إنتاجا للمحصول وكذلك أعلاهم كنسبة سكر مما يتضح أيضا أنه عند إنخفاض نسبة الأصابة بهاتين الحشرتين يزيد المحصول وتزيد تبعا له نسبة السكر مقارنة ببقية الأصناف.

وفي النهاية نقترح التوسع في زراعة الصنف 3S₄₀ جنبا الي جنب الي الصنف Top لتفوقه علي بقية الأصناف المختبرة كما ونوعاً.