

HETEROSIS AND COMBINING ABILITY IN YELLOW MAIZE (*Zea mays* L.)

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ABSTRACT

Fifteen new yellow inbred lines of maize were top crossed to three promising line testers, i.e. Gm. 1002, Gm.1004 and Gm. 1021 at Gemmeiza in 2004 season. The 45 top crosses plus three checks were evaluated at Gemmeiza and Mallawy Agricultural Research Stations in 2005 season. Significant differences were noticed between the two locations for all the studied traits, except resistance to late wilt disease. Mean squares due to crosses and their partitioning lines and testers were highly significant, while, lines x testers interaction were significant for grain yield, resistance to late wilt disease under two locations and their combined, while, it was significant for combined of days to 50% silking. The additive type of gene action was more important from non-additive type of gene action in the inheritance of all studied traits. The inbred lines Gm. 10, Gm. 14 and Gm. 22 exhibited positively and significant GCA effects for grain yield. Inbred lines Gm. 26, Gm.29 and Gm. 31 gave negative and desirable GCA effects for days to 50% Silking towards (ear liness), Gm. 30 for plant height towards (shortness), Gm. 16 for ear height towards (low ear position) and the inbred lines Gm. 13 and Gm. 14 gave highly significant and desirable GCA effects for resistance to late wilt disease. The line tester 1002 gave significant and desirable GCA effect towards earliness, short plants and resistance to late wilt disease, while, the line tester Gm. 1021 gave positive and highly significant GCA effects for grain yield. At least, seventeen crosses surpassed from the three checks (S.C. 155, S.C. 3080 and S.C 3084) in yield potentiality ,while, The highest mean performance were detected in the cross Gm. 17 x Gm.1021 (36.26 ard /fed) followed by the cross Gm.31 x Gm.1004 (34.91 ard /fed) and the cross Gm 23 x Gm 1021 (33.99 ard /fed) , respectively. These crosses are favorable and could be used in maize breeding programs.

Keywords : *Maize, Zea mays L., Line x tester, Combining ability, Gene action, Heterosis , Top crosses .*

INTRODUCTION

Top crosses test provides information about the components of genetic variations and it helps the researcher in choice the best parents to produce good crosses in early and late generations and chair in crossing programs. Davis (1927) was the first to suggest the use of inbred lines x variety cross or top cross a method for evaluation maize inbred lines. Kempthorne (1957) detected a method of statistical analysis of the line x tester for testing general and specific combining ability of inbred lines and top crosses. Nawar and EL-Hosary (1984). They found that broad genetic base testers were more efficient than the marrow genetic base tester for evaluation of general combining ability in inbred lines of maize. EL-Zeir *et al* (2000) evaluated 17 inbred lines of maize using two testers. They found that the variance of lines, testers, L x T and their interaction with locations were highly significant, while, L x T x Loc. was not significant for grain yield. Also, Mahmoud (1996), Soliman and Sadek (1999) and EL-Shenawy *et. al.* (2003) and Ibrahim (2004) found that the additive genetic variance was more

importance, while, Lonnquist and Gardener (1961) and Amer (2004). found that the non-additive genetic variance was more importance from additive genetic variance. EL-Zeir *et al.*, (2000) and Amer *et al.*, (2003). Therefore, the present investigation aims to study the relative importance of general and specific combining ability and their interaction with different lactations, determine the magnitude of heterosis in their top crosses for grain yield and identify superior inbred lines and their top crosses to could be used it in hybrid maize breeding programs.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Fifteen new yellow inbred lines, namely; Gm. 6, Gm. 10, Gm. 14, Gm. 16, Gm. 17, Gm. 18, Gm. 22, Gm. 23, Gm. 25, Gm. 26, Gm. 27, Gm. 29, Gm. 30, Gm. 31 and Gm. 32 were used in this investigation. These inbred lines were developed at Gemmeiza Agricultural Research Station. The inbred lines 1002, 1004 and 1021 have the narrowest genetic base were used as testers to give 45 top crosses during the summer season of 2004. The forty five top crosses and three checks (S.C. 155, S.C. 3080 and S.C. 3084) were evaluated under two different locations (Gemmeiza and Mallawy Agricultural Stations) in summer season of 2005. A Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) was used with four replications for the two locations. The plot size was one row 6 m long and 80 cm a part with 25 cm between hills. The different agronomic operations were carried out during summer season of 2005. The data were collected on : Days to 50% silking , plant height (cm), ear height (cm), ear position (%), resistance to late wilt disease (%) , ear length (cm), ear diameter (cm), number of rows /ear, number of kernels/ row, grain yield (ard./fed.) adjusted to 15.5% grain moisture content.

The analysis of variance of Randomized Complete Block Design for each location and across the two locations was used to according to Steel and Torrie (1980).

Combining ability analysis was computed using the line x tester procedure suggested by Kempthorne (1957). Combined analysis between the two locations was done based on the homogeneity test.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The analysis of variance for separate location (Gemmeiza and Mallawy) and their combined involved forty five top crosses resulting from (15 inbred lines x 3 testers) are presented in table 1. Locations mean squares for all studied traits were significant except resistance to late wilt disease. This result would indicate that the genotypes (crosses) were affected by location to another and agreed with what obtained by EL-Zier (1999), Amer *et al.*, (2002) and Ibrahim (2004).

Mean squares due to crosses (C) and their two partitioning : Lines (L) and testers (T) were highly significant for all traits under the two locations (Gemmeiza and Mallawy) and their combined, mean squares due to lines x testers (L x T) were significant for grain yield, resistance to late wilt but not significant for plant height , ear height and days to 50% silking , except, the combined of days to 50% silking was significant in the same order.

Table 1. Mean squares for grain yield and some of other traits at Gemmeiza, Malloway and their combined data in 2005 season.

S.O.V	D.F	Days to 50% silking			Plant height			Ear height			Resistance to late wilt %			Grain yield		
		Gem.	Mall.	Comb.	Gem.	Mall.	Comb.	Gem.	Mall.	Comb.	Gem.	Mall.	Comb.	Gem.	Mall.	Comb.
Locations (Loc.)	1	--	--	5017.60**	--	--	32167.80**	--	--	272.40**	--	--	4.72	--	--	36.76*
Rep / Loc.	6	--	--	20.11	--	--	1007.21	--	--	13.85	--	--	195.83	--	--	13.39
Crosses(C)	44	8.92**	7.41**	14.64**	348.20**	481.24**	691.47**	7.12**	18.19**	17.40**	124.47	75.22**	170.75**	129.23**	139.75**	242.18**
Lines (L)	14	3.77*	3.39*	5.16**	365.09**	635.24**	844.09**	6.03*	16.76*	13.87**	87.99**	96.13**	150.93**	87.23**	127.22**	184.13**
Testers (T)	2	134.22**	108.62**	238.33**	3180.91**	4681.87**	7362.69**	68.51**	196.38**	196.02**	1573.11**	499.64**	1912.10**	1275.65**	1468.54**	2656.62**
L x T	28	2.54	2.19	3.40*	135.92	104.20	138.64	3.36	6.18	6.36	39.24*	34.44*	56.27**	68.34**	51.10**	98.75**
C x Loc.	44	--	--	1.69	--	--	137.97	--	--	7.91*	--	--	28.94	--	--	26.8**
L x Loc.	14	--	--	2.00	--	--	159.24	--	--	8.92**	--	--	33.19*	--	--	30.32**
T x Loc.	2	--	--	4.51**	--	--	500.09**	--	--	68.27**	--	--	160.65**	--	--	87.57**
L x T x Loc	28	--	--	1.33	--	--	101.48	--	--	3.18	--	--	17.41	--	--	20.69
Error	2.64	1.81	0.87	1.34	84.04	95.24	89.64	2.56	4.62	3.50	17.95	14.13	19.04	7.03	10.49	8.76
C.V.%	--	2.48	1.50	1.99	3.68	4.25	3.95	1.13	1.73	1.43	4.35	3.83	4.46	9.75	12.10	11.05

** Significant and highly significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability

Table 2. Average performance of 45 top crosses of grain yield and some of other traits at Gemmeiza (Gem), Mallawy (Mall) and their combined data in 2005 season.

Top Crosses	Days to 50% silking (day)			Plant height (cm)			Ear height (cm)			Resistance to late wilt (%)			Grain yield (ard/fed)			
	Gem.	Mall.	Comb.	Gem.	Mall.	Comb.	Gem.	Mall.	Comb.	Gem.	Mall.	Comb.	Gem.	Mall.	Comb.	
Gm 6x 1002	54.00	60.75	57.37	256.00	224.25	240.12	141.25	117.75	129.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	23.64	26.55	25.09	
Gm 6x 1004	57.00	63.75	60.37	236.75	224.75	230.57	140.25	118.25	129.25	89.75	94.25	92.00	17.88	17.44	17.66	
Gm 6x 1021	55.50	62.75	59.12	259.75	244.50	252.21	146.25	131.50	138.87	92.75	98.75	95.75	18.98	27.60	23.28	
Gm 10x 1002	53.25	61.00	57.12	235.25	220.25	227.75	131.00	116.00	123.50	99.75	99.75	99.75	27.6	27.20	27.40	
Gm 10x 1004	58.00	64.50	61.25	237.00	221.75	229.37	136.25	116.75	126.50	97.75	98.25	98.00	19.08	18.03	18.55	
Gm 10x 1021	53.25	62.25	57.75	252.75	231.25	242.00	146.50	129.75	138.12	98.00	100.00	99.00	32.29	34.99	33.64	
Gm 14x 1002	53.75	60.50	57.12	254.00	218.50	231.75	134.25	114.00	124.12	100.00	99.00	99.50	30.20	31.28	30.74	
Gm 14x 1004	57.75	64.50	61.12	237.25	231.00	234.12	141.75	123.50	132.62	90.25	94.00	92.12	14.41	16.25	15.33	
Gm 14x 1021	54.25	61.25	57.75	252.75	239.00	245.87	147.50	134.00	140.75	98.75	95.25	96.00	24.52	27.83	26.17	
Gm 16x 1002	53.00	59.00	56.00	250.50	227.25	238.37	128.50	119.00	123.75	100.00	97.75	98.87	29.38	26.73	28.6	
Gm 16x 1004	55.00	62.75	58.87	240.75	233.75	237.25	137.75	129.25	133.75	97.00	98.25	97.62	23.66	24.79	24.32	
Gm 16x 1021	53.00	59.75	56.37	259.25	234.00	246.65	149.25	130.25	139.75	98.00	97.25	96.62	30.24	27.55	28.90	
Gm 17x 1002	53.75	61.00	57.37	242.75	223.00	232.87	134.25	120.75	127.50	99.25	98.25	98.75	26.97	27.12	27.05	
Gm 17x 1004	57.00	63.50	60.25	231.50	228.75	230.12	141.25	122.75	132.00	96.25	97.25	96.75	19.21	24.60	21.90	
Gm 17x 1021	54.00	62.00	58.00	253.25	248.50	250.87	150.50	140.25	145.37	99.25	97.50	98.37	31.75	40.72	38.26	
Gm 18x 1002	53.75	62.00	57.87	230.75	220.25	225.50	131.75	115.75	123.75	99.50	99.25	99.37	22.34	24.44	23.93	
Gm 18x 1004	56.50	63.50	60.00	221.75	214.25	218.00	133.50	112.75	123.12	92.75	94.75	93.75	15.03	18.18	16.80	
Gm 18x 1021	52.75	61.25	57.00	245.00	230.25	237.62	142.00	126.50	134.25	96.00	96.50	96.25	23.78	22.68	23.22	
Gm 22x 1002	53.00	60.75	56.87	243.75	217.75	230.75	129.25	113.25	121.25	100.00	98.25	99.12	31.14	36.67	33.91	
Gm 22x 1004	55.25	63.50	59.38	237.50	229.00	233.25	134.75	124.00	129.37	93.00	96.00	94.50	19.00	23.50	21.25	
Gm 22x 1021	53.75	60.50	57.12	256.50	231.00	243.75	149.25	127.25	136.25	98.50	98.00	97.25	24.26	25.79	25.02	
Gm 23x 1002	53.50	61.00	57.25	245.00	220.00	232.50	134.00	114.50	124.25	100.00	99.75	99.87	32.95	27.73	30.34	
Gm 23x 1004	55.50	63.00	59.25	248.25	222.75	235.50	138.25	117.50	126.87	93.25	95.25	94.25	18.51	20.12	19.55	
Gm 23x 1021	53.50	60.50	57.00	252.00	229.25	240.62	145.50	124.00	134.75	94.75	94.75	94.75	29.08	36.69	33.99	
Gm 25x 1002	54.00	59.25	56.82	250.25	224.50	237.37	133.25	119.50	126.37	100.00	99.50	99.75	32.92	27.61	30.26	
Gm 25x 1004	56.75	63.75	60.25	231.75	214.00	222.87	127.00	112.25	119.62	94.75	98.00	96.37	18.32	22.613	20.48	
Gm 25x 1021	54.00	61.50	57.75	254.50	235.25	244.87	147.00	129.50	138.25	98.00	99.00	99.00	32.98	31.28	32.13	
Gm 26x 1002	54.50	62.00	58.25	258.50	237.50	246.50	140.50	127.25	133.87	100.00	100.00	100.00	31.63	27.74	30.68	
Gm 26x 1004	55.00	63.25	59.12	252.00	231.25	241.62	143.25	123.25	133.25	97.25	99.00	98.12	22.98	22.30	22.64	
Gm 26x 1021	54.50	61.75	58.12	263.75	257.50	260.62	150.00	133.00	141.50	96.25	98.25	97.25	32.24	33.50	32.87	
Gm 27x 1002	54.00	61.25	57.62	242.00	225.75	233.87	130.25	119.00	124.62	100.00	100.00	100.00	32.57	23.18	30.74	
Gm 27x 1004	56.00	63.25	59.62	237.00	231.75	234.37	139.50	124.75	132.15	97.00	97.75	97.62	22.59	23.39	22.99	
Gm 27x 1021	54.50	61.50	58.00	271.00	237.50	254.25	152.57	131.25	142.00	96.75	93.00	97.37	32.54	31.98	32.25	
Gm 29x 1002	53.00	60.00	58.00	259.75	230.25	245.00	142.75	122.75	132.75	99.75	97.75	98.75	32.64	33.42	32.94	
Gm 29x 1004	56.25	64.00	60.12	246.25	222.50	234.37	141.50	117.75	129.62	98.50	97.25	98.37	23.66	21.35	22.50	
Gm 29x 1021	53.75	61.75	57.75	268.25	234.50	251.37	148.25	129.75	139.00	99.75	99.75	99.75	34.53	27.42	30.98	
Gm 30x 1002	53.50	61.25	57.37	259.50	243.50	251.50	142.50	131.00	136.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	31.13	23.85	27.49	
Gm 30x 1004	55.75	64.75	60.25	248.00	221.50	234.75	141.75	123.75	132.75	99.25	100.00	99.62	20.43	21.45	20.94	
Gm 30x 1021	53.00	61.75	57.37	259.75	250.75	255.25	144.00	139.50	141.75	100.00	99.50	99.75	32.50	29.37	31.18	
Gm 31x 1002	54.00	60.25	57.12	257.50	229.50	243.50	142.25	123.75	133.00	99.50	100.00	99.75	24.68	26.42	25.55	
Gm 31x 1004	54.25	63.50	58.87	255.50	232.50	244.00	148.25	126.25	137.25	97.00	100.00	98.50	35.01	34.81	34.91	
Gm 31x 1021	54.00	63.75	58.87	265.50	238.50	252.00	157.50	136.25	146.87	98.50	99.75	99.62	33.10	31.00	32.05	
Gm 32x 1002	53.50	61.50	57.50	252.25	226.25	239.25	143.00	125.00	134.00	100.00	98.25	99.12	29.98	23.80	28.88	
Gm 32x 1004	54.75	62.75	58.75	236.50	221.25	228.87	141.50	116.75	129.12	94.00	94.50	94.25	19.71	21.37	20.54	
Gm 32x 1021	53.50	61.50	57.50	246.75	230.00	239.37	148.00	127.00	137.50	97.75	98.25	98.00	25.53	27.19	26.36	
\bar{X}	54.30	62.19	58.24	246.85	229.73	239.29	141.05	123.97	132.51	97.46	98.06	97.76	27.19	26.77	26.78	
Check SC 155	54.25	63.00	58.62	261.50	237.50	249.50	145.50	130.25	137.87	100.00	100.00	100.00	29.87	27.40	28.64	
SC 3080	55.00	62.00	58.50	257.00	243.75	250.37	132.25	128.75	130.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	28.68	27.74	28.20	
SC 3084	58.75	65.00	61.88	259.50	261.00	260.25	146.75	147.75	147.25	97.75	96.50	97.12	25.37	33.33	29.35	
LSD	0.05	1.32	0.91	1.13	8.98	9.58	9.28	1.57	2.11	1.86	4.15	3.88	4.28	3.00	3.17	2.90
	0.01	1.74	1.20	1.49	11.83	12.59	12.21	2.08	2.77	2.44	5.47	4.85	5.63	3.42	4.18	3.62

On the other hand ,mean squares due to crosses x loc. were significant for grain yield and ear height only, while, mean squares due to their partitioning (Lines x loc.) were significant for grain yield ,resistance to late

will and ear height , (Testers x loc.) were significant for all the studied traits , while, the interaction of lines x testers x locations (L x T x loc.) was not significant. These results showed that the genotypes varied significantly from location to another and agreed with what obtained by Amer *et al.*, (2003).

Mean performance of 45 top crosses for grain yield at Gemmeiza, Mallawy locations and their combined data are shown in table 2. Values mean performance of grain yield ranged from 14.41 ard./fed. for the cross Gm.14 x Gm.1004 to (35.01 ard./fed.) for the cross Gm.31 x Gm.1004 ,while, 18 top crosses gave higher values from the highest commercial hybrid S.C.155 (29.87 ard /fed.) under Gemmeiza conditions. Values of mean performance for grain yield ranged from (16.25 ard./fed.) for the cross Gm.14 x Gm.1004 to (40.72 ard./fed.) for the cross Gm.17 x Gm.1021, while, 7 top crosses gave higher values from the highest commercial hybrid S.C. 3084 (33.33 ard /fed.) under Mallawy conditions. Moreover, values of mean performance for grain yield from (15.33 ard /fed.)for the cross Gm.14 x Gm.1004 to (36.26 ard /fed.) for the cross Gm.17 x Gm.1021 ,while, 17 top crosses surpassed from the over mean (29.35 ard /fed.) for combined data of (Gemmeiza and Mallawy) locations. Therefor, it could be considered these top crosses are fruitful, promising, due to the highest yield potentiality and gave desirable values for earliness, short plants and resistance to late wilt disease. These results indicated that these top crosses could be recommended as promising crosses and utilize it in maize hybrid breeding programs. Estimates of variance for general(δ^2GCA) and specific (δ^2SCA) combining ability and their interaction with locations are given in table 3. The results showed that (δ^2GCA) was higher than (δ^2SCA) for all the studied traits. This indicated that the additive gene action was more importance in inheritance of all studied traits.

Table 3. Estimates of variance of general (δ^2GCA) and specific(δ^2SCA) combining ability and their interaction with two locations (Gemmeiza and Mallawy) .

Variance	Days to 50% silking	Plant height	Ear height	resistance to late wilt %	Grain yield
δ^2GCA	1.625	51.647	0.895	12.441	18.351
δ^2SCA	0.175	-2.576	-0.391	2.666	8.663
$\delta^2GCA / \delta^2SCA$	9.286	-20.049	-2.806	4.311	2.118
$\delta^2GCA \times Loc.$	0.045	3.420	0.957	2.206	1.063
$\delta^2SCA \times Loc.$	-0.005	2.961	-0.029	0.343	2.892
$\delta^2GCA \times Loc. / \delta^2SCA \times Loc.$	-9.000	1.155	-33.000	6.437	0.368

These results are agreement with what was obtained by Matiznger *et al.*, (1959), EL-Zeir *et al.*, (1993), Soliman and Sadek (1999), Ibrahim (2004) and Ibrahim and Osman (2005) for grain yield Amer *et al.*, (2002) for silking date and plant height. On the other side, the (δ^2GCA) x loc. interaction was higher Heterosis percentage relative to three checks (S.C. 155, S.C. 3080 and S.C. 3084) in Gemmeiza, Mallawy and combined date are presented in table 4.

Table 4. Percentage of heterosis for 45 top crosses relative to three checks for grain yield in Gemmeiza, Mallawy and their combined data.

Crosses	Gemmeiza			Mallawy			Combined		
	S.C. 155	S.C. 3080	S.C. 3084	S.C. 155	S.C. 3080	S.C. 3084	S.C. 155	S.C. 3080	S.C. 3084
Gm. 6 x 1002	-20.86 **	17.57 **	-6.82 **	-3.10	-4.29	-20.34 **	-12.40 *	-11.03 *	-14.51 **
Gm. 6 x 1004	-40.14 **	-37.66 **	-29.25 **	36.35 **	37.13 **	47.67 **	-38.34 **	-37.38 **	-39.83 **
Gm. 6 x 1021	-36.46 **	-33.82 **	-25.19 **	0.73	-0.50	-17.19 **	-18.72 **	-17.45 **	-20.68 **
Gm. 10 x 1002	-7.60	-3.77	-8.79	0.73	-1.95	-18.39 **	-4.33	-2.84	-6.64
Gm. 10 x 1004	-36.12 **	-33.47 **	-24.79 **	-34.20 **	-33.78 **	-45.90 **	-35.23 **	34.22 **	-36.80 **
Gm. 10 x 1021	8.10	12.59 **	27.28 **	27.70 **	26.14 **	4.98	17.46 **	19.29 **	14.62
Gm. 14 x 1002	-1.10	-5.30	-19.00 **	14.16 *	12.76 *	-6.15	7.33	9.00	4.74
Gm. 14 x 1004	-51.76 **	-47.76 **	-43.20 **	-40.69 **	41.42 **	-15.25 **	-46.47 **	-45.64 **	-47.77 **
Gm. 14 x 1021	-17.91 **	-14.50 **	-3.35	1.57	0.32	-16.50 **	-8.26	-7.20	-10.83 *
Gm. 16 x 1002	-1.64	2.44	15.81 **	-2.45	-3.64	-19.80 **	-0.14	0.14	2.55
Gm. 16 x 1004	-20.12 **	-16.81 **	-5.95	-9.53	-10.63	-25.62 **	-15.08 **	-13.76 **	-17.14 **
Gm. 16 x 1021	1.24	5.44	19.20 **	0.55	-0.68	-17.34 **	0.91	2.48	-1.53
Gm. 17 x 1002	-9.71 *	-5.96	6.31	-1.02	-2.24	-18.63 **	-5.55	-4.08	-7.48
Gm. 17 x 1004	-35.69 **	-33.02 **	-24.28 **	-10.22	-11.32	-26.19 **	-23.53 **	-22.34 **	-25.38 **
Gm. 17 x 1021	6.29	10.70 *	25.15 **	48.61 **	48.79 **	22.17 **	26.61 **	28.58 **	23.54 **
Gm. 18 x 1002	-25.21 **	22.11 **	-11.49 *	-10.08	-11.90 *	-26.67 **	-16.45 **	-15.14 **	-18.47 **
Gm. 18 x 1004	-49.68 **	-47.59 **	-40.76 **	-33.65 **	-34.46 **	-45.45	-42.04 **	-41.13 **	-43.44 **
Gm. 18 x 1021	-20.46 **	-17.15 **	-6.35	-17.23 **	-18.24 **	-31.95	-18.92 **	-17.66 **	-20.69 **
Gm. 22 x 1002	4.25	8.58	22.74 **	33.83 **	32.19 **	10.02 *	18.40 **	20.25 **	15.54 **
Gm. 22 x 1004	-36.39	-33.75 **	-25.11 **	-14.23 *	-15.28 **	-29.93 **	-25.80 **	-24.65 **	-27.60
Gm. 22 x 1021	-18.78 **	-15.41 **	-4.38	-5.88	-7.03	-22.62 **	-12.64	-11.28	-14.75 **
Gm. 23 x 1002	10.31 *	14.89 **	9.88 **	1.20	-0.04	-16.80 **	5.94	7.59	3.37
Gm. 23 x 1004	-36.69 **	-34.07 **	-25.48 **	-25.57 **	-27.47 **	-39.63 **	-31.74 **	-30.53 **	-33.39 **
Gm. 23 x 1021	-2.64	1.39	14.62 **	35.00	33.35 **	10.98 *	18.68 **	20.53 **	15.81 **
Gm. 25 x 1002	10.21 *	14.78 **	29.76 **	0.77	-0.05	-17.16	5.66	7.30	3.10
Gm. 25 x 1004	-38.67 **	-36.12 **	-27.79 **	-25.57 **	-18.50	-32.16 **	28.56 **	-27.45 **	-30.29
Gm. 25 x 1021	10.41 *	14.99 **	30.00 **	27.77 **	12.78 *	-6.15	12.19 *	13.94 *	0.95
Gm. 26 x 1002	5.89	10.29 *	24.64 **	1.24	0.00	-16.77 **	7.12	8.79	4.53
Gm. 26 x 1004	-23.07 **	-19.87 **	-9.42 **	-18.51 **	-19.61 **	-33.09 **	-20.95 **	-19.72 **	-22.86 **
Gm. 26 x 1021	7.93	12.41 **	27.08 **	22.26 **	20.76 **	0.50	14.77 **	16.56 **	12.00 *
Gm. 27 x 1002	9.04 *	13.56 **	28.38 **	2.85	1.86	-15.45 **	6.98	9.00	4.74
Gm. 27 x 1004	-24.37 **	-21.23 **	-10.96 *	-14.64 *	-15.68 **	-29.82 **	-19.73 **	-18.48 **	-21.67 **
Gm. 27 x 1021	8.94 *	13.46 **	28.26 **	16.64 **	15.21 **	-0.04	12.60 *	14.36 **	9.88 **
Gm. 29 x 1002	9.27 *	13.81 **	28.66 **	21.97 **	20.48 **	0.27	15.01 **	16.81 **	12.23 **
Gm. 29 x 1004	-20.79 **	-17.50 **	-6.74	-22.21 **	-23.04 **	-35.94 **	-21.14 **	-20.21 **	-23.34 **
Gm. 29 x 1021	15.60 **	20.40 **	36.11 **	0.71	-1.15	-17.73 **	25.36 **	27.59 **	22.59 **
Gm. 30 x 1002	4.22	8.54	22.70 **	-12.96 *	-14.02 *	-28.44 **	-4.02	-2.25	-6.34
Gm. 30 x 1004	-31.60 **	-28.77 **	-19.47	-21.72 **	-22.67 **	-35.64 **	-26.89 **	-25.74 **	-28.65 **
Gm. 30 x 1021	-8.80 *	13.32 **	28.10 **	7.19	5.88	-11.88 **	8.87	10.57 *	6.24
Gm. 31 x 1002	-17.38 **	-13.95 **	-2.72	-3.58	-4.76	-20.73 **	-10.79	-9.40	-12.95 *
Gm. 31 x 1004	17.80 **	22.07 **	38.00 **	27.04 **	25.49 **	4.44	21.89 **	23.79 **	18.94 **
Gm. 31 x 1021	10.81 *	15.41 **	30.47 **	13.14 *	11.75 *	-6.99	11.91 *	13.65 **	9.20
Gm. 32 x 1002	0.30	4.46	18.09 **	-13.14 *	-14.20 *	-28.59 **	6.15	-4.68	8.42
Gm. 32 x 1004	-34.04 **	-31.28 **	-22.31 **	-22.01	-22.56 **	-35.88 **	28.28 **	27.16 **	30.02 **
Gm. 32 x 1021	-14.53 **	-10.98 *	0.63	-0.77	-1.98	-18.42 **	7.96	-9.52	10.19 *
L.S.D	0.05	2.60	2.60	3.17	3.17	3.17	2.90	2.90	2.90
	0.01	3.42	3.12	3.42	4.18	4.18	3.82	3.82	3.82

Number of top crosses showed significant and highly significant positive heterotic effects for the three checks as follows :- 10 top crosses gave significantly heterotic effects relative to the commercial hybrid S.C. 155 and ranged from (-15.76% to 17.80%), 13 top crosses gave significantly heterotic effects relative to the commercial hybrid S.C.3080 and ranged from (-49.76% to 30.00%) and 20 top crosses gave significantly heterotic effects relative to the commercial hybrid S.C. 3084 and ranged from (-43.20 to 38.00) under Gemmeiza location. 11 top crosses exhibited significantly heterotic effects relative to S.C. 155 and ranged from (-36.35% to 48.61%), 12 top crosses exhibited significantly heterotic effects relative to S.C.3084 and ranged from (-45.90% to 47.67%) under Mallowy location. While, 12 top crosses showed significantly heterotic effects relative to S.C. 155 and ranged from (-46.47 to 28.56), top crosses showed significantly heterotic effects relative to S.C. 3080 and ranged from (-45.064 to 28.58) and 10 top crosses showed significantly heterotic effects relative to S.C. 3080 and ranged from (-47.77% to 30.02%). The desirable heterotic effects relative to the three checks under Gemmeiza, Mallowy and their combined data ranged from (8.80 to 17.80 %, 10.29 to 22.07%, 14.62 to 38.00%, 13.14 to 48.61 %, 11.75 to 46.79%, 10.02 to 47.67%, 11.91 to 28.56%, 10.57 to 28.58% and 10.19 to 30.02%) ,respectively. The highest heterotic effects were detected in the cross (Gm. 32 x Gm.1004) followed by cross (Gm. 17 x Gm. 1021) and cross (Gm. 29 x Gm.1021). Number of Researchers reported high heterosis for yield of maize; i.e., EL-Rouby and Galal (1972), Mohamed (1984), Mahmoud *et al* (1990), Abdel-Sattar *et al.* (1999) Mosa (2003) and Ibrahim (2004).

General combining ability effects for fifteen inbred lines and three testers under Gemmeiza, Mallowy locations and their combined are presented in table 5. The inbred lines Gm. 29, Gm. 31 gave highly significant and desirable GCA effects for grain yield trait and could be used directly in hybrid breeding programs after testing for yield trials. The inbred line Gm.23 gave significant and desirable GCA effects for ear height towards (shortness). Also, the two inbred lines Gm. 13 and Gm. 14 had highly significant and desirable GCA effects for resistance to late wilt disease. On the other side, desirable GCA effects of the testers Gm. 1002 and Gm.1021 for days to 50% silking towards (ear lines), tester Gm. 1002 for plant height and ear height towards (shortness). The superiority of inbred lines as good testers were noticed by Mahmoud (1996) and Ibrahim and Osman (2005). While, the superiority of top crosses (varieties) were noticed by Amer *et al* (2002) and Ibrahim (2004).

Specific combining ability SCA effects of the 45 top crosses under Gemmeiza and Mallowy locations and their combined are given in table 6. The top crosses Gm. 10 x Gm. 1002, Gm. 14 x Gm. 1002 and Gm. 22 x Gm.1002 gave positive and highly significant SCA effects for grain yield trait under two locations and their combined.

Table 5. Estimates of general combining ability effects for grain yield and some of other traits at Gemmeiza, Mallawy and their combined data in 2005 season.

Genotypes	Days to 50% silking		Plant height		Ear height		Resistance to late wilt %		Grain yield					
	Gm.	Mall	Gm.	Mall	Gm.	Mall	Gm.	Mall	Gm.	Mall				
Lines:-														
Gm.6	0.450	1.000**	1.422	2.103	-0.962	0.135	-4.964**	0.190	-2.367**	-3.164**	-6.210**	-4.691**		
Gm.10	0.616*	0.333	-5.327*	-6.993*	-0.126	0.303	0.089*	1.077	3.273**	2.175*	-0.077	-0.264	-0.171	
Gm.14	0.117	0.750**	-0.244	-3.650	-0.053	0.072	0.410*	-2.581*	-3.968**	-3.275**	-1.906*	-3.343**	-2.625**	
Gm.16	-1.467**	-0.833**	2.086	1.516	0.550	-1.394*	-0.417	-0.814	-1.576	-1.195	-0.603	1.445	0.396	
Gm.17	0.200	0.416	3.672	6.150**	0.804	1.835**	1.350**	1.560	-0.926	0.321	3.812**	-0.408	1.702*	
Gm.18	0.283	-0.167	-0.161**	-10.150**	-0.543	1.676*	0.567	-2.747*	-2.960**	-2.854**	-5.265**	-6.005**	-5.635**	
Gm.22	-0.303	-0.500	-3.027	-2.733	-0.222	-0.756	-0.489	-1.847	-2.010	-1.929*	1.627	-1.570	0.025	
Gm.23	-0.467	-0.333	-5.744*	-0.237	-2.990	-0.987	-1.020*	-1.004*	-2.514*	-2.368*	-1.257	1.277	0.924	
Gm.25	-0.467	0.416	-5.161	-3.150	-1.155*	-0.350	-1.510*	-0.030*	0.018	1.290	1.104	0.144	1.686	0.915
Gm.26	0.366	0.166	11.338**	9.433**	-0.029	-0.756	-0.793*	0.043*	0.206	0.124	0.824	2.567*	1.696*	
Gm.27	0.033	0.333	1.922	1.350	1.636	-0.001	-0.404	-0.203	0.802	1.273	1.038	0.818	2.850*	1.834*
Gm.29	-0.383	-0.166	-0.661	9.433**	4.386*	-0.113	-0.793	-0.453*	4.260**	-0.460	1.900*	3.709**	3.031**	3.770**
Gm.30	0.616*	-0.416	0.038**	7.300**	7.969**	1.124*	-0.931*	0.097	5.010**	4.981**	4.996**	-1.968*	1.634	-0.167
Gm.31	0.533	-0.416	3.755	10.850**	7.167**	1.186*	0.797	0.992	2.202*	5.456**	3.834**	3.721**	4.135**	
Gm.32	-0.050	-0.583*	-3.911	-2.016	-3.363	0.456	1.947**	1.202**	-0.414	-2.401*	-1.408	-2.901**	-1.316	-2.109*
Testers:-														
Gm. 1002	-1.266**	-0.066**	-4.044**	-0.066	-2.055*	-0.783**	-2.078**	-1.431**	5.470**	2.848**	4.159**	0.933*	2.881**	1.907**
Gm. 1004	1.650**	1.550**	-4.361**	-8.800**	-6.580**	-0.434	1.222**	0.394*	-4.677**	-2.921**	-3.799**	-5.006**	-5.712**	-5.359**
Gm. 1021	-0.303*	-0.603**	0.405**	8.866**	8.635**	1.217**	0.855*	1.036**	-0.792	0.073	-0.360	4.073**	2.831**	3.452**
L.S. D 0.05	0.564	0.527	5.186	5.521	3.789	1.125	1.215	0.829	2.400	2.127	1.603	1.501	1.833	1.184
Sl 0.01	0.743	0.694	6.827	7.200	-1.097	1.481	1.600	1.091	3.155	2.800	2.110	1.976	2.413	1.550
L.S. D 0.05	0.341	0.237	2.319	2.470	1.464	0.504	0.545	0.370	1.072	0.951	0.717	0.070	0.819	0.329
Sl-Sl 0.01	0.440	0.312	3.052	3.251	1.927	0.663	0.717	0.489	1.111	1.251	0.944	0.004	1.078	0.697

** Significant and highly significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

Table 6. Estimates of specific combining ability effects for grain yield and some of other traits at Gemmeiza, Mallawy and their combined data in 2005 season.

Crosses	Days to 50% silking			Plant height			Ear height			Resistance to late wilt %			Grain Yield		
	Gern.	Mall	Comb.	Gern.	Mall	Comb.	Gern.	Mall	Comb.	Gern.	Mall	Comb.	Gern.	Mall	Comb.
	Gm. 6 x 1002	-0.440	-0.033	-0.516	1.180	0.346	0.343	5.054**	2.893*	4.274**	1.756	0.596	1.176	1.756	0.596
Gm. 6 x 1004	-0.317	-0.050	-0.183	-0.256	-5.283	-3.669	0.044	1.135	0.590	-2.022	-3.442*	-1.414	-3.425*	1.005	1.005
Gm. 6 x 1021	0.717	0.683	0.700	4.927	0.050	2.488	-0.390	-1.476	-0.933	-3.032	1.368	-0.932	-0.341	-4.021*	-2.181*
Gm. 10x 1002	-0.317	-0.617	-0.517	-0.122	-6.350*	-3.236	-0.300	0.702	0.201	-1.812	-1.615	1.7135	-0.070	-2.005	-1.038
Gm. 10x 1004	0.277	1.616	0.942*	1.694	4.133	2.913	-0.760	-0.784	-0.771	1.661	-0.970	0.3455	-3.908**	-1.331	-2.620*
Gm. 10x 1021	0.050	-0.900*	-0.425	-1.572	2.216	0.322	1.060	0.082	0.571	0.151	2.585	1.368	3.979**	3.337*	3.658**
Gm. 14x 1002	-0.317	-0.633	-0.457	-6.956*	0.066	-3.445	-0.973	-0.749	0.861	3.271**	3.001*	3.136*	5.226**	4.276**	4.751**
Gm. 14x 1004	0.777	0.950*	0.863*	5.861	1.050	3.455	-0.001	0.886	0.443	-4.405*	-0.703	-2.554	-3.864**	-2.919	-3.392**
Gm. 14x 1021	-0.450	-0.316	-0.383	1.094	-1.116	-0.011	0.074	-0.136	0.419	1.134	-2.298	-0.582	-1.361	-1.356	-1.359
Gm. 16x 1002	-0.233	0.200	-0.061	-0.538	0.400	-0.069	-1.316	-1.978**	-1.647*	1.504	-2.515	-0.506	-0.559	-1.322	-0.940
Gm. 16x 1004	0.600	-0.216	0.191	6.277*	-0.616	2.830	1.451	0.620	1.035	1.752	2.930	2.341	3.439*	1.739	2.589*
Gm. 16x 1021	-0.367	-0.016	-0.175	-5.738	0.216	-2.761	-0.135	1.358	0.612	-3.257	-0.415	-1.836	-2.879	-0.416	-1.648
Gm. 17x 1002	0.100	-0.300	-0.100	-6.372	0.316	-3.028	0.239	-1.208	-0.485	-4.318*	-2.315*	-3.317**	-4.644**	-1.888	-3.266**
Gm. 17x 1004	-0.316	0.533	0.108	-0.305	-2.200	-1.252	-0.686	1.132	0.223	1.444	1.655	1.550	-1.225	-1.049	-1.137
Gm. 17x 1021	0.217	-0.233	-0.008	6.677*	1.883	4.280	0.446	0.075	0.261	2.884	0.660	1.772	5.870**	2.938	1.762
Gm. 18x 1002	1.017*	0.283	0.650	2.711	-1.683	0.514	-0.046	0.765	0.360	1.412	2.503	2.003	1.741	-0.916	4.404**
Gm. 18x 1004	-0.400	0.616	0.108	-2.972	-1.950	-2.461	-0.312	0.552	0.120	-1.488	-0.661	-1.048	1.416	0.362	0.889
Gm. 18x 1021	-0.616	-0.900*	-0.758*	0.261	3.633	1.947	0.358	-1.318**	-0.480	0.076	-1.931	-0.930	-3.158*	0.553	-1.302
Gm. 22x 1002	0.433	-0.133	0.150	-4.122	-2.100	-3.111	-0.909	-0.888	-0.899	2.537	-0.261	1.128	7.085**	3.456**	5.270**
Gm. 22x 1004	0.267	-0.300	-0.016	7.444*	0.383	3.914	0.745	-0.489	0.128	-2.263	-0.561	-1.412	-0.148	-0.084	-0.116
Gm. 22x 1021	-0.700	0.433	-0.133	-3.322**	1.716	-0.803	0.164	1.377	0.771	-0.273	0.843	0.285	-6.937**	-3.372**	-5.155**
Gm. 23x 1002	0.767	0.200	0.4835	0.044	-3.350	-1.653	-0.141	0.950	0.409	3.204	4.026*	3.615*	-1.504	3.113*	0.804
Gm. 23x 1004	-0.150	-0.216	-0.183	3.111	0.633*	5.872*	0.192	-2.102*	-0.955	-1.322	-0.778	-1.050	-3.110*	-2.334	-2.722*
Gm. 23x 1021	-0.617	0.016	-0.316	-3.155	-5.283	-4.219	-0.050	1.144	0.547	-1.882	3.248	-2.565	4.615**	-0.778	1.919*
Gm. 25x 1002	-0.983	-0.050	-0.516	3.961	4.816	4.389	0.431	0.015	0.223	-0.228	-0.231	-0.235	-0.494	1.964	0.735
Gm. 25x 1004	0.600	0.283	0.441	-6.222*	-4.950	-5.586*	-0.691	-1.633	-1.162	-1.880	-0.412	-1.145	0.451	-4.039**	-1.794*
Gm. 25x 1021	0.383	-0.233	0.075	2.261	0.133	1.197	0.280	1.617	0.938	2.100	0.643	1.376	0.042	2.074	-1.058

Table 6. Count.

Crosses	Days to 50% silking		Plant height		Ear height		Resistance to late wilt %		Grain yield				
	Gem.	Mall	Gem.	Comb.	Gem.	Comb.	Gem.	Comb.	Gem.	Comb.			
Gm. 26 x 1002	0.933	0.700	-2.538	-1.027	2.010*	0.373	1.191	0.646	2.876	1.761	-1.044	-0.202	-0.623
Gm. 26 x 1004	-0.733	-1.216**	-5.472	-1.378	0.616	-0.397	0.109	1.844	-1.978	-0.067	-0.538	-0.255	-0.397
Gm. 26 x 1021	-0.200	0.510	8.011	-3.200	-2.626*	0.024	-1.301	-2.490	-0.898	-1.694	1.582	0.458	1.020
Gm. 27 x 1002	0.517	0.033	-1.822	-7.933*	-0.426	-0.428	-0.427	-0.112	1.810	0.849	-0.596	0.457	-0.070
Gm. 27 x 1004	-0.400	-0.383	4.444	-4.200	0.122	1.263	0.802	1.336	0.405	0.8705	0.550	-0.933	-0.192
Gm. 27 x 1021	-0.117	0.350	-2.572	12.133**	4.781	-0.835	-0.376	-1.223	-2.215	-1.719	0.046	0.475	0.261
Gm. 29 x 1002	-1.317*	-0.466	5.211	1.733	3.472	0.300	1.116	0.712	-4.995*	-4.95**	1.757	-0.640	0.559
Gm. 29x1004	0.767	0.366	-2.222	-3.033	-2.628	-0.516	0.356	3.727	0.013	1.87	-4.375**	-0.846	-2.611
Gm. 29x1021	0.550	0.100	-2.988	1.300	-0.844	0.702	-1.473	1.276	4.893*	3.0845*	2.617*	1.487	2.052*
Gm. 30x1002	-0.067	0.283	0.961*	1.016	0.389*	-0.464	1.174	0.355	-4.320*	-1.898	-3.109*	-2.134	-0.953
Gm. 30x1004	0.517	0.110	-12.722**	1.050	-5.836*	1.180	0.138	0.663	3.871*	3.124*	1.396	-1.877	-0.241
Gm. 30x1021	-0.450	-0.400	3.761	-0.866	-0.553	-0.723	-1.312	1.942	-1.973	-0.0155	0.737	1.648	1.193
Gm. 31x1002	-0.450	0.783	0.100	-1.933	-0.945	-0.402	-0.238	-3.537	-2.273	-2.905*	-5.260**	-0.131**	-7.195**
Gm. 31x1004	-0.650	-1.383**	3.361	4.800	4.080	-0.404	-0.685	0.811	3.396	2.1035	-0.070	9.792**	0.431**
Gm. 31x1021	1.633*	0.600	-3.405	-2.860	-3.135	0.807	0.923	0.865	2.726	-1.023	0.8515	-3.813*	-2.237*
Gm. 32x1002	0.850	0.450	4.461	6.483	5.472*	1.645	0.043	1.104	-1.065	0.0195	-1.256	2.014	0.379
Gm. 32x1004	-0.817	-0.716	-0.766	-0.222	-0.377	-1.208	0.008	-0.601	-0.972	-1.995	-1.4585	2.257	1.305
Gm. 32x1021	-0.033	0.266	0.116	-5.950	-5.094*	-0.436	-0.051	-0.243	3.010	1.439	-1.001	-2.367	-1.685
L.S.D	1.317	0.915	8.985	9.563	6.560	1.948	2.107	4.151	3.683	2.775	2.599	3.175	2.050
Sij	0.01	1.734	1.055	11.327	8.635	2.565	2.774	1.869	4.848	3.653	3.421	4.180	2.599
L.S.D	1.862	1.294	12.705	13.524	9.279	2.756	2.979	5.872	5.210	3.924	3.675	4.488	2.901
Sij-Skl	2.451	1.703	16.723	17.902	12.214	3.628	3.922	7.729	6.858	5.165	4.838	5.908	3.818

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قوة الهجين والقدرة على الانتلاف في الذرة الصفراء

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تم إجراء التقييم بين خمسة عشر سلالة صفراء من الذرة الشامية مربية تربية ذاتية بمحطة بحوث الجيزة مع ثلاثة كشافات هي جينزة (1002-1004-1021) في موسم 2004 ثم قيمت الهجين القيمة الناتجة وعندما 45 هجين قمي مع ثلاثة هجن فردية استخدمت كأصناف قياسية وهي (هـ . ف 155 - هـ . ف 3080 - هـ . ف 3084) في محطتي البحوث الزراعية بالجيزة وملوي وذلك في الموسم الصيفي 2005 .

وأخذت القراءات على صفة المحصول (إرب/إندان) - وتزهير 50% حريره (يوم) - ارتفاع النبات (سم) - ارتفاع الكوز (سم) والمقاومة لمرض الذبول المتأخر كنسبة مئوية وذلك للموقعين (الجنزة - ملوي) ومتوسطيا معا.

تم تحليل البيانات حسب الطريقة المقترحة للعالم كمبرثورن سنة 1957 وكانت النتائج المتحصل عليها كما يلي:-

- 1- وجدت اختلافات معنوية بين الموقعين (الجنزة - ملوي) والتباين المشترك بينهما لكل الصفات المدروسة ما عدا صفة المقاومة لمرض الذبول المتأخر.
- 2- وجدت اختلافات معنوية بين الهجين القيمة الناتجة ومجزئاتها وهي السلالات والكشافات بينما تفاعل السلالات مع الكشافات كانت معنوية لصفة المحصول والمقاومة لمرض الذبول المتأخر.
- 3- كان التفاعل بين السلالات مع المواقع والكشافات مع المواقع معنويا لمحصول الحبوب ، المقاومة لمرض الذبول وارتفاع الكوز وغير معنوي لباقي الصفات.
- 4- كان التباين الوراثي المضيف لوراثة الصفات المختلفة المدروسة وكذلك التفاعل مع المواقع أكثر أهمية من التباين الوراثي الغير مضيف.
- 5- أظهرت السلالات جيمزة 10 وجيمزة 14 وجيمزة 22 معنوية موجبه وتأثيرات مقبولة للقدرة العامة بالنسبة لمحصول الحبوب كما أظهرت السلالات جيمزة 26 - جيمزة 29 وجيمزة 31 تأثيرات معنوية مقبولة للقدرة العامة لصفة التكبير وأعطت السلالة جيمزة 30 تأثيرات معنوية مقبولة للقدرة العامة بالنسبة لقصر النبات والسلالة جيمزة 16 لوضع الكوز المنخفض والسلالة جيمزة 14 أعطت تأثيرات مقبولة للقدرة العامة بالنسبة لصفة المقاومة لمرض الذبول المتأخر.
- 6- أظهرت السلالة 1002 (الكشاف) تأثيرات معنوية ومقبولة للقدرة العامة بالنسبة لصفة التكبير وقصر النباتات والمقاومة لمرض الذبول المتأخر وأيضاً أظهرت السلالة 1021 (الكشاف) تأثيرات معنوية وموجبه للقدرة العامة بالنسبة لصفة المحصول.
- 7- تفوقت 10 هجن قمية على الأقل بالنسبة للهجن التجارية والمستخدمة كأصناف قياسية وهي (هـ . ف 155 - هـ . ف 3080 - هـ . ف 3084) بالنسبة للقدرة المحصولية العالية والصفات الأخرى.
- 8- أظهرت بعض الهجن تأثيرات عالية بالنسبة لقوة الهجين كما في الهجين (جيمزة 22 × جيمزة 1004) متبوعاً بالهجينين (جيمزة 17 × جيمزة 1021) و (جيمزة 29 × جيمزة 1021) وتعتبر هذه الهجن مقبولة وجيدة لإمكانية استخدامها في برامج تربية محصول الذرة الشامية.