

THE EFFECT OF SOME SOIL TREATMENT AND FOLIAR APPLICATIONS ON THE PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF PEPPER CROP

1-VEGETATIVE GROWTH, YIELD AND CHEMICAL

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ABSTRACT

Two field experiments were conducted on bell pepper (*Capsicum annuum*L.) variety of " California wonder" plants during the summer seasons of 2012 and 2013 at EL-Baramon experimental farm near EL-Mansoura, Dakahlia Governorate Egypt to study the effect of -planting treatments as well as their interactions on growth and productivity of bell pepper. Fifteen treatments were arranged in split plots design, which were the simple possible combination between three treatments of soil application (Straw rice costs (4 ton/fed.), Humic acid (5 kg/fed.), and Polymers (20 kg/fed)) and five foliar treatments of ((tap water), Ca (calcium citrate 2.5 mg/L) + B (boric acid 1.5 mg/L), Yeast (10 mg/L) + K (potassium citrate 2.5 mg/L), Yeast (10 mg/L) + NAA (naphthalene acetic acid 2.5 mg/L) + K (potassium citrate 4 mg/L) and Zn (0.35 gm/100 L) + Cu (0.20 gm/100 L) + Mn (0.25 gm/100 L) in sulphure form). Each treatment was replicated three times. Thus, the total numbers of plots were 45 plots plus control treatment. The NPK fertilizers were added to soil cultivated with pepper plants as recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Soil Reclamation. The seedlings of bell pepper (*Capsicum annuum* L.) were transplanted on 1st of April in 2012 and 2013, respectively, on two side of ridges at 30 cm a part.

Plant height, fresh weight, dry weight, leaf area, number of leaves, number of flowers and number of branches were measured as vegetative growth parameters. Yield and its components as number of fruits, fruit weight g/plant, earl and total yield (ton/fed.). as for fruit quality Chlorophylls (a, b and total chlorophyll), NO₂-N (mg/kg), Vitamin C (mg/100g), Acidity %, Total carbohydrate (%), Xanthophyll and carotene (mg/100g), TSS % reduce sugar, non-reduce sugar and total sugar %.. The highest values of all parameters were recorded with spray Y+NAA+K with adding humic acid at 5 kg/fed. From that result it can concluded that the treatment of adding 5 kg/fed. humic acid with spray Y+NAA+K followed by the spray treatment of Zn+Cu+Mn under the same soil application considered the best combination and it is recommended for pepper plant grown under similar field conditions.

Keywords :soil application, humic acid, foliar application,(yeast), vegetative growth,yield of pepper, pre harvesting and pepper plant.

INTRODUCTION

Bell pepper (*Capsicum annuum* L.) is an important vegetable crop used throughout the world. Increasing plant high yeild, depend on many factors, Organic materials such as straw rice costs are available in abundance and reach tremendous amounts every day.Straw rice costs is commonly applied to the soils to improve their physical, chemical and biological properties.

Humic acid is one of the major components of humic substances. Humic substances have a very profound influence on plant growth, either

directly or indirectly. The indirect effects of humic compounds on soil fertility include; increasing soil microbial population including beneficial microorganisms, improving soil structure and increasing in the cation exchange capacity (CEC) and pH buffering capacity of the soil. increased photosynthesis and respiration rates in plants, enhanced protein synthesis and enhancing the uptake of minerals through the stimulation of microbiological activity. (Anonymous, 2010).

	HUMIN	HUMIC ACID	FULVIC ACID
Molecularweight decreasing	100,000	10,000	1,000
Cation exchange capacity and acidity(mol/kg)	300	500	1,000
Carbon content(g/kg)	620	520	430
Oxygen content(g/kg)	290	440	510
Nitrogen content(g/kg)	55	43	7
Hydrogen content(g/kg)	29	33	

Modified from Dixon,J.B and S.B.Weed,(1989).

Hydrophilic polyemers exist in three types including; natural (polysaccharide derivatives), semi artificial (cellulosic primitive derivatives) and artificial (Mikkelsen, 1999). Artificial polymers used more than natural ones, because has more stability against environmental break down (Peterson, 2002). Super absorbent polymers do not treat human life and environment (Boatright *et al.*, 1997). Classification of polymers:

Basis of Classification	polymer type
Origin	natural,Semi synthetic,Synthetic
Thermal Response	Thermoplastic, Thermosetting
Mode of formation	Addition, Conedensation
Line structure	Linear,Branched
Properties	Rubber,Plastic,Fiber
Tacticity	Isotactic, Syndiotactis, Atactic
Crystallinity	Semi-crystalline, Crystalline
Polarity	Polar, Non polar

Foliar spray with micronutrients usually penetrates through the cuticle of leaves or the stomata then enters the cells and results in higher fruit and seed yield. Borax contains about 16% Boron, a micronutrient which is easily leached from the soil. Boron has several roles on growth and development of plants such as branches, and fruit development as well as stamen fertility. Zinc is a micronutrient necessary for plant growth. It promotes growth hormone biosynthesis, the formation of starch and seed production and maturation, Manganese an essential micronutrient for all higher plant it

participates in the structure of photosynthetic proteins and enzymes. Copper is essential to complete the plants life cycle. Copper occurs in enzymatic composition of vital importance in plant metabolism and participates in the photosynthesis, respiration, carbohydrate metabolism.

Foliar application of yeast extract plays an important role in soil bio-fertility because of its capability for producing hormones, amino acids, cytokinin, indole and vitamins. Also, foliar application of NAA significantly increased fruit yield, number of fruits and average fruit weight (AFW) of bell pepper (Sridhar *et al.*, 2009).

Therefore, the present investigation was designed to determine the suitable treatments of straw rice costs, humic acid, polymers, some macro and micro-elements, yeast, and naphthalene acetic acid to obtain high productivity and fruit quality of pepper plants.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were carried out at El-Baramon experimental farm, Dakahlia Governorate, Egypt, during the two summer seasons of 2012 and 2013 to investigate the effect of treatments as well as their interactions on growth and productivity of bell pepper (*Capsicum annum*L.) variety of "California wonder".

Fifteen treatments were arranged in split plots design, which were the simple possible combination between:

A- Soil application which all added before transplanting

1. (Straw rice costs (4 ton/fed.),
2. Humic acid (5 kg/fed.),
3. Polymers (20kg/fed)) .

B - Five foliar treatments as sub plot :

1. Tap water .
2. calcium citrate (2.5 mg/L) + boric acid (1.5 mg/L),
3. Yeast (10 mg/L) + potassium citrate (2.5 mg/l),
4. Yeast (10 mg/L) + NAA naphthalene acetic acid (2.5 mg/L) + potassium citrate (4 mg/L)
5. Zn (0.35 gm/100 L) + Cu (0.20 gm/100 L) + Mn (0.25 gm/100 L) in sulphure form.

Each treatment was replicated three times. Thus, the total numbers of plots were 45 plots plus control treatment. The area of experiment plot was 30 m² and each plot included (10 ridges ridge was 1.00 m in width and 3 m length).the foliar application sprayed three times at 45 days after planting and repeated every 15 days interval.

Representative samples were collected from the surface layer (0-30 cm) of the experimental soil and analyzed for some physical and chemical properties as shown in Table (1).

Table 1: Some physical and chemical properties of the experimental soil during both seasons of 2012 and 2013.

Season	Physical properties%					Chemical properties					
	clay	silt	Fine sand	Coarse sand	Texture class	O.M%	N ppm	P ppm	K ppm	pH	ECds/m
2012	66.82	17.68	12.95	2.55	clay	2.52	32.50	6.02	340	7.79	1.47
2013	66.74	17.71	12.97	2.58	clay	2.49	33.01	6.08	348	7.84	1.52

• EC: electrical conductivity pH: soil reaction O.M: organic matter

Yeast extract was prepared from brewer's, dissolved in water followed by adding sugar at a ratio of 1: 1 and kept 24 hours in a warm place for reproduction according to the methods of Morsi *et al.*, (2008). Chemical analysis of activated yeast is shown in Table (2).

The seedlings of bell pepper (*Capsicum annum*L.) were transplanted on 1st of April in 2012 and 2013, on one side of ridges at 30 cm a part.

During the growing seasons, the NPK fertilizers were added to soil cultivated with pepper plants as recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Soil Reclamation, 200 kg/fed N as ammonium sulphate (20.5 % N), 150 kg/fed P₂O₅ as super phosphate (15.5 % P₂O₅) and 50 K kg/ fed as Potassium sulphate (48 % K₂O). Nitrogen was added after one month from transplanting, Phosphorus fertilizer was added to the soil after two months from planting, while K fertilizers were added in two dose; before and after flowering date.

Table 2: Chemical analysis of yeast used.

Minerals mg		Amino acids mg		Vitamins mg	
Total N	7.23	Arginine	1.99	Thiamin	2.71
P ₂ O ₅	51.68	Hustidine	2.63	Riboflavin	4.96
K ₂ O	34.39	Isoleiucine	2.31	Nicotinic acid	39.88
MgO	5.76	Leucine	3.09	Pantothenic acid	19.56
CaO	3.05	Lysine	2.95	Biotin	0.09
SiO ₂	1.55	Methionine	0.72	Pyridoxine	2.90
SO ₂	0.49	Phyrnylalanine	2.01	Folic acid	4.36
NaCl	0.30	Threonine	2.09	Cobalamin	153 ug
Fe	0.92	Tryptophan	0.45	Enzymes	0.350
Ba	157.6	Valine	2.19	Oxidase	0.290
Co	67.8	Glutamic acid	2.00	Catalase	0.063
Pd	438.6	Serine	1.59		
Mn	81.3	Aspartic acid	1.33		
Sn	223.9	Praline	1.53		
Zn	335.6	Tyrosine	1.49	Carbohydraytes	23.20

Data recorded:

A. Vegetative growth characteristics :

Three plants were randomly taken from each treatment after 85 days from transplanting) and the vegetative growth parameters were measured in expression of, Plant height (cm), No. of leaves/plant, No. of flowers/plant, No. of branches/plant, Fresh and dry weight of plant (gm/plant) as well as Leaf area /plant (cm²) Leaf area was calculated according to the formula described by Koller (1972) as follows:

$$\text{Total leaf area} = \frac{\text{Area of the disks (cm}^2\text{)} \times \text{Dry weight of leaves/plant}}{\text{Dry weight of disks}}$$

B. Chemical quality:

Representative samples of pepper fruits were randomly taken from each treatment at the fourth picking to determine the quality parameters of pepper fruits and were expressed as follows: Chlorophylls (a, b and total chlorophyll, *Goodwine(1965)*, NO₂-N (mg/kg), *Singh(1988)*, Vitamin C (mg/100g), Acidity %, Total carbohydrate (%), *(A.O.C.,2000)*, Xanthophyll and carotene (mg/100g) *Dubois et al.(1956, and Jackson(1967),*, TSS % *.,(A.O.C.,2000)*, reduce sugar, non-reduce sugar and total sugar% *Sadasivam and Manickam,(1996)*. Random samples of pepper fruits were randomly chosen from each treatment, oven dried at 70°C and ground for the determination of N, P and K contents *respectively*.

C. Fruit Yield and its components:

Ten picking with 7 days intervals were harvested starting after 90 days from transplanting. The following data were recorded d : fruit weight (g), no of fruits/plant, early yield (ton/fed) and total yield (ton/fed) :data of the first three picking in two seasons were calculated.

Methods of analysis:

Determination of quality parameters in pepper fruits:

- Chlorophyll content was estimated as the method described by *Goodwine (1965)*
- Total carotenoides were described by *Dubois et al. (1956)*
- Nitrate content in pepper fruits were according to the method described by *Singh (1988)*.
- Total soluble solids (TSS %) was estimated using Galli 110 refractometer according to *(A.O.A.C., 2000)*
- Ascorbic acid (vitamin C) in pepper fruits was determined by titration with 2,6 dichlorophenol indophenol blue dye according to the method reported in *(A.O.A.C., 2000)*.
- Total soluble sugar, was determined according to the method described by *Sadasivam and Manickam, (1996)*.
- Reducing sugar was estimated by Nelson-Somogy method as described by *Naguib (1964)*.
- The acidity in the fruits juice was according to *(A.O.A.C., 2000)*.
- Xanthophyll in pepper fruit was determined using spectrophotometer at wave length 474 n.m as described by *(A.O.A.C., 2000)*.
- For estimation of total carbohydrates in fresh fruits; The green colours was measured spectrophotometrically at 630 nm. *Sadasivam and Manickam, (1996)*.

All data were statistically analyzed according to the technique of analysis variance (ANOVA) and the least significant difference (L.S.D) method was used to compare the deference between the means of treatment values according to the methods described by *Gomez and Gomez, (1984)*. All

statistical analysis were performed using analysis of variance technique by means of CoSTATE Computer Software.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Vegetative growth and flowering parameters

Data of vegetative growth parameters, i.e., plant height , fresh weight , dry weight , leaf area/plant , number of leaves, number of flowers, and number of branches/ plant affected by individual treatments as well as their interaction are presented in Tables 3 and 4.

Effect of soil application:

Concerning the effect of soil treatments; data in Table 3 and 4 revealed that, the mean values of plant height ,fresh weight, dry weight , leaf area/plant ,number of leaves, flowers and branches/ plant of pepper plant were significantly increased due to adding humic acid and polymers during both seasons of the study.

Data presented in Tables 3 and 4, show that adding humic acid gave the highest values of the vegetative parameters during both seasons followed by polymers except fresh weight in the second season and dry weight in both season and finally straw rice costs. Generally, adding 5 kg/fed. humic acid was superior one for enhancing plant height ,fresh weight ,dry weight , leaf area/plant, number of leaves, number of flower and number of branches/ plant. Increases in the vegetative growth of pepper plant by adding humic acid might be referred to positive mineral effect and also hormone like NAA activate on vegetative growth according to Abdel Fatah *et al.*, (2008), Eyheraguibel *et al.*, (2008) and Mahmoud and Hafez, (2010) showed that the vegetative growth parameters of potato yield and tuber quality as well as nutritive value of potato tuber were significantly increased with increasing the level of humic acid application.

Effect of foliar application:

Regarding to the effect of foliar application of some substances on vegetative growth parameters data in Tables 3 and 4 indicated that, the mean values of parameters under study were significantly increased with increasing foliar application during both seasons. On the other hand, the highest values of plant height, fresh weight, dry weight , leaf area/plant , number of leaves, flowers and branches/ plant of pepper plant were realized when the plants sprayed with Y+NAA+K and followed by Y+K compared with the untreated plants. The same trend was true during the second season except fresh weight in the both seasons.

Kazemi (2013) studied the effects of foliar application of humic acid and potassium nitrate on vegetative and reproductive growth, yield and quality of cucumber plants. Humic acid (20 and 40 ppm) and potassium nitrate (100 and 200 mg/L) solutions were applied as foliar sprays. Results indicated that humic acid and potassium nitrate increased vegetative and reproductive growth by increasing both plant height and dry weights and yield. These results agreed with those obtained by El-Tohamy *et al.*, (2008) on egg-plant and Sridhar *et al.*, (2009) as for the effect of foliar application on bell pepper,

mentioned that yeast extract and naphthalene acetic acid (NAA) increased plant height, number of branches, leaves per plant and dry weight as well. These results may be due to the fact that yeast extract contains growth factors and a relatively larger proportion of free amino acids and short peptides of two or three amino acids longer than protein hydrolysates Bevilacqua *et al.*, 2008. Also, Fawzy *et al.*, (2005), El-Bassiony *et al.*, (2012) and Bhuvanewari *et al.* (2013) on sweet pepper resulted that increasing plant vegetative growth due to increasing potassium fertilization levels.

Table (3): Effect of soil and foliar application as well as their interaction on plant height fresh weight , dry weight , and leaf area/plant of pepper plant during 2012 and 2013 seasons.

Treat.	Char.	Plant height (cm)		Fresh weight (g)		Dry weight (g)		Leaf area/plant (cm ²)	
		1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd
A:Soil application									
S.R		30.42	28.31	729.19	781.29	125.49	135.41	84.05	90.92
H.A		42.50	39.37	756.76	826.20	139.42	145.16	117.42	126.45
Poly.		36.31	33.71	733.55	752.12	110.33	125.40	100.30	108.25
LSD _{at 5%}		0.42	0.64	4.59	2.00	2.49	1.64	1.20	2.05
B:Foliar application									
control		35.02	32.69	716.77	759.90	121.32	123.98	96.74	104.98
Ca+B		37.75	34.97	730.53	778.59	125.32	135.04	104.29	112.31
Y+K		38.14	35.29	736.82	787.20	128.12	140.72	105.36	113.35
Y+NAA+K		40.73	37.80	750.18	798.46	131.98	143.29	112.52	121.39
Zn+Cu+Mn		30.42	28.24	764.87	808.54	118.65	133.58	84.03	90.68
LSD _{at 5%}		0.35	0.43	7.35	3.86	2.84	1.72	0.94	1.38
AxB:Interaction									
S.R	control	28.26	26.32	716.57	753.27	121.87	126.50	78.06	84.53
	Ca+B	29.50	27.76	723.33	774.83	125.10	137.10	81.49	89.14
	Y+K	31.33	29.06	737.47	783.43	128.73	141.23	86.54	93.32
	Y+NAA+K	33.27	30.79	748.17	801.77	131.20	141.90	91.91	98.90
	Zn+Cu+Mn	29.77	27.63	720.41	793.17	120.54	130.30	82.24	88.71
H.A	control	41.67	39.15	755.90	812.27	138.37	135.97	115.10	125.72
	Ca+B	46.95	42.96	782.80	829.87	138.33	141.20	129.70	137.94
	Y+K	44.11	40.68	773.53	829.27	143.50	152.33	121.86	130.65
	Y+NAA+K	48.89	45.39	793.17	835.17	149.20	159.57	135.07	145.78
	Zn+Cu+Mn	30.90	28.69	678.40	824.43	127.71	136.73	85.36	92.14
Poly.	control	35.14	32.60	677.83	714.17	103.73	109.47	97.06	104.69
	Ca+B	36.81	34.20	685.47	731.07	112.53	126.83	101.68	109.84
	Y+K	38.98	36.14	699.47	748.90	112.13	128.60	107.69	116.06
	Y+NAA+K	40.03	37.20	709.20	758.43	115.53	128.40	110.59	119.50
	Zn+Cu+Mn	30.59	28.39	895.80	808.03	107.70	133.70	84.50	91.18
LSD _{at 5%}		0.60	0.74	12.74	6.69	4.92	2.98	7.99	2.38

S.R: Straw rice costs H.A: humic acid poly: polymers Ca: calcium citrate
 B: Borax Y: yeast NAA: naphthalene acetic acid
 K: potassium citrate Zn+Cu+Mn: micronutrient

Effect of interaction between soil and foliar application:

The effect of interaction between soil and foliar application on plant height , fresh weight , dry weight , leaf area/plant , number of leaves, flowers and branches / plant of pepper plant are present in Tables 3 and 4. It could be indicated that; the average values of all studied growth parameters were significantly affected by the addition of all investigated treatments. Such effect was more pronounced for the treatment of humic acid with all foliar application comparing with the control, which gave the lowest values. In this connect, the highest mean values; plant height , fresh weight , dry weight , leaf area/plant , number of leaves, flowers and branches/ plant , respectively were recorded when the plants treated with adding humic acid with spray of Y+NAA+K.

Table (4): Effect of soil and foliar application as well as their interaction on number of leaves, flowers, and branches/ plant of pepper plant during 2012 and 2013 seasons.

Treat.	Char.	No. of leaves/plant		No. of flowers /plant		No. of branches/plant	
		1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd
A: Soil application							
S.R		29.82	33.80	15.24	15.57	5.48	5.51
H.A		41.67	46.60	17.33	17.74	7.50	7.66
Poly.		35.59	39.53	16.26	16.63	6.47	6.56
LSD _{at 5%}		0.51	1.71	0.08	0.12	0.29	0.24
B: Foliar application							
Control		34.33	39.00	16.04	16.43	6.31	6.36
Ca+B		37.01	41.33	16.51	16.88	6.80	6.81
Y+K		37.39	41.78	16.57	16.94	6.76	6.87
Y+NAA+K		39.93	45.00	17.02	17.43	7.34	7.36
Zn+Cu+Mn		29.82	32.78	15.24	15.55	5.23	5.49
LSD _{at 5%}		0.34	1.35	0.06	0.08	0.25	0.21
AXB: Interaction							
S.R	Control	27.70	31.33	14.87	15.17	5.09	5.12
	Ca+B	28.92	33.00	15.09	15.46	5.31	5.40
	Y+K	30.71	34.67	15.40	15.71	5.64	5.66
	Y+NAA+K	32.61	37.00	15.74	16.05	5.99	5.99
	Zn+Cu+Mn	29.18	33.00	15.13	15.43	5.36	5.38
H.A	Control	40.84	46.33	17.18	17.70	7.50	7.62
	Ca+B	46.02	51.00	18.09	18.44	8.46	8.36
	Y+K	43.24	49.00	17.60	18.00	7.95	7.92
	Y+NAA+K	47.93	54.33	18.43	18.92	8.81	8.83
	Zn+Cu+Mn	30.29	32.33	15.33	15.64	4.81	5.58
Poly.	Control	34.44	39.33	16.06	16.41	6.33	6.34
	Ca+B	36.08	40.00	16.34	16.72	6.63	6.66
	Y+K	38.21	41.67	16.72	17.11	6.70	7.03
	Y+NAA+K	39.24	43.67	16.90	17.32	7.21	7.24
	Zn+Cu+Mn	29.98	33.00	15.27	15.58	5.51	5.53
LSD _{at 5%}		0.59	2.33	0.10	0.15	0.42	0.36

2. Yield and its components

Yield and its components could be considered to be the mirror of all growth features. The results given in Table 5 present the response of yield and its components of pepper plant, i.e., total yield (ton/fed), early yield (ton/fed), number of fruits/plant, and fruit weight (g/plant) to soil application, foliar application and its interaction.

Effect of soil application:

In this study a comparing of the effect of soil application of some substances on yield and its components of pepper plant, the presented results in Table 5 show that the application of soil materials significantly increased total yield (ton/fed), early yield (ton/fed), number of fruits/plant and fruits weight (g/plant) during both seasons. Pepper plant fertilized with humic acid at the rate 5 kg/fed. recorded the highest values of parameters under study, while the lowest ones recorded with adding fine rice straw.

The obtained results are in agreement with those recorded by Karakurt *et al.*, (2009) who demonstrated that humic acid applications might successfully be used to obtain higher fruit yield in organically grown pepper. Moreover, Arancon *et al.*, (2006) reported that pepper plants treated with humic acid significantly produced more fruits and flowers than untreated plants. In addition, Padem and Ocal (1999) demonstrated that increasing K-humate application dose led to a significant increase in fruit weight and total yield.

Effect of foliar application:

Concerning to the effect of the foliar spray of some substances, it was found as shown in Table 5 that foliar application significantly enhanced the parameters of total yield (ton/fed), early yield (ton/fed), number of fruits/plant, and fruits weight (g/plant) during both seasons. The highest values of the parameters under investigation recorded with using Y+NAA+K during the both seasons.

As for the effect of foliar application of some substances, the positive effects of applying active dry yeast was attributed to its own contents of different nutrients, high percentage of protein, large amounts of vitamin B and natural plant growth regulators such as cytokinins (Fathy and Farid, 1996). Physiological roles of vitamins and amino acids in the yeast extract which increased the metabolic processes role and levels of endogenous hormones, i.e., IAA and GA3 (Sarhan and Abdullah, 2010) and may promoted the vegetative growth characters which in turn reflected on increasing the fruit yield. Similar trend of results were reported by Gomaa *et al.*, (2005) on potao; El-Tohamy *et al.*, (2008) on eggplant; Shehata *et al.*, (2012) on cucumber plant. Also, Alam and Khan, (2002) on tomato plant; Sridhar *et al.*, (2009) on bell pepper, and Rongsennungla *et al.*, (2011) resulted that highest fresh yield and cured fruit yield were also obtained from NAA at 40 ppm which was significantly higher than other treatments. On the other hand, for effect of potassium on plant similar result reported by Majumdar *et al.*, (2000) on tomato; Fawzy *et al.*, (2005) on sweet pepper, and El-Bassiony *et al.*, (2012) investigated the response of sweet pepper plants to different rates of potassium fertilization. The highest potassium fertilization rate (200 kg/fed.) gave the highest total yield.

Effect of interaction between soil and foliar application:

Response of total yield (ton/fed), early yield (ton/fed), number of fruits/plant, and fruit weight (g/plant) of pepper plant to the interaction effect of soil and foliar application, were found to be increased significantly with using foliar spray under all soil application in two successive seasons. The highest values of all parameters were recorded with spray Y+NAA+K with adding humic acid at 5 kg/fed. followed by using any foliar application under the same soil application compared with the untreated plant during both seasons.

Table (5): Effect of soil and foliar application of some substances as well as their interaction on number of fruit, fruit weight, early yield and total yield of pepper plant during 2012 and 2013 seasons.

Treat.	Char.	No. of fruit/plant		fruit weight/(plant)		Early yield (ton/fed.)		Total yield (ton/fed.)	
		1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd
A: Soil application									
S.R		10.05	9.43	481.3	484.2	3.452	4.506	9.421	9.511
H.A		13.46	12.66	672.4	673.2	7.0068	7.0207	15.344	15.367
Poly.		11.46	10.90	574.4	575.7	5.184	5.208	12.306	12.348
LSD _{for 5%}		0.76	1.49	6.88	7.08	127.89	131.69	213.16	219.47
B: Foliar application									
Control		11.24	10.51	554.0	557.4	4.804	4.867	11.673	11.778
Ca+B		12.41	11.60	597.2	598.2	5.608	5.625	13.0146	13.0429
Y+K		12.17	11.45	603.4	604.8	5.722	5.748	13.204	13.247
Y+NAA+K		12.87	12.30	644.4	646.0	6.485	6.516	14.475	14.527
Zn+Cu+Mn		9.58	9.13	481.2	482.2	3.450	3.469	9.418	9.449
LSD _{for 5%}		1.08	1.06	5.40	5.12	100.37	95.32	167.29	158.87
AxB: Interaction									
S.R	Control	9.07	9.01	447.0	448.2	2.846	2.836	8.357	8.394
	Ca+B	9.99	9.34	466.7	473.5	3.180	3.307	8.967	9.178
	Y+K	10.39	9.55	495.6	499.6	3.717	3.792	9.862	9.986
	Y+NAA+K	11.07	9.94	526.3	527.3	4.289	4.308	10.816	10.847
	Zn+Cu+Mn	9.75	9.32	471.0	472.5	3.260	3.289	9.101	9.148
H.A	Control	13.20	11.90	659.1	667.7	6.759	6.919	14.933	15.198
	Ca+B	14.88	14.36	742.8	736.1	8.315	8.190	17.525	17.318
	Y+K	13.51	12.81	697.9	696.9	7.480	7.462	16.133	16.104
	Y+NAA+K	15.65	15.24	773.5	774.9	8.886	8.913	18.478	18.522
	Zn+Cu+Mn	10.05	8.96	488.8	490.2	3.591	3.617	9.652	9.695
Poly.	Control	11.46	10.61	555.8	556.2	4.838	4.845	11.730	11.742
	Ca+B	12.38	11.10	582.3	584.9	5.330	5.379	12.550	12.632
	Y+K	12.60	11.98	616.7	617.8	5.970	5.991	13.618	13.651
	Y+NAA+K	11.89	11.71	633.3	635.8	6.280	6.326	14.133	14.210
	Zn+Cu+Mn	8.95	9.10	483.9	484.0	3.500	3.502	9.500	9.504
LSD _{for 5%}		1.87	1.83	9.34	8.88	173.85	165.10	289.75	275.15

S.R: Straw rice costs H.A: humic acid poly: polymers Ca: calcium citrate
 B: Borax Y: yeast NAA: naphthalene acetic acid
 K: potassium citrate Zn+Cu+Mn: micronutrient

3. Fruit quality:-

Data concerning fruit quality, i.e., TSS%, Redus sugar%, Non Redus sugar%, Total sugar%, T.carbohidrates%, Acidity, %Vitamin C , Carotenoid , Xanthophyll ,and NO₂-N, as affected by soil, foliar application as well as their interactions during both seasons of 2012 and 2013 are present in Tables 6, 7 and 8.

Table (6): Effect of soil and foliar application as well as their interaction on TSS%, R-sugar%, N.R-sugar%, Total sugar% of pepper fruit during 2012 and 2013 seasons.

Treat.	Char.	T.SS%		R-sugar%		N.R-sugar%		Total sugar%	
		1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd
A:Soil application									
S.R		7.46	7.23	1.18	1.12	2.68	2.59	3.86	3.72
H.A		8.58	7.94	1.36	1.30	3.16	3.00	4.51	4.30
Poly.		7.19	6.94	1.17	1.12	2.62	2.53	3.80	3.62
LSD _{at 5%}		0.09	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.06
B:Foliar application									
Control		7.17	7.00	1.16	1.10	2.64	2.52	3.79	3.63
Ca+B		7.68	7.48	1.22	1.17	2.80	2.70	4.02	3.87
Y+K		7.78	7.53	1.26	1.20	2.88	2.76	4.14	3.96
Y+NAA+K		8.14	7.89	1.30	1.25	2.96	2.84	4.27	4.09
Zn+Cu+Mn		7.94	6.96	1.24	1.20	2.83	2.72	4.08	3.85
LSD _{at 5%}		0.08	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04
AXB:Interaction									
S.R	Control	6.69	6.46	1.12	1.08	2.48	2.39	3.60	3.46
	Ca+B	7.58	7.33	1.15	1.11	2.65	2.55	3.80	3.65
	Y+K	7.99	7.73	1.18	1.13	2.71	2.62	3.90	3.75
	Y+NAA+K	8.09	7.84	1.23	1.17	2.81	2.73	4.03	3.89
	Zn+Cu+Mn	6.93	6.79	1.20	1.14	2.77	2.68	3.98	3.82
H.A	Control	8.21	8.05	1.30	1.24	3.05	2.91	4.36	4.15
	Ca+B	8.49	8.29	1.37	1.32	3.18	3.07	4.55	4.39
	Y+K	8.03	7.77	1.38	1.34	3.21	3.09	4.59	4.43
	Y+NAA+K	8.74	8.45	1.43	1.39	3.29	3.16	4.72	4.55
	Zn+Cu+Mn	9.43	7.15	1.32	1.23	3.09	2.78	4.36	4.01
Poly.	Control	6.61	6.48	1.05	0.99	2.37	2.28	3.42	3.27
	Ca+B	6.97	6.83	1.15	1.09	2.58	2.48	3.73	3.56
	Y+K	7.32	7.11	1.21	1.14	2.71	2.56	3.93	3.70
	Y+NAA+K	7.59	7.37	1.25	1.18	2.80	2.64	4.05	3.82
	Zn+Cu+Mn	7.46	6.93	1.20	1.22	2.62	2.71	3.89	3.73
LSD _{at 5%}		0.12	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.07

S.R: Straw rice costs H.A: humic acid poly: polymers Ca: calcium citrate
 B: Borax Y: yeast NAA: naphthalene acetic acid
 K: potassium citrate Zn+Cu+Mn: micronutrient

Effect of soil application

Concerning the effect of soil application on pepper plant fruit quality, the results reviewed in Table 6,7,8,9 and 10 show that the TSS%, R-sugar%, N.R-sugar%, Total sugar%, T.carbohidrates%, Acidity, %VIT C , Carotenoid ,Xanthophyll and NO₂-N were significantly affected by using all soil

application but the applications of humic acid at the rate 5 kg/fed. was found to be superior for increased TSS%, R-sugar%, N.R-sugar%, Total sugar% and chlorophyll a, b and total chlorophyll with Abdel Fatah *et al.*, (2008), Karakurt *et al.*, (2009), and Selim *et al.*, (2011) investigated the interactive effects of humic acid and water stress on chlorophyll and mineral nutrient contents of potato plants followed by adding straw rice costs at 4 ton/fed. and finally polymers.

Table (7): Effect of soil and foliar application as well as their interaction on T.carbohidrates%, Acidity, %VIT C of pepper fruit during 2012 and 2013 seasons.

Treat.	Char.	T.carbohidrates%		Acidity%		V.C (mg/100g)	
		1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd
A:Soil application							
S.R		13.35	14.55	0.67	0.67	91.91	91.04
H.A		14.66	15.99	0.84	0.83	98.65	97.57
Poly.		13.95	15.22	0.76	0.75	95.32	94.31
LSD _{at 5%}		0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.26	
B:Foliar application							
Control		13.61	14.92	0.71	0.69	95.70	92.88
Ca+B		13.91	15.15	0.76	0.74	96.59	93.69
Y+K		13.93	15.21	0.74	0.72	97.79	94.67
Y+NAA+K		14.17	15.54	0.78	0.76	98.91	95.83
Zn+Cu+Mn		14.31	15.45	0.79	0.83	87.48	94.48
LSD _{at 5%}		0.06	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.42	0.42
AXB:Interaction							
S.R	Control	12.92	14.13	0.62	0.60	92.17	89.37
	Ca+B	13.07	14.27	0.64	0.64	92.63	89.87
	Y+K	13.33	14.54	0.65	0.64	93.73	90.90
	Y+NAA+K	13.42	14.70	0.68	0.67	94.80	91.93
	Zn+Cu+Mn	14.00	15.12	0.76	0.80	86.23	93.13
H.A	Control	14.29	15.68	0.80	0.79	98.87	96.07
	Ca+B	14.84	16.11	0.88	0.87	100.20	97.40
	Y+K	14.56	15.87	0.79	0.78	101.87	98.53
	Y+NAA+K	15.00	16.49	0.87	0.86	103.70	100.17
	Zn+Cu+Mn	14.62	15.79	0.82	0.86	88.61	95.70
Poly.	Control	13.63	14.95	0.71	0.68	96.07	93.20
	Ca+B	13.81	15.07	0.77	0.72	96.93	93.80
	Y+K	13.91	15.20	0.76	0.76	97.77	94.57
	Y+NAA+K	14.08	15.42	0.77	0.76	98.23	95.40
	Zn+Cu+Mn	14.31	15.45	0.78	0.82	87.59	94.60
LSD _{at 5%}		0.10	0.10	0.04	0.04	0.73	0.73

S.R: Straw rice costs H.A: humic acid poly: polymers Ca: calcium citrate
 B: Borax Y: yeast NAA: naphthalene acetic acid
 K: potassium citrate Zn+Cu+Mn: micronutrient

Effect of foliar application

With regard to the effect of foliar application of different regulars on fruit quality, data in Table 6, 7 and 8 clearly show that all previous parameters were increased with all foliar application. On the other hand, foliar application were significant TSS%, R-sugar%, N.R-sugar%, Total sugar%,

T.carbohydrates%, Acidity, %VIT C, Carotenoid ,Xanthophyll and NO₂-N during the both seasons. The highest values of TSS%, R-sugar%, N.R-sugar%, Total sugar% Carotenoid , Xanthophyll and NO₂-N with using Y+NAA+K followed by using micronutrient solution Zn+Cu+Mn, while spraying Zn+Cu+Mn followed by Y+NAA+K recorded the highest values of T.carbohydrates%, Acidity, %Vit C. Data illustrated in Table 9 and 10, show that there was a significant increase in chlorophyll a, b, total chlorophyll (mg/100g) in pepper plant leaves and fruits in the two seasons as affected by foliar with different application. Plants sprayed with Y+NAA+K recorded the highest values of parameters under investigation compared with other treatments.

Table (8): Effect of soil and foliar application as well as their interaction on Carotenoid ,Xanthophyll and NO₂-N of pepper fruit during 2012 and 2013 seasons.

Char. Treat.	Carotenoid (mg/100g)		Xanthophyll (mg/100g)		NO ₂ -N(mg/kg)		
	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	
A:Soil application							
S.R	1.79	1.71	3.37	3.25	0.63	0.69	
H.A	2.62	2.49	4.82	4.59	0.81	0.89	
Poly.	2.21	2.13	4.18	3.99	0.67	0.73	
LSD _{at 5%}	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.02	0.02	
B:Foliar application							
Control	2.03	1.95	3.79	3.69	0.64	0.73	
Ca+B	2.19	2.11	4.08	3.92	0.70	0.77	
Y+K	2.23	2.14	4.12	3.98	0.73	0.77	
Y+NAA+K	2.35	2.27	4.40	4.24	0.78	0.86	
Zn+Cu+Mn	2.25	2.10	4.22	3.88	0.67	0.71	
LSD _{at 5%}	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	
AXB:Interaction							
S.R	Control	1.68	1.59	3.14	3.10	0.53	0.62
	Ca+B	1.74	1.66	3.26	3.15	0.61	0.69
	Y+K	1.79	1.72	3.38	3.27	0.65	0.65
	Y+NAA+K	1.93	1.85	3.63	3.49	0.73	0.79
	Zn+Cu+Mn	1.83	1.73	3.42	3.26	0.65	0.69
H.A	Control	2.43	2.34	4.44	4.30	0.78	0.89
	Ca+B	2.71	2.60	5.01	4.77	0.86	0.93
	Y+K	2.57	2.48	4.74	4.57	0.82	0.91
	Y+NAA+K	2.74	2.66	5.07	4.92	0.86	0.96
	Zn+Cu+Mn	2.68	2.37	4.85	4.39	0.70	0.74
Poly.	Control	1.97	1.91	3.80	3.69	0.61	0.67
	Ca+B	2.13	2.06	3.97	3.84	0.65	0.71
	Y+K	2.31	2.22	4.25	4.09	0.71	0.75
	Y+NAA+K	2.38	2.29	4.50	4.33	0.74	0.83
	Zn+Cu+Mn	2.25	2.18	4.37	3.98	0.65	0.69
LSD _{at 5%}	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.06	

S.R: Straw rice costs H.A: humic acid poly: polymers Ca: calcium citrate
 B: Borax Y: yeast NAA: naphthalene acetic acid
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These findings are also in agreement with the results of Wanas (2006), Mady (2009), and Olaiya (2010b) reported that the increase in photosynthetic pigments formation could be attributed to the role of yeast cytokinins in delaying the aging of leaves by reducing the degradation of chlorophyll and enhancing the protein and RNA synthesis. As for NAA Sridhar *et al.*, (2009) and Abou El-Yazied and Mady (2011) found that the two concentrations of each applied yeast extract or naphthalene acetic acid obviously increased photosynthetic pigments. The effect of potassium Lin Duo and H. Danfeng (2003), Sarrwy *et al.*, (2010) and El-Bassiony *et al.*, (2012) stated that the highest potassium fertilization rate (200 kg/fed.) gave the highest values of total chlorophyll

Effect of interaction between soil and foliar application:

The interaction of soil and foliar application significantly enhances fruit quality as compared with the untreated plants (sprayed with water) in Table 6, 7 and 8, it is clear that spraying either Y+NAA+K and Zn+Cu+Mn pushed to increase the previous parameters under adding humic acid at rate of 5 kg/fed. during both seasons.

The positive effects of the humic acid was observed on the studies such as Abdel Fatah *et al.*, (2008), Karakurt *et al.*, (2009) and Kazemi (2013) resulted that a combination of humic acid+ potassium nitrate (40 ppm +100 mg/L K) was the most effective in increasing fruit quality and total soluble solid content of the fruit.

The enhancing effect of yeast application might be due to that yeast cytokinins enhance the accumulation of soluble metabolites, (Shalaby and El-Nady, 2008). On the other hand, Kataoka *et al.*, (2009) found that the addition of auxin solutions for fruit setting at anthesis increased the amount of sugar content per fruit at maturity in tomato cultivar. Also, This superiority might be due to that amino green compound contains many amino acids as well as some growth regulators and vitamins which stimulate and enhance the metabolism processes in plant tissues. Whereas, the previous studies have proved that, amino acids, can directly or indirectly influence the physiological activities of the plants (Shaheen *et al.*, 2010). Similar result as effect of yeast recorded with Wanas (2006); Hussain and Khalaf (2007), and Ghoname *et al.*, (2010) showed that yeast solutions 1, 2 and 3 g/l improved fruit quality in terms of total Soluble Solids (TSS), total Acidity and ascorbic acid contents of sweet pepper showed also similar positive responses compared to untreated ones.

As for NAA, Sridhar *et al.*, (2009) studied the effect of foliar spray of naphthalene acetic acid [NAA] (50, 100 and 150 ppm) on bell pepper. All treatments significantly increased total chlorophyll, ascorbic acid and nitrate reductase activity were also increased.

In plants, the potassium is related to the synthesis of proteins and carbohydrates, sugars and starch storage and this stimulated the growth and improved utilization of water and the resistance to pests and diseases Faquin, (1994). Balibrea *et al.*, (2006) have reported that an increase of TSS in tomato fruits may depend on a higher sugar import and accumulation. Sofia, (2008) mentioned that the increase of TSS together, reducing sugars in the fruits of plants grown in addition with the higher K levels

in the nutrient solution confirm that K played an important role in the configuration of quality profile in tomato fruits.

It could be concluded that spraying with Yeast (10 mg/l) + NAA (naphthalene acetic acid 2.5 mg/l) + K (citrate potassium 4 mg/l) combined with 5 kg/fed. humic acid increased the yield and quality of pepper plant. With respect to the effect of interaction between soil, and foliar application on chemical composition of pepper plant leaves and fruits, it is evident from data present in Tables 9 and 10 that the mean values of chlorophyll a, b, and total chlorophyll (mg/100g) were significantly affected and the best records of previous characters were obtained by plants fertilized with humic acid (5 kg/fed) and sprayed with Y+NAA+K compared with the other treatments and the control which recorded the lowest values of the parameters during the both seasons of the experiments.

Table (9): Effect of soil and foliar application as well as their interaction on chlorophyll a, b, and total chlorophyll (mg/100g) of pepper leaves during 2012 and 2013 seasons.

Treat.	Char.	Chlorophyll a (mg/100g)		Chlorophyll b (mg/100g)		Total chlorophyll (mg/100g)	
		1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd
A: Soil application							
S.R		0.961	0.914	0.476	0.553	1.470	1.467
H.A		0.989	0.949	0.498	0.568	1.585	1.518
Poly.		0.932	0.892	0.459	0.533	1.433	1.425
LSD _{at 5%}		0.010	0.005	0.476	0.004	0.004	0.008
B: Foliar application							
Control		0.949	0.908	0.470	0.536	1.420	1.444
Ca+B		0.961	0.926	0.479	0.553	1.440	1.479
Y+K		0.964	0.928	0.479	0.551	1.443	1.479
Y+NAA+K		0.976	0.937	0.485	0.562	1.461	1.499
Zn+Cu+Mn		0.952	0.893	0.475	0.555	1.716	1.448
LSD _{at 5%}		0.008	0.007	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.008
AXB: Interaction							
S.R	Control	0.947	0.905	0.471	0.542	1.418	1.447
	Ca+B	0.957	0.925	0.475	0.555	1.431	1.480
	Y+K	0.964	0.926	0.478	0.554	1.442	1.480
	Y+NAA+K	0.972	0.933	0.482	0.560	1.454	1.493
	Zn+Cu+Mn	0.963	0.880	0.478	0.552	1.604	1.432
H.A	Control	0.981	0.939	0.487	0.553	1.468	1.492
	Ca+B	0.996	0.959	0.502	0.575	1.497	1.534
	Y+K	0.992	0.957	0.497	0.568	1.489	1.524
	Y+NAA+K	1.015	0.980	0.508	0.585	1.523	1.565
	Zn+Cu+Mn	0.960	0.912	0.495	0.561	1.947	1.473
Poly.	Control	0.920	0.880	0.453	0.512	1.373	1.391
	Ca+B	0.931	0.893	0.460	0.529	1.391	1.422
	Y+K	0.936	0.902	0.463	0.531	1.399	1.433
	Y+NAA+K	0.941	0.898	0.464	0.540	1.406	1.438
	Zn+Cu+Mn	0.933	0.887	0.454	0.552	1.597	1.439
LSD _{at 5%}		0.014	0.011	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.013

Table (10): Effect of soil and foliar application as well as their interaction on chlorophyll a, b, and total chlorophyll (mg/100g) of pepper fruits during 2012 and 2013 seasons.

Treat.	Char.	Chlorophyll a (mg/100g)		Chlorophyll b (mg/100g)		Total chlorophyll (mg/100g)	
		1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd
A: Soil application							
S.R		0.612	0.599	0.435	0.417	1.046	1.017
H.A		0.641	0.628	0.452	0.436	1.093	1.063
Poly.		0.602	0.590	0.435	0.417	1.037	1.007
LSD at 5%		0.012	0.011	0.009	0.004	0.014	0.010
B: Foliar application							
Control		0.613	0.600	0.428	0.410	1.041	1.010
Ca+B		0.615	0.603	0.438	0.425	1.053	1.028
Y+K		0.617	0.604	0.446	0.427	1.063	1.032
Y+NAA+K		0.629	0.616	0.451	0.430	1.080	1.047
Zn+Cu+Mn		0.616	0.604	0.441	0.424	1.058	1.028
LSDat 5%		0.010	0.010	0.006	0.003	0.010	0.009
AXB: Interaction							
S.R	Control	0.602	0.590	0.420	0.404	1.022	0.993
	Ca+B	0.615	0.603	0.439	0.422	1.054	1.025
	Y+K	0.608	0.596	0.444	0.428	1.052	1.024
	Y+NAA+K	0.625	0.612	0.448	0.427	1.073	1.039
	Zn+Cu+Mn	0.609	0.597	0.421	0.405	1.030	1.002
H.A	Control	0.654	0.640	0.447	0.429	1.101	1.070
	Ca+B	0.638	0.625	0.445	0.436	1.083	1.060
	Y+K	0.636	0.623	0.455	0.437	1.091	1.060
	Y+NAA+K	0.648	0.635	0.461	0.442	1.109	1.077
	Zn+Cu+Mn	0.627	0.614	0.454	0.436	1.081	1.050
Poly.	Control	0.583	0.571	0.416	0.396	0.999	0.967
	Ca+B	0.593	0.581	0.429	0.419	1.022	1.000
	Y+K	0.606	0.594	0.439	0.417	1.045	1.011
	Y+NAA+K	0.614	0.602	0.444	0.422	1.057	1.024
	Zn+Cu+Mn	0.613	0.601	0.449	0.431	1.062	1.032
LSD at 5%		0.017	0.017	0.011	0.005	0.017	0.016

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 B: Borax Y: yeast NAA: naphthalene acetic acid
 K: potassium citrate Zn+Cu+Mn: micronutrient

CONCLUSION

These all findings emphasize the importance of determining the interactive effects between soil application and foliar spray from different enhance materials to find out the optimum combinations for maximum early, total yield and special fruit quality. The treatment of adding 5 kg/fed. humic acid with spray Y+NAA+K followed by the spray treatment of Ca+B under the same soil application considered the best combination and it is recommended for pepper plant grown under similar field conditions in order to get higher economical yield.

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تأثير بعض المعاملات الارضية ومعاملات الرش على الإنتاجية والجودة لمحصول الفلفل

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اجريت تجربتان حقليتان فى المزرعة البحثية بالبرامون محافظة الدقهلية بمصر خلال الموسمين الصيفيين ٢٠١٢ و ٢٠١٣ وذلك لدراسة تأثير معاملات قبل وبعد الحصاد على النمو والانتاجية لثمار نبات الفلفل صنف كاليفورنيا.

اشتملت التجربة على خمسة عشر معاملة ناتجة من التداخل بين ٣ معاملات من الاضافه الارضية فى تصميم قطع منشقه مره واحده وهى تمثل كل التفاعلات الممكنة بين ثلاثة معاملات من الاضافات الارضية (سرس الارز ٤ طن/ف، هبوميك اسيد ٥ كجم/ف و بوليمر ٢٠ كجم/ف) كقطع رئيسية و خمس معاملات من الرش (مياه عاديه)، خليط من سترات كالسيوم ٢.٥ مجم/لتر و حمض البوريك ١.٥ مجم/لتر، خليط من مستخلص خميره ١٠ جم/لتر و سترات بوتاسيوم ٢.٥ مجم/لتر ، وخليط من مستخلص الخميره ١٠ جم/لتر و نقتالين اسيتيك اسيد ٢.٥ مجم/لتر و خليط من الزنك و النحاس و المنجنيز فى صورته كبريتيه) كقطع فرعية وزعت المعاملات فى ثلاثة مكررات .

وقد اوضحت النتائج الاتي:-

ان الاضافة الارضية الهبوميك اسيد بمعدل ٥ كجم /ف ادت الى زياده معنويه فى المحصول الكلى والمحصول المبكر، عدد الثمار/النبات، وزن الثمار/النبات وكذلك فى صفات الجودة الطبيعية والكيميائية للثمار فى المواد الصلبه الكليه، السكريات المختزله والغير مختزله و الكليه والحموضه، فيتامين سى ، الكاروتين والزانثوفيل والنترات و الكلوروفيل فى الاوراق والثمار خلال كلا الموسمين ووجد ان أفضل معاملة للرش الورقي كانت باستخدام الخميره و نقتالين اسيتيك اسيد وبوتاسيوم .

وكانت افضل نتائج للتفاعل بين المعاملات بين المعامله الارضية بالهبوميك اسيد بمعدل ٥ كجم/للفدان والرش بالخميره و نقتالين اسيتيك اسيد وبوتاسيوم .