

Response of Two Varieties Productivity to Planting Methods and Weed Control under Sohag Governorate Conditions.

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Abstract:

Two field experiments were carried out in the Research Farm at Al-Kawthar, Faculty of Agriculture, Sohag University, in two successive seasons of 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 to study the response of Giza 168 and Sids 12 varieties to three planting methods (Afir broadcast, Afir drill and Afir in furrows) and four weed control trials (hand weeding twice at 30 and 45 days after sowing, Granstar 75% DF at rate 8 g/fed. at 30 days after sowing, Topik 15 % WP at rate of 140 g/fed. at 40 days after sowing and Granstar 75% DF at rate 8 g/fed. at 30 days after sowing + Topik 15% WP at rate of 140 g/fed. at 40 days after sowing) on yield and yield components. A randomize complete block design (RCBD) in split-split plot with four replicates was used. Data indicated that the varieties, planting methods and weed control had significantly effect on the all studied traits; plant height (cm), spike length (cm), number of spikes/m², number of spikelets/spike, 1000-grain weight (g), grain yield (ardab/fed.) and biological yield (ton/fed.) in both seasons. Sids 12 variety produced the highest number of spikes/m², number of spikelets/spike, 1000-grain weight, grain yield and biological yield, but Giza 168 surpassed in plant height and spike length. Afir drill method increased significantly number of spikes/m², number of spikelets/spike, 1000-grain weight, grain yield (ardab/fed.) and biological yield (ton/fed.), as well as Afir broadcast and Afir in furrows methods increased plant height (cm) and Spike length (cm). The application of Granstar 75% DF + Topik 15% WP mixture increased spike length (cm), number of spikes/m², number of spikelets/spike, 1000-grain weight (g), grain yield (ardab/fed.) and biological yield (ton/fed.). In general the highest grain yield (20.02 ardab/fed.) was obtained from the application of Granstar 75% DF + Topik 15% WP mixture under drill method.

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Introduction:

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) is an important cereal crops (Montazeri *et al.*, 2005). Wheat occupy 17% of the world cultivated area and represents 35% of the staple food and 20% of diet calories (Chhokar *et al.*, 2006). In Egypt, wheat is the main winter cereal crop and is widely distributed all over the country. The cultivated area* is 3.35 million feddans in 2012/2013 season with an average grain yield of 18.5 ardab/fed. Although, there was a good progress towards increasing the total wheat yield in Egypt in last years, still there is a big gab between the consumption and local production (49.0%%). The local production is about 9.3 million tons, while total consumption is 13.85 million tons in the 2013 season.

Weeds completion limit wheat yield potential in arid regions because they increase evapotranspiration and compete with wheat plants for limited soil moisture, water and light resulting in grain yield reduction amounted to 7% , 52% and 92%, respectively (Khan *et al.*, 2003 and Shah *et al.*, 2005) and in serious cases may lead to complete crop failure (Zand *et al.*, 2003 and Waheed *et al.*, 2009). The effect of weeds on wheat yield has been reported by researchers worldwide. Zand *et al.* (2007) reported a 30 percent wheat yield loss and sometimes complete failure of the crop. There are many weed species compete with wheat. Shehzad *et al.* (2012) revealed that the diversity of *Phalaris minor* (*P. minor*) and *Avena fatua* (*A. fatua*) decreased ominously

*According to data of Statistical and Agricultural Economic Research Institute, Agric. Res. Center, Egypt, 2013.

by all the herbicides compared to non-treated control. However, clodinafop propargyl at 60 g a.i ha⁻¹ was found to be most effective as it severely reduced the weeds population as well as biomass with maximum mortality.

Currently, chemical weed control has emerged as an effective tool for weed management because it is approachable, less time consuming as well as economical (Baghestani *et al.*, 2007). Naseer-ud-Din *et al.* (2011) suggested the post-emergence application of herbicides for increased yield and significant weed population reduction. On the other hand, weed resistance to herbicide application can pose problems in weed management (Beckie *et al.*, 2000) and with the passage of time their evaluation should be performed (Baghestani *et al.*, 2007) and the introduction of new herbicides is a pre-requisite to eradicate the resistance of weeds.

Planting method plays an important role in the wheat plants competition with each other and with the weed species, which ultimately affects crop growth. The selection of suitable planting method for wheat is dependant upon the time of planting, availability of soil water at planting time, amount of residue in the field and availability of planting machine (Sikander *et al.*, 2003). Abbas *et al.* (2009) revealed that the best plant height was obtained in drill planting with 30 and 22.5 cm rows. However, number of spikelets and number of grains/ spike were statistically similar in broadcasting and drilling at 22.5 cm apart rows. Similar 1000-grain weight was recorded in drill sowing at 30, 22.5 cm and broadcasting. The

maximum grain yield was obtained through broadcast method and it was statistically at par with drill planting method where row spacing was 22.5 cm. Whereas, drill-planting techniques with row spacing 15 cm and 30 cm were inferior to broadcast method. It may be concluded that broadcast method is suitable for wheat sowing in sandy loam soils of arid area. Bashir *et al.* (2014) reported that the wheat sown by drilling method showed remarkably superior performance with 17.08 spikelets spike⁻¹, 39.25 grains spike⁻¹, 16.16 g grain weight spike⁻¹, 8653.40 kg ha⁻¹ biological yield and 4232.90 kg ha⁻¹ grain yield.

Use of highly competitive cultivars can be effective cultural practice for weed growth suppression (Wicks *et al.*, 2004; Mennan and Zandstra, 2005). Mason *et al.* (2008) reported that the cultivars had early heading and maturity traits resulted in increase grain yield at the highest weed level. Abouzienna *et al.* (2008) found that under the weed competition condition; Sids 9 cultivar produced the highest grain yield, while under unweeding treatment; Sids 7 cultivar gave the maximum yield. The rank order of competitive ability of the five wheat cultivars was Sids 9, Sakha 69, Sids 8, Sids 7 and Sids 6. Therefore, planting Sids 7 cultivar and controlling weeds by hand or tribenuron-methyl herbicide produced the highest yield.

Materials and Methods:

Two field experiments were carried out in the Research Farm at Al-

Kawthar, Faculty of Agriculture, Sohag University, in two successive seasons of 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 to investigate the effect of weed control and planting methods on wheat productivity. A randomized complete block design (RCBD) in split-split plot with four replications was used. The treatments were arranged as following: 1) four weed control treatments were arranged in the main plots: hand weeding twice (at 30 and 45 days after sowing), Granstar 75% DF at rate 8 g/fed. at 30 days after sowing, Topik 15% WP at rate of 140 g/fed. at 40 days after sowing and Granstar 75% DF at rate 8 g/fed. at 30 days after sowing + Topik 15% WP at rate of 140 g/fed. at 40 days after sowing. 2) three planting methods were placed in sub plot: Afir broadcast: Soil was plowed twice then grains were broadcasting and compacting was done and irrigation was followed, Afir drill: Soil was plowed twice then wheat grains were hand drilled in rows 20 cm apart rows and irrigation was followed and Afir in furrows method with 60 cm apart ridge planting on double row sloping bed and the top of the ridge, 3) two varieties (Giza 168 and Sids 12) were fixed in sub-sub-plot, with plot area 10.5 m² (3.5 m length x 3.0 m width).

Seeding rate was used as recommended (60 kg/fed.). Herbicides were sprayed by Cp3 knapsack sprayer with 200 liter of water/fed. Trade, common and chemical names of herbicides used in the experimental plots were presented in Table (1).

Table (1): Trade, common and chemical names of the herbicides used in the experiment.

Trade name	Common name	Chemical name
1-Granstar75% DF	Tribenuron-methyl	[[[N-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1, 3, 5-triazin-2-yl)methylamino]carbonyl] amino] sulfonyl]
2- Topik 15% WP	Clodinafop propargyl	{2propnol(®-2-[4-(5-chloro-3-fluoro-2-pyridinyloxy) phenoxy]-propionate)}

In this study, sowing date was on 29th November and 1st December in the first and second seasons, respectively. The preceding summer crop was maize (*Zea mays* L.) in both seasons.

Soil of the experiment was sandy-clay, mechanical and chemical properties of soil are shown in Table (2). The other agriculture practices were.

Table (2): Mechanical and chemical properties of top soil (0-30 cm) of the experimental site in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 seasons.

Soil Properties	Values	
	2010/2011	2011/2012
Mechanical analysis:		
Sand (%)	50.35	49.51
Silt (%)	18.72	19.40
Clay (%)	30.93	31.09
Soil texture	Sandy-clay	Sandy-clay
Chemical analysis:		
Organic mater (%)	2.81	2.46
Total N (%)	0.153	0.181
pH (1:1)	7.8	7.4
Ec (dS/m) 1:5	0.5	0.7
CaCO ₃	12.4	11.2

Data recorded:

At harvest: a sample of ten plants was randomly chosen from each plot in four replicates to measure: plant height, spike length, number of spikelets/spike, as well as number of spikes/m² and 1000 grain weight were recorded from one square meter. Biological and grain yields per feddan were recorded by weighing all above ground dry mater of each plot, then grain separating and weighing in kilograms and converted into ton and ard. per fed., respectively.

Statistical analysis:

The data were statistically analyzed each season separately by Proc GLM procedure (SAS version 9.1, SAS Institute 2003) as well as the least significant differences (LSD) among the factor means and their interactions at probability level at 5% .

Results and Discussion:**Main effect:**

Data presented in Table (3) revealed that the varieties, planting methods and weed control had significantly effect on the all studied traits, plant height (cm), spike length

(cm), number of spikes/m², number of spikelets/spike, 1000-grain weight (g), grain yield (ardab/fed.) and biological yield (ton/fed.) in both seasons.

1- Effect of varieties:

The results in Table 3 revealed that the tallest plants (87.45 and 88.92 cm) were achieved by Giza 168 variety in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Moreover, the longest spikes (10.14 and 10.77 cm) and the maximum values of number of spikes/m² (313.17 and 355.85), number of spikelets/spike (17.25 and 18.30), 1000-grain weight (41.97 and 43.63 g), grain yield (15.24 and 16.25 ardab/fed.) and biological yield (4.86 and 5.56 ton/fed.) were exhibited by Sids 12 variety in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. The results mean that the Sids 12 variety was the effective variety for achieving the maximum values of the all studied traits except the plant height. The difference between varieties could be attributed to the genetic make up. These results are in harmony with those studied by Abouziena *et al.* (2008) and Mason *et al.*, (2008).

2- Effect of planting methods:

The results in Table 3 showed that the tallest plants (87.50 and 88.78 cm) were obtained by Afir broadcast method, but the longest spikes (10.32 and 10.88cm) were resulted from Afir in furrows method in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Moreover, the maximum values of number of spikes/m² (324.13, 366.00), number of spikelets/spike (17.91, 18.94), 1000-grain weight (42.55 and 44.23 g), grain yield (15.92, 16.93 ardab/fed.) and biological yield (4.92 and 5.64 ton/fed.) were

obtained by drill method in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Here, the results indicated to the drill method is the best planting methods, since it had superior over the other two planting methods (broadcast and in furrows). Partley (1980) noticed that broadcasting is generally inferior to placement of the seed in the soil, largely, because the conditions are less conducive to good germinations and establishment, with seedlings at greater risk of desiccation. The same conclusion was reported by Anaam (2003), Abd El-Hamid (2004), El-Afandy (2006), Seadh, and Badawi (2006), Ismail *et al.* (2008), Abbas *et al.* (2009) and Bashir *et al.* (2014).

3- Effect of weed control:

The results in Table 3 showed that the tallest plants were obtained by either Granstar 75% DF at rate 8 g/fed. at 30 days after sowing (87.58 and 89.67 cm) or Topik 15 % WP at rate of 140 g/fed. at 40 days after sowing (87.63 and 88.96 cm) in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Furthermore, the maximum values of spike length (11.13 and 11.65 cm), number of spikes/m² (357.79 and 401.13), number of spikelets/spike (20.07 and 21.11), 1000-grain weight (44.02 and 45.58 g), grain yield (17.95 and 18.94 ardab/fed.) and biological yield (5.32 and 6.11ton/fed.) were achieved by Granstar 75% DF at rate 8 g/fed. at 30 days after sowing + Topik 15% WP at rate of 140 g/fed. at 40 days after sowing in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Generally, the results indicated that application of the mixed of Granstar 75% DF + Topik 15% WP herbicides together, followed by the hand weeding treatments were the most effective in con-

trolling weeds. Anaam (2003) stated that foliar application of Grasp at 1.0 L/fed., followed by hand weeding were more effective in controlling the most annual weeds as compared to the other treatments. These results are in conformity with those obtained by Omar and Aioub (2006), Younis (2007) and Shehzad *et al.* (2012).

Interaction effect:

1- Varieties x Planting methods (VxP) interaction:

Data in Table 4 showed that all studied traits had a highly significantly affected by VxP interaction in both seasons, except number of spikes/m² in both seasons, grain yield in the 1st season and biological yield in the 2nd season.

The results declared that the tallest plants (89.01 and 90.11 cm) followed by (87.98 and 89.41 cm) were achieved by V₁xP₃ and V₁xP₁, as well as the longest spikes (10.51 and 11.11 cm) were obtained by V₂xP₃ interaction treatments in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Moreover, the maximum values of number of spikes/m² (327.75 and 369.94) followed by (320.50 and 362.06), number of spikelets/spike (18.20 and 19.23) followed by (17.62 and 18.66), 1000 grain weight (42.91 and 44.53 g) followed by (42.20 and 43.93 g), grain yield/fed. (16.15 and 17.15 ard.) followed by (15.70 and 16.71 ard.) and biological yield/fed. (4.95 and 5.76 ton) followed by (4.89 and 5.60 ton) were realised by V₂xP₂ and V₁xP₂ in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. On the other hand, the shortest plants and spikes (82.88 and 85.45 cm) and (8.99 and 9.53 cm) were obtained by V₂xP₃ and V₁xP₁ interaction treatments in the 1st and

2nd seasons, respectively. Likewise, the minimum values for the other studied traits were recorded by V₁xP₁ followed by V₂xP₁ interaction treatments in both seasons. This results mean that the Sids 12 variety under drill method gave the highest values, while the Giza 168 variety under broadcast method gave the lowest values. Hence, the results may be due to the genetic variation between varieties under various planting methods, reflect weather climatic conditions. Similar findings are stated by Soomro *et al.* (2009), Rahman *et al.* (2010) and Alam (2012).

2-Variety x weed control (VxW):

Data in Table 4 showed that all studied traits had a highly significantly affected by VxW interaction in both seasons, except grain yield (ardeb/fed) in the 1st season and biological yield in the 2nd season.

The results showed that the tallest plants (89.37 and 89.41 cm) followed by (89.01 and 90.11 cm) were obtained by V₁xP₁ and V₁xP₃ interaction treatments in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Moreover, the maximum values for spike length (11.39 and 11.90 cm) followed by (10.87 and 11.40 cm), number of spikes/m² (361.75 and 405.00) followed by (353.83 and 397.25), number of spikelets/spike (20.40 and 21.46) followed by (19.47 and 20.77), 1000 grain weight (44.31 and 45.82 g) followed by (43.73 and 45.33 g), grain yield/fed. (18.18 and 19.16 ard.) followed by (17.72 and 18.75 ard.) and biological yield/fed. (5.34 and 6.10 ton) followed by (5.30 and 6.12 ton) were recorded by V₂xW₄ and V₁xW₄ interaction treatments in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. As

well as, the shortest plants (80.79 and 82.84 cm) were obtained by $V_2 \times W_4$ interaction treatment in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Likewise, the minimum values for the yield components and yield were recorded by $V_1 \times W_2$ interaction treatment in both seasons. The results suggested that the both varieties Sids 12 followed by Giza 168 under the mixed of the two herbicides either Granstar 75% DF or Topik 15% WP gave reflection the highest values for the studied traits, since the effective factor may be due to specific weed control. These results are in harmony with those concluded by Mekky *et al.* (2007), Abouziena *et al.* (2008) and Sultana *et al.* (2012).

3- Planting methods x weed control (PxW):

Data in Table 4 revealed that all studied traits had a highly significantly affected by PxW interaction in both seasons.

These results indicated that the tallest plants (93.83 cm) followed by (92.93 cm) in the 1st season, and (94.97 cm) followed by (94.36 cm) in the 2nd season were showed by either $P_3 \times W_3$ followed by $P_2 \times W_2$ or by $P_2 \times W_2$ followed by $P_3 \times W_3$ interaction treatments, the longest spikes (11.84 and

12.29 cm) followed by (10.88 and 11.42 cm) were obtained by $P_3 \times W_4$ followed by $P_2 \times W_4$ interaction treatments in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Moreover, the maximum values for number of spikes/m² (369.88 and 413.25) followed by (360.75 and 404.13), number of spikelets/spike (21.35 and 22.35) followed by (20.21 and 21.32), 1000 grain weight (45.20 and 46.70 g) followed by (43.93 and 45.93 g), grain yield/fed. (19.03 and 20.02 ard.) followed by (17.86 and 18.84 ard.) and biological yield/fed. (5.46 and 6.20 ton) followed by (5.33 and 6.22 ton) were realized by $P_2 \times W_4$ followed by $P_3 \times W_4$ interaction treatments in the 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. On the other hand, the shortest plants (80.96 and 80.81 cm) were obtained by $P_2 \times W_2$ interaction treatments. As well as, the minimum values for the other studied traits were recorded by $P_1 \times W_4$ interaction treatments in both seasons. Here, the results realized that the drill method under mixed the two herbicides together gave the highest values. Similar findings are conformity by Anaam (2003), Younis (2007), Ismail *et al.* (2008) and Shehzad *et al.* (2012).

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استجابة وإنتاجية صنفين من القمح لطرق الزراعة ومقاومة الحشائش تحت ظروف محافظته سوهاج

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الملخص:

أقيمت تجربتان حقليتان بمزرعة كلية الزراعة بالكوثر جامعة سوهاج في خلال موسمي الزراعة ٢٠١٠/٢٠١١، ٢٠١١/٢٠١٢ لدراسة إستجابة إنتاجية صنفين من القمح (جيزة ١٦٨، سدس ١٢) لثلاث طرق زراعة (عفير بدار، عفير تسطير، عفير على خطوط) وأربع طرق مقاومة حشائش (نقاوة يدوية، الرش بمبيد جرانستار بمعدل ٨ جم/فدان، توبيك بمعدل ١٤٠ جم/فدان، توبيك + جرانستار) على المحصول ومكوناته. أستخدم تصميم القطاعات كاملة العشوائية في شكل القطع المنشقة مرتين في أربعة مكررات.

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- وجود تأثير معنوي لكل من الأصناف وطرق الزراعة ومقاومة الحشائش على جميع الصفات المدروسة أرتفاع النبات (سم)، طول السنبله (سم)، عدد السنابل/م^٢، عدد السنيبلات/سنبله، وزن الهـ ١٠٠٠ حبه بالجرام، محصول الحبوب (بالأردب /فدان)، المحصول البيولوجي (طن/فدان).
- أعطى صنف سدس ١٢ أعلى عدد السنابل/م^٢، عدد السنيبلات/سنبله، وزن الهـ ١٠٠٠ حبه بالجرام، محصول الحبوب (بالأردب /فدان)، المحصول البيولوجي (طن/فدان). بينما تفوق الصنف جيزة ١٦٨ في إرتفاع النبات/سم، طول السنبله (سم).
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- أدى إستخدام مبيد جرانستار + مبيد توبيك إلى زيادة طول السنبله (سم)، عدد السنابل/م^٢، عدد اسنيبلات/سنبله، وزن الهـ ١٠٠٠ حبه بالجرام، محصول الحبوب (بالأردب /فدان)، المحصول البيولوجي (طن/فدان).
- كان أعلى محصول حبوب (٢٠,٠٢ أردب/فدان) عند إضافة مبيد جرانستار + مبيد توبيك تحت طريقة الزراعة بالتسطير.