# Effect of Irrigation, Nitrogen fertilizaer and Ascorbic acid on wheat productivity in sandy soil.

# I- Yield and yield components

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Two field experiments were carried at the experimental farm, Nuclear Research Center, Atomic Energy Authority, Inshas, during of 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 growing seasons to study the effect of three irrigation treatments 40,60 and 80% available soil moisture depletion(ASMD), three concentration of ascorbic acid (0, 500 and 1000 mg/L) and three nitrogen rates (60, 80 and 100 kg N/fed.) on grain yield and yield components of wheat as well as water and nitrogen use efficiency under improved sandy soil by using plant residues. The results could be summarized as follows:

1-Irrigation at 40% available soil moisture depletion, gave the highest values of number of spikes/ m<sup>2</sup>, spike characters, 1000-grain weight and grain yield / feddan. While, irrigation at 60 % ASMD gave the maximum rate of nitrogen and water use efficiency. On the contrary, irrigation at 80 % ASMD significantly decreased all the studied characters.

2-The highest values of numbers of spikes/m<sup>2</sup>, spike length(cm), number and weight grains, 1000- grain weight(g), grain yield /fed. and water and nitrogen use efficiency were obtained by spraying ascorbic acid compared with unsprayed treatment and there is not a significant effect between the two concentrations i.e. 500 and 1000 mg/L in both seasons.

3-The results indicated that grain yield and its components and water use efficiency were significantly increased by increasing N-rate up to  $100~\rm Kg~N$  /feddan, while addition of  $80~\rm Kg~N$  / feddan gave the highest nitrogen use efficiency.

4-The interaction between the three factors significantly, affected on 1000- grain weight, grain yield and N-use efficiency in both seasons while spike length in the second season.

#### INTRODUCTION

Increasing cultivated of wheat production of unit land area are the most important national objectives in Egypt for minimizing the gape between the production and population consumption. That could be achieved by improving agricultural practices especially in desert area such as irrigation and fertilizers.

Wheat (*Triticum aestivium* L.) is considered the main cereal grain crop in the world as well as in Egypt. Therefore, increasing grains production is considered one of the most important national aims to face the great demand of the highly increasing human population.

Irrigation is used to maintain the soil moisture profile in the root zone to field capacity and satisfied evapotranspiration requirement of each crop on any area. Hussein (2004), Mousa and Abdel-Maksoud (2004), El-Afandy (2006) and Fang et al., (2006) found that subjecting wheat plants to drought –stress resulted in a significant reduction in grain yield and its components of wheat.

Spray of vitamin C increased grain yield of wheat by influencing many physiological processes such as stimulates respiration activates, cell division and many enzymes activities as reported by **Oertil** (1987), **Abd El-Hamed** *et al.*, (2004), **Irfan** *et al.*, (2006) and **Zewail** (2007).

Also, **El-Sherbeny** (2003), **Salem** (2005), **Soliman** (2006) and **Zewail** (2007) revealed that yield and its components of wheat were significantly increased by increasing rate of nitrogen fertilizer up to 120 Kg N/feddan.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODES

Two field experiments were performed in 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 growing seasons at the experimental farm at Inshas, Nuclear Research Center, Atomic Energy Authority to study the effect of irrigation, N-rate and ascorbic acid on yield and its components of wheat (*Triticum aestivium*, L.) under improved sandy soil using plant residues as recommended by **El-Sherbeny** (2003).

The soil type was sandy and the physical and chemical properties of the Experimental farm at Inshas are shown in Table (1).

Each experiment included 27 treatments which were the combination of three irrigation treatments (Irrigation at 40, 60 and 80% of the available soil moisture depletion (ASMD), three concentration of ascorbic acid (zero, 500 and 1000 mg/L as foliar spray and three rate of nitrogen fertilizer (60, 80 and 100 kg N/feddan). The design of the experiment was a split-split plot with three replications. Irrigation treatments were arranged in the main plot, while ascorbic concentrations were randomly distributed in the sub plots and nitrogen fertilizer rate were randomly allocated in the sub-sub plots. Each sub-sub plot area was  $10.5 \, \mathrm{m}^2$  (3.5m long and 3 m wide). Wheat grain cv. Sakha 93 were drilled in rows, 15 cm apart on November  $24^{\frac{\mathrm{th}}{\mathrm{th}}}$  in both seasons.

At harvest number of spikes/m<sup>2</sup>, spike length (cm), number of grain/spike, weight of grains/ spike (g) which were estimated as an average of 10 spikes were taken at random from each sub-sub plot, 1000-grain weight (g) and grain yield (kg/feddan) after threshing the harvest area from the whole sub-sub plot. Also, nitrogen utilization was

determined according (I.A.E.A, 1990) using the following nitrogen derived from fertilizer(Ndff).

Ndff = 
$$\frac{\% \text{ N-}^{15} \text{ a.e(atom excess)} \text{ in plant sample}}{\% \text{ N-}^{15} \text{ a.e(atom excess)} \text{ in fertilizer}} = \%$$

Fertilizer N-yield = 
$$\frac{\text{y N - yield}}{100}$$

And water use efficiency (W.U.E.) was calculated by using the following formula according to **Vites** (1965)

W. U. E.= 
$$\frac{\text{Grain yield Kg / fed}}{\text{Evapotranspiration (m}^3 / \text{fed)}}.$$

Data in each season were statistically analyzed according to the procedures outlined by **Snedecor and Cochran (1980).** The **MSTATE program (1989)** was used in this connection.

 $Table \ (\ 1\ ) : Some \ mechanical \ and \ chemical \ analysis \ as \ well \ as \ physical \ properties \ of \\ upper 30 \ depth \ of \ In shas \ sandy \ soil \ of \ the \ experimental \ in \ two \ seasons.$ 

Characters	Mechanic	al analysis
	1 <sup>st</sup> season	2 <sup>nd</sup> season
Clay (%) Silt (%) Fine sand (%) Coarse sand (%)	2.40 5.21 63.14 24.75	3.64 6.18 61.40 23.58
Texture class	Sandy soil	Sandy soil
	physical p	properties
Water holding capacity (%) Wilting point (%) Bulk density (g/cm³)	7.74 1.96 1.72	7.93 2.09 1.73
	Chemica	l analysis
PH Organic matter (%) CaCo <sub>3</sub> (%) Aval. N (mg/kg) Aval. P (mg/kg) Aval. K (mg/kg) E.C. (d/s)	7.8 0.60 3.9 33.1 8.7 135 0.8	7.9 0.70 4.5 30.0 9.8 139 0.9

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### A-Effect of main factors:-

#### 1- Yield components of wheat grains:

Results in Table (2) reveal that number of spikes/ m<sup>2</sup>, spike length, number of grains/ spike, weight of grains/ spike and 1000 – grain weight were significantly affected by irrigation treatments, concentrations of ascorbic acid and N-rate in the two growing seasons.

Irrigation at different losses in available water soil i.e. 60 and 80 % caused a significant decrement in the above mentioned characters in both seasons when compared with irrigation at 40 % ASMD. Irrigation at 40 % of the available soil moisture depletion gave the highest values of number of spikes/ m², spike characters and 1000- grain weight in 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 growing seasons.

These results are due to water stress which decreasing the activity of merstimatic tissues responsible for increasing the tillers number. Also, the reduction in number of grains/ spike by increasing water stress probably resulted from the complete development of some grains of the spike this reduction was affected greatly on the amount of photosynthesis in grains because of lake of water. These results are in harmony with those obtained by **Hussein (2004) Mousa and Abdel-Maksoud (2004) and Fang et al., (2006).** 

Concerning to ascorbic acid, the mean values of spikes / m<sup>2</sup>, spike length, grains number / spike, grains weight / spike and 1000- grain weight were significantly increased by sprayed the ascorbic acid on wheat

plants at 1000 and 500 mg/L as when compared with unsprayed wheat in the two growing seasons. These results may be due to spray vitamin C influencing many physiological process such as stimulates respiration activities cell division and many enzymes activities as reported by **Oertil** (1987), **Abd-El-Hamed** *et al.* (2004), **Irfan** *et al.* (2006) and **Zewail** (2007).

It was clear in Table (2) that fertilization of wheat with 60, 80 and 100 Kg N / feddan gave a significant increment at the second and third rate when compared with the first rate (60 Kg N / feddan) in number of spikes/ m², spike characters under study and 1000- grain weight in both seasons.

The increment due to fertilization with 100 Kg N / feddan reached 12.29 and 14.28 % in number of spikes/ m², 20.19 and 16.39 % in spike length, 13.44 and 15.05 % in number of grains/ spike, 28.15 and 26.84 % in grain weight/ spike, 9.75 and 9.41 % in 1000-grain weight in the first and second seasons, respectively as compared to fertilization with 60 Kg N / feddan. The increase in yield components of wheat due to N-application is an indication for the role of N in plant growth development and production. These results are in harmony with those obtained by El-Sherbeny (2003), Salem (2005), Soliman (2006) and Zewail (2007).

# 2- Grain yield / Feddan:

The effect of irrigation, ascorbic acid and nitrogen fertilizaer on grain yield of wheat is presented in Table (2).

The results show that the grain yield of wheat Kg/fed. was significantly affected by irrigation treatments in both seasons. It was observed that irrigation at 40 % of the available soil moisture depletion significantly surpassed the irrigation at 60 and 80 % of the available soil moisture depletion by 10.53 and 47.33 %, respectively in the first season

as well as by 10.93 and 52.90 %, respectively in the second season. This is to be expected since the mean values of spikes number / m², grains number/ spike, weight of grains/ spike and 1000 – grain weight increased by decreasing soil moisture depletion. Moreover drought stress might reduce translocation of assimilates from leaves and as drought hasten maturation, this response in addition to reduced photosynthesis in the grains itself contribute to lower grain yield. Similar results were indicated by **Hussein (2004)**, **El-Afandy (2006)** and **Fang** *et al.*, **(2006)**.

With regard to ascorbic acid, a significant result has been observed as a results of spraying ascorbic acid on wheat plants expressed as grain yield Kg / feddan. The application of ascorbic acid at 1000- mg/L increased grain yield by 15.35 and 15.64 % in the first and second seasons, respectively, when compared to unsprayed of ascorbic acid, There is not a significant effect between 500 and 1000 mg / L on grain yield in both seasons. This might be attributed to that the soil of this area contained considerable amount of both macro and micronutrients. Also, the positive response of wheat plants may be due to that ascorbic acid activity some enzymes which are important in regulation of photosynthetic carbon reduction (Helsper et al., 1982).

Also, it could be noticed that rate of nitrogen (100 Kg N /fed.)gave a highly significant increasing grain yield Kg / feddan than 60 and 80 Kg N / feddan in the two growing seasons. The application of 80 and 100 Kg N / feddan resulted in significant increase in grain yield Kg /feddan over application of 60 Kg N / feddan by 17.03 and 20.60 %, respectively in the first season. The corresponding significant increases in grain yield were 13.59 and 16.79 %, respectively in the second season. The increase in grain yield/fed. due to the increase in N- rate is a result of the effect of N which increasing number of spikes/ m², number of grains/ spike, weight of grains/ spike and 1000-grain weight. This is clear illustration for the

prominent role of N in increasing grain yield under the sandy soil conditions. These results reported by Salem (2005), Soliman (2006) and Zewail (2007).

## 3- Efficiency of nitrogen and water:

Nitrogen and water use efficiency in wheat plant as affected by irrigation treatments, ascorbic acid and N- level in 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 growing seasons as shown in Table (2).

Irrigation at 60 % of the available soil moisture depletion enhanced significantly nitrogen and water use efficiency in the two growing seasons, whears irrigation at 80 % of the available soil moisture depletion gave the lowest efficiency of nitrogen and water. Nitrogen losses under prolonged intervals of irrigation due to nitrogen transformation may be the reason behind the utilization efficiency reduction. These results could be attributed to the highly significant differences between the wheat grain yield values as well as differences among consumptive use. In this connection, **Sadek and Mitkees (1997) and El-Sherbeny (2003)** found that nitrogen and water use efficiency gave the best results when irrigated 50 and 70 % available soil moisture depletion.

On the other side, nitrogen and water use efficiency were significantly resulted in increasing over the control (zero ascorbic acid) by foliar application of ascorbic acid in the two seasons. Foliar application of ascorbic acid at 1000 - mg/L gave the maximum value of nitrogen and water use efficiency. **Grun** *et al.* (1982) reported that ascorbic acid is a product of D-glucose metabolism which effects nutritional cycles activity in higher plants, Ascorbic acid plays an important role in the electron transport system.

It was clear that from Table (2) the application of nitrogen fertilizer at 80 Kg N/ feddan to wheat resulted in increasing significantly, The N-utilized when compared with application of nitrogen at 100 Kg N/ feddan

in the growing seasons, while water use efficiency was significantly increased by increasing N-rate up to 100 Kg N/feddan. The previous results are in accordance with those reported by **Sowers** *et al.*, (1994) in N-use efficiency and **El-Sherbeny** (2003) in water use efficiency.

#### **B- Interaction.**

The interaction between irrigation and ascorbic acid was significant on number of spike/m², weight of grains/ spike, 1000-grain weight, grain yield Kg / feddan, N-utilized and water use efficiency in both seasons while spike length and number of grains/ spike in the first season only (Table 3). The results showed that ascorbic acid when sprayed on wheat plants which were irrigated early (at 40 % available soil moisture depletion) gave the greatest mean values of number of spikes/ m², spike characters, 1000- grain weight and grain yield / feddan. Whereas the maximum mean values of nitrogen and water use efficiency were produced when irrigated wheat plants at 60 % available soil moisture depletion and sprayed with 500 or 1000 mg/L ascorbic acid. It could be noticed that the increase in concentration of ascorbic acid did not affect these traits except 1000-grain weight and grain yield/feddan with the same irrigation, that is to say that 500 mg/L is enough to improve yield and yield components of wheat.

There were significant differences in number of spikes / m², spike length, grain weight/ spike, grain yield / feddan and N- utilized in the two seasons due to the interaction between irrigation treatments and N- levels (Table 4). It could be noticed that early irrigation at 40 % available soil moisture depletion with fertilization at 100 Kg N/feddan gave the highest values of grain yield and yield components of wheat. On the contrary, the highest nitrogen use efficiency was obtained from irrigation at 60 %

available soil moisture with adding 80 Kg N/ feddan in the two growing seasons.

The mean values of number of spikes / m², spike length, grain weight/ spike, grain yield / feddan, nitrogen and water use efficiency in both season as will as number of grains/ spike in second season out of two were significantly affected by the interaction between ascorbic concentration and N- rate (Table 5). The maximum mean values of the above character of yield and yield components and water use efficiency were obtained from adding 1000 mg/ L ascorbic acid + 100 Kg N / feddan. While, the highest N-use efficiency was produced from adding 1000-mg/L ascorbic acid + 80 Kg N/ feddan in both seasons.

The interaction between the three factors under study significantly affected the 1000- grain weight, grain yield/ feddan and nitrogen use efficiency in the two growing seasons and spike length in the second season (Table 6). Sprayed with 500 or 1000 mg/L ascorbic acid with 100 Kg N/ feddan and irrigated after 40 % available soil moisture depletion was the best interaction treatment in 1000-grain weight and grain yield per feddan. On the other hand, irrigated at 60 % available soil moisture depletion with sprayed ascorbic at 1000 mg/L and 80Kg N/feddan increased significantly absorped nitrogen by wheat plant and then increased nitrogen use efficiency in the two growing seasons.

Table (2): Effect of irrigation treatments, ascorbic acid and nitrogen rates on yield and yield components of wheat as well as nitrogen and water use efficiency in both seasons.

Characters			No.of spikes /m²		Spike length (cm)		No. of grains/ spike		Weight of grains/ spike (g)		1000-grain weight (g)		Grain yield (kg/Fed.)		Nitrogen utilized		Water use efficiency(kg/m³)	
										season	S							
Trea	tments	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
u(	$I_1$	351a	362a	12.08a	12.99a	37.3a	39.6 a	1.91a	2.05a	45.29a	43.72a	2487a	2587a	31.99 b	35.50 b	1.348 b	1.396 a	
Irrigation	$I_2$	337b	354a	11.25b	11.92b	34.8b	37.3 b	1.69b	1.90b	41.01b	39.90b	2250b	2332b	34.46 a	36.95 a	1.407 a	1.448 a	
Irriş	$I_3$	253c	259b	8.45 c	8.69 c	27.1c	26.5 c	1.13c	1.24c	35.67c	35.00c	1688c	1692c	21.91 c	23.92 с	1.051 c	1.223 b	
F-	F-test		*	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	*	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	
ပ	$S_1$	289c	309b	9.86b	10.28c	31.7b	32.7 c	1.49b	1.57c	37.44b	36.38c	1948b	2013c	25.62 c	27.94 с	1.154 b	1.241 c	
Ascorbic		321b	341a	10.89a	11.50b	33.6a	34.8 b	1.61a	1.74b	42.17a	40.57b	2231a	2269b	31.06 b	33.83 b	1.321 a	1.392 b	
Asc	$S_3$	331a	346a	11.03a	11.82a	33.9a	36.8 a	1.64a	1.87a	42.34a	41.67a	2247a	2328a	31.65 a	34.22 a	1.330 a	1.434 a	
F-	test	* *	* *	* *	* *	*	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *		* *	* *	
_	N	293c	301c	9.46 c	10.25c	30.5c	31.9 c	1.35c	1.49c	38.46c	37.53c	1903c	2001c	29.72 b	32.75 a	1.127 c	1.234 c	
Nitrogen	N	318b	330b	10.94b	11.43b	33.9b	35.2 b	1.66b	1.81b	41.30b	40.03b	2227b	2273b	31.34 a	33.50 a	1.317 b	1.393 b	
Nitr	N <sub>3</sub>	329a	343a	11.37a	11.93a	34.6a	36.7 a	1.73a	1.89a	42.21a	41.06a	2295a	2337a	27.32 c	30.01 b	1.361 a	1.440 a	
F-	Ti tant		* *	* *	* *	* *	* *											

 $I_1$  = Irrigation at lose 40% A.S.M.D

 $N_1 = 60 \text{ kg N} / \text{feddan}$   $N_2 = 80 \text{ kg N} / \text{feddan}$ 

 $I_2$  = Irrigation at lose 60% A.S.M.D

 $I_3$  = Irrigation at lose 80% A.S.M.D

 $S_1$  = Zero ascorbic acid

 $S_2 = 500 \text{ mg/L}$  ascorbic acid

Table (3): The interaction significantly effects of irrigation treatments with ascorbic acid on yield and yield components as well as nitrogen and water use efficiency.

Characters		No.of spikes /m²		Spike length (cm).	No. of grains/ spike	Weight of grains/ spike (g)		1000-grain weight (g)		Grain yield (kg/Fed.)		Nitrogen utilized (%)		Water use efficiency(kg/m³)	
Troot	ments	Seasons													
1164	inents	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	$S_1$	322	355	11.41	35.4	1.78	1.84	41.81	40.78	2249	2318	27.99	30.82	1.220	1.243
$I_1$	$S_2$	358	368	12.34	38.1	1.94	2.07	47.02	44.80	2604	2687	33.69	37.52	1.411	1.456
	$S_3$	373	385	12.48	38.4	2.01	2.23	47.02	45.59	2609	2755	34.29	38.15	1.413	1.489
	$S_1$	310	317	10.79	34.0	1.63	1.80	37.32	36.36	2013	2124	29.10	31.22	1.256	1.325
$I_2$	$S_2$	346	364	11.41	35.1	1.73	1.93	42.78	41.20	2350	2396	36.78	39.18	1.469	1.473
	$S_3$	353	381	11.56	35.4	1.74	1.97	42.93	42.13	2511	2477	37.39	39.35	1.494	1.545
	$S_1$	234	252	7.38	25.8	1.05	1.09	33.18	32.00	1580	1598	19.76	21.77	0.986	1.155
$I_3$	$S_2$	260	260	8.92	27.6	1.15	1.22	36.71	35.71	1738	1724	22.69	24.79	1.084	1.246
	$S_3$	273	266	9.04	28.0	1.23	1.42	37.09	37.29	1847	1753	23.27	25.18	1.083	1.267
L.S.D.	at 0.05	11.18	29.99	0.290	0.56	0.059	0.169	0.181	0.266	57.42	62.84	0.211	1.204	0.045	0.056

I<sub>1</sub> = Irrigation at lose 40% A.S.M.D

$$\begin{split} N_1 &= 60 \text{ kg } N \text{ / feddan} \\ N_2 &= 80 \text{ kg /N / feddan} \\ N_3 &= 100 \text{ kg N / feddan} \end{split}$$

 $I_2$  = Irrigation at lose 60% A.S.M.D

 $I_3$  = Irrigation at lose 80% A.S.M.D

 $S_1$  = Zero ascorbic acid

 $S_1$  = 2cro ascerbic acid  $S_2$  =500 mg/L ascorbic acid  $S_3$  = 1000 mg/L ascorbic acid

Table (4): The interaction significantly effects of irrigation treatments with nitrogen rates on yield and yield components as well as nitrogen and water use efficiency.

characters		No.of spikes		Spike length (cm).		No. of grains/ spike	O	Weight of grains/		1000-grain weight (g)		Grain yield (kg/Fed.)		Nitrogen utilized (%)	
Treat	tments	Seasons													
lica	inches	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	$2^{\rm nd}$	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>s</sup>	$2^{\rm nd}$	
	$N_1$	327	330	10.75	12.03	37.8	1.68	1.75	42.74	41.76	2190	2307	32.44	36.46	
	$N_2$	355	370	12.53	13.35	39.4	1.99	2.15	46.12	44.16	2610	2694	33.71	36.82	
$I_1$	N <sub>3</sub>	371	387	12.95	13.60	41.5	2.07	2.25	47.02	45.25	2662	2759	29.83	33.22	
	$N_1$	311	322	10.02	10.89	35.6	1.34	1.73	38.59	37.55	2015	2126	34.37	37.37	
	N <sub>2</sub>	344	361	11.67	12.11	38.0	1.85	1.93	41.69	40.50	2324	2390	36.77	38.37	
$\mathbf{I}_2$	N <sub>3</sub>	355	378	12.07	12.78	39.3	1.90	2.03	42.74	41.64	2410	2481	32.31	35.13	
	$N_1$	242	253	7.61	7.83	22.3	1.03	0.98	34.07	33.27	1506	1571	22.33	24.42	
	$N_2$	256	259	8.63	8.84	28.1	1.15	1.35	36.09	35.44	1747	1734	23.55	25.31	
$I_3$	N <sub>3</sub>	262	266	9.10	9.41	29.2	1.21	1.39	36.86	36.29	1812	1770	19.84	22.02	
L.S.D.	at 0.05	10.53	22.50	0.329	0.203	1.63	0.103	0.145	0.279	0.181	49.01	55.87	0145	1.089	

 $<sup>\</sup>begin{split} &I_{1}\!=\!Irrigation\;at\;lose\;40\%\;\;A.S.M.D\\ &I_{2}\!=\!Irrigation\;at\;lose\;60\%\;\;A.S.M.D \end{split}$ 

$$\begin{split} N_1 &= 60 \text{ kg } N \text{ / feddan} \\ N_2 &= 80 \text{ kg /N / feddan} \\ N_3 &= 100 \text{ kg N / feddan} \end{split}$$

 $I_3$  = Irrigation at lose 80% A.S.M.D

 $S_1$  = Zero ascorbic acid

 $S_2 = 500 \text{ mg/L}$  ascorbic acid

 $S_3 = 1000 \text{ mg/L}$  ascorbic acid

Table (5): The interaction significantly effects of ascorbic acid with nitrogen rates on yield and yield components as well as nitrogen and water use efficiency.

				Sı	pike	No. of										
characters		No.of spikes		lengt	th (cm)	grains/	Weight of		1000-grain		Grain yield		Nitrogen		Water use	
			m <sup>2</sup>		•	spike	e grains/ spike (g)		weight (g)		(kg/Fed.)		utilized (%)		efficiency(kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	
Troot	ments		Seasons													
1164	inents	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	$2^{\text{nd}}$	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	$2^{\text{nd}}$	1 <sup>st</sup>	$2^{\rm nd}$
	$N_1$	272	290	8.63	9.03	29.8	1.25	1.33	34.94	33.99	1765	1824	19.97	28.74	1.045	1.140
	$N_2$	288	300	9.89	10.40	33.1	1.54	1.61	37.54	36.29	1949	2026	26.81	28.74	1.154	1.229
$S_1$	N <sub>3</sub>	306	314	11.06	11.41	35.3	1.68	1.78	39.85	38.87	2128	2190	24.07	26.33	1.262	1.354
	$N_1$	299	302	9.68	10.62	32.1	1.38	1.49	40.25	38.95	1958	2066	31.20	34.50	1.160	1.255
	N <sub>2</sub>	329	341	11.45	11.87	35.2	1.71	1.83	43.05	41.19	2361	2361	33.16	35.70	1.397	1.454
$S_2$	N <sub>3</sub>	336	348	11.52	12.02	37.0	1.73	1.89	43.22	41.58	2373	2380	28.81	31.30	1.407	1.466
	$N_1$	308	312	10.07	11.10	33.7	1.42	1.64	40.18	39.64	1987	2114	31.96	35.00	1.177	1.366
	$N_2$	337	350	11.48	12.02	37.2	1.73	1.98	34.31	42.63	2370	2432	34.06	36.02	1.400	1.495
$S_3$	N <sub>3</sub>	347	370	11.52	12.35	37.8	1.76	2.00	43.55	42.73	2383	2440	28.91	31.62	1.414	1.500
L.S.D.	at 0.05	10.53	22.50	0.329	0.203	1.63	0.103	0.145	0.279	0.181	49.01	55.87	0.145	1.089	0.030	0.052

 $I_1$  = Irrigation at lose 40% A.S.M.D

 $S_1$  = Zero ascorbic acid

$$\begin{split} N_1 &= 60 \text{ kg } N \text{ / feddan} \\ N_2 &= 80 \text{ kg /N / feddan} \\ N_3 &= 100 \text{ kg } N \text{ / feddan} \end{split}$$

 $I_2$  = Irrigation at lose 60% A.S.M.D

 $I_3$  = Irrigation at lose 80% A.S.M.D

 $S_2 = 500 \text{ mg/L}$  ascorbic acid

 $S_3 = 1000 \text{ mg/L}$  ascorbic acid

Table (6):The interaction significantly effects of irrigation treatments, ascorbic acid with nitrogen rates on Spike length, 1000-grain weight, grain yield/feddan and Nitrogen utilized (%).

Cl	Characters		Spike length (cm)	1000-grain	weight (g )	Grain yiel	d (kg/Fed.)	Nitrogen utilized (%)								
				Seasons												
Tr	eatm	ents	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	$2^{\text{nd}}$	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>							
		$N_1$	11.10	39.25	38.48	2062	2112	28.57	31.88							
	$S_1$	$N_2$	12.33	42.02	40.73	2280	2336	29.10	31.16							
		$N_3$	12.90	44.23	43.13	2406	2505	26.31	29.43							
		$N_1$	12.16	44.71	43.14	2253	2384	34.07	38.39							
$I_1$	$S_2$	$N_2$	13.73	48.05	45.22	2770	2830	35.43	39.37							
		N <sub>3</sub>	13.76	48.31	46.04	2789	2849	31.58	34.81							
		N <sub>1</sub>	12.83	44.26	43.66	2256	2426	34.67	39.11							
	$S_3$	N <sub>2</sub>	14.00	48.28	46.53	2780	2916	36.60	39.91							
		N <sub>3</sub>	14.13	48.50	46.58	2791	2924	31.59	35.43							
		N <sub>1</sub>	9.67	35.03	34.00	1830	1890	29.74	32.14							
	$S_1$	$N_2$	11.23	37.09	36.09	1979	2123	30.07	31.68							
		$N_3$	12.30	39.83	39.01	2231	2360	27.49	29.85							
	$\mathbf{S}_2$	$N_1$	11.30	40.29	38.85	2072	2200	36.24	39.90							
$I_2$		$N_2$	12.57	43.90	42.23	2489	2483	39.68	41.69							
		N <sub>3</sub>	12.83	44.15	42.53	2489	2505	34.43	35.95							
		N <sub>1</sub>	11.60	40.46	39.80	2143	2290	37.13	40.07							
	$S_3$	$N_2$	12.53	44.09	43.18	2503	2564	40.55	41.76							
		$N_3$	13.20	44.25	43.40	2511	2578	34.48	36.24							
		$N_1$	6.23	30.52	29.48	1405	1470	19.61	22.20							
	$S_1$	$N_2$	7.63	33.52	32.04	1589	1618	21.26	23.39							
		$N_3$	9.03	35.47	34.49	1747	1705	18.41	19.73							
		$N_1$	8.40	35.74	34.87	1550	1615	23.29	25.21							
$I_3$	$S_2$	$N_2$	9.33	37.18	36.11	1824	1770	24.35	26.04							
		$N_3$	9.47	37.20	36.17	1841	1787	20.43	23.12							
		N <sub>1</sub>	8.86	35.81	35.46	1563	1626	24.09	25.85							
	$S_3$	N <sub>2</sub>	9.53	37.56	38.19	1828	1816	25.03	26.49							
		N <sub>3</sub>	9.73	37.91	38.22	1847	1818	20.67	23.20							
L.S	.D. a	t 0.05	0.351	0.502	0.314	84.89	96.77	0.251	1.887							

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# تأثير الرى والتسميد النيتروجينى وحامض الاسكوربيك على إنتاجية القمح في الأرض الرملية .

١ - المحصول و مكوناته .

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# الملخص العربي

أقيمت تجربتان حقليتان في ارض المزارع التجريبية بمركز البحوث النووية في إنشاص خلال موسمي التجريبية بمركز البحوث النووية في إنشاص خلال موسمي المدخدام مع المتخدام المسلم ال

### وتتلخص اهم النتائج فيما يلى :-

1-- أدت المعاملة بالرى عند إستنفاذ ٤٠ % من الماء الميسر إلى الحصول على أعلى عدد للسنابل/ م٢ و طول للسنبلة ، وزن حبوب السنبلة ، عدد الحبوب في السنبلة ، ووزن الألف حبة ومحصول الحبوب للفدان. بينما أعطت المعاملة بالرى عند إستنفاذ ٢٠ % من الماء الميسر أعلى معدل لكفاءة إستخدام السماد النيتروجيني والماء في كلا الموسمين وانخفضت معنويا كل الصفات المدروسة بالرى عند إستنفاذ ٨٠ % من الماء الميسر.

٤- أظهر النفاعل الثلاثي بين كلا من الرى وحامض الأسكوربيك والتسميد النيتروجيني تأثيرا معنويا على كلا من وزن الألف حبة ، محصول الحبوب / ف وكفاءة إستخدام السماد النيتروجيني في كلا الموسمين وعلى طول السنبلة في الموسم الثاني فقط.