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## INFLUENCE OF MINERAL, BIOLOGICAL AND ORGANIC NITROGEN FERTILIZER REGIMES ON TWO BREAD WHEAT CULTIVARS UNDER SANDY SOIL CONDITIONS

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**ABSTRACT:** This research was carried out on a sandy loam soil during two consecutive seasons of 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 in the Experimental Farm of the Faculty of Agriculture, South Valley University at Qena, Egypt. The recommended N (mineral), FMC "Filter Mud Cake" and bio-fertilizer (*Azotobacter chroococcum* and *Azospirillum lipoferum*) were applied alone and in various combinations among them on two bread wheat cultivars (*Triticum aestivum*) Giza-168 and Sids-12 to study their effects on total chlorophyll content, spike length, 1000-grain weight, grain, straw and biological yields/fad., and protein percentage. The experiment was arranged in a split plot based on randomized complete block design with four replications. The results showed that the application of Bio and FMC in combination with nitrogen fertilization T<sub>11</sub> (50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio) and T<sub>12</sub> (25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio) significantly increased all characters studied: *i.e.* Spike length, 1000-grain weight, grain, straw and biological yields (ton/fad.) in both seasons.

**Key words:** Wheat, bio-organic fertilizer, filter mud cack, grain, biological yield.

### INTRODUCTION

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) is the most important cereal crop in Egypt, increasing wheat production is an essential national target to fill the gap between production and consumption. Egypt's wheat production estimated at 9 million tons in 2016 (FAOSTAT, 2016).

The high cost of chemical nitrogenous fertilizers and the low purchasing power of most of the farmers are restricting the use of these fertilizers in proper amounts and hampering crop production. Besides, a substantial amount of the Urea-N is lost through different mechanisms including ammonia volatilization, denitrification and leaching losses, causing environmental pollution problems.

In Egypt, a tremendous mass of filter mud as by products obtained from the clarification of cane juice in sugar industries. These waste

residues present a problem for disposal; therefore, it was through useful to use residues as an organic source sugar cane filter mud contains a considerable amount of plant nutrients, mainly nitrogen (Arafat *et al.*, 1997).

Sugar cane filter mud is a good source of available N when applied to soil and its application can reduce the amount of fertilizer nitrogen required for optimum crop yield and play a role in decreasing the pollution effect of excessive N mineral fertilizer in soil (Arafat *et al.*, 1997 and Yassen *et al.*, 2002), The use of organic fertilization had a positive effect on wheat where led to increased plant height, biological and grain yields (Abd El-Lattief, 2008; Abejehu, 2009; Ozturk *et al.*, 2012; Esmailpour *et al.*, 2013; Youssef *et al.*, 2013; Zahoor, 2014).

Application of bio-fertilizer is considered today to limit the use of mineral fertilizers and

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supports an effective tool for desert development under less polluted environments, decreasing agricultural costs, maximizing crop yield due to providing them with an available nutritive elements and growth promoting substances (Metin *et al.*, 2010). Soil microorganisms are important components in the natural soil sub-ecosystem because not only can they contribute to nutrient availability in the soil, but also bind soil particles into stable aggregates, which improve soil structure and reduce erosion potential (Shetty *et al.*, 1994). Many authors have shown the positive effect of bio-fertilizers (*Azotobacter* and *Azospirillum*) on wheat (Ahmed *et al.*, 2011; Abd El-Lattief, 2012; Esmailpour *et al.*, 2013; Mohamed *et al.*, 2013; Taher *et al.*, 2013).

The objectives of this study are to evaluate the importance of bio-organic fertilization in improving growth and productivity of two bread wheat cultivars under sandy soil conditions and in reducing environmental pollution *via* lowering mineral fertilizers application.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were carried out at the Experimental Farm, Faculty of Agriculture, South Valley University, Qena Governorate, Egypt, during the two winter seasons 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 to study the effect of mineral nitrogen, bio-fertilization (*Azotobacter chroococcum* + *Azospirillum lipoferum*) and filter mud cake (FMC) on total chlorophyll (SPAD unit), yield and its components and protein percentage of two bread wheat cultivars (Giza-168 and sids-12) under sandy soil conditions. The physical and chemical analyses for the experimental sites in the two growing seasons 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 are presented in Table 1, according to (Chapman and Pratt, 1978).

Sowing date was on 27<sup>th</sup> November in both seasons. Seeding rate was 80 kg/fad. The experiment included twelve treatments, as follows: T1-100% mineral N (recommended), T2- 100% N as Filter Mud Cake "FMC", T3- N Bio (*Azotobacter chroococcum* + *Azospirillum lipoferum*), T4- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC, T5- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC, T6- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC, T7- 75% mineral N + N Bio (*Azotobacter chroococcum* +

*Azospirillum lipoferum*), T8- 50% mineral N + N Bio (*Azotobacter chroococcum* + *Azospirillum lipoferum*), T9- 25% mineral N + N Bio (*Azotobacter chroococcum* + *Azospirillum lipoferum*), T10- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC +N Bio, T11- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio and T12- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio.

The experiment was carried out in a randomized complete block design (RCBD), the treatments were arranged in split-plot design with four replications, where cultivars put in main plots and fertilization treatments were in sub-plots; the area of the experimental unit was 6 m<sup>2</sup> (2m x 3m).

For Mineral nitrogen (at a rate of 90 kg N): different mineral nitrogen rates were added in the form of urea (46.5%) in three doses, where the first one was added before the first irrigation, the second dose was added before second irrigation, while the third dose was added before the third irrigation.

Regarding biofertilizer treatments, the grains were inoculated by biofertilizer (*Azotobacter chroococcum* + *Azospirillum lipoferum*) which obtained from Biofertilizers Production Unit of Faculty of Agriculture, South Valley University, where inoculation was done before sowing directly.

Filter Mud Cake is sugarcane residues produced in the Sugarcane Factory at Nag Hamadi, Qena, Egypt, chemical properties of filter mud cake were, 0.76%, 0.51% and 0.23% for nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, respectively. Where was added during seedbed preparation by rates of 100% (as recommended ratio of nitrogen in mineral fertilizers) = 11.842 ton/fad., 75% (as recommended ratio of nitrogen in mineral fertilizers) = 8.881 ton/fad., 50% (as recommended ratio of nitrogen in mineral fertilizers) =5.921 ton/fad., and 25% (as recommended ratio of nitrogen in mineral fertilizers) =2.960 ton/fad.

## Data Recorded

10 leaves were taken at random from each plot from the four replicates at 60, 75, 90 and 105 days from sowing to measure total chlorophyll content, where was measured by using a chlorophyll meter (Model SPAD 502, Minolta Japan), according to Ozturk (2012).

**Table 1. The physical and chemical analyses of soil field experiments**

Season	Physical analysis					
	Sand (%)	Silt (%)	Clay (%)	Soil texture		
2011/2012	81.92	8.00	10.08	Sandy loam		
2012/2013	79.75	9.15	11.10	Sandy loam		
Chemical analysis						
	pH	EC (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )	CaCO <sub>3</sub> (%)	Total N (%)	Available P (ppm)	Available K (ppm)
2011/2012	8.2	2.5	10.2	1.19	2.4	144
2012/2013	8.16	2.5	9.8	1.31	2.64	261

Ten spikes were taken randomly from each plot from four replications to determine yield and its components *i.e.*, Spike length (cm), 1000-grain weight (g) was estimated for each plot. Meanwhile, grain, straw and biological yields/fad., were estimated by harvest one m<sup>2</sup>/plot. Also, grain protein content on dry matter basis was determined by the Kjeldahl method according to AOAC (1990).

### Statistical Analysis

Data analysis was performed using the SAS software (version 9.1, SAS Institute). Mean separation of data was carried out using least significant difference LSD test at 5% probability levels as reported by Gomez and Gomez (1984).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Total Chlorophyll Content (SPAD Unit)

As shown from results in Table 2 cultivars had a significant effect on total chlorophyll content after 75 days from sowing in the first season and after 60, 75 days in the second season where Sids12 surpassed Giza 168 in all growth stages in both seasons, this difference may be due to the genetic behavior combination with environment factors which was suitable for Sides-12 cultivar than Giza-168. Similar trend of results were obtained by Ahmed *et al.* (2011), Hasanpour *et al.* (2012) and Zaki *et al.* (2012).

Application of filter mud cake especially mixed treatment with nitrogen mineral T<sub>4</sub> "75% mineral N +25% N as FMC" (50.57), resulted in a significant increase in chlorophyll content of

wheat leaves at 60 days after sowing (DAS) during the second season (Table 3). Also, adding nitrogen alone T<sub>1</sub> (100% mineral N) gave significant increase in chlorophyll content of wheat leaves (52.59) at age 75 DAS in the second season

A promotion effect of organic fertilizers on chlorophyll contents might be attributed to the fact that N is a constituent of chlorophyll molecule. Moreover, nitrogen is the main constituent of all amino acids in proteins and lipids that acting as a structural compounds of the chloroplast. Similar results were obtained by Ozturk *et al.* (2012), Namvar and Khandan (2013) and Rajasekaran *et al.* (2015).

The effect of interaction between fertilizers and cultivars on total chlorophyll content at 60, 75, 90 and 105 DAS were not significant in both seasons.

### Spike Length (cm)

Means of wheat spike length in cm for Giza-168 and Sids-12 cultivars as affected by nitrogen, biofertilizer and filter mud cake rates as interactions in 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 season are presented in Table 4.

Spike length was significantly affected by cultivars in 2011/2012 season only, where spike length of Giza-168 was longer than Sids-12 cultivars, this may be due to differences in their genetic makeup and their reaction to the environments condition prevailing during its growth. These results are in agreement with those reported by Arafat *et al.* (1997), Abejehu (2009) and Ahmed *et al.* (2011).

**Table 2. Impact of mineral, organic and biological nitrogen fertilizers and its combinations on total chlorophyll content (SPAD unit) of two bread wheat cultivars during 2011/2012 season**

Main effects and combinations	At 60 days after sowing			At 75 days after sowing			At 90 days after sowing			At 105 days after sowing		
	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean
T1-100% mineral N(Rcom)	37.43	37.69	37.56	44.33	48.43	46.38	46.27	49.86	48.06	46.10	45.30	45.70
T2- 100% N as FMC "Filter Mud Cake"	26.66	42.38	34.52	45.98	45.15	45.57	40.10	49.09	44.59	41.72	46.29	44.00
T3- N Bio	24.33	39.34	31.83	40.31	50.51	45.41	41.27	67.01	54.14	37.95	45.50	41.73
T4- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC	35.55	42.37	38.96	42.39	47.56	44.97	46.58	54.11	50.34	46.45	52.60	49.53
T5- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC	37.01	38.74	37.87	42.70	48.10	45.40	46.45	49.16	47.80	46.10	49.19	47.37
T6- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC	31.49	42.20	36.85	43.47	49.30	46.38	42.47	49.88	46.17	41.49	47.97	44.73
T7- 75% mineral N + N Bio	32.25	37.82	35.03	41.17	43.91	42.54	44.02	49.01	46.51	44.35	48.16	45.25
T8- 50% mineral N + N Bio	28.83	37.04	32.93	39.79	42.10	40.94	43.80	46.70	45.25	41.37	41.59	41.78
T9- 25% mineral N + N Bio	31.73	32.10	31.91	40.25	48.32	44.28	43.63	48.88	46.26	39.64	41.38	40.51
T10- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC +N Bio	38.38	41.97	40.18	39.33	48.44	43.89	44.98	48.21	46.59	44.53	46.18	45.35
T11- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio	52.75	44.82	48.88	42.04	45.89	43.96	42.83	48.48	45.65	47.26	45.49	46.37
T12- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio	37.64	39.88	38.76	42.76	47.38	45.07	44.05	46.62	45.34	44.61	46.08	45.33
Mean	34.50	39.70		42.04	47.09		43.87	50.58		43.51	46.31	45.33
L S D at 0.05 for:-												
Cultivars (C)		NS		5.51 (*)			NS			NS		
Treatment (T)		NS		NS			NS			4.16 (*)		
T x C		NS		NS			NS			NS		

**Table 3. Impact of mineral, organic and biological nitrogen fertilizers and its combinations on total chlorophyll content (SPAD unit) of two bread wheat cultivars during 2012/2013 season**

Main effects and combinations	At 60 days after sowing			At 75 days after sowing			At 90 days after sowing			At 105 days after sowing		
	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean
T1-100% mineral N(Rcom)	46.43	52.43	49.43	48.53	59.66	52.59	45.96	49.92	47.94	11.94	8.32	10.13
T2- 100% N as FMC "Filter Mud Cake"	41.29	51.48	46.37	39.02	49.27	44.14	46.14	44.63	45.38	12.09	4.98	8.53
T3- N Bio	42.87	47.71	45.29	39.47	54.95	47.21	44.95	45.88	45.41	11.29	6.41	8.85
T4- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC	48.56	52.59	50.57	49.65	51.68	50.66	49.68	45.40	47.54	9.29	7.82	8.55
T5- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC	46.24	51.76	48.99	48.90	51.98	50.44	47.54	48.96	48.25	6.89	8.07	7.48
T6- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC	46.41	51.03	48.72	43.19	50.19	46.69	45.82	34.53	40.17	13.44	4.92	9.18
T7- 75% mineral N + N Bio	47.48	53.56	50.52	48.60	54.92	51.76	51.42	41.65	46.53	19.41	5.56	12.50
T8- 50% mineral N + N Bio	45.90	53.92	49.91	49.86	53.48	51.67	41.54	42.52	42.03	9.44	5.16	7.30
T9- 25% mineral N + N Bio	43.07	53.21	48.14	46.48	49.50	47.99	41.49	42.42	41.95	8.21	5.20	6.70
T10- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC +N Bio	47.21	51.86	49.53	49.35	50.74	50.04	49.61	50.26	49.93	6.37	5.79	6.08
T11- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio	48.47	51.45	49.96	48.59	53.29	50.94	48.33	52.42	50.37	7.59	10.40	8.99
T12- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio	45.47	50.20	47.84	44.13	51.39	47.76	47.11	47.74	47.42	12.39	5.30	8.85
Mean	45.78	51.76		46.31	52.33		46.63	45.52		10.70	6.49	
L S D at 0.05 for:-												
Cultivars (C)		3.01 (*)		2.89(*)			NS			NS		
Treatment (T)		2.02 (*)		4.41 (*)			NS			NS		
Tx C		NS		NS			NS			NS		

**Table 4. Impact of mineral, organic and biological nitrogen fertilizers and its combinations on spike length (cm) of two wheat cultivars during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons**

Main effects and combinations	2011/2012			2012/2013		
	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean
T1-100% mineral N(Rcom)	15.71	14.45	15.08	15.24	15.58	15.41
T2- 100% N as FMC "Filter Mud Cake"	15.90	15.83	15.86	14.90	15.30	15.10
T3- N Bio	15.30	14.25	14.77	14.49	14.65	14.57
T4- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC	17.69	16.67	17.18	15.03	15.37	15.20
T5- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC	17.33	16.30	16.81	15.59	15.52	15.55
T6- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC	16.79	15.72	16.25	15.08	14.70	14.89
T7- 75% mineral N + N Bio	15.41	15.48	15.45	15.25	15.01	15.13
T8- 50% mineral N + N Bio	15.81	15.45	15.63	14.54	15.13	14.83
T9- 25% mineral N + N Bio	16.27	14.87	15.57	14.83	14.85	14.84
T10- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC +N Bio	17.29	15.81	16.55	15.90	15.16	15.53
T11- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio	17.72	15.73	16.72	15.85	15.65	15.75
T12- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio	16.97	16.32	16.64	15.43	15.10	15.27
Mean	16.51	15.57		15.17	15.17	
<b>L S D at <math>\alpha_{0.05}</math> for:-</b>						
Cultivars (C)	0.187 (*)			NS		
Treatment (T)	0.345 (*)			0.281 (*)		
TxC	0.489 (*)			NS		

Results in Table 4 show the significant effect of fertilization treatments on spike length in both seasons. The treatments T<sub>4</sub> and T<sub>11</sub> resulted in the greatest values in spike length (17.18 and 15.75 cm) in both seasons, respectively, this may be due to the role of bio and organic fertilization in enhancement of physical and chemical soil properties and additional amount of nitrogen made available by biological fixation of nitrogen by organism, this nitrogen help in improve growth and increase photosynthesis rate resulting in the accumulation of more dry matter by crop. These results are in the same trend with those obtained by **Rekhi et al. (2000)** while the treatments T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>3</sub> produced the lowest values in spike length (15.08 and 14.57 cm) in both seasons, respectively.

The applications of filter mud cake (FMC) to wheat plants exert a significant influence on spike length in both seasons. This meliorating effect of (FMC) may be due to the fact that (FMC) increased the nutrients availability and consequently, increased the activity of merestimats tissues of spike length. These results are in accordance with those obtained by **Andres et al. (2009)**, **Abd-Elmonem (2011)**, **Ahmed et al. (2011)** and **Zahoor (2014)**. Also,

the spike length was significantly affected by all possible interactions between varieties and treatments in 2011/2012 seasons only, whereas, the longest spikes (17.69 cm) were obtained due sowing wheat cultivar Giza-168 and applying T<sub>4</sub> fertilization regime, while the shortest spikes (14.25 cm) were obtained due to sowing wheat cultivars Sids-12 under T<sub>3</sub> fertilization regime.

### 1000-grain Weight (g)

The effect of nitrogen, biofertilizer and filter mud cake on 1000-grain weight was significant (Table 5) in both cultivars where 1000-grain weight of Sids-12 was higher than Giza-168 cultivars in both seasons, this may be due to differences in their genetic makeup and their reaction to the environments condition prevailing during it growth. These results are in agreement with those reported by **Arafat et al. (1997)**, **Abd El-Lattief (2008)**, **Abd- Elmonem (2011)** and **Zahoor (2014)**.

In Table 5 the maximum 1000-grain weight of 46.76 g was observed by using T<sub>2</sub> and the minimum 1000-grain weight of 40.93 g was found due to using T<sub>12</sub> in 2011/2012 season while the maximum 1000-grain weight was 43.11 g by T<sub>12</sub> and the minimum 1000-grain weight of 37.02 g was found due to using T<sub>7</sub> in 2012/2013 season.

**Table 5. Impact of mineral, organic and biological nitrogen fertilizers and its combinations on 1000-grain weight (g) of two wheat cultivars during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons**

Main effects and combinations	2011/2012			2012/2013		
	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean
T1-100% mineral N(Rcom)	41.34	40.52	40.93	36.94	41.35	39.15
T2- 100% N as FMC "Filter Mud Cake"	45.51	48.01	46.76	40.03	42.14	41.09
T3- N Bio	42.40	44.25	43.32	41.63	42.86	42.24
T4- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC	45.91	43.63	44.77	42.49	40.35	41.42
T5- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC	46.60	44.14	45.37	40.09	42.80	41.44
T6- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC	41.70	45.97	43.83	37.99	40.13	38.06
T7- 75% mineral N + N Bio	41.84	45.06	43.45	39.04	35.00	37.02
T8- 50% mineral N + N Bio	41.38	44.01	42.69	40.18	38.26	39.22
T9- 25% mineral N + N Bio	42.62	45.50	44.06	39.35	43.23	41.29
T10- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC +N Bio	41.66	44.69	43.18	40.15	39.35	39.75
T11- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio	42.86	45.68	44.27	35.78	44.19	39.98
T12- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio	42.86	46.18	44.52	41.60	44.63	43.11
Mean	43.05	44.80		39.60	41.19	
<b>L S D at 0.05 for:</b>						
Cultivars (C)	0.106 (*)			0.106 (*)		
Treatment (T)	0.124 (*)			0.142 (*)		
TxC	0.044 (*)			0.050 (*)		

This may be due to microorganism through decomposition of organic matter which can play very significant role in making available nutrients for plants. These results agree with finding by **Mekki and Ahmed (2005)**

The applications of filter mud cake (FMC) to wheat plants exert a significant influence on 1000-grain weight in both seasons. The effect of this application (FMC) may be due to the fact that (FMC) increased the nutrients availability and consequently increase photosynthesis rate resulting in the accumulation of more dry matter by crop this will reflected on 1000-grain weight. This results are agree with those obtained by **Andres *et al.* (2009)**, **Abd-Elmonem (2011)**, **Ahmed *et al.* (2011)** and **Zahoor (2014)**.

The results in Table 5 reveal that 1000-grain weight was significantly affected by all possible interactions between the varieties and treatments in both seasons, where interaction between  $T_2 \times$  Sids-12 and  $T_{12}$  recorded the highest values

(48.01 and 44.63g) in the first and second seasons, respectively.

### Grain Yield (ton/fad.)

From Table 6 it is obvious that, tested two bread wheat cultivars showed significant differences for grain yield (ton/fad.) in 2011/2012 season only. Sids-12 cultivar resulted in the highest value (1.07 ton/fad.) in 1<sup>st</sup> season. These results may be due to the differences between the two tested cultivars in growth habit and response of each one to environmental condition during the growing seasons, which was controlled by genetic factors. This reflects on growth characteristics, consequently yield components and grain yield (ton/fad.). The previous results are in accordance with these reported by **Arafat *et al.* (1997)**, **Abd El-Lattief (2008)**, **Mohamed *et al.* (2013)** and **Taher *et al.* (2013)**.

The results in Table 6 show that grain yield (ton/fad.) was significant affected by the application

of bio fertilizer and FMC with nitrogen fertilizer rates to wheat plants in both seasons. The treatments T<sub>12</sub> and T<sub>11</sub> were the highest values in grain yield (1.31 and 1.29 ton/fad.) in both seasons, respectively. This means that wheat plants positively responded to nitrogen fertilizer, this increase in grain yield/fad., might be due to the improvement of some yield attributes such as the spike length and 1000-grain weight, which in turn increase in the grain yield/ plant, consequently grain yield/fad. These results are in harmony with those reported by **Yassen *et al.* (2002)**, **Ahmed *et al.* (2011)**, **Abd-Elmonem (2011)**, **Abd El-lattief (2012)** and **Youssef *et al.* (2013)**.

Results in Table 6 show the influences of FMC applicant on grain yield/fad., in both seasons. In general, grain yield/fad., gradually increased by increasing FMC rate. The wheat plants supplied with 75% N as FMC and 50% N as FMC in the treatments T<sub>12</sub> and T<sub>11</sub> produced high yields(1.31 and 1.29 ton/fad.) in the 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons, respectively. The increase in grain yield/fad., as result of FMC application, may be due to the increase of 1000-grain weight. This is due to stimulation effect on plant growth of treated plants and increases the ability of such plant to form more metabolites required for building more plant organs. These results are in line with those obtained by **Arafat *et al.* (1997)**, **Abd El-Lattief (2008)**, **Ahmed *et al.* (2011)** and **Zahoor (2014)**.

The results in Table 6 reveal that grain yield/fad. was significantly affected by all possible interactions between wheat cultivars and fertilization regimes in both seasons, where Sids-12 cultivar produced the highest grain yield under T<sub>11</sub> fertilization regime in both seasons (1.42 and 1.48 ton/fad.).

### Straw Yield (ton/fad.)

Results presented in Table 7 indicate that the two bread wheat cultivars *i.e.*, Giza-168 and Sids-12 significantly differed in straw yield (ton/fad.) through the two growing seasons, where, Sids-12 cultivar had a higher value of straw yield (2.53 ton/fad.) then Giza-168 cv. in 2011/2012 season, while Giza-168 cv. had a higher value (2.37 ton/fad) than Sids-12 cultivar in 2012/2013 season. The variance among wheat

cvs., in these traits may be due to their gene make-up. These results are in agreement with those mentioned by **Arafat (1997)**, **Yassen *et al.* (2002)** and **Youssef *et al.* (2013)**.

It is clear from the results in Table 7 that applications of nitrogen, FMC and biofertilizer to wheat plants exert a significant influence on straw yield (ton/fad.) in both seasons. In general, the highest values were obtained when FMC was applied at rate of T<sub>11</sub>, while the lowest value of straw yield (1.93 ton/fad.) was found in T<sub>3</sub> in both seasons. This increase could due to more availability of nutrients with used FMC which encourages elongation and cell division leading to an overall increase in straw yield. These results are in line with those obtained by **Arafat *et al.* (1997)**, **Abd El-Lattief (2008)**, **Abd-Elmonem (2011)** and **Zahoor (2014)**.

The interaction effect between cultivars and all treatments were significant in the two seasons. The treatment T<sub>11</sub> recorded the highest value (3.34 ton/fad.) under wheat cultivar Giza-168.

### Biological Yield (ton/fad.)

Results presented in Table 8 indicate that both wheat cultivars *i.e.*, Giza-168 and Sids-12 significantly differed in biological yield (ton/fad.) in both seasons, where, Sids-12 cv. had a higher value of biological yield (3.57 ton/fad.) than Giza-168 cv. in 2011/2012 season, while Giza-168 cultivar had a higher value (3.46 ton/fad.) than Sids-12 cv. in 2012/2013 season. The variance among wheat cvs. in biological yield may be due to reaction to the environments condition prevailing during it growth. These results are in agreement with those mentioned by **Arafat (1994)**, **Yassen *et al.* (2002)** and **Youssef *et al.* (2013)**.

It is clear from these results in Table 8 that applications of nitrogen, FMC and biofertilizer to wheat plants exert a significant influence on biological yield (ton/fad.) in both seasons. In general, the highest values (4.50 and 3.97 ton/fad.) were obtained when fertilization regime of T<sub>11</sub> was applied in 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons, respectively, while the lowest value of Biological yield (2.57 and 2.82 ton/fad.) were found in T<sub>3</sub> in the first and second seasons, respectively.

**Table 6. Impact of mineral, organic and biological nitrogen fertilizers and its combinations on grain yield (ton/fad.) of two wheat cultivars during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons**

Main effects and combinations	2011/2012			2012/2013		
	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean
T1-100% mineral N(Rcom)	0.64	0.92	0.78	1.07	1.13	1.10
T2- 100% N as FMC "Filter Mud Cake"	0.62	0.91	0.77	0.74	1.10	0.92
T3- N Bio	0.69	0.63	0.66	0.70	1.07	0.89
T4- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC	0.93	1.12	1.02	1.14	1.09	1.11
T5- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC	1.30	0.57	0.93	1.23	1.00	1.12
T6- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC	0.95	0.77	0.86	1.22	0.94	1.08
T7- 75% mineral N + N Bio	0.64	1.16	0.90	1.38	0.77	1.07
T8- 50% mineral N + N Bio	0.59	1.05	0.82	1.10	0.88	0.99
T9- 25% mineral N + N Bio	0.92	0.94	0.93	1.07	0.99	1.03
T10- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC +N Bio	1.08	1.47	1.28	1.13	1.13	1.13
T11- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio	1.15	1.42	1.28	1.10	1.48	1.29
T12- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio	1.31	1.31	1.31	1.23	1.28	1.25
Mean	0.90	1.02		1.09	1.07	
<b>L S D at 0.05 for:</b>						
	Cultivars (C)		0.083 (*)			NS
	Treatment (T)		0.078 (*)			0.097 (*)
	TxC		0.109 (*)			0.134 (*)

**Table 7. Impact of mineral, organic and biological nitrogen fertilizers and its combinations on straw yield (ton/fad.) of two wheat cultivars during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons**

Main effects and combinations	2011/2012			2012/2013		
	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean
T1-100% mineral N(Rcom)	2.20	2.32	2.26	2.73	2.76	2.75
T2- 100% N as FMC "Filter Mud Cake"	2.08	2.31	2.20	2.09	2.14	2.12
T3- N Bio	1.92	1.95	1.93	1.61	2.26	1.93
T4- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC	3.03	2.89	2.96	2.53	2.45	2.49
T5- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.43	2.40	2.41
T6- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC	2.94	2.18	2.56	2.50	2.23	2.36
T7- 75% mineral N + N Bio	1.64	2.53	2.08	2.63	2.06	2.34
T8- 50% mineral N + N Bio	2.00	2.29	2.15	2.37	1.95	2.16
T9- 25% mineral N + N Bio	2.21	2.12	2.17	2.27	1.89	2.08
T10- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC +N Bio	2.76	3.34	3.05	2.46	2.45	2.45
T11- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio	3.34	3.10	3.22	2.56	2.81	2.68
T12- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio	2.59	2.43	2.51	2.25	2.26	2.25
Mean	2.47	2.53		2.37	2.30	
<b>L S D at 0.05 for:</b>						
	Cultivars (C)		0.037 (*)			0.018 (*)
	Treatment (T)		0.047 (*)			0.038 (*)
	TxC		0.063 (*)			0.045 (*)

This increase could be due to the more availability of nutrients with used FMC which encourages elongation and cell division leading to an overall increase in Biological yield. These results are in line with those obtained by **Arafat et al. (1997)**, **Abd El-Lattief (2008)**, **Abd-Elmonem (2011)** and **Zahoor (2014)**.

### Protein (%)

The obtained results in Table 9 reveal that application of mineral nitrogen, biofertilizer and filter mud cake on two wheat cultivars significantly influenced protein percentage in grains. However, Giza-168 had higher protein (%) than Sids-12 (10.19 and 9.77) in first and second seasons, respectively.

Results in Table 9 show that fertilization treatments significantly affected protein (%) in both seasons, where the application of biofertilizer (T<sub>3</sub>) significantly increased protein

(%) in first season. On the other hand, in the second season fertilization regimes T<sub>8</sub> "50% mineral N + N Bio", T<sub>11</sub> "50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio" the highest value in protein (%). This is due to microorganisms able to enhance the availability of different nutrients including N, these results are in agreement with those achieved by **Tawfik and Gomaa (2005)**, **Abbasdokht (2008)**, **Metin et al. (2010)**, **Abd El-Razak and El-Sheshtawy (2013)** and **Namvar and khandan (2013)**.

The interaction effects between cultivars and all fertilization treatments were significant in both seasons. Where the treatments T<sub>9</sub> "25% mineral N + N Bio" × Giza-168 as well as T<sub>11</sub> "50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio" × Giza-168 recorded the highest values (10.94 and 9.46, respectively) in the first and second seasons.

**Table 8. Impact of mineral, organic and biological nitrogen fertilizers and its combinations on biological yield (ton/fad.) of two wheat cultivars during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons**

Main effects and combinations	2011/2012			2012/2013		
	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean
<b>T1-100% mineral N(Rcom)</b>	2.82	3.21	3.02	3.80	3.89	3.84
<b>T2- 100% N as FMC "Filter Mud Cake"</b>	2.73	3.22	2.97	2.83	3.24	3.04
<b>T3- N Bio</b>	2.61	2.52	2.57	2.31	3.33	2.82
<b>T4- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC</b>	3.93	4.00	3.97	3.66	3.54	3.60
<b>T5- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC</b>	4.19	3.46	3.83	3.66	3.40	3.53
<b>T6- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC</b>	3.90	2.97	3.43	3.72	3.17	3.45
<b>T7- 75% mineral N + N Bio</b>	2.28	3.69	2.98	4.00	2.83	3.42
<b>T8- 50% mineral N + N Bio</b>	2.59	3.35	2.97	3.47	2.82	3.14
<b>T9- 25% mineral N + N Bio</b>	3.13	3.31	3.22	3.33	2.88	3.11
<b>T10- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC +N Bio</b>	3.84	4.81	4.33	3.59	3.58	3.59
<b>T11- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio</b>	4.49	4.51	4.50	3.65	4.29	3.97
<b>T12- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio</b>	3.90	3.73	3.82	3.48	3.54	3.51
<b>Mean</b>	3.37	3.57		3.46	3.38	
<b>L S D at 0.05 for:</b>						
Cultivars (C)			0.052 (*)			0.022 (*)
Treatment (T)			0.108 (*)			0.051 (*)
TxC			0.155 (*)			0.077 (*)

**Table 9. Impact of mineral, organic and biological nitrogen fertilizers and its combinations on protein (%) of two wheat cultivars during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons**

Main effects and combinations	2011/2012			2012/2013		
	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean	Giza-168	Sids-12	Mean
<b>T1-100% mineral N(Rcom)</b>	10.11	9.04	9.57	9.78	9.63	9.70
<b>T2- 100% N as FMC "Filter Mud Cake"</b>	9.92	9.92	9.92	9.63	9.63	9.63
<b>T3- N Bio</b>	10.46	10.07	10.26	9.63	9.63	9.63
<b>T4- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC</b>	10.48	9.63	10.05	9.93	9.63	9.78
<b>T5- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC</b>	9.96	9.92	9.94	9.77	9.63	9.70
<b>T6- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC</b>	10.04	9.48	9.76	9.75	9.47	9.61
<b>T7- 75% mineral N + N Bio</b>	10.25	9.52	9.89	9.78	9.63	9.70
<b>T8- 50% mineral N + N Bio</b>	9.75	10.07	9.91	9.77	9.93	9.85
<b>T9- 25% mineral N + N Bio</b>	10.94	9.49	10.21	9.63	9.63	9.63
<b>T10- 75% mineral N +25% N as FMC +N Bio</b>	10.52	9.23	9.87	9.92	9.24	9.58
<b>T11- 50% mineral N +50% N as FMC +N Bio</b>	10.35	9.67	10.01	9.96	9.74	9.85
<b>T12- 25% mineral N +75% N as FMC +N Bio</b>	9.48	10.50	9.99	9.74	9.74	9.74
<b>Mean</b>	10.19	9.71		9.77	9.63	
<b>L S D at 0.05 for:</b>						
Cultivars (C)		0.074 (*)			0.064 (*)	
Treatment (T)		0.126 (*)			0.064 (*)	
TxC		0.179 (*)			0.076 (*)	

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## تأثير معدلات السماد النيتروجيني والمعدني والحيوي والعضوي على صنفين من قمح الخبز تحت ظروف الأراضي الرملية

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أجرى هذا البحث على صنفين من قمح الخبز (جيزة ١٦٨ وسدس ١٢) بالمزرعة البحثية لكلية الزراعة جامعة جنوب الوادي بقنا، مصر وكانت التربة رملية حديثة الاستصلاح وتم استخدام الكميات الموصى بها من التسميد النيتروجيني في صورته المتعددة من الأسمدة المعدنية والحيوية والعضوية (طينة المرشحات) بصورة مفردة وبجميع التوليفات المختلفة فيما بينها وتم دراسة تأثيراتها على المحتوى الكلي من الكلوروفيل، طول السنبله ووزن الألف حبة وكل من محصول الحبوب ومحصول القش والمحصول البيولوجي/فدان والنسبة المئوية للبروتين، كان التصميم المستخدم في التجربة هو تصميم القطع المنشقة مرة واحدة في قطاعات كاملة العشوائية في أربع مكررات، وأظهرت النتائج أن إضافة الأسمدة الحيوية وطينة المرشحات (FMC) في تركيبة مع التسميد النيتروجيني للمعاملة الحادية عشر (٥٠% نيتروجين معدني + ٥٠% من النيتروجين في صورة طينة المرشحات والسماد الحيوي) أو المعاملة الثانية عشر (٢٥% نيتروجين معدني + ٧٥% من النيتروجين في صورة طينة المرشحات والسماد الحيوي) أدت إلى زيادة معنوية في الصفات التي تم دراستها مثل طول السنبله، وزن الألف حبة، محصول الحبوب، محصول القش والمحصول البيولوجي (طن/فدان) في كلا الموسمين.

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