# THE PRODUCTIVITY OF JEW'S MALLOW PLANT AS INFLUENCED BY DIFFERENT NK FERTILIZATION

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#### ABSTRACT

Two field experiments were carried out during the two successive summer seasons of 2002 and 2003 to investigate the effect of 4 levels of nitrogen fertilizer (20, 30, 40, and 50 N unit/fed.) and 4 levels of potassium fertilizer (12, 24, 36 and 48 K unit/fed.) on vegetative growth characters, foliage yield and its some chemical composition of Jew's mallow plant.

The important results could be summarized as follows:

- 1-Increasing nitrogen fertilizer levels up to 50 N unit/fed. significantly increased vegetative growth and total foliage yield as well as N, P and K contents of its leaves tissue.
- 2-Increasing the levels of potassium fertilizer addition up to 48 K unit/fed. enhanced vegetative growth characters and total foliage yield as well as increased N, P and K contents in leaves tissue.
- 3-The vigor vegetative plant growth and the heaviest total foliage yield were associated with the highest nitrogen level (50 N unit/fed.) combined with the highest potassium level (48 K unit/fed.).

#### INTRODUCTION

Jew's mallow (*Corchorus olitorus* L.) is one of the most popular leafy vegetables grown in Egypt. It is consider a good source of vitamin A and B as well as minerals such as iron, phosphorus, calcium, potassium, sodium and manganese. It is consumed as a fresh vegetable soup, even though, the dried leaves could be used as well.

Nitrogen is highly effective on plant vegetative growth and its yield. However, increasing N-level caused an increase in plant growth of vegetable plants which consequently increased the yield (Shehata et al., 1990 and Ahemd, 2003) on spinach; (Vielemeyer et al., 1991; Walworth et al., 1992 and Ahmed et al., 2004) on Lettuce; (Sharma and Lal, 1991) on radish and (Shawky, 1995) on Jew's mallow.

Moreover, Terashima and Evans (1988); Shawky, (1995) on Jew's mallow.

Moreover, Terashima and Evans (1988) reported that photosynthesis decreased with insufficient nitrogen supply to spinach plants.

As regard to potassium fertilizer, Mengel and Kirkby (1979) mentioned that potassium is considered the third element of major importance in plant growth by affecting the synthesis of simple sugars and starch, the translocation of carbohydrates, the reduction of nitrates and synthesis of protein, particularly in meristemic tissues and the normal cell division. Moreover they stated that potassium not only influences crop

production by enhancing growth and synthetic processes, it is also highly important in raising the disease resistance of many crop species.

Many investigators (Alt, 1987 and Hanafy Ahmed, 1991) pointed out that growth cretirias and yield of spinach plant responded positively to K

application.

Agwah and Mahmoud (1994) mentioned that potassium significantly obtained more vigor plant growth and more better yield quality as well as increased the chemical constituents in some vegetables. Silva Junior (1991) and Csizinszky and Schuster (1993) on cabbage, reported that using N+K fertilizers increased both leaves number and the marketable yield.

The aim of present study is to investigate the effect of nitrogen and potassium fertilizers at varied levels on the growth, yield and some chemical composition of Jew's mallow plant.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were carried out during the two successive summer seasons of 2002 and 2003 at the Experimental Station of the National Research Center, in Shalakan (Kalubia Governorate). The physical and chemical properties of the experimental soil are shown in Table (1).

Table (1): Physical and chemical analysis of the experimental soil

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Physical properties	2002	2003
Soil texture	Clay	Clay
Clay (%)	46.80	48.30
Silt (%)	28.70	28.50
Fine sand (%)	21.50	22.40
Coarse sand (%)	2.68	2.72
Chemical analysis		
Available (K) (mg/100 g soil)	0.61	0.59
Available (P) (mg/100 g soil)	5.82	4.92
Total nitrogen (mg/100 g soil)	138.10	141.80
CL (meq/L.)	1.75	1.83
Co <sub>3</sub> (meq/L.)	4.64	5.15
Na <sub>2</sub> Co <sub>3</sub> (meg/L.)	3.75	3.84
CaCo <sub>3</sub> (meg/L.)	1.73	1.69
Organic matter (%)	1.87	1.82
So <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	86.30	95.50
EC (mmhos/cm/25°C)	2.58	2,45
PH	7.60	7.70

This work aims to study the effect of nitrogen and potassium fertilizers addition at different levels on the growth and productivity of Jew's malical plant. Each experiment contained 16 treatments, which were the simple combination between 4 levels of nitrogen (20, 30, 40, and 50 N unit/fed.) and 4 levels of potassium (12, 24, 36 and 48 K unit/fed.). Whereas, nitrogen as ammonium sulphate (20.6%) and potassium as potassium sulphate (48% of K2O) fertilizers were applied to the soil after sowing 3-4 weeks later. Jew's

mallow (*Corchorus olitorus* L.) seeds cv. Balady were sown on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March 2002 and 2003 seasons. The normal agricultural practices took place whenever it was necessary according to the recommendations of the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture.

The experimental design used in the two successive seasons was split plots design. Whereas, the N levels distributed in main plots, but the K levels occupied the sub-plots. Each sub-plot area was 8.4 m² consisted of three ridges, each was 0.7 m in width and 4 m in length. Samples of plants were harvested at 45 days old. Vegetative growth characters, i.e., plant length, leaf number/plant, leaf area/plant, fresh and dry weights of whole plant and its leaves were recorded. Yield and total yield as Kg/m² for one cut only or as ton/fed. after 5 cuts of about 4 week intervals were calculated for each treatment. The chemical composition in leaf tissues such as total nitrogen, phosophorus and potassium were analysed in dry matter according to the methods of Black (1983), Troug and Mayer (1939) and Brown and Lilleland (1946), respectively. All the obtained data were statistically analyzed according to Gomez and Gomez (1984).

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

## A- Vegetative growth characters:-

#### 1- Effect of nitrogen fertilizer.

The obtained results in Table (2) showed that vegetative growth of Jew's mallow plant was enhanced by increasing nitrogen fertilizer levels. Plant length, leaf number/plant, leaf area/plant, fresh and dry weight of leaves/plant and whole plant were gradually increased by increasing nitrogen levels up to 50 N units/feddan. Whereas, the highest values of all plant growth characters were obtained with the highest N level.

Table (2): Effect of different levels of nitrogen fertilizer on the vegetative growth characters of Jew's mallow plant during 2002 and 2003 seasons.

			1st seas	on			
	Diant		Leaves			Whole	plant
Nitrogen levels (unit/fed.)	Plant -	Number	Area	Fresh weight	Dry weight	Fresh weight	Dry weight
	(cm)		(cm²)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)
20	33.4	31.8	370.8	14.9	2.6	23.8	8.6
30	37.1	35.4	574.0	20.5	4.3	32.0	14.0
40	41.0	38.4	731.9	27.6	5.1	45.0	15.6
50	44.4	42.9	925.7	32.4	6.9	60.5	19.0
LSD at 5% level	0.1	0.3	23.6	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.2
			2 <sup>nd</sup> seas	on			
20	26.7	25.0	210.0	14.3	2.2	21.5	2.9
30	33.1	31.7	341.8	19.0	3.5	27.9	5.9
40	41.1	35.8	514.4	25.4	4.6	43.7	10.6
50	44.1	39.8	660.6	30.0	5.9	58.4	13.6
LSD at 5% level	0.4	0.3	35.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1

The statistical analysis of the obtained data revealed that the differences within different N levels were enough to reach the 5% level. These were true in all plant growth parameters in both two seasons.

It could be concluded that the growth of Jew's mallow plant had a good response to nitrogen fertilization. It is known that increasing the levels of N raise the availability of nutritional elements in the soil solution, which favoured the N, P and K absorption and hence increased plant growth.

Similar trend of the obtained results were reported by Farag and Abdel Aal (1989), Hanafy Ahmed (1991) and El-Gizawy et al. (1992) who found that increasing nitrogen fertilizer levels caused an increase in all vegetative growth parameters of spinach plant. Similarly, Sharma and Lal (1991) and Kolota and Dobromilsk (1985) on radish plant. Salman et al. (2000); Abd El-Rahman et al. (2001); Ahmed (2003) on spinach plant and Ahmed et al. (2004) on lettuce plant. All of them indicated that the values of plant length, leaf number/plant, leaf area/plant, fresh and dry weights of plants were increased with increasing the application of nitrogen fertilizers.

Data presented in Table (3) indicated that plant length, leaf number, leaf area, fresh and dry weight of whole plant and/or its leaves significantly influenced by increasing potassium levels. The obtained results indicated that potassium fertilizer at the highest level (48 K unit/fed.) gave the highest value of the above mentioned plant growth criterias in both seasons. On the contrary, using potassium fertilizer at 12 K unit/fed. gave the lowest values. These results held good in the two experimental seasons.

The superiority of plant growth under the higher K application may be due to the role of potassium in the enhancement and development the plant tissues by affecting the synthesis of simple sugars and starch, the translocation of carbohydrates, and synthesis the protein. Many workers had a similar trend which supported the obtained data (Alt, 1987) on spinach plant; (Shawky, 1995) on Jew's mallow plant.

Table (3): Effect of different levels of potassium fertilizer on the vegetative growth characters of Jew's mallow plant during 2002 and 2003 seasons.

			1st seas	on			
	DI		Leaves			Whole	plant
Potassium levels (unit/fed.)	Plant length	Number	Area	Fresh weight	Dry weight	Fresh weight	Dry weight
,	(cm)		(cm²)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)
12	37.0	35.6	553.2	21.4	4.2	35.5	13.2
24	38.6	36.6	645.2	23.3	4.5	38.8	13.8
36	39.6	37.6	671.9	24.7	4.9	42.3	14.4
48	40.7	38.6	732.2	25.8	5.4	44.8	15.8
LSD at 5% level	0.3	0.3	16.8	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2
			2 <sup>nd</sup> seas	son			
12	34.2	31.0	372.2	20.1	3.5	33.5	6.7
24	34.8	32.8	389.6	21.3	3.9	36.1	7.8
36	36.4	33.1	440.2	23.2	4.2	39.8	8.7
48	39.6	35.0	524.8	24.2	4.7	42.1	9.7
LSD at 5% level	0.4	0.3	16.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1

#### 3- Effect of the interaction.

As regards to the effect of interaction between nitrogen and potassium levels, results in Table (4) indicated that increasing the level of both nitrogen and potassium fertilizers increased all vegetative growth characters of Jew's mallow plant. Whereas, addition nitrogen fertilizer at 50 N unit/fed. combined with potassium fertilizer at 48 K unit/fed. resulted in the highest values of plant length, leaf number/plant, leaf area/plant, fresh and dry weights of leaves and whole plant.

On the contrary, the lowest values of the above mentioned parameters were recorded with that Jew's mallow plant which supplied with nitrogen fertilizer at 20 N unit/fed. combined with potassium fertilizer at 12 K unit/feddan.

These findings were significant true in both seasons. Similar trend of results were reported by Tremblay and Senecal (1987), who reported that increasing K rate under high N status enhanced both lettuce leaf area and dry matter accumulation.

Similarly, Silva Junior (1991) and Csizinszky and Schuster (1993) on cabbage, found that fresh weight and yield of plants were increased by increasing N and K levels.

These data demonstrated that the plant response to K application was greater with an abundant N supply. Moreover, it can be suggested that, high physiological activity may occur in the different parts of the plants supplied with high dose of N and K fertilization. This high physiological activity may be important for increasing the ability of roots to supply water and nutrients for long time and maintaining translocation of assimilates and nutrients to the different plant organs.

Table (4): Effect of the interaction between nitrogen and potassium fertilizers at different levels on the vegetative growth characters of Jew's mallow plant during 2002 and 2003 seasons.

			1 <sup>st</sup> se	eason				
Nitrogon	Detaccium	Plant		Leaves	/plant		Whole plant	
Nitrogen Potassium levels (unit/fed.)	length (cm)	Number	Area	Fresh weight	Dry weight	Fresh weight	Dry weight	
(dilloled.)	(annoted.)	(Cili)		(cm²)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)
	12	30.3	30.0	275.3	13.2	1.8	20.9	7.5
	24	33.8	31.3	386.3	14.8	2.6	22.9	7.9
20	36	34.2	32.3	399.6	15.5	2.7	24.8	8.1
	48	35.3	33.3	421.9	16.2	3.3	26.5	11.0
	12	36.5	34.0	436.0	17.4	4.0	28.6	12.3
	24	36.5	35.7	594.6	19.5	4.3	31.0	14.3
30	36	37.0	35.8	599.4	21.5	4.4	33.0	14.6
	48	38.2	36.0	666.0	23.2	4.6	35.3	14.9
	12	38.7	37.0	701.6	25.0	4.9	40.3	15.0
40	24	40.7	37.6	715.8	27.2	5.0	45.4	15.1
	36	42.2	38.5	722.2	28.5	5.1	46.2	15.6
	48	42.3	40.3	788.2	29.6	5.3	48.2	16.7
	12	42.4	41.3	799.7	30.1	6.0	52.3	17.9
	24	43.3	42.0	884.1	31.8	6.0	55.8	18.0
50	36	45.0	43.7	966.4	33.4	7.3	65.0	19.5
	48	46.8	44.7	1052.7	34.1	8.3	69.0	20.7
LSD at	5% level	0.6	0.6	33.6	0.7	0.2	1.3	0.3

Table (4) Cont'd

2 <sup>nd</sup> seasor	1							
	12	24.2	20.8	174.8	12.8	1.2	17.9	2.0
	24	25.1	25.3	194.5	14.1	2.3	21.1	3.0
20	36	27.7	26.0	225.2	15.2	2.5	22.5	3.0
	48	29.8	27.7	245.6	15.3	2.8	24.3	3.4
	12	29.8	30.7	270.5	15.7	3.0	25.2	3.7
	24	30.3	31.3	274.5	18.1	3.2	26.7	4.4
30	36	33.0	32.0	385.8	20.6	3.7	28.5	6.5
	48	39.5	32.7	436.5	21.8	4.2	31.2	8.9
	12	39.9	34.7	474.1	23.8	4.4	39.7	9.7
40	24	40.6	35.3	508.7	24.9	4.5	43.4	10.7
	36	41.2	36.0	515.8	25.9	4.7	44.1	11.0
	48	42.7	37.3	558.8	27.0	4.9	47.5	11.1
	12	43.0	37.7	569.4	28.0	5.3	51.0	11.5
	24	43.3	39.0	580.7	28.2	5.7	53.2	13.2
50	36	43.8	40.3	633.9	31.2	6.0	64.0	14.2
	48	46.3	42.3	858.3	32.6	6.8	65.5	15.4
LSD:	at 5% level	0.8	0.6	33.5	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2

## Yield and its some chemical composition.

## 1- Effect of nitrogen fertilizer.

The obtained results in Table (5) showed that increasing nitrogen fertilizer levels had a great increase in the yield as kg/m² and or ton/fed.

However, the highest values of yield were recorded with the highest level of nitrogen application (50 N unit/fed.) in both seasons. Whereas, plants yielded 29.027 and 24.925 ton/fed. in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> seasons respectively. On the other hand, plants which received N fertilizer at 20 N unit/fed. yielded 15.533 and 13.881 ton/fed. for the same respectively.

Moreover, the statistical analysis of the obtained data showed that the differences within levels of nitrogen were significant at 5% levels in both seasons.

Table (5): Effect of different levels of nitrogen fertilizer on the foliage yield and its some chemical composition of Jew's mallow plant during 2002 and 2003 seasons.

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		1 <sup>st</sup> season				
Nitrogen levels (unit/fed.)	Foliag	ge Yield	%			
	(kg/m²)	(ton/fed.)	N	P	K	
20	0.971	15.533	2.632	1.094	2.752	
30	1.297	20.747	3.040	1.331	3.045	
40	1.449	23.187	3.344	1.420	3 180	
50	1.814	29.027	3.937	1.699	3.308	
LSD at 5% level	0.035	0.599	0.012	0.041	0.008	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> season				
20	0.868	13.881	2.652	1.135	2.740	
30	1.121	17.935	3.068	1.312	3.012	
40	1.346	21.533	3.448	1.432	3.188	
50	1.558	24.925	4.119	1.581	3.281	
LSD at 5% level	0.030	0.270	0.020	0.026	0.022	

These results are in harmony with those reported by several investigators (Abd El-Fattah and Sorial, 1988) on lettuce; (El-Gizawy et al.,

1992) on spinach; (Abd El-Rahman et al., 2001) on spinach; (Ahmed, 2003)

on spinach, (Ahmed et al., 2004) on lettuce.

For respect to the content of N, P and K of leaves tissues the presented data (Table 5) shows that, their contents were significantly increased by increasing nitrogen fertilizer levels up to 50 N unit/fed. in both seasons. These increments might be attributed to increasing the availability of N and K in soil solution which consequently increased NPK uptake.

The obtained results are in harmony with those reported by (Shafashak and Abo-Sedra, 1990) on lettuce; (Nieuwhof and Jansen, 1993) on radish; (Bakr and Gawaish, 1997) on some leafy vegetables; (Ansary, 1998) on lettuce; (Abd El-Rahman et al., 2001) on spinach; (Ahmed, 2003) on spinach and (Ahmed et al., 2004) on lettuce. All of them found that there was a consistant increase in the concentration of the mineral elements by increasing nitrogen fertilizer rates.

2- Effect of potassium fertilizer .

Data presented in Table (6) indicated that yield as kg/m² or as ton/fed. of Jew's mallow were increased with increasing potassium levels up to 48 K unit/fed. in both seasons. Also, content of N, P and K of leaves tissue were increased with increasing potassium levels. These were true in both seasons. These increases were significantly in both seasons. Whereas, the highest foliage yield as well as the highest values of N, P and K in leaf tissues were obtained with potassium addition at level of 48 K unit/fed.

Table (6): Effect of different levels of potassium fertilizer on the foliage yield and its some chemical composition of Jew's mallow

plant during 2002 and 2003 seasons.

		1 <sup>st</sup> season				
Potassium levels	Foliag	ge Yield		%		
(unit/fed.)	(kg/m²)	(ton/fed.)	N	Р	K	
12	1.231	19.693	2.991	1.286	2.952	
24	1.324	21.187	3.183	1.346	3.042	
36	1.426	22.813	3.294	1.398	3.137	
48	1.550	24.800	3.486	1.515	3.157	
LSD at 5% level	0.032	0.402	0.012	0.025	0.013	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> season				
12	1.154	18.456	3.176	1.306	2.973	
24	1.179	18.869	3.231	1.342	3.023	
36	1.221	19.540	3.406	1.384	3.101	
48	1.338	21.409	3.474	1.428	3.124	
LSD at 5% level	0.036	0.316	0.016	0.018	0.025	

It could be concluded that, the higher content of minerals in leaf tissues may be attributed to that potassium fertilizer enhanced the accumulation of photosynthetic products for increasing the potentiality of plants to accumulate more dry matter. The obtained results are in harmony with those reported by Shawky (1995).

## 3- Effect of the interaction.

It is clear from the data in Table (7) that increasing both N and K fertilizer levels significantly increased the foliage yield as kg/m² or as ton/fed. as well as N, P and K contents of leaves tissue. Whereas, that Jew's mallow plants which received 50 N unit/fed. combined with 48 K unit/fed. recorded the heaviest foliage yield and the highest N, P and K values in leaves tissues.

On the contrary, the poorest foliage yield and the lowest N, P and K content of leaves were recorded with that Jew's mallow plants which supplied the lowest of N and/or K as NK fertilizer. The statistical analysis of the obtained results revealed that the differences among the different interaction treatments concerning the foliage yield, N, P and K contents of leaves tissues were great enough to be significant at 5% levels. These findings were similar in the two experimental seasons and in harmony with those reported by Shawky (1995).

Also, many workers had a similar results which supported that obtained in this script Tremblay and Senecal, 1987; Silva Junior (1991) and Csizinszky and Schuster (1993).

Table (7): Effect of the interaction between nitrogen and potassium fertilizers at different levels on the foliage yield and its some chemical composition of Jew's mallow plant during 2002 and 2003 seasons.

		1'	season				
Treat	ments	Folia	ge Yield	%			
Nitrogen levels (unit/fed.)	Potassium levels (unit/fed.)	(kg/m²)	(ton/fed.)	N	Р	к	
	12	0.680	10.880	2.177	0.968	2.412	
	24	0.907	14.507	2.567	1.033	2.665	
20	36	1.073	17.173	2.860	1.184	2.951	
	48	1.223	19.573	2.925	1.188	2.981	
	12	1.247	19.947	2.930	1.250	3.011	
	24	1.267	20.267	2.951	1.339	3.041	
30	36	1.297	20.747	3.042	1.351	3.052	
	48	1.377	22.027	3.237	1.384	3.086	
	12	1.397	22.347	3.269	1,401	3.162	
	24	1.417	22.667	3.302	1.409	3.177	
40	36	1.450	23.200	3.334	1.429	3.187	
	48	1.533	24.533	3.471	1.441	3.192	
	12	1.600	25.600	3.587	1.523	3.222	
	24	1.707	27.307	3.913	1.601	3.282	
50	36	1.883	30.133	3.939	1.625	3.357	
	48	2.067	33.067	4.309	2.046	3.368	
LSD at 5% leve	el	0.064	0.805	0.024	0.051	0.025	

Table (7) Cont'd.

2 <sup>nd</sup> seasor Treatments		Foliage Yie	eld	%		
Nitrogen levels (unit/fed.)	Potassium levels (unit/fed.)	(kg/m²)	(ton/fed.)	N	Р	K
	12 24	0.830 0.867	13.280 13.867	2.467 2.480	1.056 1.068	2.635 2.643
20	36 48	0.881 0.893	14.096 14.283	2.789	1.193	2.816 2.866
	12	1.084	17.344	2.990	1.272	2.896
30	24 36	1.098 1.136	17.573 18.171	3.055	1.295	2.996 3.069
	48 12	1.166	18.651 20.912	3.133	1.362 1.415	3.087 3.107
40	24 36	1.321 1.364	21.141 21.824	3.312 3.530	1.432 1.435	3.177 3.230
	48	1.391 1.393	22.256 22.288	3.640 3.936	1.446 1.481	3.237
	12 24	1.431	22.896	4.079	1.573	3.275
50	36 48	1.504 1.903	24.069 30.448	4.212 4.251	1.589 1.681	3.290
LSD at 5% I		0.072	0.633	0.031	0.035	0.051

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- تأثير إضافة مستويات مختلفة من الأسمدة النيتروجينية والبوتاسية على التاجية نبات الملوخية
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  - قسم بحوث الخضر المركز القومي للبحوث الدقى القاهرة
- أجريت تجربتان حقليتان بمزرعة المركز القومي للبحوث بشلقان محافظة القليوبية في عامن متتاليين ٢٠٠٢ ، ٢٠٠٣ لدراسة استجابة نبات الملوخية لإضافة كلا من التسميد النيتروجين في (٢٠، ٣٠، ٥٠ وحدة نيتروجين فدان) على صفات النمو والمحصول البيولوجي وبعض الصفات الكيميائية (نيتروجين، فوسفور، بوتاسيوم) لنبات الملوخية. وتضمنت أهم النتائج مايلي:-
- 1-أدت زيادة مستويات التسميد النيتروجيني المضافة إلى تحسن ملحوظ في صفات النمو الخضرى لنبات الملوخية معبرا عنه بطول النبات، عدد الأوراق/نبات، مساحة الأوراق/نبات، الوزن الغض والجاف لكلا من الأوراق/نبات، والنبات الكلي وكذا المحصول البيولوجي (محصول الأوراق والمحصول الكلي).
- ٢-زاد محتوى الأوراق من النيتروجين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم مع زيادة مستويات التسميد الأزوتى
  المضافة.
- ٣-ادت زيادة مستويات التسميد البوتاسي إلى تحسن واضح في صفات النمو الخضري لنبات الملوخية متمثلة في طول النبات ، عدد الأوراق/نبات ، مساحة الأوراق/نبات، الوزن الغض والجاف لكلا مسن الأوراق /نبات والنبات الكلى وكذلك المحصول البيولوجي بالاضافة إلى زيادة محتوي أوراق النبات مسن النيتروجين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم.
- ٤-ادى استخدام التسميد النيتروجينى بمستوى ٥٠ وحدة نيتروجين / فدان مضافاً معـه التسـميد البوتاسـى بمستوى ٤٨ وحدة بوتاسيوم/فدان إلى الحصول على أفضل النتائج فى صفات النمو الخضرى والمحصول وكذلك محتوى الأوراق من النيتروجين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم مقارنة بالتسميد النيتروجينى بمستوى ٢٠ وحدة نيتروجين/فدان مضافاً معه التسميد البوتاسي بمستوى ١٢ وحدة بوتاسيوم /فدان.