

## **EFFECT OF PLANTING DATES, FORMS AND LEVELS OF NITROGEN FERTILIZATION ON SUGAR BEET IN NORTH DELTA SOILS.**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Two field experiments were carried out in 2004/05 and 2005/06 growing seasons at the Experimental Farm at El-Serw Agricultural Research Station (North of Delta Dommia Governorate) to study the effect of planting dates as well as 1<sup>st</sup> November, forms of nitrogen fertilizer ammonium nitrate and urea and nitrogen fertilizer levels of 30, 45 and 60 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> on growth, yield and quality of sugar beet (cv. Kawemira). The obtained results could be summarized as follows:

- 1- Planting sugar beet in 1<sup>st</sup> October significantly increased root length, root diameter, root fresh weight, root and top yields in both seasons.
- 2- Using Urea as a source fertilizer significantly increased root fresh weight, top fresh weight and total plant fresh weight g/plant in the first season.
- 3- Increasing nitrogen fertilizer levels from 30, 45 to 60 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> significantly increased root length, root diameter, root, top fresh weight and total plant fresh weight, top and root yields in both seasons and sugar yield in second season, while it decreased sucrose %, purity % in second seasons.
- 4- Interaction between date of planting and nitrogen fertilizer significant for root fresh weight in first season, total plant fresh weight in both seasons, sucrose % in first season.
- 5- Interaction between date of planting and nitrogen fertilizer level had significant effect on root fresh weight, total plant fresh weight in first season and insignificant effect on rest traits.
- 6- Interaction between date of planting, source of nitrogen and levels of nitrogen fertilizer had significant effect on total plant fresh weight in first season and insignificant effect on rest traits of sugar beet.

**Keywords:** planting dates, nitrogen fertilizer levels, nitrogen fertilizer forms, sugar beet

### **INTRODUCTION**

Sugar beet is one of the important sugar crops in the world and also in Egypt. It provides about 40% of most of the world sugar production. There are many factors affecting yield and quality of sugar beet such as planting dates and fertilization especially nitrogen fertilizer levels and forms. Planting date is an important factor affecting sugar beet production. In Egypt sugar beet is sown during the periods extending from August to November.

Abd El Aal (2001) found that delaying sugar beet planting from mid Sept. to mid October decreased root yield (ton fed<sup>-1</sup>) by about 7.22%. Abou Salama and Elsayed (2000) compared sowing dates on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October as well as 1<sup>st</sup> November and found that mean root yield was 31.64, 18.73 and 11.51 ton<sup>-1</sup> fed from the three dates respectively.

The obtained results by Shalaby *et al* (2003) found significant effect of planting date on sugar beet yield and quality. The planting in September gave the best root diameter, root length and weight and also technological

characteristics T.S.S%,sucrose% ,purity %. The third date of sowing i.e Nov. gave the highest values in top weight/ plant and top yield.

Enan (2004) found that sowing sugar beet early on the 15<sup>th</sup> September gave the highest values of root length , root diameter ,root fresh weight per plant ,top, fresh weight/ plant, top yield ton per fedan ,root yield per feddan, sugar yield ton fed<sup>-1</sup>.The early sowing date 15 September had a significant and positive effect on the values of T.S.S% also sucrose percentage over than 15<sup>th</sup> October. Sowing sugar beet on 15<sup>th</sup> September recorded the highest of purity percentage ( 81.13% )compared with 15<sup>th</sup> October ( 78.06% )

Nemeat–Alla (1997) Reported that ammonium nitrate as a nitrogen source surpassed other nitrogen fertilizer sources or urea and produced the highest values of root length and diameter and root and top fresh weight, root and top sugar yields as well as T.S.S%.

Nemeat–Alla (2001) in Egypt found that nitrogen fertilizer sources showed that no significant effect on total soluble solids , sucrose and juice purity percentages.

Mousa (2004) found that nitrogen fertilizer sources significantly affect root length , diameter total fresh weight , root and top fresh weight root and sugar yields.He added that maximum values of root length and diameter ,weights of top, root and sugar yields produced from using nitrogen fertilizer in the form of ammonium nitrate 33.5% compared with other nitrogen sources. Also, the highest sugar yield produced from using nitrogen fertilizer in the form of ammonium nitrate 33.5%or urea 46.5% N.

Increasing nitrogen fertilizer level was associated with the highest values of diameter , length and fresh weight of roots and foliage fresh weight as well as root, top and sugar yields fed<sup>-1</sup>, while the highest values of T.S.S % , sucrose, purity percentage were obtained with addition of the lowest nitrogen fertilizer (60kg N fed<sup>-1</sup>). Ibrahim *et al* (2005)used Urea 46.5% N at levels of 60 ,90 ,120kg Nfed<sup>-1</sup> and found that increasing nitrogen fertilizer increased root length, root diameter, root weight and leaves fresh weight ,root and sugar yields percentages of total soluble solids ( T.S.S % ) , sucrose and purity percentages in both seasons. He added that the highest values of sucrose and purity percentages were produced from using ammonium nitrate (33.5%N) compared with other sources in both seasons. Highest percentages of sucrose were produced from using nitrogen fertilizer in the form of ammonium nitrate (33.5%N) or urea 46.5%N without significant differences between them.

Fadel (2002) used ammonium nitrate 33.5% at rates of 60,80,100 kgNfed<sup>-1</sup>and found that increasing nitrogen fertilizer from 60to 80kg Nfed<sup>-1</sup> resulted the highest values of top, root and sugar yield per feddan,maximum values of root length and diameter ,weight of top, root and sugar yields. He added that the highest values of sucrose and purity percentages were produced from using ammonium nitrate(33.5%N)compared with other sources in both seasons. Highest percentages of sucrose were produced from using nitrogen fertilizer in the form of ammonium nitrate(33.5%N)or urea 46.5%N without significant differences between them using nitrogen fertilizer in the form of (Urea 46.5%N) at levels of 60,90 and 120 kgNfed<sup>-1</sup>.They found

also that nitrogen levels affected significantly root length , diameter and fresh weight / plant root and sugar yields, while sucrose and purity percentages were not affected by N levels.

Assey *et al* (2005) used nitrogen fertilizer in the form of ammonium sulphate (20.5 %) in levels of zero,50 and 100kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> and found that increasing nitrogen fertilizer increased root and sugar yield fed<sup>-1</sup>.He also found that gross sugar yield fed.<sup>-1</sup> was positive and highly significant correlated with each of root yield fed.<sup>-1</sup>,sucrose % ,purity % ,top yield fed<sup>-1</sup> and root diameter

Ismail (2002) found that nitrogen levels of 60,90,120 affected significantly root length ,diameter and root fresh weight /plant root and sugar yields, while sucrose and purity percentages did not affected by the used N levels

The present investigation was carried out to study the effect of planting dates, forms and levels of nitrogen fertilizer on sugar beet yield in North of Delta Dommiata Governorate.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were carried out at El-Serw Agricultural Research Station during 2004/05 and 2005/06 seasons to study the effect of planting date and nitrogen fertilizer forms and levels as well as their interactions on growth , yield and quality of sugar beet cv.Kawmera.A split split plot design with four replications was adopted. The main plots were occupied by the planting date i.e the first date in 1<sup>st</sup> October (D<sub>1</sub>)and the second date in 1<sup>st</sup> November D<sub>2</sub>). The sub plots were assigned by the forms of nitrogen fertilizer F<sub>1</sub> Urea (46.5 % )And F<sub>2</sub> nitrate ammonium: (33.5 %).The sub sub plots contained three levels of nitrogen fertilizers ( 30, 45 , 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup>).The sub-sub plots contained 5 ridges of 60cm width and 3.5m long with area 1/400 fed. The experimental soil was clay soil as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Mechanical and chemical analysis of the experimental site.**

| Mechanical and chemical analysis | Seasons |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                  | 2004/05 | 2005/06 |
| Clay%                            | 62.1    | 63.1    |
| Silt%                            | 21.7    | 21.6    |
| Sand%                            | 13.3    | 13.0    |
| Organic matter%                  | 1.44    | 1.36    |
| Available N( p.p.m)              | 52.0    | 50.3    |
| Available P( p.p.m)              | 16.3    | 15.2    |
| Available K ( p.p.m)             | 237.7   | 226.7   |
| CaCo3%                           | 1.9     | 2.5     |
| pH                               | 8.0     | 8.1     |

The preceding crop was maize (*Zea maize*, L.) in both seasons.During soil preparation calcium super phosphate (15.5 % P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) was added at a rate of 100Kg fed.<sup>-1</sup> After 30 days from sowing, plants were thinned to one plant/hill.

Nitrogen fertilizer was applied at the rates and forms which previously mentioned in two equal portions after thinning and before the

third irrigation. Potassium fertilizer was added at the rate of 100kg in the form of potassium sulphate in two equal portions with nitrogen fertilizer application. Normal cultural practices of growing sugar beet was conducted according to Ministry of Agriculture recommendation. Harvest was practised when the outer leaves of plants turned yellow approximately 200 days after sowing. At harvest, a sample of ten guarded plants was taken at random to determine the following characters.

**A: Yield components:**

- 1- Root length ( cm )
- 2- Root diameter (cm )
- 3- Top fresh weight /plant (g)
- 4- Root fresh weight/plant (g)
- 5- Total plant fresh weight / plant (g)

**B- Quality:**

- 1- T.S.S % Total soluble solids was determined by hand refractometer .
- 2- Sucrose % was determined as described by **Le Docte ( 1927 )**.
- 3- Purity percentage was calculated according to the following equation:  
Purity % = Sucrose% X 100/T.S.S%

**C-yield:**

- 1- Root yield ( ton fed.<sup>-1</sup> ) was estimated on the hole plot basis.
- 2- Top yield ( ( ton fed.<sup>-1</sup> )
- 3- Sugar yield ( ton fed.<sup>-1</sup> ) was calculated according to the following equation:  
Sugar yield = Root yield X Sucrose %

The collected data were statistically analyzed according to the method described by Snedecor and Cochran (1981).

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**1- Effect of planting date:**

Data in Table 2 show that there are significant differences between the mean values of root length in second seasons, root diameter in both seasons, root fresh weight in both seasons due to planting date while there is highly significant effect on root fresh weight due to planting sugar beet seeds in 1<sup>st</sup> October comparing with planting sugar beet seeds in 1<sup>st</sup> November. Seadh (2004) found that planting date had significant effect on root fresh weight in 1<sup>st</sup> October. There is insignificant effect of planting seeds of sugar beet in 1<sup>st</sup> October or 1<sup>st</sup> November on top fresh weight in both seasons. The results were (239.94g/plant and 236.39 g/plant in the first season of 2004/2005).

Concerning the effect of dates of planting on total plant fresh weight there is highly significant effect on total plant fresh weight in second season of 2005/06 comparing with sowing sugar beet seeds in 1<sup>st</sup> November, while there is no significant differences of date on total plant fresh weight in first season of 2004/ 05. The increase in total plant fresh weight in second season may be due to the increase in foliage and root fresh weight which is

the result of suitable environmental conditions during this period such as temperature, relative humidity , day length and light intensity which allow to rapid growth and formation good canopy able to make greatest photosynthesis, consequently increasing dry matter accumulation as well as root and top fresh weight /plant (Seadh, 2004).These results are in accordance to Abdou (2001) and Kandil (2002b).

**Table 2: Effect of planting date,nitrogen fertilizer forms and levels on growth of sugar beet seasons of 2004/05 and 2005/06.**

| Treatment                         | Root length |         | Root diameter |         | Top fresh weight |         | Root fresh weight |        | Total plant fresh weight |         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|
|                                   | 2004/05     | 2005/06 | 2004/05       | 2005/06 | 2004/05          | 2005/06 |                   |        | 2004/05                  | 2005/06 |
| <b>Date of planting</b>           |             |         |               |         |                  |         |                   |        |                          |         |
| D <sub>1</sub> :1st October       | 23.63       | 23.29   | 11.23         | 11.86   | 239.94           | 172.44  | 675.89            | 681.87 | 854.33                   | 915.83  |
| D <sub>2</sub> :1st November      | 23.37       | 22.23   | 11.02         | 11.71   | 236.39           | 172.77  | 673.88            | 671.88 | 842.16                   | 874.28  |
| F.test                            | N. S        | *       | *             | *       | N. S             | N. S    | N. S              | **     | **                       | N. S    |
| <b>Nitrogen fertilizer forms</b>  |             |         |               |         |                  |         |                   |        |                          |         |
| Urea 46.5%                        | 23.59       | 23.65   | 11.24         | 11.81   | 242.89           | 169.94  | 637.50            | 678.55 | 848.50                   | 919.17  |
| Nitrate Amm. 33.5%                | 23.46       | 22.87   | 11.01         | 11.76   | 233.44           | 172.67  | 676.32            | 675.22 | 847.99                   | 880.39  |
| F.test                            | N. S        | N. S    | N. S          | N. S    | **               | N. S    | **                | N. S   | N. S                     | *       |
| <b>Nitrogen fertilizer levels</b> |             |         |               |         |                  |         |                   |        |                          |         |
| 30kg Nfed. <sup>-1</sup>          | 23.36       | 23.63   | 10.70         | 11.56   | 229.33           | 165.46  | 612.67            | 658.33 | 823.79                   | 842.00  |
| 45kg Nfed. <sup>-1</sup>          | 23.45       | 23.03   | 11.24         | 11.68   | 241.25           | 172.76  | 671.57            | 682.33 | 855.11                   | 912.75  |
| 60kgNfed. <sup>-1</sup>           | 23.69       | 23.13   | 11.43         | 12.10   | 243.92           | 175.83  | 686.50            | 690.00 | 841.98                   | 930.42  |
| F.test                            | *           | *       | *             | *       | **               | **      | **                | **     | **                       | **      |
| LSD0.05                           | 0.22        | 0.25    | -             | 0.24    | 9.13             | 9.75    | 4.04              | 0.87   | 13.24                    | 42.25   |

Table 3: shows insignificant effect of date of sugar beet planting on T.S.S% in both seasons. Planting in 1<sup>st</sup> November resulted the highest values of T.S.S% of 20.63,20.65g in both seasons.Kandil *et al*(2002c) Seadh (2004) came to similar results. Table 3 shows also insignificant effect of dates of planting on sucrose percentage in both seasons whil ,the highest values of sucrose percentage (19.83%)was found in second season when planting sugar beet seeds in 1<sup>st</sup> November. There is insignificant effect of date planting seeds on purity percentage in first seasons and significant effect in second season. The values of purity percentage in the second season (88.24%) were obtained with planting in 1<sup>st</sup> November , whereas, purity percentage is 84.77% in the first season. These results are not in accordance with shalaby *et al* (2003), Enan (2004), who found that sowing sugar beet early recorded the highest of purity percentage (81.13%) compared with 15<sup>th</sup> October (78.06%). Concerning the effect of date planting seeds of sugar beet on top yield, there is insignificant effect in both seasons. Table 4 shows the highest values (6.306 ton fad<sup>-1</sup>) was obtained with planting in 1<sup>st</sup> November for second season only Similar results were obtained by Abd El Aal (2001) , Shalaby *et al* (2003), Enan (2004)

Data revealed also that there are asignificant effect of date of planting sugar beet seeds on root yield (ton/ fedd.) on both season The highest values of 21.39 ton fed.<sup>-1</sup> with the planting in 1<sup>st</sup> October in second season.These results are confirmed with Shalaby *et al* (2003) and Enan

(2004), who found that sowing sugar beet early gave the highest values of root length , root diameter ,root fresh weight per plant , root yield per feddan

Asignificant effect of data planting on sugar yield was found in the second season, while there is no significant effect of date planting on sugar yield in the first season (tab.4). The highest sugar yield was 3.46 ton fed.<sup>-1</sup>in the 1<sup>st</sup> season when the date of planting was 1<sup>st</sup> October. Enan(2004) found that sowing sugar beet early gave the highest values of root fresh weight per plant ,top, fresh weight/ plant, top yield (ton per fedaan) ,root yield per feddan.

**2-Effect of forms of nitrogen fertilizes:**

Data presented in Table 2 reveal that there is insignificant effect of fertilizer forms on root length, root diameter,sugar yield in both seasons, while there is highly significant effect of using Urea 46.5% on sugar beet fresh weight. The increase was 6 09% more than that related withammonium nitrate. Top fresh weight increased by using Urea fertilizer 46.5% by 2.6% in the first season compared with ammonium nitrate 33.5%, while it has insignificant effect on root fresh weight in second season. Total plant fresh weight increased by using urea fertilizer in first season by 4.40%, while it has insignificant effect in second season.

**Table 3: Effect of planting dates, forms and levels of fertilizer of nitrogen fertilizer on quality of sugar beet in seasons of 2004/05 and 2005/06**

| Treatments                      | T.S.S%  |         | Sucrose% |         | Purity% |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2004/05  | 2005/06 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 |
| <b>Date of planting</b>         |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| D <sub>1</sub> :1st<br>October  | 21.17   | 22.63   | 19.17    | 19.16   | 88.81   | 84.77   |
| D <sub>2</sub> :1st<br>November | 20.63   | 21.87   | 18.92    | 19.38   | 91.56   | 88.237  |
| F.test                          | N S     | N S     | N S      | N S     | N S     | **      |
| <b>N- fertilizer forms</b>      |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| Urea 46.5%                      | 21.17   | 22.44   | 18.93    | 19.17   | 89.59   | 85.544  |
| Nitrate<br>Amm.33.5%            | 20.648  | 22.05   | 19.17    | 19.36   | 90.77   | 87.46   |
| F.test                          | N S     | N S     | N S      | N S     | N.S     | N .S    |
| <b>N-fertilizer level</b>       |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| 30kg Nfed. <sup>-1</sup>        | 20.42   | 22.13   | 19.12    | 19.66   | 89.60   | 85.55   |
| 45kg Nfed. <sup>-1</sup>        | 20.89   | 22.18   | 19.17    | 19.38   | 90.80   | 87.50   |
| 60kg Nfed. <sup>-1</sup>        | 21.42   | 22.43   | 18.84    | 18.77   | 85.67   | 85.41   |
| F.tes                           | N S     | N S     | N S      | **      | *       | N S     |
| LSD0.05                         | -       | -       | -        | 0.99    | 4.5     | -       |

Results in Table 3 indicate that there is insignificant effect of nitrogen fertilizer Forms on T.S.S%,Sucrose percentage, purity percentage, top yield in both seasons, while there is significant effect on root fresh weight. Applying Urea 46.5% increased root fresh weight by 2.53% and 5.42% in both seasons. Nemeat Alla (2001) found that nitrogen fertilizer sources had no

signifocant effect on total soluble solids, sucrose and juice purity percentages. Seadh (2004) reported that highest values of sucrose and purity percentages were produced from using ammonium nitrate ( 33.5 %N) compared with other sources in both seasons Highest percentages of sucrose were produced from using nitrogen fertilizer in the form of ammonium nitrate (33.5%N) or urea 46.5%N without significant differences between them.

**Table 4: Effect of planting dates, forms and levels of fertilizer of nitrogen on top, root and sugar yield of sugar beet**

| Treatments                       | Root yield(t fed. <sup>-1</sup> ) |         | Top yield(t fed. <sup>-1</sup> ) |         | Sugar yield(t fed. <sup>-1</sup> ) |         |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
|                                  | 2005/06                           | 2004/05 | 2005/06                          | 2004/05 | 2005/06                            | 2004/05 |
| <b>Date of planting</b>          |                                   |         |                                  |         |                                    |         |
| D <sub>1</sub> :1st October      | 20.48                             | 21.39   | 6.06                             | 6.20    | 3.49                               | 3.45    |
| D <sub>2</sub> :1st November     | 20.04                             | 20.94   | 6.08                             | 6.31    | 3.50                               | 3.36    |
| F.test                           | *                                 | *       | *                                | *       | N . S                              | **      |
| <b>Nitrogen fertilizer forms</b> |                                   |         |                                  |         |                                    |         |
| Urea 46.5%                       | 20.51                             | 21.39   | 6.13                             | 6.31    | 3.49                               | 3.39    |
| NitrateAmmonium 33.5%            | 20.91                             | 20.94   | 5.96                             | 6.19    | 3.50                               | 3.42    |
| F.test                           | N S                               | *       | N S                              | N S     | N.S                                | N S     |
| <b>Nitrogen fertilizer level</b> |                                   |         |                                  |         |                                    |         |
| 30kg Nfed.                       | 19.75                             | 22.13   | 5.75                             | 6.13    | 3.46                               | 3.28    |
| 45kg Nfed.                       | 20.12                             | 22.18   | 5.95                             | 6.13    | 3.48                               | 3.47    |
| 60kg Nfed.                       | 21.42                             | 22.43   | 6.43                             | 6.49    | 3.55                               | 3.47    |
| F.tes                            | *                                 | **      | *                                | *       | N S                                | *       |
| LSD0.05                          | 1.57                              | 1.30    | 0.91                             | 0.47    | -                                  | 0.34    |

### 3-Effect of nitrogen fertilizer levels:

Data in Table 2 and 3 revealed that there is significant effect of nitrogen fertilizer levels of 30,45,60 kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> on root length,root diameter, in both seasons. These results are in agreement with Hassan and Sohair (2000), Zeinab *et al* (2000), El-Geddawy *et al* (2001), Seadh (2004). While, there is highly significant effect of fertilizer levels on root fresh weight .Using 60 kgNfed.<sup>-1</sup>,which increased root fresh weight by 12.4% as compared with using 30kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup>in first season.

Applying 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> significantly increased total plant fresh weight by 11.64% and 2.19 % comparing with 30kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup>in both seasons.This result could be due to the important role of nitrogen as an essential structural element in building up plant organic substances, El-Shafai (2000) stated that the increase in root fresh weight may be due to the increase of metabolites synthesized by plants .

Sucrose percentage significantly decreased by nitrogen fertilizer levels in second season. Using 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> decreased sucrose percentage by 4 56% compared by using 30kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> in second season, while there is no insignificant effect in first season .Kandil *et al* (2002c), Ramadan *et al* (2003 ) came to same results.

Increasing nitrogen fertilizer to 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> significantly decreased purity percentage by 7.36 compared by 30kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> in first season but it did not reach of significant effect in second season.

Top yield significantly increased by nitrogen fertilizer in both seasons . 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> increased top yield by 11.88 and 5.99% compared by 30kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> in both seasons. Root yield significantly increased by applying N fertilizer in both seasons 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> significantly increased root yield by 5.84% and 2.81% compared by 30kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> in both seasons.

Sugar yield significantly increased by increasing nitrogen fertilizer to 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> in second season (Table 4) 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> significantly increased sugar yield by 5.48% compared by 30kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> in second season, while it did not reach significant level in first season. These results are agreement with Ismail (2002), Assey *et al* (2005).

#### **4- Effect of the interactions:**

##### **4-1. The interaction of Dx F:**

The interaction between the date of planting of sugar beet and forms of nitrogen fertilizer was found to be insignificant for root length, root diameter top fresh weight , purity % root and sugar yield in both seasons. However, significant differences were obtained on total plant fresh weight in both seasons. Data in Table 3 shows insignificant effect of interaction between date of planting and nitrogen fertilizer forms on , root fresh weight , sucrose % in the 1<sup>st</sup> season, while it did not reach to significant level in 2<sup>nd</sup> season The highest values of root fresh weight for the planting in November and ammonium nitrate fertilizer, also total fresh weight of plant has the maximum values 922.1, 854.7 g/plant with the interaction of D<sub>1</sub>F<sub>1</sub> in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> seasons. Also root yield increased when the planting date is 1<sup>st</sup> October and fertilized with Urea 46.5 %. Although the increases were not reach to significant level in both seasons.

##### **4-2. The interaction of Dx N:**

Mean values of root length, root diameter, top fresh weight, T.S.S%, Sucrose% purity %, sucrose% root yield and sugar yield had no statistically difference in the two seasons. The maximum of total plant fresh weight 932.5 g/plant with the interaction between the planting in 1<sup>st</sup> November and fertilized with 60 kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> season. Also the highest root yield (21.5 ton fed.<sup>-1</sup>) was found when the planting date was 1<sup>st</sup> November and fertilized with 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> in 2<sup>nd</sup> season, although it is not reach the significant level

##### **4-3. The interaction of Fx N:**

The interaction between forms and nitrogen fertilizer levels on sugar beet exerted a significant effect on root fresh weight and total plant fresh weight in the 1<sup>st</sup> season and failed to reach to significant levels in the second season. The maximum values of root and total fresh weight were reached by plant fertilized with 60kg Nfed.<sup>-1</sup> and ammonium nitrate 33.5% N, while the rest means of root length, diameter, top fresh weight, T.S.S%, Sucrose %, Purity%, root and sugar yield were not significantly affected by the interaction between sources and levels of nitrogen fertilizers

#### **4-4.The interaction of DxFxN:**

The interaction of DxFxN on the all studied traits were not statistically significant in the two seasons except total plant fresh weight in the 1<sup>st</sup> season .The maximum total plant fresh weigh was 945.0 g/ plant with the D<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub> and the minimum nitrate was 907.7 g/plant with the interaction D1F1N1 in the 1st season

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### تأثير مواعيد الزراعة ومصادر ومعدلات التسميد الازوتي على محصول وجودة بنجر السكر في اراضي شمال الدلتا

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اقيمت تجربتان حقليتان بمزرعة محطة البحوث الزراعية بالسرو - محافظة دمياط لدراسة تأثير مواعيد ( الاول من اكتوبر،الاول من نوفمبر)ومصادر التسميد النتروجيني( يوريا46.5% و نترات الامونيوم 33.5%)ومعدل التسميد الازوتي ( 30و45و60كجم ازوت للفدان)على محصول بنجر السكر الصنف كاوميرا وكان التصميم المستخدم القطع المتشقة مرتان وكانت النتائج المتحصل عليها كما يلي:

1-أدت الزراعة في الاول من شهر اكتوبر إلى زيادة معنوية في طول الجذر في الموسم الاول وفي قطر الجذر ووزن الجذر غرض ومحصول الجذور ومحصول العرش في الموسمين في حين كانت نسبة المواد الصلبة الذائبة والنقاوة غير معنوية في الموسمين.

2- أدى استخدام التسميد الازوتي ( السماد يوريا 46.5% ازوت) الى زيادة وزن الجذر غرض ووزن النبات كامل غرض في الموسم الاول بينما كانت بقية الصفات تحت الدراسة غير معنوية مقارنةً (بنترات الامونيوم 33.5% ازوت).

3- أدى زيادة التسميد الازوتي من 30 إلى 45 و 60 كجم نيتروجين للفدان إلى زيادة معنوية في طول الجذر وقطر الجذر ووزن الجذر غرض والعرش والوزن الكلي للنبات غرض ومحصول الجذور والعرش في كلا الموسمين ومحصول السكر في الموسم الثاني .

4- كان التفاعل بين ميعاد الزراعة ومصدر السماد الازوتي معنوي لصفة وزن الجزر غرض في الموسم الاول ووزن النبات كامل غرض في الموسمين.كذلك كان التفاعل بين ميعاد الزراعة ومستوى التسميد النتروجيني و التفاعل بين مصدر السماد النتروجيني ومستوى السماد الازوتي معنوي لصفة وزن النبات كامل غرض في الموسم الاول وغير معنوي لبقيّة الصفات تحت الدراسة.

من هذه الدراسة يمكن التوصية بزراعة محصول بنجر السكر مبكرا في اول اكتوبر والتسميد بالسماد الازوتي يوريا46.5% بمعدل 60 وحدة ازوت للفدان للحصول على أعلى عائد من محصول الجذور والسكر في منطقة شمال الدلتا المتأثره بالاملاح جنوب بحيرة المنزلة.