

**INFLUENCE OF MINERAL AND ORGANIC NITROGEN
FERTILIZERS ON GROWTH AND YIELD OF SOME WHEAT
VARIETIES AND SOME SOIL PROPERTIES - NORTH DELTA .**
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ABSTRACT

Two field experiments were conducted at the Experimental Research Station in El-Serw, Agricultural Research Center during the seasons 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 to study the effect of mineral nitrogen and organic nitrogen of compost combination treatments on grain and straw yield and N, P, K- uptake in grain and straw of some wheat varieties. The experiments were carried out in a split plot design with three replicates. Main plots were assigned to three wheat cultivars i.e., Sakha 93, Gemmiza 9 and Gemmiza 10. The sub main plots were devoted to mineral nitrogen and compost combination treatments as follows: 100% inorganic nitrogen (90 kg fed⁻¹), 75% inorganic nitrogen (67.5 kg fed⁻¹) + 25 % organic nitrogen (22.5 kg fed⁻¹), 50% inorganic nitrogen (45.0 kg fed⁻¹) + 50 % organic nitrogen (45.0 kg fed⁻¹), 25 % inorganic nitrogen (22.5 kg fed⁻¹) + 75% organic nitrogen (67.5 kg fed⁻¹) and 100 % organic nitrogen (90 kg fed⁻¹). Obtained results showed that the greatest values of wheat grain , straw yields , N, P and K uptake in both grain and straw were those of Gemmeza 10, Gemmeza 9 and Sakha 93, respectively and 100% inorganic nitrogen, 75% inorganic nitrogen + 25% organic nitrogen, 50 % inorganic nitrogen + 50% organic nitrogen, 25% inorganic nitrogen + 75% organic nitrogen and 100% organic nitrogen, respectively. 100% inorganic nitrogen for Gemmiza 10 gave the highest wheat grain and straw yields and N, P, and K uptake in grain and straw. While, applying 75% inorganic nitrogen with 25% organic nitrogen produced economic wheat grain and straw yields for Sakha 93 only. So, 25% inorganic nitrogen, could be saved, and environmental pollution with mineral- N fertilizers could also be reduced. As well as improved soil properties i.e increased hydraulic conductivity, on the contrary, bulk density, Ece and pH values were decreased.

Keywords: wheat, organic fertilizer, compost, nitrogen fertilizer, fertilizer, cultivars, varieties, soil properties, North Delta .

INTRODUCTION

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*, L.) is one of the most important nutritional cereal crops in Egypt and all over the world. Wheat production is not sufficient for local consumption in Egypt. Great efforts have been made to

achieve suitable agronomic practices for obtaining maximum productivity of different wheat varieties with optimum quality properties.

Choo the high yielding ability cultivars undoubtedly is very important to raise wheat productivity per unit area. Objective of, this study is to evaluate the new promising cultivars in comparison with the old traditional ones for scoping light on the best cultivars that can be used under the environmental conditions of the study region. El-Metwally et al. (2012) found that the highest grain yield was achieved with Sakha 94 and Gemmiza 9. Harb et al. (2012) revealed that Gemmiza 9 cultivar significantly exceeded Sakha 93 cultivar in grain yield fed-1. Atia and Ragab (2013) found that wheat cultivars significantly differed in grain and straw yields as well as protein and potassium contents in grains. Gemmiza 9 cultivar had the greatest values of grain and straw yields as well as protein and potassium contents in grains. Seleem and Abd El –Dayem (2013) showed that the highest significant value of grain yield was obtained using Gemmiza 9 followed by Misr 1 then Sakha 94 and Giza 168. The lowest values resulted from Sakha 93 cultivar.

The continued use of chemical fertilizers causes health and environmental hazards. Reducing the amount of nitrogen fertilizers applied to the field without nitrogen deficiency will be the main challenge in field management. One of the possible options to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers could be recycling of organic wastes. Compost can be a valuable and inexpensive fertilizer and source of plant nutrients. Positive effects of compost on soil structure, aggregate stability and water-holding capacity were reported (Odlare et al., 2008).

Compost has a high nutritional value, with high concentrations of especially nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, while the contamination with heavy metals and other toxic substances is very limited. (Asghar et al., 2006). In order to improve nitrogen application management, many studies showed that the combination of compost with chemical fertilizers further enhanced the biomass and grain yield of crops (Cheuk et al., 2003; Sarwar et al., 2007; Sarwar et al., 2008).

Mahmoud et al. (2006) found that grain and straw yields of wheat and N, P and K uptake in grains and straw as well as crude protein content were increased by the application of 75% of N as ammonium sulfate with 25% composting rice straw. Abedi et al. (2010) evaluated the effects of different levels of inorganic (0, 80, 160 and 240 kg N ha⁻¹) and organic (0, 30 and 60 Mg ha⁻¹ municipal waste compost ha⁻¹) on wheat grain yield and protein content. They reported that the highest wheat grain yield was achieved when plants were fertilized with 160 kg N ha⁻¹ and 30 Mg compost ha⁻¹. The highest amount of seed protein was obtained with 60 Mg compost ha⁻¹ at all levels of nitrogen. Antoun, Linda et al. (2010) found that the interaction between compost and inorganic nitrogen level had significant effects on grain yield fed

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¹ and N, P and K % in grains. El-Hamdi et al. (2012) reported that the combination of compost and nitrogen fertilizer improved yields, yield components and N uptake. The best treatment was 50 kg N fed⁻¹ with adding 10 Mg compost fed⁻¹.

The present, investigation was established to study the effect of mineral nitrogen and compost combination treatments on yield and N, P and K uptake in grain and straw for some wheat cultivars under the environmental conditions of El-Serw district, Damietta Governorate.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were conducted at the Experimental Research Station at El-Serw, Agricultural Research Center, Egypt during the two successive winter seasons of 2012/2013 and 2013/2014. experiments was carried out in a split plot design with three replicates. The main plots were assigned to three wheat cultivars i.e., Sakha 93, Gemmiza 9 and Gemmiza 10. While the sub main plots were devoted to five nitrogen and compost combination treatments as follows:

- 1- 100 % inorganic nitrogen (90 kg N fed⁻¹) of the recommended dose of N.
- 2- 75% inorganic nitrogen (67.5 kg N fed⁻¹) + 25 % organic nitrogen (22.5 kg N fed⁻¹).
- 3- 50 % inorganic nitrogen (45.0 kg N fed⁻¹) + 50 % organic nitrogen (45.0 kg N fed⁻¹).
- 4- 25 % inorganic nitrogen (22.5 kg N fed⁻¹) + 75 % organic nitrogen (67.5 kg N fed⁻¹).
- 5- 100 % organic nitrogen (90 kg N fed⁻¹).

The organic nitrogen in the form of compost was obtained from El-Asria Company for Solid Waste Recycling and added after soil preparation to the experimental units at the previously mentioned rates on soil surface and then turned over via hack. Analysis of used compost is shown in Table (1). Nitrogen fertilizer in the form of ammonium nitrate (33.5 % N) was applied at the aforementioned rates in two equal doses prior the first (25 days from sowing) and the second (46 days from sowing) irrigations. Each experimental unit was 3 × 3.5 m occupying an area of 10.5 m². The amount of compost needed was calculated as follows:

$$\text{Amount of Compost} = \frac{\text{Amount of mineral Nitrogen}}{\text{Nitrogen percentage in Compost}} \times 100$$

Harvest index (HI) was determined using the formula :

$$\text{HI} = \frac{\text{Grain yield (kg/fed.)}}{\text{Grain yield (kg/fed.)} + \text{Straw yield (kg/fed.)}} \times 100$$

Chemical composition of used compost is given in table (1).

Parameters	EC (dSm-1)	pH (1-2.5)	T.N%	T..C.%	T.P.%	T.K.%	C:N	Fe	Mn	Zn	Cu
Value	3.1	7.7	1.4	22.1	0.7	1.0	16:1	(ppmL ⁻¹)			
								1650	35	180	105

* T= Total

Soil samples were taken from the experimental field before and after harvest from soil layer (0-30cm depth), then air-dried and ground to pass a 2 mm sieve. Soil physical and chemical properties were carried out according to Piper (1950) and Jackson (1967) as shown in Table (2). EC, cations and anions were estimated in 1:5 soil water extract, where pH was measured in soil water suspensions (1:2.5) as shown in Table 2.

Table(2):Some Physical and chemical properties of the experimental sites.

Particle size distribution %					O.M%	CaCo3%	CEC Mel.\100gsoil	
C.sand	F.sand	Silt	Clay	T.class				
1.10	11.2	21.7	66.0	Clay	0.77	1.40	43.8	
EC (dsm-1)	pH (1-2.5)	Cations (meq\100g)				Anions(meq\100g)		
		Ca++	Mg++	Na+	K+	Hco3	cl	So4
2.35	8.1	3.05	2.76	11.3	0.26	1.45	12.1	3.75

* C= Coarse , F= Fine , T=Texture

Calcium superphosphate fertilizer (15.5% P₂O₅) was added at a rate of 100 Kg fed⁻¹ as basal of each plot before ploughing.

Sowing took place on November 18th and 25th in the first and second seasons, respectively. Wheat harvesting was done on 20th April 2012 and 1st May 2013 in both seasons, respectively. The first irrigation was applied at 25 days after sowing and then plants were irrigated every 21 days till the dough stage. The common agricultural practices for growing wheat according to the recommendations of Ministry of Agriculture were followed, except the factors under study.

After wheat harvest, grain and straw yields and N, P and K uptake, Nutrient uptake was calculated as follows: ,

Nutrient element uptake kg fed⁻¹ = Nutrient element % + Yield (kg fed⁻¹) \ 100

Protein yield (kg fed⁻¹.) in the grins was calculated by multiplying N –uptake (kg fed⁻¹.) by 5.75 factor.

Statistical analysis was carried out according to Steel and Torrie (1980) to compare the treatments values.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1- Grain and straw yield

Data presented in Fig (1) and Table (3) showed that wheat varieties were significantly differed in their by grain and straw yield in both 1st and 2nd seasons, Gimmeza 10 variety had the greatest mean value of grain and straw yields followed by, Gimmeza 9, and Sakha 93. Also, data showed that yields were significantly affected by nitrogen combination treatments in both 1st and 2nd seasons and the order of nitrogen combination treatments were as follows: A (100% MN),> B (75% MN + 25% ON.) > C (50% MN + 50% ON.) > D (25% MN + 75% ON.) > E (100% ON.). El-Metwally et al. (2012) found that Sakha 94 and Gimmeza 9 respectively gave the highest grain yield.

Data also showed that the interaction between cultivars and nitrogen combination treatments had a significant effect on grain and straw yield in both 1st and 2nd seasons. Data presented in Table 3 and Fig. 1 showed that, the highest values of grain yield (2.651 and 2.732 Mg fed⁻¹) and straw yield (3.557 and 3.681 Mg fed⁻¹) were obtained when Gemmiza 10 cultivar revived (A=100% MN) 90 kg N fed⁻¹ in the first and second seasons, respectively. Also, data in Table 3 showed that no significant effect between A (100 MN) and B (100% MN + 25% ON.) for both grain and straw yield at 2012/2013 season and grain yield for 2013/2014 season for Sakha

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93 variety only. So, it may be saved 25% inorganic nitrogen when applying it as compost. The previous results may be refer to the combination of compost with inorganic nitrogen fertilization further enhanced the biomass, therefore increasing in wheat yield. The similar results were obtained with (Mahmoud et al., 2006 and Abedi, et al., 2010).

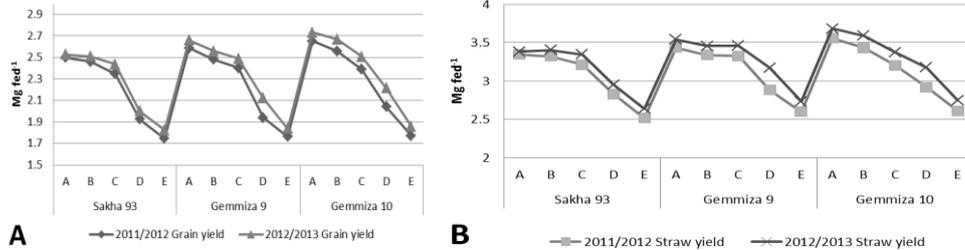


Fig. 1: Effect of combination between organic and inorganic nitrogen fertilizers on grain (A) and straw yield (B) (Mg fed⁻¹) for some wheat varieties in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Table (3): Grain and straw yield (Mg fed⁻¹) as affected by varieties and nitrogen and compost combination applications during the seasons 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

Treatment		2012/2013		2013/2014	
Varieties	Minr.*Org.	Grain Yield	Straw Yield	Grain Yield	Straw Yield
Sakha 93	A	2.50	3.35	2.53	3.38
	B	2.46	3.32	2.51	3.40
	C	2.35	3.21	2.44	3.35
	D	1.93	2.83	2.00	2.95
	E	1.75	2.52	1.82	2.64
Gemmiza 9	A	2.59	3.43	2.66	3.54
	B	2.48	3.34	2.56	3.46
	C	2.40	3.33	2.49	3.46
	D	1.94	2.88	2.13	3.17
	E	1.76	2.60	1.84	2.73
Gemmiza 10	A	2.65	3.56	2.73	3.68
	B	2.56	3.43	2.67	3.59
	C	2.39	3.20	2.51	3.37
	D	2.04	2.92	2.21	3.18
	E	1.77	2.61	1.86	2.75
F		**	**	**	**
LSD 5%		0.039	0.049	0.030	0.018
LSD 1%		0.054	0.062	0.047	0.024
F	Varieties	**	**	**	**
	Minr.*Org.	**	**	**	**

*Significant at 5% level. ** Significant at 1% level.
 A= 100%MN B=75%MN+25% ON.C= 50%MN + 50% ON. D= 25%MN + 75% ON. E= 100% ON.

MN= Inorganic nitrogen ON. = Organic Nitrogen as Compost.

Nitrogen uptake in wheat grain and straw (kg N fed⁻¹).

Data presented in Fig (2) and Table (4) show that nitrogen uptake was significantly affected in both wheat grain and straw (total nitrogen removed by the crop from the soil in grain and straw) in both seasons by wheat varieties. Gimmeza 10 variety had the greatest mean value of N uptake in both grain and straw followed by, Gimmeza 9, and Sakha 93. There was significant increase in N uptake in wheat grain and straw in both seasons, by nitrogen combination treatments, the highest mean values of N uptake in grains and straw in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons were recorded with A (100% MN), B (75% MN + 25% ON.), C (50% MN + 50% ON.), D (25% MN + 75% ON.) and E (100% ON.), respectively. Also, data in Fig (2) and Table (4) showed that the interaction between cultivars and nitrogen combination treatments was significant on N uptake in both wheat grain and straw in both seasons. The greatest values of N uptake for wheat grains and straw in both seasons, were obtained with Gemmiza 10 variety and Gemmiza 9 respectively when using treatments (A=100% MN) 90 kg N fed⁻¹. These increases in N uptake values in grain and straw yield could be due to compost fertilization that has a high nutritional value, with high concentrations of especially nitrogen and to improving physical and chemical soil properties. These results agree with those obtained by (Mahmoud et al., 2006 and El-Hamdi et al., 2012).

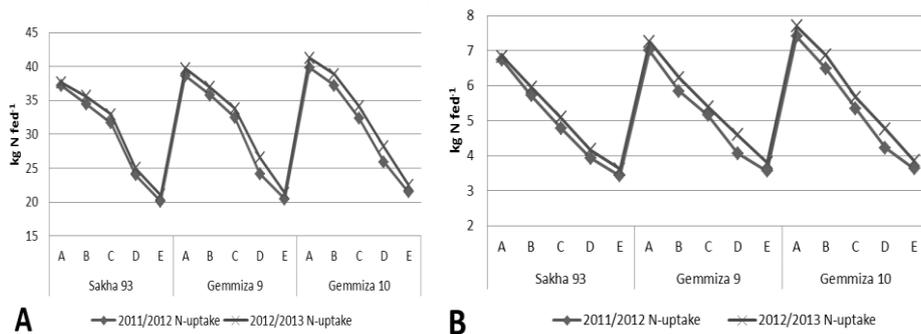


Fig. 2: Effect of combination between compost and inorganic nitrogen fertilizers on Nitrogen Uptake in grain (A) and straw (B) (kg N fed⁻¹) for some wheat varieties in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Phosphorus uptake in wheat grains and straw (kg P fed⁻¹).

Data in Fig (3) and Table (5) show significant increase in phosphor uptake in both wheat grain and straw (total phosphor removed by the crop from the soil in grain and straw) in both seasons by wheat varieties. Also, as in previous variables, Gimmeza 10 variety had the greatest mean value of P uptake in both grain and straw followed by, Gimmeza 9, and Sakha 93. Also, there was significant increment in P uptake in wheat grain and straw in both seasons, by nitrogen combination treatments, the greatest mean values of P uptake in grains and straw in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons were recorded with A (100% MN), B (75% MN + 25% ON.), C (50% MN + 50% ON.), D (25% MN + 75% ON.) and E (100% ON.), respectively.

Table (4): Nitrogen uptake (kg N fed⁻¹) in grain and straw as affected by varieties and nitrogen and compost combination applications during the seasons 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

Treatment		2012/2013		2013/2014	
Varieties	Minr.*Org.	Grain	Straw	Grain	Straw
Sakha 93	A	37.22	6.72	37.66	6.83
	B	34.44	5.71	35.63	5.95
	C	31.68	4.79	32.94	5.09
	D	23.99	3.93	24.95	4.17
	E	20.09	3.42	21.02	3.62
Gemmiza 9	A	38.61	7.00	39.70	7.26
	B	35.78	5.84	36.94	6.22
	C	32.48	5.15	33.78	5.40
	D	24.17	4.07	26.54	4.60
	E	20.40	3.56	21.31	3.80
Gemmiza 10	A	39.85	7.40	41.25	7.69
	B	37.18	6.48	38.82	6.86
	C	32.36	5.35	34.11	5.67
	D	25.91	4.23	28.13	4.76
	E	21.44	3.63	22.51	3.85
F		**	**	**	**
LSD 5%		0.497	0.164	0.395	0.146
LSD 1%		0.553	0.224	0.451	0.247
F	Varieties	**	**	**	**
	Minr.*Org.	**	**	**	**

*Significant at 5% level. ** Significant at 1% level.
 A=100%MN B=75%MN +25% ON. C=50%MN + 50% ON. D= 25%MN + 75% ON. E= 100% ON.
 MN= Inorganic nitrogen ON. = Organic Nitrogen as Compost.

Data also in Fig (3) and Table (5) show that the interaction between cultivars and nitrogen combination treatments was significant on P uptake in wheat grain in 2012/2013 season and in wheat straw in 2013/2014 seasons and but effect was observed no significant on p uptake in wheat grain in 2012/2013 seasons and in wheat straw in 2013/2014 season. The greatest values of P uptake for wheat grains and straw in both seasons, were obtained with variety of Gemmiza 10 and Gemmiza 9 respectively when grown with (A=100% MN) 90 kg N fed-1. Mahmoud et al., 2006 was found similar results for this variance.

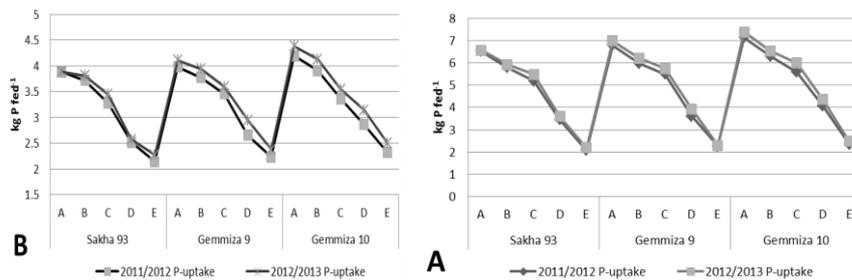


Fig. (3): Effect of combination between compost and inorganic nitrogen fertilizers on Phosphorus Uptake in grain (A) and straw (B) (kg N fed⁻¹) for some wheat varieties in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons

Table(5): Phosphorus uptake (kg P fed⁻¹) in grain and straw as affected by the interaction between varieties and nitrogen and compost combination treatments during 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Treatment		2012/2013		2013/2014	
Varieties	Minr.*Org.	Grain	Straw	Grain	Straw
Sakha 93	A	6.52	3.88	6.57	3.89
	B	5.79	3.72	5.93	3.81
	C	5.19	3.28	5.48	3.45
	D	3.45	2.52	3.60	2.57
	E	2.08	2.14	2.19	2.27
Gemmiza 9	A	6.78	3.98	6.99	4.11
	B	5.98	3.77	6.22	3.94
	C	5.50	3.46	5.75	3.60
	D	3.61	2.65	3.93	2.95
	E	2.26	2.23	2.30	2.38
Gemmiza 10	A	7.13	4.20	7.38	4.38
	B	6.30	3.91	6.54	4.13
	C	5.59	3.36	5.99	3.54
	D	4.06	2.86	4.36	3.14
	E	2.36	2.32	2.49	2.50
F		**	Ns	Ns	**
LSD 5%		0.064	1.896	0.251	0.119
LSD 1%		0.079	2.012	0.344	0.167
F	Varieties	**	Ns	**	**
	Minr.*Org.	**	*	**	**

*Significant at 5% level. ** Significant at 1% level.

A=100%MN B=75%MN+25% ON. C= 50%MN + 50% ON. D= 25%MN + 75% ON. E= 100% ON.

MN= Inorganic nitrogen ON. = Organic Nitrogen as Compost.

Potassium uptake in wheat grain and straw (kg K fed⁻¹).

Data presented in Fig (4) and Table (6) show that potassium uptake (total potassium removed by the crop from the soil in grain and straw) significantly increase in both wheat grain and straw in both seasons by wheat varieties. The greatest mean value of K uptake in both grain and straw were obtained with Gimmeza 10 variety followed by, Gimmeza 9, and Sakha 93. There was significant increment in K uptake in wheat grain and straw in both 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons, by nitrogen combination treatments, the highest mean values of N uptake in grains and straw in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons were recorded with A (100% MN), B (75% MN + 25% ON.), C (50% MN + 50% ON.), D (25% MN + 75% ON.) and E (100% ON.), respectively.

Data in Fig (4) and Table (6) show that interaction effect between cultivars and nitrogen combination treatments was significant on K uptake in wheat grain in 2011/2012 season and in straw in 2012/2013 season. Data also showed that the previous interaction was significant at 5% on K uptake in wheat grain in 2013/2014 season, and it was not significant in wheat straw in 2012/2013 season. The greatest values of K uptake for wheat grains and straw in both seasons, were obtained with variety Gemmiza 10 and Gemmiza 9

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respectively when grown with (A=100% MN) 90 kg N fed-1. These results are in line with those obtained by Mahmoud et al., (2006) ; Antoun, and Linda et al., (2010).

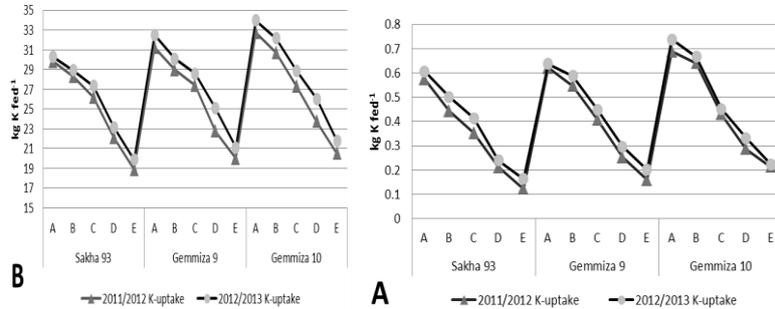


Fig. (4): Effect of combination between compost and inorganic nitrogen fertilizers on potassium uptake in grain (A) and straw (B) (kg N fed⁻¹) for some wheat varieties in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Table(6): Potassium uptake (kg fed⁻¹) in grain and straw as affected by the interaction between varieties and nitrogen and compost combination treatments during 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Treatment		2012/2013		2013/2014	
Varieties	Minr.*Org.	Grain	Straw	Grain	Straw
Sakha 93	A	0.58	29.77	0.61	30.27
	B	0.44	28.27	0.50	28.92
	C	0.35	26.18	0.41	27.34
	D	0.21	22.11	0.24	23.16
	E	0.12	18.84	0.16	19.89
Gemmiza 9	A	0.62	31.21	0.64	32.52
	B	0.55	28.94	0.59	30.10
	C	0.41	27.37	0.45	28.58
	D	0.25	22.75	0.30	25.08
	E	0.16	19.98	0.20	21.10
Gemmiza 10	A	0.69	32.72	0.74	33.98
	B	0.64	30.70	0.67	32.18
	C	0.43	27.28	0.45	28.88
	D	0.29	23.72	0.33	26.04
	E	0.21	20.49	0.22	21.75
F		**	Ns	*	**
LSD 5%		0.020	1.551	0.050	0.193
LSD 1%		0.037	1.899	0.071	0.234
F	Varieties	**	*	**	**
	Minr.*Org.	**	**	**	**

*Significant at 5% level. ** Significant at 1% level.

A= 100%MN B=75%MN+25% ON. C= 50%MN + 50% ON. D= 25%MN + 75% ON.

E= 100% ON.

MN= Inorganic nitrogen ON. = Organic Nitrogen as Compost.

Protein Yield (Kgfed⁻¹):

Results presented in Table (7) show that protein yield (Kgfed-1.) in wheat grains in all wheat varieties was increased by increasing N. fertilization levels up to 90 Kg N. fed-1. It was noticed that the maximum value of protein yield was 229

Kg fed-1. A relative increase of 86 %, were attained by the addition of 100% inorganic nitrogen (90 Kg N.fed-1.), while the lowest one (115.5 Kg fed-1), was obtained in Sakha 93 variety by applying 100% organic nitrogen.

The protein yield (Kg fed-1.) for wheat varieties can be arranged descendingly as follow :

G10 > G9 > Sakha 93 , while the protein yield (Kg fed-1. for all treatments can be arranged descendingly as follow : A > B > C > D > E. The same trend was observed in the second season either with wheat variety or with other treatments.

Table(7): Effect of the interaction between varieties and nitrogen and compost combination treatments on Protein Yield during 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Treatment		2012/2013		2013/2014	
Varieties	Minr.*Org.	Protein Yield		Protein Yield	
Sakha 93	A	214.0		216.5	
	B	198.0		204.8	
	C	183.3		189.3	
	D	137.9		143.5	
	E	115.5		121.3	
Gemmiza 9	A	222.0		228.2	
	B	205.7		212.3	
	C	186.7		194.2	
	D	138.9		152.5	
	E	117.2		122.5	
Gemmiza 10	A	229.1		237.2	
	B	213.8		223.2	
	C	186.0		196.1	
	D	149.0		161.7	
	E	123.2		129.4	
F		**		Ns	
LSD 5%		0.064		0.251	
LSD 1%		0.079		0.344	
F	Varieties	**		**	
	Minr.*Org.	**		**	

*Significant at 5% level.

** Significant at 1% level.

A=100%MN B=75%MN+25% ON. C= 50%MN + 50% ON. D= 25%MN + 75% ON. E= 100% ON.

MN= Inorganic nitrogen ON. = Organic Nitrogen as Compost.

G\S ratio (Grain \ Straw percentage) :

Data presented in Table (8) indicate significant differences in grain \ straw percentage among the studied wheat varieties and different treatments. The G\S ratio was influenced by the interaction between mineral nitrogen and organic N and wheat varieties. The G\S ratio decreased by increasing the application rate of organic nitrogen, where Gammiza 10 variety surpassed all other varieties. The same trend was observed in treatments where A treatment surpassed all other treatments. G\S ratio can be arranged descendingly as

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follows : A > B > C > D > E. The same trend was observed in the second season either with wheat variety or with treatments.

Table (8): Effect of the interaction between varieties and nitrogen and compost combination treatments on Crop index(G\S ratio) during the seasons 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

Treatment		2012/2013		2013/2014
Varieties	Minr.*Org.	Crop index		Crop index
Sakha 93	A	0.75		0.74
	B	0.74		0.64
	C	0.73		0.73
	D	0.67		0.68
	E	0.68		0.69
Gemmiza 9	A	0.75		0.75
	B	0.75		0.74
	C	0.73		0.72
	D	0.67		0.67
	E	0.68		0.67
Gemmiza 10	A	0.75		0.74
	B	0.75		0.74
	C	0.74		0.74
	D	0.67		0.70
	E	0.68		0.68
F		**		Ns
LSD 5%		0.064		0.251
LSD 1%		0.079		0.344
F	Varieties	**		**
	Minr.*Org.	**		**

*Significant at 5% level. ** Significant at 1% level.

A=100%MN B=75%MN+25% ON. C= 50%MN + 50% ON. D= 25%MN + 75% ON. E= 100% ON.

MN= Inorganic nitrogen ON. = Organic Nitrogen as Compost.

Harvest index :

Harvest index of wheat production as affected by the studied treatments is shown in Table (9). The lower mean values were noticed for the sakha 93 variety, while the highest mean values were obtained for Gammiza 10 variety. Results also indicated that the addition of 100% inorganic nitrogen gave the maximum value where the relative increase reach 8.17 % in comparision with E treatment. The relative increase for all treatments can be arranged descendingly as fallow : A > B > C > D > E. The same trend was observed in the second season either with wheat variety or with treatments.

Table(9): Effect of the interaction between varieties and nitrogen and compost combination treatments on harvest index during 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Treatment		2012/2013		2013/2014	
Varieties	Minr.*Org.	Harvest index	Relative increase (%)	Harvest index	Relative increase (%)
Sakha 93	A	42.8	6.20	42.8	4.90
	B	42.6	5.71	42.5	4.17
	C	42.2	4.71	42.1	3.19
	D	40.5	0.50	40.4	0.25
	E	40.3	-----	40.8	-----
Gemmiza 9	A	43.0	6.43	42.9	6.72
	B	42.7	5.69	42.5	5.72
	C	41.9	3.71	41.8	3.98
	D	41.5	2.72	40.1	2.99
	E	40.4	-----	40.2	-----
Gemmiza 10	A	43.7	8.17	43.0	6.97
	B	42.7	5.69	42.6	5.97
	C	42.7	5.69	42.6	5.97
	D	41.6	2.97	41.1	2.24
	E	40.4	-----	40.2	-----
F		**	Ns	Ns	**
LSD 5%		0.064	1.896	0.251	0.119
LSD 1%		0.079	2.012	0.344	0.167
F	Varieties	**	Ns	**	**
	Minr.*Org.	**	*	**	**

*Significant at 5% level. ** Significant at 1% level.

A=100%MN B=75%MN+25% ON. C= 50%MN + 50% ON. D= 25%MN + 75% ON. E= 100% ON.

MN= Inorganic nitrogen ON. = Organic Nitrogen as Compost.

Soil salinity (ECe) and pH.

The movement of soluble salts in soil depends mainly on its texture, structure, total porosity and permeability. Data in Table (10) show the values of ECe and pH of the studied soil as influenced by treatments (A,B,C , D and E). Data indicated that the mean values of soil ECe and soil pH after harvesting for two seasons decreased with increasing organic fertilizer application.

Table(10): Soil pH ,Electrical conductivity (ECe),Bulk density(B.D) and Hydraulic Conductivity (K) as affected by the studied after harvesting two seasons (combined analysis).

Treatments	EC(dSm ⁻¹)	PH (1- 2.5)	B.D(Mg m ⁻¹)	K(cmh ⁻¹)
A	2.41	8.1	1.41	0.85
B	2.38	7.91	1.38	1.23
C	2.35	7.86	1.34	1.28
D	2.30	7.82	1.30	1.31
E	2.25	7.80	1.28	1.33

Soil bulk density.

It is well known that soil bulk density is mostly affected by soil structure. Mean values of soil bulk density (Mgm^{-3}) after wheat harvesting are presented in Table (10). Data revealed that increasing the applied rate of organic N. treatments to the soil reduce of the values of soil bulk density, and consequently caused an increase in hydraulic conductivity. The efficiency of the studied treatments on reducing the values of bulk density could be arranged in the following ascending order: $E > D > C > B > A$. These results may be attributed to the addition of organic matter which enhanced the formation of large soil aggregates. These results are in agreement with Mansour et.al. (2011).

Hydraulic conductivity (HC).

Data in Table (10) revealed that the values of soil hydraulic conductivity increased with the previous organic treatments (B, C, D and E), as compared with the A treatment. The hydraulic conductivity were increased from 0.85 cm h^{-1} in the A treatment to 1.33 cm h^{-1} in E treatment, The treatments could be arranged in the following ascending order : $A < B < C < D < E$ this may be attributed to the effect of organic treatments increasing the micro pores and decreasing the macro pores. Similar results were obtained by Mansour (2007) and Mariano et al., (2009)

CONCLUSION

Based on the aforementioned discussion, It could be concluded that applying 75% inorganic nitrogen ($67.5 \text{ kg N fed}^{-1}$) with 25% compost ($22.5 \text{ kg N fed}^{-1}$) could produce economic wheat grain and straw yields for Sakha 93 in particular, as well as improved soil properties i.e. increased hydraulic conductivity. On the contrary, bulk density, ECe and pH values were decreased.

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تأثير التسميد النيتروجيني المعدنى والعضوى على نمو وانتاجية بعض أصناف القمح وعلى بعض صفات الاراضى بشمال الدلتا

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أجريت تجربتان حقلتان خلال موسمى ٢٠١٢/٢٠١٣ و ٢٠١٣/٢٠١٤ بمحطة التجارب والبحوث الزراعية بالسرو (محافظة دمياط) - مركز البحوث الزراعية لدراسة تأثير معاملات التسميد النيتروجيني المعدنى والعضوى على محصول الحبوب والقش و امتصاص النيتروجين والفسفور والبوتاسيوم فى الحبوب والقش لبعض أصناف القمح. نفذت كل تجربة فى تصميم القطع المنشقة فى ثلاث مكررات. حيث إشملت القطع الرئيسية على أصناف القمح وهى؛ سخا ٩٣ ، جمييزة ٩ وجمييزة ١٠. بينما التحت رئيسية فقد إحتوت على خمسة معاملات للتسميد النيتروجينى المعدنى والعضوى كالتالى؛ (١) - ١٠٠ % نيتروجين معدنى (٩٠ كجم /فدان) ، (٢) - ٧٥ % نيتروجين معدنى (٦٧.٥ كجم/فدان) + ٢٥ % نيتروجين عضوى، (٣) - ٥٠ % نيتروجين معدنى (٤٥.٠ كجم/فدان) + ٥٠ % نيتروجين عضوى، (٤) - ٢٥ % نيتروجين معدنى (٢٢.٥ كجم/فدان) + ٧٥ % نيتروجين عضوى، (٥) - ١٠٠ % نيتروجين عضوى.

تشير النتائج المتحصل عليها على أن أعلى محصول حبوب وقش وكذلك أعلى القسيم لامتصاص عناصر النيتروجين والفسفور والبوتاسيوم فى الحبوب والقش تم الحصول عليها فى أصناف جمييزة ١٠ وجمييزة ٩ وسخا ٩٣ على التوالى وعند استخدام معاملات ١٠٠ % نيتروجين معدنى، ٧٥ % نيتروجين معدنى + ٢٥ % نيتروجين، ٥٠ % نيتروجين معدنى + ٥٠ % نيتروجين عضوى، ٢٥ % نيتروجين معدنى + ٧٥ % نيتروجين عضوى، ١٠٠ % نيتروجين عضوى على التوالى. كما أعطت معاملة ١٠٠ % نيتروجين معدنى مع صنف جمييزة ١٠ أعلى النتائج فى كل من محصول الحبوب والقش وكذلك امتصاص عناصر النيتروجين والفسفور والبوتاسيوم. أيضا استخدام ٧٥ % نيتروجين معدنى + ٢٥ % نيتروجين عضوى أعطت محصول اقتصادى مع صنف سخا ٩٣ فقط. لذلك يمكن توفير ٢٥ % نيتروجين معدنى والتى تمثل ٥ ، ٢٢ كجم من النتروجين المضاف للفدان وبذلك يمكن تجنب التلوث البيئى الذى قد تحدثه الاضافه الزائده من السماد الازوتى.

يضاف الى ذلك ان معاملات التسميد العضوى ادت الى تحسن فى بعض خواص التربيه مثل انخفاض قيم ملوحة وقلوية التربيه وكذلك الكثافه الظاهريه لها وزيادة معامل التوصيل الهيدروليكى.