

# Effect of Addition City Garbage As A Nitrogen Source Either Alone or in Combination with Each Nitrate or Urea on Zaghloul and Samany Date Palm Cultivars

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## ABSTRACT

Field investigation was carried out during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons on Zaghloul and Samany date palm cultivars grown in Alexandria, Egypt to study the effect of different sources of nitrogen namely, city garbage as organic source and urea or ammonium nitrate as chemical sources on yield, fruit quality, and some minerals content on fruits and pinnae, moreover chlorophyll content in pinnae.

Applying 1200 g N/palm/year from city garbage alone or in combination with chemical nitrogen sources improved yield, fruit length and fruit diameter while fruit weight was not affected significantly by the different treatments in both cultivars. TSS and total sugars content were highly when trees fertilized with city garbage in combination with urea for Zaghloul and Samany cultivars. City garbage decreased chlorophyll content in pinnae of Zaghloul and Samany. The highest value was obtained with control (1200 g N/palm/year from ammonium sulphate as well as 10 kg cattle manure) and urea in Zaghloul and Samany, respectively.

Fruit and pinnae mineral content (N, P, K and Mg) was not affected significantly by the different treatments in both cultivars. As for the effect of fertilization treatments on fruit heavy metals, in both study seasons the highest value of cadmium in Zaghloul and Samany fruits were recorded when trees treated with combined urea with city garbage. Concerning fruit lead content the highest concentration was obtained with urea and combined urea with city garbage in Zaghloul and Samany, respectively.

## INTRODUCTION

The date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera* L.) is one of the most important members of the family Palmaceae which provide a staple food for millions of people in arid and semiarid regions of the world. In Egypt, dates are an economically important crop.

With the present uncertainty in the world food supply and the expected increase in demand, the date palm could be a good source of food of high nutritional value. In fact, date fruit is rich in nutrients, and due to its dietetic values it has always been held in high esteem by people. Furthermore, the date palm is one of the greatest producers of food per hectare, and world date production is well over 3 million tons. The date fruit

consists of 70 % carbohydrates (mostly sugars), making it one of the most nourishing natural foods available to man. The water content is between 15 to 30 % depending on the variety and on the maturity stage of the fruit (FAO, 2002).

Application of organic manure minimizes the loss of nutrients by leaching (Balba, 1973). In view of the current world wide shortage of mineral fertilizers and their adverse effect on food production and quality the endeavor to develop efficient techniques of utilizing organic wastes as fertilizers and avoiding the pollution of the environment and fruits caused by using chemical fertilizers as nitrogen sources are urgently needed (Shahein, *et al.* 2003). Zawadzka *et al.*, (1990) reported that artificial fertilizers contain a high concentration of heavy metals, may present a major source of contamination for soil and vegetables.

The present investigation was carried out to study the effect of using city garbage alone (as organic fertilizer) in combination with nitrogen fertilizers on yield, fruit quality and some fruit and pinnae minerals contents of Zaghloul and Samany date palms.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present investigation was conducted during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons on mature palm trees (14 years-old) of Zaghloul and Samany date palm cultivars grown in El-Montazah Garden at Alexandria, Egypt. Six fertilization treatments were carried out for each cultivar (Four replicates in each treatment, and two palms for each replicate).

Each palm tree was supplied with 1200 g N in each season from different sources. City garbage as an organic fertilizer was applied at the last week of November in two holes with 70 cm diameter and 70 cm depth at a distance of 70 cm from the palm trunk on two sides in the first season and on the opposite sides in the second season. Control palms received 1200 gm nitrogen from ammonium sulphate and 10 kg cattle manure as a fertilizer routine for this orchard. Chemical nitrogen fertilizers namely (ammonium nitrate, urea and ammonium sulphate) were added in three equal doses in March, May and July in both experimental seasons. Calcium super phosphate (15.5% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) was added at a

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rate of 1.5 Kg to each palm once yearly at the same time of addition city garbage. Potassium sulphate (48% K<sub>2</sub>O) was added at a rate of (1.5 kg) in two equal doses in March and May. Chemical analysis of city garbage and cattle manure in both seasons was analyzed before used and presented in (Table 1).

**Table 1. Analysis of city garbage and cattle manure in 2006 and 2007 seasons**

Organic source	N	P	K	Mg	Na
2006					
City garbage	0.92	0.39	0.29	0.68	0.43
Cattle manure	1.89	0.73	1.01	0.93	0.32
2007					
City garbage	1.05	0.43	0.38	0.59	0.37
Cattle manure	1.72	0.79	1.07	0.89	0.31

Fruit quality was determined at harvest date (the end of Khalal stage), fruit weight, fruit length and diameter as physical properties. While chemical properties as total sugars and soluble tannins were determined (% on fresh weight basis) according to Dubios *et al.* (1956) and Swain and Hillis (1959), respectively, total soluble solids (TSS %) was determined in fruit juice by hand refractometer.

For determine of leaf and fruit mineral contents (N, P, K and Mg) and some heavy metals in fruits (Pb and Cd) were also done. Twenty pinnae (as a sample) from each experimental palm were collected at mid November in both seasons from the medium part of the five consecutive leaves which less than one year old and located just over the fruiting zone as described by Rizk (1987), while fruit samples were collected at the end of Khalal stage (harvest date at mid of October). Leaf and fruit samples were washed with tap water, and then with distilled water, then were dried at 70 °C in an air drying oven until constant weight 0.3 gm of the ground dried material of each sample was digested in mixture of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for mineral analysis, according to the method described by Evenhuis and Dewaard (1980). Total chlorophyll was measured in pinnae by Minlota chlorophyll meter SPAD.

Total nitrogen and phosphorus were determined calorimetrically according to Evenhuis (1976) and Murphy and Riley (1962), respectively. Potassium was determined by Pertracourt PEP1 Flame Photometer. Magnesium, lead and cadmium were determined by Perkin Elmer Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer Model 305 B, the concentration were expressed as part per million (on dry weight basis).

Soil samples were taken at 0-30 cm, 30-60 cm and 60-90 cm from soil surface orchard for chemical analysis of experiments and the data are shown in (Table 2).

The experiment was designed as Randomized Complete Block Designed (RCBD) and the obtained data was statistically analyzed according to Snedecor and Cochran (1990).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### 1. Fruit physical properties and yield:

The data presented in Tables (3 and 4) showed that all fertilization treatments increased yield as compared with control in both seasons for the two date cultivars. Control treatment in both seasons gave the lowest yield for Zaghoul cultivar and the differences found between this treatment and urea or ammonium nitrate combined with city garbage in the first season, and city garbage alone treatment in the second season, all others treatments in between and no significant differences found among them. City garbage alone tend to increase yield Samany in the first season, while, the differences not big enough to be significant in the second season. In Samany cultivar found that city garbage in the first season increase the yield and the differences were statistically significant. In the second season control and ammonium nitrate combined with city garbage decrease the yield and the differences were statistically significant among them either ammonium nitrate or city garbage alone. Increasing yield due to using of city garbage compared with control or other inorganic nitrogen sources may be due to the effect of organic manures in improving soil properties (Abdel-Nasser, G. and M.M.Harhash 2000), increasing in nutrients content also may be explained on the basis that the organic materials increased the soil water holding capacity which encourage the solubility and consequently the available nutrients (Zaid and Kriem, 1992; El-Kassas *et al.* 1997 and Nassar, 1998).

As for the effect of fertilization treatments on fruit weight the data in Tables (3 and 4) indicated that the differences in fruit weight of Zaghoul cultivar was not big enough to be significant among all fertilization treatments in both experimental seasons, while in Samany cultivar fruit weight was affected with fertilizers, city garbage alone increased fruit weight than that of city garbage in combination with urea or ammonium nitrate and the differences were statistically significant in the first season, while city garbage alone or in combination with urea increased fruit weight in the second season comparing with control.

City garbage alone in the first season or in combination with ammonium nitrate in the second season increased fruit length than that of urea and city garbage combination with ammonium nitrate in the first season and control in the second season for Zaghoul cultivar, however, in Samany city garbage alone or in

**Table 2. Soil analysis of the experimental orchard**

Soil Depth	Parameters	pH	EC ds/m	Na <sup>+</sup> meq/L	Ca <sup>++</sup> meq/L	Mg <sup>++</sup> meq/L	Cl <sup>-</sup> meq/L	K meq/L
0-30 Cm		7.87	0.73	2.76	2.97	1.0	3.99	0.223
30-60 Cm		7.92	0.42	1.14	1.74	0.6	1.49	0.157
60-90 Cm		7.81	0.44	1.81	1.70	1.0	2.24	0.142

combined with urea in the first season and second season, respectively detected to increase fruit length than that of ammonium nitrate either alone or combined with city garbage and urea combined with city garbage in the first season and urea alone and ammonium nitrate either alone or combined with city garbage in the second seasons and the differences were statistically significant (Tables 3 and 4).

Concerning the fruit diameter, the data in Tables (3 and 4) showed that control treatment and urea in combination with city garbage in the first and second seasons, respectively gave the lowest average for fruit diameter in Zaghoul cultivar and the differences were significant between Control and urea combined with city garbage in the first season, and between city garbage alone and the combination of urea and city garbage in the second season. While control, urea alone and city

**Table 3. Effect of fertilization treatments on some fruit physical properties and yield for Zaghoul cultivar during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons**

Treatment	Yield (kg/palm)	Fruit weight (gm)	Fruit length (cm)	Fruit diameter (cm)
<b>2006/2007</b>				
Control	94.33b	25.11a	5.72ab	2.39b
Urea	109.15ab	25.15a	5.65b	2.44ab
Ammonium nitrate	110.68ab	26.10a	5.79ab	2.48ab
1/2 u + 1/2 city	127.258a	26.20a	5.74ab	2.49a
1/2 A + 1/2 city	123.25a	25.03a	5.58b	2.44ab
City garbage	111.75ab	27.65a	6.02a	2.48ab
<b>2007/2008</b>				
Control	123.71b	30.88a	5.95b	2.78ab
Urea	135.86ab	32.18a	6.18ab	2.75ab
Ammonium nitrate	126.38ab	34.20a	6.13ab	2.83a
1/2 u + 1/2 city	128.68ab	31.30a	6.00ab	2.65b
1/2 A + 1/2 city	131.37ab	33.10a	6.28a	2.75ab
City garbage	141.80a	33.28a	6.13ab	2.83a

Values with the same letter(s) in each column are not significantly differed at 0.05 level

**Table 4. Effect of fertilization treatments on some fruit physical properties and yield for Samany cultivar during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons**

Treatment	Fruit weight (gm)	Fruit length (cm)	Fruit diameter (cm)	Yield (kg/palm)
<b>2006/2007</b>				
Control	28.02ab	4.89ab	3.02ab	104.70c
Urea	27.10ab	4.79ab	2.99abc	118.25b
Ammonium nitrate	26.85ab	4.64b	2.94bc	110.75bc
1/2 u + 1/2 city	26.22b	4.75b	2.87c	111.25bc
1/2 A + 1/2 city	25.40b	4.74b	2.91bc	121.58b
City garbage	29.98a	5.05a	3.09a	135.75a
<b>2007/2008</b>				
Control	29.58b	5.18abc	3.03b	128.20c
Urea	31.48ab	5.15bc	3.13ab	149.80abc
Ammonium nitrate	30.70ab	5.08c	3.10ab	168.50a
1/2 u + 1/2 city	32.95a	5.35a	3.25a	153.20ab
1/2 A + 1/2 city	30.45ab	5.10c	3.03b	134.5bc
City garbage	32.75a	5.30ab	3.15ab	161.30a

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garbage alone gave the highest value in the first season and the differences were be significant between them and urea in combination with city garbage, but control and ammonium nitrate in combination with city garbage in the second season gave the lowest values and the differences were be statistically significant among them and all remaining treatments for Samany cultivar. These findings are in harmony with found by Hussein *et al.* (1992) and Sourour *et al.* (1998).

## 2. Fruit chemical properties and pinnae total chlorophyll:

Effect for fertilization treatments on some chemical properties are listed in Tables (5 and 6) for Zaghoul and Samany fruits. The data showed that total soluble solids were high in control as compared with other treatments for Zaghoul in the first season. For Samany cultivar, the data revealed that, all treatments increased fruit TSS as compared with control in both seasons and the differences were significant in most fertilization treatments. These results are not agreed completely with those found by Bach and Abo-Hassan (1983) they showed that chemical fertilizers plus organic manure decreased the total soluble solids in Khudari fruit as compared with the addition of organic manure only.

As for total sugar, the data in Tables (5 and 6) indicated that city garbage fertilization treatment decreased total sugar for Zaghoul and Samany fruits in both seasons and the differences were statistically significant between this treatment and most of the other treatments. These findings are in line by those found by Aly, Hoda (2003) she found that the palm trees fertilized by town refuse plus urea had a significant

higher percentage of total sugars as compared with that fertilized with town refuse alone.

Regarding the effect of fertilization treatments on soluble tannin the data indicated that city garbage in both seasons in addition the control in the first season increased soluble tannin for Zaghoul fruits and the differences were statistically significant among these treatment and some of the other treatments, while in Samany city garbage treatment decreased soluble tannin and the differences were statistically significant between this treatment and (1/2 urea + 1/2 city garbage) treatment, but in the second season no significant difference was found among all treatments. The data of the second season agreed with those found by Mahmoud (2001) who found that there were no significant differences among the studied nitrogen forms for their effects on tannin percentage of Zaghoul and Samany cultivars.

Concerning the total chlorophyll in pinnae the data indicated that control gave the highest value for Zaghoul cultivar, while urea treatment increased total chlorophyll for Samany cultivar in both experimental seasons and the differences were statistically significant among this treatment and most of the other treatments. These different levels of chlorophyll concentration would seem to be correlated with the differences in nitrogen availability between the nitrogen forms in which the treatments. These results coincided with those obtained by Tam and Magistad (1935) who found that the chlorophyll levels in the plots receiving no nitrogen were high in on pineapple plants.

**Table 5. Effect of fertilization treatments on some fruit chemical properties and pinnae total chlorophyll (% on fresh weight basis) for Zaghoul cultivar during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons**

Treatment	TSS	Total sugar	Soluble tannin	Total chlorophyll
<b>2006/2007</b>				
Control	25.75a	34.60a	0.099a	68.53a
Urea	19.50c	32.30a	0.081ab	66.25b
Ammonium nitrate	21.00bc	33.00a	0.075b	67.40ab
1/2 u + 1/2 city	23.50ab	34.75a	0.077b	66.28b
1/2 A + 1/2 city	20.50bc	31.25ab	0.084ab	65.22bc
City garbage	18.38c	26.40b	0.102a	63.75c
<b>2007/2008</b>				
Control	22.42a	29.60ab	0.085ab	68.60a
Urea	19.50a	31.24ab	0.076b	66.30abc
Ammonium nitrate	21.00a	32.99a	0.082b	67.82ab
1/2 u + 1/2 city	22.66a	33.52a	0.087ab	65.40bc
1/2 A + 1/2 city	19.92a	29.79ab	0.092ab	64.10c
City garbage	19.17a	26.51b	0.102a	64.28c

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**Table 6. Effect of fertilization treatments on some fruit chemical properties and pinnae total chlorophyll (% on fresh weight basis) for Samany cultivar during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons**

Treatment	TSS	Total sugar	Soluble tannin	Total chlorophyll
	2006/2007			
Control	20.00b	24.94d	0.111ab	72.93ab
Urea	24.63a	33.65b	0.123ab	76.05a
Ammonium nitrate	24.38a	30.79bc	0.114ab	72.25b
1/2 u + 1/2 city	25.0a	37.36a	0.128a	73.65ab
1/2 A + 1/2 city	23.63a	30.34bc	0.110ab	74.18ab
City garbage	23.88a	29.07c	0.102b	72.63ab
2007/2008				
Control	21.00b	26.88bc	0.106a	73.53abc
Urea	24.50a	35.53a	0.108a	76.68a
Ammonium nitrate	22.25ab	31.38ab	0.106a	72.90bc
1/2 u + 1/2 city	24.00a	33.53a	0.121a	73.00bc
1/2 A + 1/2 city	24.00a	33.52a	0.106a	74.80ab
City garbage	23.00ab	25.09c	0.102a	71.40c

Values with the same letter (s) in each column are not significantly differed at 0.05 level

### 3. Fruit minerals content:

The statistical analysis of the collected data indicated that fertilization types increased nitrogen content in fruits than that of control and the differences were statistically significant among those treatments in both experimental seasons, except urea treatment in the second season where no significant differences were found between them for Zaghoul cultivar (Tables 7 and 8). In Samany cultivar, ammonium nitrate recorded the highest value for nitrogen fruit content in the first season and the significant found among it and all other treatments except control and urea treatments, while in the second no significant differences among values associated with all of the field treatments were observed. For the Samany in the first season may be due to that nitrogen is more available to absorb from artificial fertilizers than that from city garbage fertilizers which needs a period for decomposition in soil to become available for the plants.. However, Mikkelsen *et al.*, (1995) stated that organic manure must be mineralized before it can be used by plants. Nitrogen mineralization is a complicated microbial process that is affected by many factors such as soil aeration, temperature, moisture and manure composition.

There were no significant differences among phosphorus values associated with all treatments in the first season for Zaghoul cultivar and in Samany for both experimental seasons. Control treatment in Zaghoul cultivar recorded the highest value for second season and the differences were statistically significant among this treatment and all other treatments except ammonium nitrate combined with city garbage

treatment (Tables 7 & 8). As for Samany cultivar the data indicated that all treatments did not affect fruit phosphorus content in both seasons.. These results agreed with those reported by Basha and Abo-Hassan (1983) and Salem and Mousa (1989b), on Some date palm cultivar, they reported that the flesh content of phosphorus not affected by nitrogen applications.

Regarding the effect of fertilization treatments on fruit potassium content the data of the first season indicated that control gave the highest value and the differences were statistically significant between this treatment and city garbage for Zaghoul cultivar and (1/2 urea + 1/2 city garbage) treatment for Samany cultivar, but in the second season for both cultivars there were no significant differences among values produced by all the treatments. The data of the second seasons in both cultivars are in line with those found by Hoda, Aly (2003) who found that there were no significant differences in Samany fruit content of potassium among the different organic and inorganic and combined nitrogen fertilizers.

The data also revealed that, there were no significant differences among values produced by all treatments for fruit magnesium content on Zaghoul cultivar in the first season, while in the second season urea treatment recorded the highest value and the differences were statistically significant between this treatment and city garbage treatment only. Samany cultivar statistical analysis of the first season data showed that control treatment produced a highest value for fruit magnesium content and the differences were statistically significant among this treatment and all

other treatments, while in the second season no significant differences were found among all treatments.

**Table 7. Effect of fertilization treatments on some minerals content (% on dry weight basis) on fruits for Zaghloul cultivar during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons**

Treatment	N	P	K	Mg
Control	0.52b	0.097a	0.49a	0.38a
Urea	0.72a	0.090a	0.49ab	0.38a
Ammonium nitrate	0.67a	0.096a	0.47ab	0.36a
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.63a	0.088a	0.46ab	0.40a
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.60a	0.087a	0.46ab	0.36a
City garbage	0.72a	0.086a	0.44b	0.34a
2007/2008				
Control	0.41b	0.103a	0.47a	0.38ab
Urea	0.43ab	0.090b	0.48a	0.39a
Ammonium nitrate	0.47a	0.084b	0.47a	0.35ab
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.47a	0.086b	0.46a	0.34ab
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.47a	0.093ab	0.46a	0.34ab
City garbage	0.47a	0.082b	0.45a	0.34b

Values with the same letter(s) in each column are not significantly differed at 0.05 level

**Table 8. Effect of fertilization treatments on some minerals (% on dry weight basis) content on fruits for Samany cultivar during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons**

Treatment	N	P	K	Mg
Control	0.46ab	0.115a	0.52a	0.37a
Urea	0.46ab	0.109a	0.50ab	0.30b
Ammonium nitrate	0.49a	0.103a	0.50ab	0.31b
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.44bc	0.108a	0.49b	0.31b
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.40c	0.105a	0.50ab	0.33b
City garbage	0.42bc	0.108a	0.49ab	0.31b
2007/2008				
Control	0.49a	0.102a	0.52a	0.35a
Urea	0.55a	0.096a	0.51a	0.30a
Ammonium nitrate	0.53a	0.103a	0.51a	0.34a
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.50a	0.099a	0.51a	0.30a
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.49a	0.105a	0.51a	0.37a
City garbage	0.52a	0.099a	0.51a	0.31a

Values with the same letter(s) in each column are not significantly differed at 0.05 level

#### 4. Pinnae minerals content:

As for the effect of different fertilization treatments on pinnae minerals content the data in Tables (9 and 10) showed that nitrogen content not affected with fertilization for Zaghloul cultivar in both experimental

seasons and Samany cultivar in the second season but in the first season fertilizer with urea alone and city garbage alone gave the highest value for nitrogen comparing with (1/2 urea + 1/2 city garbage) and the

**Table 9. Effect of fertilization treatments on some mineral content (% on dry weight basis) on pinnae for Zaghloul cultivar during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons**

Treatment	N	P	K	Mg
Control	0.80a	0.160a	0.52a	0.53ab
Urea	0.84a	0.144b	0.51a	0.54ab
Ammonium nitrate	0.69a	0.148ab	0.52a	0.52b
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.75a	0.156ab	0.51a	0.55a
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.66a	0.156ab	0.49a	0.53ab
City garbage	0.94a	0.153ab	0.51a	0.55a
2007/2008				
Control	0.42a	0.160a	0.52a	0.53ab
Urea	0.48a	0.157a	0.51ab	0.55a
Ammonium nitrate	0.57a	0.151a	0.50b	0.52b
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.57a	0.157a	0.50b	0.54ab
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.45a	0.156a	0.50b	0.52b
City garbage	0.59a	0.150a	0.51ab	0.55a

Values with the same letter(s) in each column are not significantly differed at 0.05 levels.

**Table 10. Effect of fertilization treatments on some minerals content (% on dry weight basis) on pinnae for Samany cultivar during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons**

Treatment	N	P	K	Mg
	2006/2007			
Control	0.93ab	0.120a	0.53a	0.53a
Urea	1.00a	0.114a	0.52a	0.54a
Ammonium nitrate	0.88ab	0.121a	0.51a	0.55a
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.81b	0.122a	0.50a	0.54a
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.87ab	0.117a	0.51a	0.54a
City garbage	0.98a	0.124a	0.51a	0.55a
2007/2008				
Control	0.72a	0.119a	0.52a	0.53a
Urea	0.73a	0.125a	0.52a	0.53a
Ammonium nitrate	0.72a	0.125a	0.49bc	0.54a
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.76a	0.125a	0.49b	0.55a
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.89a	0.119a	0.51ab	0.54a
City garbage	0.71a	0.115a	0.46c	0.55a

Values with the same letter(s) in each column are not significantly differed at 0.05 level

differences were statistically significant. These results are in agreement with those of Harhash and Abdel-Nasser (2000) who reported that the increase of petiole nitrogen content of flame seedless grapevines as a result of inorganic fertilization alone may be due to the higher uptake of nutrients under such conditions.

Concerning for the phosphorus content no significant differences were found for Zaghoul cultivar in the second season and Samany cultivar in both seasons. Control gave the highest value of phosphorus for Zaghoul cultivar in the first season comparing with urea treatment and the differences were statistically significant. These results in Zaghoul cultivar may be due to the stimulation effect of  $\text{NH}_4$  cation in intake of

some anions such as phosphate as shown by Neilsen and McDonald (1978).

All treatments not affect potassium content for both cultivars in the first season only but in the second season control for Zaghoul and control and urea in Samany gave high value and the differences were significant with most remaining treatments. These results agreed with those obtained by Hoda, Aly (2003) she reported that pinnae content of potassium tend to be higher in urea treatment than that of other treatments. Regarding the magnesium content, no constant trend were appeared for Zaghoul cultivar and the differences were significant for most treatments, but for Samany cultivar no significant differences were found in both seasons.

**Table 11. Effect of fertilization treatments on some heavy metals (ppm on dry weight basis) on fruits for Zaghoul and Samany cultivars during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 seasons**

Treatment	Pb	Cd	Pb	Cd
	2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Zaghoul			
Control	0.67bc	0.051b	0.79bc	0.035b
Urea	0.87a	0.041c	0.93a	0.035b
Ammonium nitrate	0.78abc	0.031d	0.92a	0.040b
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.68bc	0.061a	0.85b	0.050a
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.60c	0.044c	0.77c	0.040b
City garbage	0.67c	0.047bc	0.67d	0.040b
Samany				
Control	0.82c	0.050bc	0.86a	0.040c
Urea	0.86bc	0.045cd	0.87a	0.050a
Ammonium nitrate	0.84bc	0.048c	0.84a	0.043bc
1/2 u + 1/2 city	0.93a	0.060a	0.92a	0.050a
1/2 A + 1/2 city	0.90ab	0.055ab	1.03a	0.047ab
City garbage	0.88ab	0.040d	0.89a	0.048ab

Values with the same letter(s) in each column are not significantly differed at 0.05 levels

### 5. Fruit heavy metals:

The fruit heavy metals trait was significantly affected by fertilization treatments in both study seasons. The highest values were recorded for lead when trees treated with urea and ammonium nitrate alone in both seasons and the differences were statistically significant combined with all other treatments in second season for Zaghoul cultivar. However, in Samany the highest value were recorded in city garbage treatment alone or combined with urea or ammonium nitrate and the differences were statistically significant when compared with control only in the first season, while in the second one did not vary significantly for all treatments (Table 11). The present values of fruit lead ranged from 0.60 to 1.03 ppm for Zaghoul and Samany, respectively, these values are lower than those found by Abou Sayed *et al.*, (1997) in Prickly pear fruits (1.55 to 3.32 ppm). Radwan and Salama (2006) showed that the highest concentrations of lead were noticed in strawberries followed by peach, melon and date

The data listed in Table (11) revealed that fruit of Zaghoul cultivar, had a significant higher concentration of cadmium when treated with urea combined with city garbage in both seasons than those of all other treatments. For Samany cultivar high cadmium contents were obtained with palms treated with urea combined with city garbage and ammonium nitrate when combined with city garbage in both seasons, urea alone and city garbage alone in the second season only. The above mentioned data partially agreed with those respected with Aly, Hoda (2003) who mentioned that palm trees fertilized with cattle manure combined with urea had significantly higher fruit cadmium contents.

### CONCLUSION

It can be concluded that applying 1200 g N/palm/year from city garbage alone or in combination with chemical nitrogen sources increased the yield and improved fruit quality. However urea when combined with city garbage increased cadmium and lead in fruits of Zaghoul and Samany cultivars.

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## الملخص العربي

### تأثير إضافة مخلفات المدن كمصدر للنيتروجين سواء منفرداً أو مخلوطاً بالنترات أو اليوريا على

### صنفى نخيل البلح الزغلول والسماي

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وقد قل محتوى الخوص من الكلوروفيل في كلا الصنفين وذلك

بإضافة مخلفات المدن وأن أعلى قيمة كانت في خوص النخيل المعاملة بالمقارنه (١٢٠٠) جم نيتروجين من سلفات الأمونيوم بالإضافة إلى ١٠ كجم مخلفات المشيه) واليوريا لكل من الزغلول والسماي على التوالي.

لم يتأثر محتوى الثمار والخوص من العناصر المعدنية ( نيتروجين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم والمغنسيوم). معاملات التسميد المختلفة. بينما سجلت أعلى قيمة لمحتوى الثمار من الكادميوم لوحظت في النخيل المسمد بمخلفات المدن مع اليوريا ، بينما أحتوت ثمار الزغلول والسماي على أعلى تركيز من الرصاص وذلك بالمعاملة باليوريا ومخلفات المدن مع اليوريا على التوالي. وقد وجد أن معاملة مخلفات المدن بمفردها أو مخلوطه مع اليوريا أو نترات الأمونيوم سببت زياده من الكادميوم في ثمار صنفى الزغلول والسماي.

أجريت هذه التجربه خلال عامي ٢٠٠٦/٢٠٠٧ و ٢٠٠٧/٢٠٠٨ على نخيل البلح صنفى الزغلول والسماي النامي في الأسكندرية- مصر لدراسة تأثير إضافة مصادر مختلفه من النيتروجين (يوريا و نترات الأمونيوم كمصدر معدني ومخلفات المدن كمصدر عضوي) على كل من المحصول وجودة الثمار والمحتوى المعدني لكل من الثمار والخوص بالإضافة إلى محتوى الخوص من الكلوروفيل. وكانت النتائج كما يلي:

إضافة ١٢٠٠ جم نيتروجين صافي/نخله/سنه كتسميد لنخيل البلح سواء من مصدر معدني أو من مخلفات المدن أو خليط منهما زاد من المحصول وجودة الثمار (طول الثمره و قطرها) في حين لم يتأثر وزن الثمرة باختلاف المعاملات في كلا الصنفين. وقد أرتفع محتوى الثمار من المواد الصلبه الذائبه و السكريات الكلية في ثمار الأشجار التي سمدت بمخلفات المدن المخلوط مع اليوريا لكل من صنفى الزغلول والسماي. بينما لا يوجد اتجاه واضح بالنسبه لتأثير الإضافات السماديه المختلفه على محتوى الثمار من التانينات.