

Comparison of some New Maize Hybrids Response to Mineral Fertilization and some Nanofertilizers

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ABSTRACT

Maize (*Zea mays*, L.) production considered as one of the most important cereal crops in Egypt to face the human and animal essential needs. In this respect, to increase the maize production, some continuous extension efforts had been done at both horizontal and vertical levels to study response of some new maize hybrids to mineral and nano-fertilization. Two field experiments were conducted at the Experimental Farm of Faculty of Agriculture (Saba-Basha), Alexandria University, Abess Region, Egypt, during two summer seasons of 2016 and 2017. A split plot design in three replicates was used. Main plots contain of four fertilization treatments “Mineral fertilizer (K and P) as foliar application, Mineral fertilizer (K and P) in soil, application of Nano- fertilizer (K and P) as foliar application, and mineral as soil application (K AND P) + nano- fertilizer as foliar (K AND P)”. While, sub-plots contained three yellow maize hybrids “Single Cross 162 (S.C. 162), Single Cross 166 (S.C. 166) and Single Cross 168 (S.C.168)”. The obtained results revealed that application of mineral fertilizer in the soil + foliar application of nano- fertilizer recorded the highest value of plant height, ear length and number of rows/ear, number of grains/row, number of grains/ear, 100- grain weight, biological, straw and grain yield. However, S.C.168 hybrid gave the highest grain yield and its components in comparison with other hybrids. On the other hand, interact maize hybrid S.C. 168 with foliar application of Nano-fertilizers (K and P) and soil application of mineral fertilization by K and P increased yield and its components of maize crop under the study Alexandria Governorate conditions.

Key words: maize; yield; mineral; Nano; fertilization; hybrids; yellow

INTRODUCTION

Maize (*Zea mays* L.) is one of the main grain crops after wheat and rice in the world (Gerpacio and Pingali, 2007). Maize is one of the most important cereal crops especially in Egypt, whether a great attention has been paid to increase its total production. The area devoted to maize cultivation in Egypt is about 1.8 million feddans (FAO, 2014) and the average yield of maize reached about 25.70 ardb./fed. Whereas in the newly reclaimed desert area agronomic practices such as application of bio- organic and/or mineral fertilization, irrigation and new hybrids are used.

Potassium (K) helps in photosynthesis process, controlling water storage and stomata opening in leaves (Zhang and Wang, 2005). Using nano- potash fertilizer as the source of potassium in rice, which resulted in increase number of grains per panicle and also the amount compared to muriate of potash was less. They revealed that coating wheat and corn by nano and slow release fertilizers of the same to crops has increased grain yield as well as effective recovery of N fertilizer (Subbarao *et al.*, 2013).

Modern hybrids of maize respond to K differently due to difference in its uptake, translocation, growth and utilization (Minjian *et al.*, 2007). Foliar application of elements gave significant effect on yield attributes and protein content in some wheat cultivars compared with control treatment (Mekkei and El Haggan, 2014).

Nano- fertilizers had an important role where the ancient chemical fertilizers are replaced with nano and bio fertilizers with their efficiency and environment friendly nature. Primary use of adding is fast uptake of nutrients from the soil and giving better, faster yield. The symbiotic exchange between soil and the plant system is very efficient. When the same is applied in slow and efficient way all the required nutrients is taken up by the plant and restores the required and efficient energy in it for which the yield increases drastically. Main element nitrogen is needed in abundant and uptake of this itself causes many problems to the plants (Kulzer and Orrit, 2004).

Nanotechnology can present solution to increasing the value of agricultural products and environmental problems. With Using of Nano-particles and Nano-powders, we can produce controlled or delayed releasing fertilizers. Nano-particles have high reactivity because of more specific surface area, more density of reactive areas, or increased reactivity of these areas on the particle surfaces. These features simplify the fertilizers and pesticides absorption that produced in Nano scale (Anonymous, 2009).

Nano- fertilizers mainly delay the release of the nutrients and extend the fertilizer effect period. Obviously, there is an opportunity for nanotechnology to have a significant influence on energy, the economy and the environment, by improving fertilizers (Naderi and Shahraki, 2013). Nano-fertilizers aimed to release their

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shipment in a controlled manner (slowly or quickly) in reaction to different signals such as heat, moisture and etc. On the other hand, under nutrient limitation, crops carbonaceous compounds into rhizosphere to enable biotic mineralization of N and/or P from soil organic matter and of P associated with soil inorganic colloids. Since, these root exudates can be considered as environmental signals and be selected to prepare nanobiosensors that will be incorporated into novel Nano fertilizers (Al-Amin and Jayasuriya, 2007, Sultan *et al.*, 2009).

Foliar application of nano- fertilizer at two or three stages (vegetative, flowering or filling) increased yield and yield components of faba bean in both seasons (Gomaa *et al.*, 2016). Plant height, yield and its components of wheat were increased by foliar application of nano- fertilizer during both growing seasons. Meanwhile, the applied mineral fertilizer, alone; gave the lowest mean values of the studied traits (Kandil and Marie, 2017)

The objective of this study is to estimate some maize hybrids productivity under effect of mineral- nano phosphorus and potassium fertilization.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were carried out at the Experimental Farm of Faculty Agriculture (Saba-Basha), Alexandria University, Abess Region, Egypt,

during two summer seasons of 2016 and 2017. This study goaled to investigate response of three maize hybrids to mineral and nano phosphorus and potassium fertilization.

Soil texture was clay loam. A surface sample (0-30 cm) was collected before planting to identify some physical and chemical properties of this soil as shown in Table (1) according to Klute (1986).

The preceding crop was Egyptian clover (*Trifolium alexandrinum* L.) in the first and second season, respectively.

The experimental design was a split plot in three replicates. Main plots contained four fertilization treatments "Mineral fertilizer (K and P) as foliar application, Mineral fertilizer (K and P) as soil application, Nano- fertilizer (K and P) as foliar application and Mineral as soil application (K and P) + nano- fertilizer as foliar (K AND P)". Sub-plots contain three yellow maize hybrids "Single Cross 162 (S.C. 162), Single Cross 166 (S.C. 166), Single Cross 168 (S.C.168)".

Phosphorus fertilizer was added at rate of 57.6 kg P₂O₅/ha in the form of calcium mono phosphate (15.5 % P₂O₅) just before sowing. Potassium fertilizer was applied before sowing (during seedbed preparation) at rate of 120 kg K₂O/ha., in the form of potassium sulphate (48 % K₂O).

Table 1. Some physical and chemical properties of the experimental soil in 2016 and 2017 seasons

Soil properties	Season	
	2016	2017
<u>A) Mechanical analysis:</u>		
Clay %	38.00	37.00
Sand %	32.00	33.00
Silt %	30.00	30.00
Soil texture	Clay loam soil	
<u>B) Chemical properties</u>		
PH (1 : 1)	8.20	8.31
E.C. (ds/m)	3.60	3.70
<u>1) Soluble cations (1:2) (cmol/ kg soil)</u>		
K ⁺	1.52	1.54
Ca ⁺⁺	9.40	8.70
Mg ⁺⁺	15.00	15.60
Na ⁺⁺	10.50	11.00
<u>2) Soluble anions (1 : 2) (cmol/ kg soil)</u>		
CO ₃ ⁼⁼ + HCO ₃ ⁻	5.20	5.30
Cl ⁻	18.00	19.00
SO ₄ ⁻	13.50	12.50
Calcium carbonate (%)	6.50	7.00
Total nitrogen %	1.00	0.91
Available phosphorus (mg/ kg)	3.70	3.55
Organic matter (%)	1.41	1.40

Mineral nitrogen fertilizer was given in two dose in a form of urea (46% N) after thinning before the first and the second irrigation at rate of 288 kg N/ha.

Nano-compound namely; Potacrystal and Phospho one at rate of 1 cm/l water added as foliar application and mineral (Mil Agro Crop Max) P and K was applied at rate of 1200 g/ha/spray as foliar application at two times i.e., after 45 and 65 days from sowing. Analysis of the three fertilizer compounds are shown in Tables (2 and 3).

Each sub plot area was 10.80 m² included 6 ridges each 3 m in length and 0.60 m in width the distance between hills was 25 cm. The grains of the tested three yellow maize hybrids were obtained from Maize Research Section Agriculture Research Center, Ministry of Agriculture. The grains were sown on May 8th and 1st April of 2016 and 2017 seasons, respectively.

Studied traits, i.e. data include plant height at harvest (cm), ear length (cm), grains number/row, rows number /ear, grains number /ear, 100 - grain weight (g), grain yield, straw yield, biological yield (ton/ha.), and harvest index (%) were recorded at harvest time after 120 days from planting. Three inner rows, were taken from each sub-plot to determine grain yield on the basis of 15.5 % moisture.

All collected data were subjected to analysis of variance according to Gomez and Gomez (1984). All statistical analysis were performed using analysis of variance technique using CoStat computer software package (CoStat, Ver. 6.311., 2005). The least significant difference (LSD at 0.05) was used to compare the treatment means.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The obtained data in Table (4) reveals the effect of application of Nano and mineral fertilization on plant height, ear length and number of rows/ear for three yellow maize hybrids and their interaction during 2016 and 2017 seasons.

The data in Table (4) shows that application of nano and mineral fertilization, significantly, influenced plant height, ear length and number of rows/ear during both growing seasons. The highest values of plant length at harvest, ear length and number of rows/ear (168.87 and 193.73 cm), (17.44 and 18.42 cm) and (15.10 and 15.11 rows) were recorded with application of mineral fertilizer in the soil + foliar application of nano-fertilizer followed by foliar nano- fertilization treatment as compared with other treatments. Meanwhile, the lowest ones (133.59 and 165.99 cm), (14.49 and 15.12 cm) and (14.00 and 14.00 rows) were recorded with foliar mineral fertilizer alone during two growing seasons. These results are in agreement with those obtained by Gholami *et al.* (2013), Farnia and Omidi (2015) and Vafa *et al.* (2015) who stated positive response of crop yield to foliar application of nano- fertilizer.

Concerning maize hybrids, data in Table (4) showed significant differences among the three hybrids in both growing seasons. The hybrid "S.C. 168" recorded the highest values for plant height (156.25 and 188.65 cm), ear length (15.40 and 15.74 cm) and number of rows/ear, (14.68 and 14.68 rows), while "S.C. 162" hybrid gave the lowest values of plant height, ear length and number of rows/ear (149.33 and 174.39 cm), (14.00 and 14.00 rows) and (34.67 and 36.62 grains) in two growing seasons.

Table 2. Analysis of nano fertilizer (as foliar application)

Element	Compound name (nano- fertilizer)	
	Potacrystal	Phospho one
K ₂ O	36.0 %	28.0 %
P ₂ O ₅	2.0 %	40.0 %
Amino acids	5.0 %	5.0 %
Seaweed extarcts	-	2.0 %
Vitamines	1.0 %	1.0 %
Total nitrogen	5.0 %	5.0 %
Micronutrients (Br, Zn, Mn, Co, and Mo)	2.0 %	-

Table 3. Analysis of mineral fertilizer (as foliar application)

Element	Mil Agro Crop Max (mineral fertilizer)
	w/w
K ₂ O	56.0 %
P ₂ O ₅	43.0 %
Total nitrogen	0.0 %
Micronutrients (Br, Zn, and Mn)	1.0 %

Table 4. Plant attributes of three maize hybrids as influenced by soil and foliar mineral and nanofertilizer and their interaction during 2016 and 2017 seasons

Plant attribute	Treatments	Season 2016			Mean (A)	LSD at 0.05		
		B). Maize hybrids				A	B	A x B
	A). Foliar and soil application	S.C. 162	S.C.166	S.C. 168				
		Season 2016						
Plant height at harvest (cm)	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	130.11	133.11	137.55	133.59d			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	140.77	145.87	145.47	144.04c			
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	154.15	163.14	166.70	161.33b	5.92	3.74	7.47
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	172.28	159.07	175.27	168.87a			
	Mean (B)	149.33b	150.30b	156.25a				
		Season 2017						
	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	162.51	165.51	169.95	165.99 c			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	173.17	178.27	177.87	176.44 b	4.19	4.52	9.04
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	175.33	191.47	207.67	191.49 a			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	186.55	195.54	199.09	193.73 a			
Mean (B)	174.39c	182.70b	188.65a					
		Season 2016						
Ear length (cm)	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	14.13	14.67	14.67	14.49b			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	13.67	15.33	17.00	15.33b			
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	15.67	17.67	17.00	16.78a	0.98	1.01	2.02
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	16.67	17.33	18.33	17.44a			
	Mean (B)	15.04b	16.25a	16.75a				
		Season 2017						
	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	14.57	15.23	15.57	15.12 c			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	14.00	17.03	17.57	16.20 b	1.05	0.82	1.64
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	16.90	17.57	18.80	17.76 a			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	17.47	18.00	19.80	18.42 a			
Mean (B)	15.74 c	16.96b	17.94 a					
		Season 2016						
Number of rows/ear	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.00 b			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	14.0	14.0	14.7	14.23 b	0.50	0.41	0.82
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.00 b			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	14.0	15.3	16.0	15.10 a			
	Mean (B)	14.00b	14.33ab	14.68a				
		Season 2017						
	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.00 b			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	14.0	14.0	14.7	14.23 b	0.49	0.40	0.81
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.00 b			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	14.0	15.3	16.1	15.11 a			
Mean (B)	14.00b	14.33ab	14.68a					

Mean values in the same column/row marked with the same letter are not significantly different at 0.05 level of probability.

These differences among hybrids are mainly due to genetic differences makeup between the three cultivars. These results were harmony with those obtained by Khaliq *et al.* (2009), Nosser (2011), Kandil (2013) and Gomaa *et al.* (2016).

The interaction between mineral and nano fertilizers and maize hybrids showed a significant effect on plant height, ear length and number of rows/ear in the first and second growing seasons (Table 4). Likewise, “mineral

fertilizer as soil application with foliar application of nano- fertilizer” or “nano- fertilizer alone” combined with “S.C. 168” hybrid gave the highest mean values of plant height (175.27 and 207.67 cm), ear length (18.33 and 19.80 rows) and number of rows/ear (16.00 and 16.10 grains/row) in the first and second seasons, respectively. Meanwhile, the lowest ones were recorded by foliar application of mineral fertilization alone with “S.C. 162” hybrid during both seasons.

Results presented in Table (5) shows the effect of Nano as foliar application and soil applied mineral fertilization on number of grains/row, number of grains/ear, and 100- grain weight for three yellow maize hybrids and their interaction during 2016 and 2017 seasons.

The data in Table (5) showed that application of nano and mineral fertilizers were, significantly, influenced number of grains/row, number of grains/ear, and 100- grain weight in both growing seasons. The highest values of number of grains/row (40.33 and 42.95 grains), number of grains/ear (709.28 and 754.8 grains), and 100- grain weight (47.33 and 46.52 g) were recorded with application of mineral fertilizer in the soil + foliar application of nano- fertilizer followed by foliar nano- fertilization treatment as compared with other treatments. Meanwhile, the lowest ones (34.33 and 37.13 grain/row), (480.62 and 519.82 grains/ear) and (41.33 and 40.67 g) were recorded with foliar mineral fertilizer alone during two growing seasons. These results are in agreement with those obtained by Moaveni *et al.* (2011), Nosser (2011) and Vafa *et al.* (2015) who stated positive response of crop yield to foliar application of nano- fertilizer. Also, Mekkei and El Haggan (2014) reported that nano- fertilizer increased growth and yield and its components.

Respecting maize hybrids effect on number of grains/row, number of grains/ear, and 100- grain weight, data in Table (5) show significantly differences among the three hybrids in both growing seasons. The hybrid "S.C. 168" recorded the highest values for number of grains/row (38.67 and 41.47 grains), number of grains/ear (569.72 and 610.81 grain/ear), and 100- grain weight (45.35 and 44.38 g) while "S.C. 162" hybrid gave the lowest values of number of grains/row (34.67 and 36.62 grains), number of grains/ear, (485.35 and 512.61 grain/ear) and 100- grain weight (40.49 and 38.61 g) in two growing seasons. On the other hand, there was no significant difference between "S.C. 166" and "S.C. 162" hybrid on this character in the first season. These differences among hybrids are mainly due to genetic differences makeup between the three cultivars. These results were harmony with those obtained by Khaliq *et al.* (2009) and Kandil (2013).

The interaction between mineral and nano fertilization and maize hybrids showed a significant effect on number of grains/row, number of grains/ear, and 100- grain weight in the first and second growing seasons (Table 5). Likewise, "mineral fertilizer as soil application with foliar application of nano- fertilizer" or "nano- fertilizer alon" combined with "S.C. 168" hybrid gave the highest mean values of number of grains/row (44.33 and 47.13 grains/row), number of grains/ear

(709.28 and 754.08 grains/ear) and 100- grain weight (47.33 and 46.52 g) in the first and second seasons, respectively. With regard to 100- grain weight, interaction between both nano- fertilizer as foliar application alone or plus with mineral fertilizer as soil application combined with the three varieties in the first season and mineral fertilizer as soil application plus foliar application of nanofertilizer combined with S.C. 166 produced the highest 100- grain weight in the second season. Meanwhile, the lowest ones were recorded by foliar application mineral fertilization alone with "S.C. 162" hybrid during both seasons.

Data in Table (6) showed the effect of foliar application of nano and soil application of mineral fertilization on biological, grain, and straw yields for the studied three yellow maize hybrids and their interaction during 2016 and 2017 seasons.

Table (6) showed that foliar application of nano and soil application of mineral fertilization (K and P), significantly, influenced biological, grain, and straw yields during both growing seasons. The highest values of biological, grain, and straw yields (18.76 and 17.93 ton/ha.), (8.68 and 8.35 ton/ha.) and (10.08 and 9.58 ton/ha.) were recorded with application of mineral fertilizer in the soil + foliar application of nano- fertilizer followed by foliar nano- fertilization treatment as compared with other treatments, respectively. Meanwhile, the lowest ones (14.47 and 13.42 ton/ha.), (6.27 and 6.14 ton/ha) and (8.19 and 7.28 ton/ha.) were recorded with foliar mineral fertilizer alone, respectively during two growing seasons. These results are in agreement with those obtained by El-Bramawy and Shaban (2010), Tarafdar *et al.* (2014) and Vafa *et al.* (2015) who stated positive response of crop yield to foliar application of nano- fertilizer. Also, Bakhtiari *et al.* (2015) indicated that nano-fertilizer; increased wheat grain yield and its components. Nano- cholate zinc application expressed a positive effect on yield and yield components. For instance, soil application of nano-chalate zinc produced the highest 100-grain weight and seed yield (Mosanna and Behrozyar, 2015). Significant increase was recorded on yield attributes of faba bean using foliar application of nano- fertilizer in both growing seasons (Gomaa *et al.*, 2016).

Data in Table (6) show significantly differences among the three hybrids on biological, grain, and straw yields in both growing seasons. The hybrid "S.C. 168" recorded the highest values for biological, grain, and straw yields (17.65 and 15.94 ton/ha.), (7.84 and 7.57 ton/ha.) and (9.81 and 8.37 ton/ha.) while "S.C. 162" hybrid gave the lowest values of number of grains/row, number of grains/ear, and 100- grain weight (14.64 and 14.02 ton/ha.), (6.53 and 6.41 ton/ha.) and (8.11 and

7.61 ton/ha.) in both seasons, respectively. On the other hand, there was no significant difference between “S.C. 166” and “S.C. 162” hybrid on this character in the first season. These differences among hybrids are mainly due to genetic differences makeup between the three cultivars. These results were harmony with those obtained by Khaliq *et al.* (2009), Nosser (2011), Kandil

(2013) and Gomaa *et al.* (2016) who showed that significant between maize hybrids.

The interaction between mineral and nano fertilization and maize hybrids showed a significant effect on biological, grain, and straw yields in the first and second growing seasons (Table 6).

Table 5. Plant attributes of three maize hybrids as influenced by soil and foliar mineral and nanofertilizer and their interaction during 2016 and 2017 seasons

Plant attribute	Treatments	Season 2016			Mean (A)	LSD at 0.05		
		B). Maize hybrids				A	B	A x B
	A). Foliar and soil application	S.C. 162	S.C.166	S.C. 168				
		Season 2016						
Number of grains/row	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	30.67	30.33	34.33	31.78 d			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	36.33	38.00	35.67	36.67 c			
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	36.00	40.33	40.33	38.89 b	1.21	2.03	4.06
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	35.67	41.00	44.33	40.33 a			
	Mean (B)	34.67b	37.42a	38.67a				
		Season 2017						
	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	30.60	31.87	37.13	33.20 d			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	39.13	40.80	38.47	39.47 c			
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	38.80	43.10	43.13	41.68 b	1.05	1.87	3.75
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	37.93	43.80	47.13	42.95 a			
Mean (B)	36.62 b	39.90a	41.47a					
		Season 2016						
Number of grains/ear	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	429.38	424.62	480.62	444.87d			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	508.62	532.00	524.35	521.66c			
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	504.00	564.62	564.62	544.41b	42.33	51.43	102.87
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	499.38	627.30	709.28	611.99a			
	Mean (B)	485.35c	537.14b	569.72a				
		Season 2017						
	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	428.40	446.18	519.82	464.80c			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	547.82	571.20	565.51	561.51b	29.15	34.90	69.81
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	543.20	603.82	603.82	583.61b			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	531.02	670.14	754.08	651.75a			
Mean (B)	512.61c	572.84b	610.81a					
		Season 2016						
100- grain weight (g)	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	35.67	37.13	41.33	38.04b			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	38.34	36.67	46.72	40.58b	3.48	2.47	4.94
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	43.15	46.54	46.00	45.23a			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	44.80	43.74	47.33	45.29a			
	Mean (B)	40.49b	41.02b	45.35a				
		Season 2017						
	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	36.23	37.00	40.67	37.97c			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	37.55	44.91	46.02	42.83b	2.62	1.39	2.77
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	38.00	39.67	44.29	40.65b			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	42.67	49.91	46.52	46.37a			
Mean (B)	38.61c	42.87b	44.38a					

Mean values in the same column/row marked with the same letter are not significantly different at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 6. Plant attributes of three maize hybrids as influenced by soil and foliar mineral and nano- fertilizer and their interaction during 2016 and 2017 seasons

Plant attribute	Treatments	Season 2016			Mean (A)	LSD at 0.05		
		B). Maize hybrids				A	B	A x B
	A). Foliar and soil application	S.C. 162	S.C.166	S.C. 168				
		Season 2016						
Biological yield (ton/ha.)	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	13.25	14.32	15.83	14.47 c			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	11.93	15.74	16.30	14.66 c			
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	16.28	16.51	17.68	16.82 b	0.87	0.83	1.65
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	17.11	18.37	20.79	18.76 a			
	Mean (B)	14.64 c	16.24 b	17.65 a				
		Season 2017						
	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	12.56	13.27	14.42	13.42c			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	10.88	14.98	14.66	13.51c	1.21	0.98	1.97
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	15.91	15.46	14.95	15.44b			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	16.73	17.32	19.74	17.93a			
Mean (B)	14.02 b	15.26 a	15.94 a					
		Season 2016						
Grain yield (ton/ha.)	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	5.63	6.40	6.79	6.27 d			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	5.46	7.37	7.10	6.64 c	0.59	0.44	0.89
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	7.07	7.45	7.72	7.41 b			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	7.96	8.33	9.75	8.68 a			
	Mean (B)	6.53 c	7.39 b	7.84 a				
		Season 2017						
	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	5.69	6.07	6.65	6.14 c			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	5.13	7.04	6.78	6.32 c	0.72	0.47	0.94
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	7.17	7.12	7.44	7.24 b			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	7.64	8.00	9.42	8.35 a			
Mean (B)	6.41 c	7.06 b	7.57 a					
		Season 2016						
Straw yield (ton/ha.)	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	7.62	7.92	9.04	8.19 c			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	6.47	8.37	9.20	8.01 c			
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	9.21	9.06	9.96	9.41 b	0.41	0.50	0.99
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	9.15	10.04	11.04	10.08 a			
	Mean (B)	8.11 c	8.85 b	9.81 a				
		Season 2017						
	Mineral fertilizer as foliar	6.87	7.20	7.77	7.28 c			
	Mineral fertilizer as soil	5.75	7.94	7.88	7.19 c	0.52	0.62	1.23
	Nano- fertilizer as foliar	8.74	8.34	7.51	8.20 b			
	Mineral as soil + Nano foliar	9.09	9.32	10.32	9.58 a			
Mean (B)	7.61 b	8.20 ab	8.37 a					

-Mean values in the same column/row marked with the same letter are not significantly different at 0.05 level of probability.

Likewise, “mineral fertilizer as soil application with foliar application of nano- fertilizer” or “nano- fertilizer alone” with “S.C. 168” hybrid gave the highest mean values of biological, grain, and straw yields (20.79 and 19.74 ton/ha.), (9.75 and 9.42 ton/ha.) and (11.04 and 10.32 ton/ha.) in two seasons, respectively. Meanwhile, the lowest ones were recorded by foliar application mineral fertilization alone with “S.C. 162” hybrid during both seasons.

CONCLUSION

It was concluded from the present results that sowing maize hybrid S.C. 168 combined with foliar application of Nano- fertilizers (K and P) and mineral fertilization by K and P in soil; increased yield and its components of maize crop.

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الملخص العربي

مقارنة استجابة بعض هجن الذرة الشامية الحديثة للتسميد المعدني وبعض أسمدة النانو

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أوضحت النتائج ما يلي:

١- أنه كان هناك تأثيراً معنوياً لعاملي الدراسة على صفات المحصول ومكوناته خلال موسمي الزراعة، حيث أن استخدام الأضافة الأرضية للتسميد المعدني لكل من السماد الفوسفوري والبوتاسي + الرش الورقي بسماذي النانو البوتاسي والفوسفوري حقق أعلى محصول ومكوناته والحصول علي أفضل القيم للصفات التي تم دراستها.

٢- أختلفت الثلاثة هجن من الذرة الشامية إختلافاً معنوياً فيما بينهم حيث تفوق الهجين الفردي ١٦٨ على الهجن الأخرى في صفات المحصول ومكوناته خلال موسمي الزراعة ٢٠١٦، و٢٠١٧.

٣- كان التداخل معنوياً بين هجن الذرة الشامية ومعاملات الأسمدة المعدنية والنانوية في موسمي الدراسة.

يمكن التوصية بزراعة هجين الذرة الشامية (فردي ١٦٨) مع التسميد الورقي بسماذي النانو الفوسفوري والبوتاسي + الأضافة الأرضية للسماد المعدني الفوسفوري والبوتاسي حيث أن هذه التوليفة ذات تأثير معنوي على المحصول ومكوناته تحت الظروف البيئية لمنطقة الدراسة.

أجريت تجربتان حقليتان في مزرعة كلية الزراعة(سبا باشا) جامعة الأسكندرية بمنطقة أبيض خلال موسمي ٢٠١٦ و٢٠١٧ لدراسة أستجابة بعض هجن الذرة الشامية الصفراء الحديثة للتسميد المعدني وبعض أسمدة النانو.

استخدم تصميم القطع المنشقة مرة واحدة، حيث وزعت الأربعة معاملات من التسميد (أضافة أرضية للسماد المعدني الفوسفوري والبوتاسي بمعدل ٥٧,٦ كجم فو ٢ أ، ١٢٠ كجم بو ٢ أ، والرش الورقي للسماد المعدني الفوسفوري والبوتاسي بمعدل ١٢٠٠ جم/هكتار، والرش الورقي للسماد النانو الفوسفوري والبوتاسي بمعدل ١سم/ لتر ماء، وأضافة أرضية للسماد المعدني + الرش الورقي للسماد النانو) عشوائياً في القطع الرئيسية، بينما وزعت الثلاثة هجن من الذرة الشامية الصفراء (هجين فردي ١٦٢، هجين فردي ١٦٦، هجين فردي ١٦٨) عشوائياً على القطع الشقية في ثلاث مكررات.

وكانت أهم الصفات المدروسة كما يلي (أرتفاع النبات، وطول الكوز، وعدد الحبوب/صف، وعدد الصفوف/كوز، وعدد الحبوب/كوز، وزن ١٠٠ جبة، والمحصول البيولوجي (طن/هكتار) ومحصول الحبوب (طن/هكتار)، ومحصول القش بالطن/هكتار).