

Effect of Magnetic Irrigation Water and Nitrogen Fertilizer Forms on Maize (*Zea mays* L.) Growth, Yield and Nitrogen Utilization Rate.

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ABSTRACT

A field experiment was conducted at the screen house of Agric. Res. Station, Sakha, Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate during the two successive summer seasons of 2015 and 2016 to investigate the effect of magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on maize growth, productivity and nitrogen utilization rate %. A split plot design was used. Zea maize seeds, third hybrid 324 were sown on June in both seasons. The recommended N fertilizer rate (120kg N.fed^{-1}). was applied in three fertilizer forms of 1- Urea 46%N or 2- Ammonium nitrate 33.5% N and or 3- ammonium sulphate 20.5% N under two irrigation water treatments of (normal water , and magnetized water). The other agricultural practices were performed . The obtained results can be summarized as follow: - No significant effects of magnetic water were observed on plant height, number of leaves.plant⁻¹ in first and second seasons but no significant on leaf area diameters in the first season only. Also no significant effects on chlorophyll A, ear diameter, ear length, biomass, available P in the soil after harvesting and nitrogen uptake in the first season. - Magnetic water significantly increased chlorophyll B, straw yield, available N in the soil after harvesting, P uptake and N uptake in the second season only . - Magnetic water (from nefertari Biomagnetic company)significantly decreased grain yield of maize and N-utilization rate compared with the non-magnetic water.- Ammonium nitrate as N fertilizer form had the highest values of plant height, number of leaves.plant⁻¹, leaf area, ear length, grain yield, N uptake, P uptake, and N utilization rate. - Urea fertilizer as N form significantly increased chlorophyll A, B, total chlorophyll and decreased N utilization rate. - Ammonium sulphate with magnetic irrigation water had higher values for ear diameter, biomass, straw yield and available N, P in the soil after maize harvest compared with the magnetic water treatments. - The interaction between magnetic irrigation water and N-forms show that magnetic water decreased N utilization rate from ammonium sulphate and increased N utilization rate from ammonium nitrate.

Keywords: Magnetic water, nitrogen forms, maize growth and utilization rate.

INTRODUCTION

Maize is one of the most important cereal crops. It has a third position of the cereal crops in Egypt after wheat and rice. Maize is use in human food and their livestock feed. Egypt is suffering from irrigation water shortage and the policy of the governorate is to use other sources beside Nile river. Magnetic technology is used for saline or brackish water management. The water treated by magnetic field or pass-through a magnetized device called magnetized water, when water is magnetized, some physical and chemical properties changed that may be causing changes in plant growth and production Abedinpour and Rohani (2017). There are some changes occurred in the physical and chemical properties of water according to magnetic water, mainly hydrogen bonding, polarity, surface tension, conductivity, pH and solubility of salts, and these changes in water properties may be capable of affecting the growth of plants Grewal and Maheshwari (2011).

Some researchers concluded that magnetic water enhanced the plant growth (Turker *et al.*, 2007 and Abou El-Yazied *et al.*, 2012). A significant increases of plant height (cm) , number of branches.plant⁻¹ , number of leaves.plant⁻¹ , leaf area (cm²) , root length (cm) , number of pods.plant⁻¹ of peas, number of seeds.pod⁻¹ and pod length (cm) as a result of irrigation with magnetized water compared with these parameters values resulted from irrigation using non-magnetized water Midan and Tantawy (2013).

Osman *et al.*,(2014) showed that the irrigation with magnetic water increased significantly plant height, No. of leaves / plant as well as fresh and dry weight, root fresh weight of pea plants in both seasons.. In most cases, the growth parameters (shoot and root) of pea seedlings were improved significantly by using magnetic technology with lowest salinity of irrigation water 1000 ppm (fresh water) while, the opposite trend

was recorded by raising salinity up to 4000 and 5000 ppm without magnetic technology in both seasons.

Magnetic treatment of irrigation water led to a significant increase of snow pea and chickpea contents of N, K, Ca, Mg, S, Na, Zn, Fe and Mn compared to control . The results suggested that both magnetic treatment of irrigation water and seeds have the potential to improve nutrient contents of seedlings (Grewal and Maheshwari ,2011; Abdelaziz *et al.* , 2014, El Sayed 2015 , Ahmed and Bassem 2013 and Ahmed and Abd El-Kader 2016).

Rehcigl and Colon (2000) studied the sources of Nitrogen i.e ammonium nitrate and ammonium sulphate on bahigrass production and quality and they showed that the highest yields were obtained with ammonium-sulphate as compared to ammonium nitrate.

The objective of the present study is to investigate the effects of magnetic water and N-fertilizer forms on maize vegetative growth and yield as well as nitrogen utilization rate.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A field experiments was conducted at the screen house of Agricultural Research Station, Sakha, Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate during the two successive summer seasons of 2015 and 2016 to investigate the effect of magnetic water and N-fertilizer forms on maize vegetative growth and yield as well as nitrogen fertilizer forms utilization rate. Maize seeds (*Zea mays*) var. third hybrid 324 were sown on 17th and 22 June in the first and second season, respectively. The soil was prepared, 7 kg.fed⁻¹. of grains were sown. A split plot design was used with four replicates. The main plots were assigned to two irrigation water treatments 1- Magnetic water and 2- Non-magnetic water. The sub plots were assigned with four treatments 1- without N-fertilizer, 2- Urea as N form 3, - ammonium nitrate (33.5%N) and 4-ammonium sulphate (20.5%N) as

nitrogen, the recommended dose (120 kg N fed⁻¹) from each form was applied in three doses, the first dose was 20 kg N.fed⁻¹ with the sowing irrigation, the second dose 50 kg N.fed⁻¹ with the second irrigation and the third dose 50 kg N fed⁻¹ with the third irrigation. superphosphate 15.5 Kg P₂O₅.fed⁻¹ was applied in one dose with the soil preparation. Potassium was applied as potassium sulphate (48% K₂O) at the level 24 kg K₂O fed⁻¹ in one dose with the second irrigation. The other agricultural practices were applied as recommended in

the region. The magnetic water is the normal water (Nile water) that has been exposed to magnetic field by passing through, a magnetic device (Fig 1) supplied by Nefertari Biomagnetic Company and installed on the main irrigation line before the application to the plants. The device comprised of two magnets (40 Mega Tesla), arranged to the north and south poles. The directions of magnetic field generated at the flow rate diameters 2 inch.

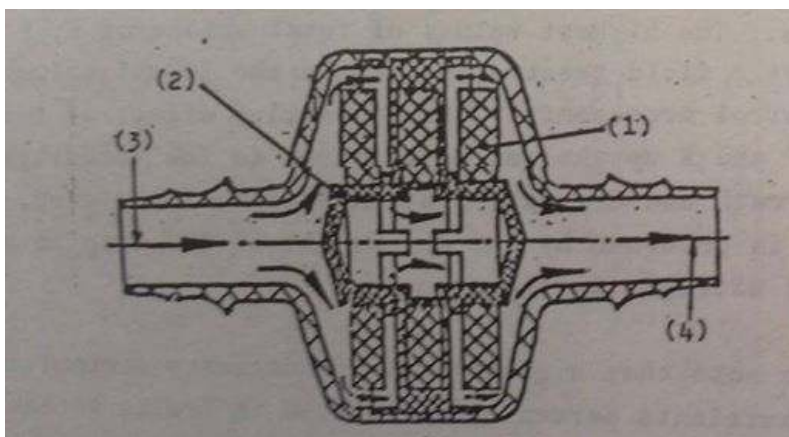


Figure 1: The magnetic device used in experiments.

1)Body 2) ring 3) inlet 4)outlet

Plant samples were taken at silking stage (70 days from sowing) and were taken also with harvesting to determine the vegetative growth, yield and some nutrients statuses. Soil samples were taken after

harvesting and air dried, crushed, some physical and chemical properties were determined according to Jackson (1967) and Black et al. (1965) Some soil chemical and physical properties (Table 1).

Table 1. Some chemical and physical properties of the experimental soil (0-60 cm).

| seasons | Partical size distribert | | | texture | pH 1:2.5 | EC Soil paste Ex. Ds.m ⁻¹ | Cation soluble.meq.L ⁻¹ | | | | Anion soluble meq. L ⁻¹ | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------|
| | Sand% | Silt% | Clay% | | | | Ca ⁺ | Mg ⁺ | Na ⁺ | K ⁺ | Co ⁻³ | Hco ₃ ⁻ | cl | So ⁻⁴ |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 nd | 10 | 37 | 53 | clayey | 8.0 | 2.5 | 8.4 | 6.4 | 8.4 | 1.9 | - | 3.1 | 11 | 11 |

Available nitrogen of the soil was extracted by 1N potassium chloride and determined by Kjeldahl method (Jackson, 1967), phosphorus was extracted by 0.5N Sodium bicarbonate and colormitrically measured by spectrophotometer (Jackson, 1967). Chlorophyll A and B were determined by N, N-Dimethyl formamide according to (Mora , 1982).

Plant samples oven dried at 70⁰C and ground thoroughly, wet digested using sulphuric and perchloric acids mixture, total nitrogen and total phosphorus were determined according to Jackson (1967). N utilization rate was calculated according to the following equation N utili. = N uptake for treatment - N uptake for control / N applied for treatment Finck (1982).

The obtained results were statistically analyzed according to Gomez and Gomez (1984), using Costat computer program, less significant deviosion according to Duncan (1955).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Data presented in Table 2 show that there is no significant effects of magnetic water on plant height, number of leaves.plant⁻¹ and leaf area of maize were detected in both seasons. On the other hand Table data 2 show significant differences between the nitrogen fertilizer forms on plant height, number of leaves/plant and leaf area of maize at the silking stage, where the control treatment gave the lowest values. Ammonium nitrate treatment gave the highest values for the stated parameters. The values of the plant height ; No. of leaves/plant and leaf area at the silking stage had the descending order of ammonium nitrate > urea > ammonium sulphate > control. This may be due to the different effects of magnetic field on different nitrogen forms. These results could be supported with those obtained by Zhaopengou Yang *et al.*, 2013 and El-Kholy *et al.*, 2015.

Data in Table 3 indicate that, the interaction

effect between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on number of leaves.plant⁻¹ was significant while in the second season control treatment under magnetic water recorded the lowest value application of ammonium nitrate under magnetic water

gave the highest average value of No. of leaves per plant (14.5). In respect to effect of the interaction on leaf area (Table 3) the highest values (769.5 and 846.4 cm) were obtained with magnetic water and ammonium sulfate in the first and second seasons respectively.

Table 2. Effect of magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on maize growth parameters at silking stage during 2015 and 2016 growth seasons.

| Treatments | Plant height cm | | No. of leaves.plant ⁻¹ | | Leaf area (cm ²) | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd |
| A- Irrigation water | | | | | | |
| Magnetic water | 143.88 | 148.69 | 11.06 | 12.75 | 650.93 | 716.03 |
| Non Magnetic water | 151.28 | 156.00 | 11.25 | 13.43 | 687.87 | 756.66 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for main plots | 14.26 | 11.52 | 1.04 | 0.88 | 111.00 | 122.10 |
| F.T. | Ns | Ns | Ns | Ns | Ns | Ns |
| B- Nitrogen forms | | | | | | |
| Control | 95.75 | 100.75 | 9.87 | 11.50 | 545.13 | 599.64 |
| urea | 162.69 | 167.12 | 11.37 | 13.625 | 707.5 | 727.03 |
| Ammonium Nitrate | 182 | 187 | 12.25 | 14.375 | 691.86 | 761.05 |
| Ammonium Sulphate | 149.89 | 154.5 | 11.125 | 12.875 | 733.14 | 806.45 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for sub main | 15.46 | 15.74 | 0.92 | 1.15 | 76.59 | 84.25 |
| F.T. | * | * | * | * | * | * |

Table 3. Effect of interaction between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on maize growth parameters at silking stage during both seasons.

| Treatments | | Plant height (cm) | | No. of leaves.plant ⁻¹ | | Leaf area (cm ²) | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd |
| Magnetic water | Control | 90.125 | 95.25 | 9.75 | 10.50 | 410.50 | 451.55 |
| | Urea | 164.38 | 169 | 11.5 | 13.5 | 731.50 | 702.21 |
| | Ammonium Nitrate | 174.00 | 179.25 | 12.25 | 14.5 | 962.22 | 761.44 |
| | Ammonium Sulphate | 147.03 | 151.25 | 10.75 | 12.50 | 769.53 | 846.48 |
| Non-Magnetic water | Control | 101.37 | 106.25 | 10.00 | 12.5 | 679.75 | 747.73 |
| | Urea | 161.00 | 165.25 | 11.25 | 13.75 | 683.50 | 751.85 |
| | Ammonium Nitrate | 190.00 | 194.75 | 12.25 | 14.25 | 691.5 | 760.65 |
| | Ammonium Sulphate | 152.75 | 157.75 | 11.5 | 13.25 | 696.75 | 766.42 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for sub main | | 21.86 | 22.72 | 1.31 | 1.62 | 108.32 | 119.15 |
| F.T. | | Ns | Ns | Ns | * | * | * |

It is clear from the data of Table 4 that insignificant increases in the values of chlorophyll A and total chlorophyll were detected due to irrigate with magnetic water in both seasons. While, chlorophyll B were increased significantly due to treatment with magnetic water. This may due to magnetic water differ in some characters i.e., viscosity, charges, density etc.,

which affected plant growth and physiology. These results could be enhanced with those obtained by Grewal and Maheshwari (2011) and Dandan and Shi (2013) who concluded that the physical and chemical properties of magnetized water have a series of changes which lead to special functions .

Table 4. Effect of magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on chlorophyll pigments at silking stage.

| Treatments | Chlo. A mg.cm ⁻¹ | | Chlo. B mg.cm ⁻¹ | | Total Chlo. mg.cm ⁻¹ | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd |
| A- Irrigation water | | | | | | |
| Magnetic water | 7.03 | 7.74 | 6.59 | 6.97 | 13.38 | 14.72 |
| Non Magnetic water | 6.36 | 6.99 | 4.97 | 5.46 | 11.56 | 12.46 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for main | 1.53 | 1.68 | 1.17 | 1.30 | 2.30 | 2.96 |
| F.T. | Ns | Ns | * | * | Ns | Ns |
| B- Nitrogen forms | | | | | | |
| Control | 3.39 | 3.73 | 2.87 | 3.16 | 6.27 | 6.89 |
| Urea | 8.39 | 9.23 | 7.12 | 7.83 | 15.51 | 17.06 |
| Ammonium Nitrate | 7.74 | 8.51 | 6.29 | 6.92 | 14.04 | 15.44 |
| Ammonium Sulphat | 7.27 | 8.00 | 6.30 | 6.96 | 13.60 | 14.96 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for submain | 0.31 | 0.34 | 0.84 | 0.95 | 0.71 | 0.78 |
| F.T. | * | * | * | * | * | * |

It is clear from data of Table 5 that the interaction effects between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on chlorophyll A and total chlorophyll were significant. Where the lowest averages values was recorded with control treatment under non-magnetic water, while the highest average values was achieved with ammonium nitrate application under magnetic water. It is observed that ammonium sulphate application gave better results under non-magnetic water compared to magnetic water. On the contrary of that urea application gave highest values under magnetic water than non-magnetic water.

Data also reveal that; both of chlorophyll A, B

and total chlorophyll were highly significantly increased due to urea application as nitrogen fertilizer form. Data also show that control treatment gave the lowest values. While ammonium nitrate treatment gave higher values of chlorophyll A and total chlorophyll with ammonium sulphate. This may be due to that ammonium nitrogen had two forms of ions, cation (NH₄) and anion (NO₃) which increased N absorption in addition to presence of NO₃ that enhance Mg and Fe absorption, which affect positively chlorophyll content. These results are in harmony with the findings of Mengel and Kirkby (1978).

Table 5. Effect of the interaction between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on chlorophyll pigments at silking stage.

| Treatments | | Chlo. A (mg.cm ⁻¹) | | Chlo. B (mg.cm ⁻¹) | | Total Chlo. (mg.cm ⁻¹) | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd |
| Magnetic water | Control | 3.55 | 3.90 | 3.11 | 3.42 | 6.66 | 7.32 |
| | Urea | 8.51 | 9.37 | 7.92 | 8.72 | 16.44 | 18.08 |
| | Ammonium Nitrate | 9.06 | 9.97 | 7.83 | 8.61 | 16.90 | 18.59 |
| | Ammonium Sulphate | 7.03 | 7.73 | 6.48 | 7.31 | 13.51 | 14.86 |
| Non-Magnetic water | Control | 3.24 | 3.56 | 2.63 | 2.89 | 5.87 | 6.45 |
| | Urea | 8.27 | 9.09 | 6.31 | 6.95 | 14.58 | 16.04 |
| | Ammonium Nitrate | 6.42 | 7.06 | 4.76 | 5.24 | 11.18 | 12.30 |
| | Ammonium Sulphate | 7.53 | 8.28 | 6.16 | 6.77 | 13.68 | 15.06 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for sub main | | 0.44 | 0.48 | 1.44 | 1.34 | 1.00 | 1.10 |
| F.T. | | * | * | Ns | Ns | * | * |

Generally, data in Table 6 show the values of ear diameter, ear length, biomass, grain yield and straw yield in 2015 and 2016 seasons as affected by magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms. The data indicated that magnetic water had no significant effect of ear diameter, ear length and biomass. But grain yield decreased significantly due to used magnetic water. While, straw yield was increased significantly due to using of magnetic water. This may be due to that maize root growth affected negatively by magnetic water. Similar results were reported by Turker *et al.*, (2007) who reported that on inhibitory effect of steric magnetic field on root dry weight of maize plants. Also, data in

Table 6 show that the difference between nitrogen fertilizer forms effects on maize yield and its components were significant. The control treatment had the lowest means of maize yield and its components. While, ammonium nitrate gave the highest average of ear length and grain yield parameters. On the other hand, the highest average of ear diameter, biomass and straw yield were obtained with treatment with ammonium sulphate. This may be due to the different effects of magnetic water on the absorption of different forms of anion, cation and molecular. Similar results were reported by Zhaopeng ou Yang *et al.*, (2013).

Table 6. Effect of magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on maize yield and its component.

| Treatments | Ear diameter (cm) | | Ear length (cm) | | Biomass (ton.fed ⁻¹) | | Grain yield (ar db.fed ⁻¹) | | Straw yield (ton.fed ⁻¹) | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd |
| A- Irrigation water. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Magnetic water | 5.49 | 6.03 | 29.04 | 31.95 | 30.32 | 33.35 | 24.43 | 26.87 | 9.51 | 10.46 |
| Non Magnetic water | 5.50 | 6.05 | 28.53 | 31.39 | 30.11 | 33.12 | 27.53 | 30.28 | 8.95 | 9.84 |
| F.T. | Ns | Ns | Ns | Ns | Ns | Ns | * | * | * | * |
| B- Nitrogen forms. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 4.74 | 5.22 | 24.35 | 26.79 | 20.77 | 22.85 | 11.47 | 12.62 | 7.09 | 7.80 |
| Urea | 5.64 | 6.21 | 30.30 | 33.33 | 32.02 | 35.23 | 28.02 | 30.83 | 9.52 | 10.47 |
| Ammonium Nitrate | 5.72 | 6.30 | 30.50 | 33.55 | 31.34 | 34.47 | 33.70 | 37.07 | 9.05 | 9.56 |
| Ammonium Sulphate | 5.89 | 6.48 | 30.03 | 33.03 | 36.72 | 40.40 | 30.74 | 33.82 | 11.26 | 12.39 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for sub main | 0.23 | 0.25 | 1.65 | 1.82 | 0.84 | 0.93 | 1.02 | 1.12 | 0.55 | 0.61 |
| F.T. | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |

• Ardb= 140Kg

Data in Table 7 indicate that the interaction effect between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen

fertilizer forms on maize yield and its components was significant where the lowest average values were

recorded with control treatment under non-magnetic water while the highest averages values were with ammonium sulphate application which gave better

results of biomass, grain and straw yield, But ammonium nitrate gave better results of grain and straw yield under magnetic water than non-magnetic water.

Table 7. Effect of interaction between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on maize yield and it's components.

| | | Ear diameter cm ² | | Ear length cm ² | | Biomass | | Grain yield ardb.fed ⁻¹ | | Straw yield ton.fed ⁻¹ | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd |
| Magnetic water | Control | 4.90 | 5.39 | 25.47 | 28.08 | 23.29 | 25.62 | 9.92 | 10.91 | 8.25 | 9.07 |
| | Urea | 5.69 | 6.26 | 30.45 | 33.49 | 35.60 | 39.16 | 26.83 | 29.51 | 11.12 | 12.23 |
| | Ammonium Nitrate | 5.74 | 6.32 | 30.49 | 33.54 | 27.18 | 29.89 | 36.42 | 40.06 | 7.37 | 8.11 |
| | Ammonium Sulphat | 5.63 | 6.19 | 29.93 | 32.91 | 35.22 | 38.74 | 24.55 | 27.01 | 11.30 | 12.43 |
| Non Magnetic water | Control | 4.57 | 5.03 | 23.24 | 25.56 | 18.26 | 20.08 | 13.02 | 14.32 | 5.93 | 6.52 |
| | Urea | 5.60 | 6.16 | 30.14 | 33.16 | 28.45 | 31.29 | 29.22 | 32.14 | 7.91 | 8.71 |
| | Ammonium Nitrate | 5.70 | 6.27 | 30.50 | 33.55 | 35.49 | 39.04 | 30.97 | 34.07 | 10.73 | 11.81 |
| | Ammonium Sulphate | 6.15 | 6.76 | 30.27 | 33.29 | 38.23 | 42.05 | 36.92 | 40.61 | 11.22 | 12.34 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for sub main | | 0.33 | 0.36 | 2.34 | 2.34 | 1.20 | 1.32 | 1.44 | 1.59 | 0.78 | 0.86 |
| F.T. | | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |

The data obtained from Table 8 show that no significant effect of magnetic water on available P in both seasons, and there is no significant effect on N uptake on 1st season only, But there were significant effect on available N and P uptake in both seasons, and N uptake in the 2nd seasons. On the other hand Table 8 show that differences between the effect of nitrogen fertilizer forms on available N , available P, N uptake and P uptake were high significant, where the control treatment had the lowest values while ammonium

sulphate gave the highest values of available N, P. On the other hand, the highest values of N uptake and P uptake were recorded with ammonium nitrate. This may be due to ammonium sulphate application have residual low pH in the soil which have positive effect of P availability in the soil. Ammonium nitrate had the highest N uptake due to presence of NH₄⁺ as cation and NO₃⁻ as anion which enhanced N uptake (Tisdal et al1990). Also the magnetic field affected cation (+ charge) rather than anions (- charge).

Table 8. Effect of magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on available N&P in the soil and its uptake by plant.

| Treatments | Available N | | Available P | | N uptake Kgfed ⁻¹ | | P uptake Kgfed ⁻¹ | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd |
| A-Irrigation water | | | | | | | | |
| Magnetic water | 22.84 | 25.13 | 16.49 | 18.14 | 45.88 | 53.60 | 10.59 | 10.75 |
| Non Magnetic water | 21.33 | 23.47 | 16.32 | 17.95 | 47.85 | 57.63 | 8.88 | 9.59 |
| F.T. | * | * | Ns | Ns | Ns | * | * | * |
| B-Nitrogen forms | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 17.58 | 19.36 | 11.20 | 12.32 | 17.53 | 21.07 | 3.67 | 3.68 |
| Urea | 23.73 | 26.10 | 18.66 | 20.53 | 49.01 | 57.84 | 11.11 | 11.14 |
| Ammonium Nitrate | 21.3 | 23.43 | 15.24 | 16.76 | 65.52 | 80.39 | 12.81 | 13.97 |
| Ammonium Sulphate | 25.77 | 28.33 | 20.54 | 22.60 | 55.42 | 63.16 | 11.36 | 11.89 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for sub main | 0.97 | 1.07 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 2.97 | 2.24 | 0.99 | 0.52 |
| F.T. | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |

Table 9 represents the effect of interaction between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on available N&P in the soil after the harvesting and its uptake by plant. Significantly effects of all parameters (available N and available P) in the soil and N , P uptake by plant were detected . where the lowest values were recorded due to control treatments under non-magnetic water, while treatment with ammonium sulphate gave better results under non-magnetic water in available N (26.17 and 28.79 mg kg⁻¹) in the first and second season, respectively. The highest values of available P (22.42 and 24.67 mg kg⁻¹) were obtained with ammonium sulphate under magnetic irrigation water. This may be due to decrease of pH value,

resulted from magnetic water and residual of ammonium sulphate. Ammonium nitrate under magnetic water had the highest N uptake (74.78 and 92.76 kg N fed⁻¹) in the first and second season, respectively and P uptake (14.77 and 16.28) mg kg⁻¹ in the first and second season, respectively.

Generally data in Table 10 recorde the values of N utilization rate, data show that there is significant effect of magnetic water and nitrogen forms on utilization rate % in both seasons. Non-magnetic water gave the highest values of N on utilization rate % compared with magnetic water. On the other hand, Ammonium nitrate gave the highest values of N utilization rate in both seasons , respectively.

Table 9. Effect of the interaction between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on available N&P mgkg⁻¹ in the soil after harvesting and its uptake by plant.

| Treatments | Available N mgkg ⁻¹ | | Available P mgkg ⁻¹ | | N uptake Kgfed. ⁻¹ | | P uptake Kgfed. ⁻¹ | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | |
| Magnetic water | Control | 20.45 | 22.49 | 11.20 | 12.32 | 14.41 | 16.56 | 4.11 | 4.00 |
| | Urea | 24.35 | 26.75 | 18.66 | 20.52 | 50.08 | 56.73 | 14.01 | 13.02 |
| | Ammonium Nitrate | 21.25 | 23.37 | 13.70 | 15.07 | 74.78 | 92.76 | 14.77 | 16.28 |
| | Ammonium Sulphate | 25.34 | 27.87 | 22.42 | 24.67 | 44.26 | 48.36 | 9.51 | 9.71 |
| Non Magnetic water | Control | 14.70 | 16.17 | 11.20 | 12.32 | 20.65 | 25.57 | 3.22 | 3.38 |
| | Urea | 23.11 | 25.42 | 18.66 | 20.53 | 47.93 | 58.96 | 8.21 | 9.26 |
| | Ammonium Nitrate | 21.35 | 23.48 | 16.77 | 18.45 | 56.25 | 68.03 | 10.85 | 11.66 |
| | Ammonium Sulphate | 26.17 | 28.79 | 18.66 | 20.66 | 66.57 | 77.97 | 13.22 | 14.07 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for sub main | 1.38 | 1.52 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 4.20 | 3.17 | 1.41 | 0.74 | |
| F.T. | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | |

Table 10. Effect of magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on N utilization rate .

| Treatments | N-utilization rate % (grain) | | N-utilization rate % (straw) | | Total N-utilization | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd |
| A- Irrigation water | | | | | | |
| Magnetic water | 28.50 | 31.35 | 11.095 | 12.20 | 39.60 | 43.55 |
| Non Magnetic water | 32.12 | 35.33 | 10.44 | 11.48 | 42.56 | 46.81 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for main | 1.225 | 1.925 | 0.43 | 0.48 | | |
| F.T | * | * | * | * | | |
| B-Nitrogen forms | | | | | | |
| Urea | 32.69 | 35.97 | 11.11 | 12.215 | 43.8 | 48.19 |
| Ammonium Nitrate | 39.32 | 43.25 | 10.56 | 11.15 | 49.88 | 54.4 |
| Ammonium Sulphate | 35.86 | 39.46 | 13.14 | 14.46 | 53.92 | 53.92 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for sub main | 1.19 | 1.31 | 0.64 | 0.71 | | |
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Data of Table 11 present the effects of interaction between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen forms on N-utilization rate values. Data show that a significant effect was detected, the lowest values were obtained with ammonium sulfate application under magnetic water while the same treatment (ammonium sulphate) under non-magnetic water gave the highest values .

Table 11. Effect of interaction between magnetic irrigation water and nitrogen fertilizer forms on nitrogen utilization rate.

| Treatments | N-Utilization rate % (grain) | | N-utilization rate % (straw) | | Total N-utilization | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------|
| | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | 1 st | 2 nd | |
| Magnetic water | Urea | 31.30 | 34.43 | 12.97 | 14.27 | 44.27 | 48.7 |
| | Ammonium nitrate | 42.49 | 46.74 | 8.60 | 9.46 | 51.09 | 56.2 |
| | Ammonium sulphate | 28.64 | 31.51 | 13.18 | 14.50 | 41.82 | 46.01 |
| Non magnetic water | Urea | 34.09 | 37.50 | 9.23 | 10.16 | 43.32 | 47.66 |
| | Ammonium nitrate | 36.13 | 39.74 | 12.52 | 13.78 | 48.65 | 53.52 |
| | Ammonium sulphate | 43.07 | 47.38 | 13.09 | 14.40 | 56.16 | 61.78 |
| L.S.D at 0.05 for Sub main | 1.68 | 1.855 | 0.91 | 1.00 | | | |
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تأثير الري بالماء الممغنط وصور الاسمدة الازوتية على نمو ومحصول الذرة ومعدل الاستفادة من السماد النيتروجيني . رمضان اسماعيل كنانى، خلود احمد النقمة و مها محمود عثمان معهد بحوث الاراضى والمياه والبيئة - مركز البحوث الزراعية .

اجريت تجربتان بالصوبة السلكية بمحطة البحوث الزراعية بسخا -محافظة كفر الشيخ خلال الموسمين الصيفيين ٢٠١٦-٢٠١٥ لدراسة تأثير الري بالماء الممغنط من خلال المرور من جهاز ٤٠ ميغا تسلا من شركة نفرتيتي وصور السماد الازوتى على نمو وانتاجية الذرة الشامية ومعدل الاستفادة من السماد الازوتى من صور الاسمدة المختلفة و استخدم تصميم القطع المنشقة كما استخدم محصول الذرة هجين ثلاثى ٣٢٤ لتنفيذ المعاملات وتم زراعة المحصول فى يونيو خلال الموسمين . تم التسميد بالمعدل الموصى به من الاسمدة الازوتية ١٢٠ كجم ن / فدان من ثلاثة مصادر من الاسمدة : ١- اليوريا ٤٦% و ٢- نترات الامونيوم ٣٣% و ٣- كبريتات النشادر ٢٠% تحت معاملتين لمياه الري ١- الري بالماء العادى و ٢- الري بالماء الممغنط وتم اجراء المعاملات الزراعية للذرة كما هو موصى به .ويمكن تلخيص النتائج المتحصل عليها فى الاتى --: لا يوجد تأثير معنوى للماء الممغنط على طول النبات وعدد الاوراق للنبات فى الموسم الاول والثانى ومساحة الورقة فى الموسم الاول فقط وكوروفيل أو قطر الكوز وطول الكوز والمحصول الحيوى والفسفور الميسر بالارض بعد الحصاد والنيتروجين الممتص فى الموسم الاول . ادى الري بالماء الممغنط الى زيادة معنوية فى المحتوى من كلوروفيل ب ومحصول القش والنيتروجين الميسر بالارض بعد حصاد الذرة والفسفور الممتص فى الموسمين والنيتروجين الممتص فى الموسم الثانى . قلل الري بالماء الممغنط محصول الحبوب ومعدل الاستفادة من السماد . اعطت نترات الامونيوم كصورة للسماد الازوتى اعلى قيم لطول النبات وعدد الاوراق للنبات ومساحة الورقة وطول الكوز ومحصول الحبوب والنيتروجين الممتص والفسفور الممتص ومعدل الاستفادة من السماد الازوتى - ادت اليوريا كصورة للاسمدة الازوتية الى زيادة معنوية فى كلوروفيل أ و ب والكلوروفيل الكلى وادت الى نقص معنوى فى معدل الاستفادة من السماد الازوتى للذرة . اعطت سلفات الامونيوم مع الري بماء عادى الى اعلى القيم لقطر الكوز والمحصول الحيوى ومحصول القش الميسر بالارض بعد حصاد الذرة مقارنة بالماء الممغنط . اظهر التفاعل بين الماء الممغنط وصورة السماد الازوتى ان استخدام الماء الممغنط فى الري ادى الى نقص معدل الاستفادة من سماد سلفات الامونيوم بينما ادى الى زيادة معدل الاستفادة من نترات الامونيوم