

RESPONSE OF SAKHA 109 RICE CULTIVAR TO IRRIGATION INTERVALS AND PHOSPHORUS LEVELS

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ABSTRACT: Field experiments were carried out at The Experimental Farm of Sakha Research Station, Sakha, Kafr El-Sheikh, Egypt during 2020 and 2021 seasons. The study aimed to investigate the response of Sakha 109 to irrigation intervals and phosphorus levels. A strip-plot design, with three plant replications, was used. The vertical plots contained four irrigation intervals, namely: continuous flooding (CF), irrigation every 6, 9, and 12 days (D). The horizontal plots consisted of four triple superphosphate fertilizer rates as follows: Control, 24, 48 and 72 kg P₂O₅/ha. The results revealed that Leaf area index (LAI), dry matter /m², plant height, number of panicles/m², number of filled grains/panicle, panicle length, panicle weight, 1000 grain weight and grain yield significantly increased at CF and 6D, 9D, as compared to the 12D treatment. Leaf area index, dry matter, plant height, grain yield, and its components were increased significantly by the application of 48 and 72 kg P₂O₅/ha without significant differences between the two treatments. Continuous flooding consumed the highest amount of total applied water while, the lowest amount was exerted by irrigation every 12 days. Irrigation every 6 days gave a similar grain yield to that of CF with less amount of irrigation water and gave reasonable water productivity in both seasons. Generally, it is suitable to use irrigation every 6 days with the application of 48 kg P₂O₅/ha for the highest grain yield of Sakha 109 and best water productivity.

Key words: Rice, Irrigation intervals, phosphorus, water productivity, grain yield.

INTRODUCTION

Water scarcity is one of the abiotic restrictions that has a global impact on agricultural productivity. Drought stress is thought to be capable of reducing crop production by roughly 20% over the world. (Subramanian, 2008). In addition, water deficit conditions affect the crop growth and grain yield (Wu et al., 2009). Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is the world's second-largest primary food crop, behind wheat, and one of Egypt's most important staple crops. It is not only their basic food crop, but also a major source of energy in their daily diet. Rice is a semi-aquatic crop that thrives in damp soil; therefore its production technique requires a lot of water. Rice may be grown in a variety of ecological circumstances depending on the availability of water. However, irrigation

resources have steadily reduced over the last few decades, resulting in a water scarcity situation. (Huang et al., 2007). Prolonging irrigation interval reduces absorption of nutrients and photosynthesis, causing reduction in number of tiller, leaf surface, LAI and redistribution of dry matter production. Thus, rice grain yield and its attributes were reduced (El-Refae et al., 2021).

Phosphorus, after nitrogen (N), is the second most important element in terms of agricultural productivity. It is a nonrenewable natural resource, and there is rising worry over phosphorus fertilizer shortages in natural deposits of rock phosphate. (Vinod and Heuer., 2012). According to estimates, 50% of agricultural soils are lacking in P. (Lynch 2011). The two primary reasons are insufficient phosphorus delivery in the

form of phosphorus fertilizer or manure, and P-fixing soil properties, which render phosphorus unavailable to plants even when considerable amounts are present.

As a result of phosphorus nutrition is a limiting factor in terms of achieving economic yield (Guimarães et al., 2018). Low soil phosphate is a serious constraint on plant growth and productivity in numerous crops around the world, including rice. To overcome phosphorus deficit, extra phosphorus fertilizers are applied (Roy et al., 2021). A lack of accessible phosphorus causes a reduction in rice grain yield by lowering tiller number, dry matter accumulation, distribution, and leaf photosynthetic capacity. Photosynthesis, flowering, seed generation, maturity, and root expansion are just a few of the processes in which it is involved. Its absence can result in severe stunting and yield losses. (Okasha., 2020). Because P is usually found in the insoluble form of tricalcium phosphate, it is more necessary to regulate it (Aziz et al, 2006).

The objective of the present study is to examine the interactions between irrigation intervals and phosphorus levels and their effects on water and grain yield productivity of Sakha 109 rice cultivar.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were conducted at the Experimental Farm of Sakha Research Station, Sakha, Kafr El-Sheikh, Egypt during 2020 and 2021 seasons. The purpose was to investigate effect of the irrigation treatments and phosphorus levels on growth, grain yield, and water productivity of Sakha 109 rice cultivar. All experiments were preceded by barley (*Hordum vulgare*). The results of mechanical and chemical soil properties are presented in Table (1).

The experiments were laid out in a strip-plot design, with three replications. The vertical plots were devoted to four irrigation treatments, as follows.

1. Continuous flooding (CF) throughout the seasons,
2. Irrigation every 6 days (6D),
3. Irrigation every 9 days (9D)
4. Irrigation every 12 days (12D).

The horizontal plots were assigned to four phosphorus fertilizer treatments as follows: control, 24, 48, and 72 kg P₂O₅/ha as a basal application to the soil during the land preparation (calcium super-phosphate). The nursery was well plowed and leveled. Fertilizer treatments and the rest cultural practices were applied as recommended to the nursery. Seeds of Sakha 109 rice cultivar, at the rate of 144 kg ha⁻¹ were soaked in sufficient water for 24 hours and incubated for another 48 hours to enhance germination. Pre-germinated seeds were broadcasted in the presence of water after puddling the nursery on the 8th and 10th of May in the first and second season, respectively. Potassium fertilizer was added at 57 kg K₂O ha⁻¹ as a basal dose and incorporated into dry soil. According to the treatments, the recommended dose of nitrogen fertilizer form of urea 72 kg N/ha was applied. The plots size was of 30 m² (5 x 6 m) each. All plots were transplanted with three to four thirty-day-old seedlings at 20 cm distance among hills and rows. To avoid lateral irrigation water movement and for more water control, each main plot was lightly separated by two-meter-wide ditches. At the booting stage (75 days from sowing), plants from five hills were randomly taken from each subplot to estimate dry matter production and leaf area index (LAI). At harvest, plant height was estimated. The total number of panicles of ten random hills was counted and then converted into numbers/m². Ten random panicles were collected from each plot to estimate panicle length, number of grains/panicle, unfilled grain percentage, panicle weight, and 1000-grain weight. Grain yields were randomly measured from an inert area of 12 m² (3 x 4 m), and grain yield was adjusted to 14% moisture content.

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Table (1): Mechanical and chemical analysis of the experimental site soil.

Soil analysis	Texture class	pH	EC dS/m	Organic matter %	Total N ppm	Available P ppm	Available K ppm	Available Zn ppm
2020	clayey	7.8	1.73	1.70	480	14	288	1.14
2021	clayey	8.0	2.37	1.60	487	13	267	1.15

The total applied water:

A water pump provided with a calibrated water meter, was used for all water measurements. The weight of grain yield per unit of water (kg grain/m³ water) was used to calculate water productivity.

Statistical Analysis

The data was examined statistically using the analysis of variance technique, according to Gomez and Gomez (1984). The treatment means were compared using Duncan's Multiple Range Test (Duncan 1955). Using the "COSTAT" statistical software tool, all statistical analyses were completed using the analysis of variance technique.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1-Growth attributes:

The values of leaf area index were high in continuous flooding (CF) without any significant differences with irrigation every 6 days compared to irrigation every 12 days (Table 2). Prolonging irrigation intervals from CF up to irrigation every 12 days reduced LAI, dry matter (DM) and plant height. The dry matter production and tallest plants were obtained when the plants were irrigated as continuous flooding in two seasons. Phosphorus rates significantly influenced the growth characteristics compared with control treatment (Table 2). The maximum values of studied traits (LAI, DM, and plant height) were significantly increased by increasing phosphorus fertilizer rate and were noted in plants treated with 72 kg / P₂O₅/ha without significant differences from those produced by 48 kg / P₂O₅ / ha

as compared to control treatment in both seasons.

Results in Table 3 showed that the interaction between phosphorus fertilizer and irrigation treatments on dry matter production were significant in the 2020 and 2021 seasons. The highest dry matter production values were obtained by combining CF treatment with the treatment of 72 and 48 kg P₂O₅/ ha without any significant difference between the above mentioned combinations. However, treatment of control (without phosphorus) under irrigation every 12 days produced the minimum values of dry matter in both seasons.

2- Grain yield and its attributes:

The data in Table 4 showed that the CF irrigation significantly produced the maximum values of all grain yield and its attributes (number of panicles/m², number of filled grains/panicle, panicle length, panicle weight, 1000 grain weight, and grain yield/ ha) in both seasons, with no significant difference with a 6-day interval. On the other hand, irrigation every 12days gave the minimum values of all traits, except for the number of unfilled grains in both seasons. The treatment of 72 kg P₂O₅/ha recorded the highest values of all grain yield attributes without any significant differences with those obtained by 48 kg P₂O₅/ ha treatment. Meanwhile, the control treatment (without phosphorus) exerted the minimum values of such traits in both seasons (Table 4), except for the number of unfilled grains, which was the highest value under the control treatment in both

seasons. Data presented in Table 4 indicated that all grain yield and its attributes were significantly increased by increasing the phosphorus fertilizer rates. The treatment of 72 kg P₂O₅/ha recorded the highest values of all grain yield attributes without any significant

differences with those obtained by the 48 kg P₂O₅/ ha treatment. Meanwhile, control induced the minimum values of such traits in both seasons (Table 4), except the number of unfilled grains, which was highest under control in both seasons.

Table 2: Some growth characteristic of rice at harvest as affected by irrigation intervals and phosphorus fertilizer rates.

Treatments	LAI		Dry matter (g/m ²)		Plant height (cm)	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Irrigation intervals (I):						
CF	5.05a	5.33a	1031.00a	1120.00a	100.39a	101.25a
6-day	4.85a	5.01a	987.08b	1011.00b	97.29b	98.99b
9-day	3.61b	4.24b	830.17c	943.00c	88.05c	92.39c
12-day	3.28b	3.34c	641.99d	805.99d	72.41d	77.68d
F. test	**	**	**	**	**	**
Phosphorus rates kg P₂O₅/ha (P)						
control	3.86c	4.14c	856.90d	954.34d	88.16c	91.95c
24	4.12b	4.40b	872.03c	966.47c	88.57b	92.36b
48	4.33ab	4.61ab	878.42b	975.86b	89.06a	92.86a
72	4.47a	4.75a	885.88a	983.32a	89.36a	93.15a
F. test	**	**	**	**	**	**
Interaction						
I X P	NS	NS	*	*	NS	NS

* = Significant at 0.05 level, ** = Significant at 0.01 level and NS= not significant.. CF= continuous flooding

Table 3: Dry matter (g/m²) of Sakha 109 rice cultivar as affected by the interaction between irrigation intervals and phosphorus fertilizer rates during 2020 and 2021 seasons

Phosphorus (kg P ₂ O ₅ /ha)	Dry matter (g/m ²)							
	2020				2021			
	Irrigation treatments							
	CF	6-day	9-day	12-day	CF	6-day	9-day	12-day
Control	1017.9c	971.4f	804.8j	633.6m	486.9c	995.3j	917.6j	797.6m
24	1027b	985.3e	826.2i	637.8lm	1115.9b	1009.2e	939.0h	801.8lm
48	1035.9a	992.9de	840.4h	644.6kl	1124.9a	1017de	953.2h	808.6kl
72	1043.3a	998.8d	849.3g	652.1k	1132.3a	1022.7d	962.2g	816.0k

CF= continuous flooding.

Table 4: Grain yield and its attributes of Sakha 109 rice cultivar as affected by irrigation intervals and phosphorus fertilizer rates.

Treatment	No. of panicles /m ²		Number of filled grains/ panicle		Number of unfilled grains/ panicle		Panicle length (cm)		Panicle weight (g)		1000-grain weight (g)		Grain yield (t/ha)	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Irrigation intervals (I):														
CF	522.0a	536.0a	137.5a	139.0a	5.32d	5.64c	21.79a	22.33a	3.52a	3.75a	25.72a	26.16a	10.15a	10.11a
6-day	518.0a	524.0b	135.2a	138.9a	6.24c	6.42c	21.30a	21.84b	3.36a	3.58a	25.27a	25.62a	9.90a	10.19a
9-day	400.2b	488.0c	125.8b	124.4b	16.57b	17.03b	20.20b	20.30c	2.91b	3.03b	24.51b	24.77b	8.64b	8.87b
12-day	410.0c	419.0d	105.2c	103.1c	24.36a	24.56a	19.81c	20.10d	2.30c	2.44c	23.90b	24.37b	7.29c	7.63c
F. test	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Phosphorus rate kg P ₂ O ₅ /ha (P)														
control	481d	478.2d	109.1d	112.8d	14.47a	15.34a	20.17c	20.0c	2.72c	2.87c	23.98d	24.19c	7.70c	8.32c
24	474.0c	487.2c	121.1c	122.1c	13.16b	13.72b	20.7b	21.01b	2.95b	3.12b	24.67c	25.10b	8.71b	9.11b
48	483.4b	496.9b	130.5b	131.5b	12.61c	12.58c	21.07a	21.0a	3.16ab	3.34ab	25.06b	25.49b	9.59a	9.64a
72	490.8a	504.4a	138.0a	139.0a	11.71d	12.01c	21.30a	21.80a	3.29a	3.47a	25.69a	26.14a	9.98a	10.07a
F. test	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
I X P	NS	NS	**	NS	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	*	*

* = Significant at 0.05 level, ** = Significant at 0.01 level and NS= not significant. CF= continuous flooding.

The interaction between irrigation intervals and phosphorus fertilizer rates was significant for the number of filled grains/ panicle and number of unfilled grains/ panicles in the first season (Table 5). The highest number of filled grains/ panicles was produced in continuous flooding and the treatment of 72 kg P₂O₅/ ha combination without any significant difference between the irrigation every 6 days with treatment of 48 kg P₂O₅/ ha in 2020 season. On the other hand, the lowest value of number of filled grains/ panicles was produced in irrigation every 12days with control (without phosphorus). The interaction between Irrigation intervals and phosphorus fertilizer rates was significant for the number of unfilled grains/ panicle in the 2020 season (Table 5). The highest

number of unfilled grains/ panicle was produced by the combination of irrigation every 12 days combined with no phosphorus. While, the lowest value was produced by CF with the treatment of 72 kg P₂O₅/ ha treatment in 2020 season. The interaction between irrigation regimes and phosphorus fertilizer rate was significant for grain yield in both seasons (Table 5). The highest grain yield was obtained by and treatment of 72 and 48 kg P₂O₅/ ha under continuous flooding followed by irrigation every 6 days treatment, without any significant difference between each other. However, the lowest value was produced by irrigation every 12 days with control (without applied as phosphorus) treatment in both seasons.

Table 5: Number of filled, number of unfilled grain/ panicle and grain yield of Sakha 109 rice cultivar as affected by the interaction between irrigation intervals and phosphorus fertilizer rates.

Phosphorous kgP ₂ O ₅ /ha	Number of filled grains/ panicle				Number of unfilled grain/ panicle			
	2020				2020			
	CF	6-day	9-day	12-day	CF	6-day	9-day	12-day
control	124.4de	119.5e	100.4gh	91.8h	5.98gh	6.85g	18.91d	26.14c
24	133.4cd	133.4cd	121.8e	96.0gh	5.58gh	6.68g	17.24e	24.97c
48	142.4abc	141.0ab	136.0bc	102.8fg	5.27gh	6.09g	15.37f	24.70b
72	149.8a	147.0ab	145.0abc	48.3f	4.44h	5.33gh	14.47f	22.63a
Phosphorous kgP ₂ O ₅ /ha	Grain yield(t/ha)							
	2020				2021			
	CF	6-day	9-day	12-day	CF	6-day	9-day	12-day
control	8.82fg	8.43fgh	7.74h	5.81j	9.44de	8.89efg	8.10gh	6.86i
24	10.0bcd	9.85cde	8.05gh	6.90i	10.57abc	10.1bcd	8.50fgh	7.27i
48	10.16ab	10.51abc	9.18ef	7.98gh	10.78ab	10.74ab	9.01ef	8.02h
72	11.08a	10.82ab	9.58de	8.47fgh	11.04a	11.01a	9.8cd	8.37fgh

CF= continuous flooding

3- Total applied water, water saved and water productivity

Data in Table 6 revealed that the total water used, water saved and water productivity was significantly influenced by the irrigation intervals in both seasons. The treatment CF consumed the highest amounts of water throughout the seasons. While the lowest amounts were used by irrigation every 12 days treatment in both seasons. The amount of water-saving percentage was found to be 8.84 and 10.51% with irrigation every 6 days treatment in the first and second season, respectively. At the same time, the water-saving percentage under irrigation every 9 days was 13.59 and 12.18 % with prolonged irrigation interval followed by irrigation every 12 days

treatment (31.33 and 30.13 %) compared with continuous flooding in the 2020 and 2021 seasons, respectively. The irrigation every 6 days recorded the highest value of water productivity (0.872 and 0.911 kg/m³) followed by irrigation every 12 days in the first and second seasons, respectively. In these treatments, the irrigation every 6 days treatment resulted in high grain yields with low water inputs.

Table 7 showed that the effect of the irrigation intervals and phosphorus fertilizer rates on water productivity. Water productivity increased with irrigation every 12 days with the 72 kg P₂O₅/ ha treatment in the first and second season.

Table 6: Total applied water, water saved and water productivity as affected by irrigation treatments

Irrigation treatment	Total water use (m ³ /ha)		Water saved (%)		Water productivity (kg /m ³)	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
CF	12447	12147	-	-	0.815	0.832
6- day	11347	11181	8.84	7.95	0.872	0.911
9-day	10756	10668	13.59	12.18	0.803	0.831
12-day	8547	8487	31.33	30.13	0.853	0.899

CF= continuous flooding

Table 7: Water productivity (kg/m³) affected by the interaction between irrigation intervals and phosphorus fertilizer rates.

Phosphorus kgP ₂ O ₅ /ha	Irrigation intervals							
	2020				2021			
	CF	6-day	9-day	12-day	CF	6-day	9-day	12-day
control	0.709	0.743	0.720	0.680	0.777	0.795	0.759	0.808
24	0.803	0.868	0.748	0.807	0.870	0.903	0.797	0.857
48	0.816	0.926	0.853	0.934	0.887	0.961	0.845	0.945
72	0.890	0.954	0.891	0.991	0.909	0.985	0.919	0.986

CF= continuous flooding

DISCUSSION

Prolonging irrigation intervals from continuous flooding up to irrigation every 12 days reduced LAI, DM, and plant height. The increase in water availability may increase root growth, high mobility of nutrients in soil solution, and nutrient absorption by plant roots that stimulate the physiological processes inside the plant, such as protein synthesis and photosynthesis. In contrast, prolonged irrigation intervals during early stages of tiller development inhibits the activities of many enzymes, leading to adverse changes in the structures of plant tissues (Alhassan *et al.*, 2016, Hameed *et al.*, 2019, Hossain *et al.*, 2020 and El-Refae *et al.*, 2021). Phosphorus fertilizers improve vigorous growth superficial roots, increase growth, photosynthesis and its partitioning, delay leaf senescence under stress, enhance synthesis of RNA, and enhance the efficiency of photochemistry and ATP compound in rice plant leading to higher yield components (Zayed *et al.*, 2010).

Plants treated with 72 kg/P₂O₅/ha had the highest values of the examined variables (LAI, DM, and plant height). Both root and shoot development might be attributed to a lack of phosphorus. Increased P levels boost plant growth metrics by increasing leaf photosynthetic rate and synthesis of extra photosynthates (Rahman *et al.*, 2011). The involvement of phosphorus in rice plant growth and development, as well as an increase in the number of tillers and root development, could explain the rise in LAI as P levels rise. (Khan *et al.*, 2016).

The highest values of all grain yield attributes (number of panicles/m², number of filled grains / panicle, panicle length, panicle weight, 1000 grain weight, and grain yield) were obtained by CF without significant difference with a 6-day interval compared to irrigation every 12 days. The available water enhanced the production and transportation of the

dry matter content to panicles for new tillers. As a result, the number of tillers increased, as did the overall number of grains/panicles. Continuous flooding had the highest panicle weight and grain yield, without a significant difference with irrigation every 6 days. A lack of water shortens the grain-filling period, and it can lead to a decrease in grain weight. Similar findings have been reported by Pandey *et al.* (2014). Also, such results might be interpreted by the increase in soil moisture content during the vegetative growth of rice plants, which affects the activity of cell division and elongation, and improved physiological processes inside the plant such as photosynthesis, enzyme activity and transportation of the dry matter content to panicles. According to Li *et al.* (2017) and Hossain *et al.*, (2020), high grain yield resulted in more grain filling and weighted panicles. Higher yield and yield attributes, as well as a higher net economic return, are the ideal combination. Other researchers found that a good combination of P and irrigation increased the number of panicles per m². (Usman, 2013). Because of the closer watering intervals, the interactions between phosphorus fertilizer rate and irrigation intervals had a beneficial effect on yield attributes. Shorter irrigation intervals maintained a moderate moisture content in the soil, which improved grain fullness and panicle weight by increasing cytokinin levels, which increased grain output. (Zhang *et al.*, 2010). This could be related to better root formation and growth, which leads to better moisture management and higher crop yields (He, 2010). Water stress impairs agricultural plants' capacity to develop and photosynthesize by upsetting the equilibrium between reactive oxygen species and antioxidant defenses, resulting in an excess of reactive oxygen species that induce oxidative stress to proteins, membrane lipids, and other

cellular components. Water stress has an impact on the photochemical and enzymatic activity of crop plants. As a result of the stress, paddy yields are decreasing. Higher phosphorus paddy yields are most likely due to more panicles and bigger biomass, which result in higher rice yields. (George and colleagues, 2001). These findings imply that water productivity rises to a point in response to phosphorus levels, then falls. Irrigation intervals are negatively associated with water productivity, implying that as water production declines with longer irrigation intervals. When there is a scarcity of water, phosphorus plays a critical function in increasing water productivity. (Zayed et al., 2017) cited that apply phosphorus to rice crop grown under stress enables it to uptake water in spite of high osmotic pressure.

An appropriate phosphorus level is not only useful for saving water, but it's also a good way to increase paddy production. This could be related to greater root growth and development, which leads to increased crop yields and better moisture utilization (He, 2010). Water productivity and paddy yield are both reduced by excessive irrigation water use (Tao et al. 2006). In general, panicle phosphorous fertilizer increased water production when used in conjunction with the appropriate irrigation level, owing to high yield and minimal seepage and percolation losses. (Pandey et al. 2014 and Gewaily et al. 2019).

CONCLUSION

The study indicates that the phosphorus fertilizer rates of 48 kg P₂O₅/ha in combination with irrigation every 6 days could be the most effective for enhancing the highest grain yield and acceptable water productivity of the Sakha 109 rice cultivar.

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استجابة صنف الأرز سخا 109 لفترات الري ومستويات من التسميد الفوسفوري

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أجريت تجربة حقن في المزرعة البحثية لمحطة بحوث سخا الزراعية، كفر الشيخ، مصر خلال موسمي 2020 و 2021. بهدف معرفة مدى استجابة صنف الأرز سخا 109 لمعاملات الري ومستويات الفوسفور. تم استخدام تصميم الشرائح المتعامدة في ثلاث مكررات في تنفيذ التجربة حيث إحتوت الشرائح الرأسية على اربع معاملات للري (الغمر المستمر طول الموسم و الري كل 6 و 9 و 12 يوماً). في حين أحتوت الشرائح الأفقية لأربع معدلات من التسميد الفوسفاتي على النحو التالي: الكنترول و 24 و 48 و 72 كجم P_2O_5 للهكتار. أوضحت النتائج أن دليل مساحة الورقة (LAI) و المادة الجافة (DM) و ارتفاع النبات وعدد الداليات / m^2 وعدد الحبوب الممتلئة/الدالية ووزن الدالية ووزن الألف حبة ومحصول الحبوب زاد معنوياً عند الري بالغمر المستمر والري كل 6 أيام والري كل 9 أيام مقارنة مع معاملة الري كل 12 يوم. زاد دليل مساحة الورقة و المادة الجافة و ارتفاع النبات ومحصول الحبوب ومكوناتها معنوياً بإضافة 48 و 72 كجم P_2O_5 هكتار دون وجود فروق معنوية بين المعاملتين. أستهلك الغمر المستمر أكبر كمية من مياه الري بينما تم استهلاك أقل كمية من المياه عن طريق الري كل 12 يوماً. وأعطى الري كل 6 أيام محصول حبوب مماثل مع أقل كمية من مياه الري وأعطى إنتاجية مائية معقولة في كلا الموسمين. الدراسة توصى باستخدام الري كل 6 أيام مع تطبيق 48 كجم P_2O_5 هكتار للحصول على أعلى إنتاجية للحبوب لصنف الأرز سخا 109 وأفضل إنتاجية للمياه.

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