

EFFECT OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS ON SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UNDER CLAYEY SOIL CONDITIONS

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ABSTRACT

Water is considered one of the most critical input resources for sustainable development at crop production. Selecting suitable irrigation system is very important to get high crop production and overcome water shortage. A field experiment was carried out at Rice Mechanization Center (RMC), Meet El-Deepa, and Kafer El-Sheikh Governorate during summer season 2014/2015 for soybean. The main aim of this research is to study the effect of different drip irrigation treatments on the productivity of soybean crop and irrigation water use efficiency (IWUE) under clayey soil conditions. The field treatments were designed as a split plots experimental design. The main plots were operating pressure head levels of 6(P1), 5(P2), 4(P3), and 3 meter (P4). Sub-main plots were included continuous drip irrigation (C), two levels of pulse drip irrigation in 15 min on/15 min off (S1) and 20 min on/20min off (S2) with three replication. Furrow irrigation (Tf) was used as control treatment soybean productivity, irrigation water use efficiency IWUE, uniformity parameters, and some plant characteristics were conducted to evaluate the performance of irrigation system and operating pressures. The important results indicated that:

- Pulsed drip irrigation achieved a good water distribution in clayey soil.
- Soybean productivity was increased by the percentage of 24.9, 23.7, 19.3, 14.0, 1.2% comparing with (Tf) for P1S1, P1S2, P1C, P2S1, P2S2, respectively. Wherever, it was decreased by the percentage of 2.8, 3.6, 21.1, 26.5, 37.5, 47.7 % comparing with Tf for P2C, P3S1, P3S2, P3C, P4S1, P4S2, P4C, respectively.
- The results showed that the highest values of IWUE and distribution uniformity were 0.54 kg/m³ at P1S1 treatment and 96.61% at 6m pressure operating head (P1).
- Application of pulsed drip irrigation was more effective to improve the front wetting zone of clay soil.
- In conclusion, pulse drip irrigation treatment of (15 min open/15 min close) and operating pressure head of 6m gave the best results.

INTRODUCTION

It is necessary to use modern techniques to promote productivity per unit area by using modern irrigation systems, which the important technologies that help to improve the productivity in addition to reducing the amount of water added to the crop. Study of engineering factors affecting on modern irrigation systems such as pulsed surface drip irrigation and its impact on the productivity of crop soybean and irrigation water use efficiency are the most important problems faced by the ongoing this search. Karmeli

and Peri (1974) suggested that pulse irrigation is an irrigation technique achieving a relatively low application rate while using an irrigation device with a higher application rate. Complete pulse irrigation is composed of a series of irrigation time cycles where each cycle includes two phases: the operating phase followed by the resting or non-operative phase. Mostaghimi and Mitchell (1983) conducted laboratory experiments to study effects of trickle emitter discharge rate on the distribution of soil moisture in a silty-clay loam soil. The results indicated that on/off trickling wets a greater volume of soil with the same amount of applied water. Thus, reduction in the downward movement of soil moisture under pulsed applications would cause less deep drainage below the root zone. Pitts *et al.* (1991) found that the two drip irrigation frequencies (three times per day, one time per day) had not affected tomato yield. However, root length density was significantly affected by irrigation treatment at the 0 to 0.15 m depth with the more frequent irrigation treatment. Kang (2000) evaluated the effect of operating pressure heads on water application uniformity in micro irrigation sub main unit. Results showed that water application uniformity either increases or slightly decreases as operating pressure head increases in a range when the emission exponent $x \leq 0.5$ in most cases. The water application uniformity decreases as operating pressure head increases in a range when the emission exponent $x > 0.5$. Wang *et al.* (2000) found that soil water contents were higher directly under the drip tapes in drip irrigation, but were relatively more uniform across the whole soil surface in sprinkler irrigation. Zin El-Abedin (2006) showed that pulse drip irrigation is a recent concept where small frequent irrigation applications are applied to saturate the soil and meet the plant water requirements. Elmaloglou and Malamos (2006) estimated the vertical and surface water movement under a trickle source. Account evaporation and water extraction of the plant root system, which require complicated procedures such as numerical solution of the soil moisture flow equation. Elmaloglou and Diamantopoulos (2007) found that the vertical component of the wetting front was greater for the pulse than for the continuous irrigation for a time equal to irrigation duration. However, this difference was practically eliminated for a longer time. Saied *et al.* (2008) indicated that irrigation by using surface drip tended to increase the seed yield of soybean by 18.84%, 37.68%, 17.39%, 11.59% and 4.35%, compared to semiportable, gun, minisprinkler, floppy, and subsurface drip irrigation system, respectively in old lands at Sakha agricultural station farm, Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate. Malek and Peters (2010) presented two empirical relationships that calculate the width and depth of the wetted zone. They developed their empirical models by regression analysis. In their relationship, it was assumed that the radius and depth of the wetted zone related to the total volume of water, discharge rate, hydraulic conductivity, and the average soil water content during irrigation. Skaggs *et al.* (2010) used a numerical simulations and field trials to investigate the effects of application rate, pulsed water application, and antecedent water content on the spreading of water from drip emitters. Simulation results showed that pulsing and lower application rates produced minor increases in horizontal

spreading at the end of water application. The small increases were primarily due to longer irrigation times, however, and not to flow phenomena associated with pulsing or low application rates. Liu, et al. (2011) reported that Micro-irrigation technology is applied worldwide for its advantages of water saving, energy saving, high productivity, high efficiency and strong adaptability to soil and landform. Some developed countries with a shortage of water resources have turned the priority of developing water-efficient irrigation technology to micro irrigation, especially for drip irrigation, since the 1970s. Eid et al. (2013) found that pulse drip irrigation and mulching systems tended to increase and improving the yield of soybean. Applying the irrigation requirements on 8 pulses/day with using black plastic mulch (BPM) was the best conditions because under these conditions was occurred the highest value of yield, quality traits, and irrigation water use efficiency (IWUE) soybean. There was a significant difference between this case and treatments of adding of daily water requirements on 4 times, 12 times and daily on one time with mulching system of rice straw mulch "RSM" and the control treatment was soil surface without mulch "WM". Singh et al. (2014) evaluated various methods of estimating evapotranspiration to predict water requirement of soybean and wheat crops. The water requirement of soybean and wheat estimated by Penmann-Monteith method was in close agreement (-2.58% and 9.26% deviation) with the measured average water requirement (401.6 and 352.2mm) respectively followed by Hargreaves method for Bhopal district.

Therefore, the present investigation was to study the effect of furrow irrigation, continuous drip irrigation and pulsed drip irrigation on soybean production under clayey soil and maximization of irrigation water use efficiency.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Location and soil of experimental field

The experimental field was carried out at Rice Mechanization Center (RMC), Meet El-Deepa, Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate, Egypt situated at 31° 6'N latitude, 30° 50'E longitude, and an elevation of about 6 meters above mean sea level during summer growing season 2014/2015 to select a suitable irrigation parameters for producing soybean crop of Giza111 variety. The average values of particle size distribution, bulk density, field capacity (F.C), permanent wilting point (P.W.P) and saturation hydraulic conductivity (k_s) for the experimental soil are presented in Table(1). Soil infiltration was measured by using double-ring infiltrometer. Saturation hydraulic conductivity was considered as final infiltration rate.

Table 1: Soil physical analysis of experimental site

Soil depth, cm	Particle size distribution			Soil texture	Field capacity, %	Permanent wilting point, %	Bulk density, g/cm ³	Saturation hydraulic conductivity, cm/h
	Sand, %	Silt, %	Clay, %					
0-15	10.42	31.25	58.33	Clay	44.80	21.36	1.10	2.59
15-30	13.00	32.00	55.00	Clay	41.45	21.40	1.22	
30-45	12.00	29.00	59.00	Clay	39.00	21.00	1.28	
45-60	12.00	28.00	60.00	Clay	37.40	20.85	1.31	

System installation and experimental treatments

Irrigation system components consisted of pump with 30 m³/h discharge, 23 m vertical head and it was driven by a gasoline engine has power of 3.7 kW. Screen filter and back flow prevention device, pressure regulator, pressure gauges, and flow-meter and control valves. The main line made from solid PE pipes with 75 mm outer diameter (OD) to convey the water from the source to the main control points in the field. Sub-main lines made from PE pipes with 50 mm outer diameter (OD) was connected to lateral drip tapes of PE with 16 mm inner diameter (ID) and 46 m in long, 10 cm spacing between emitters and 1350 lph/100 m discharge. Seeds of soybean variety of Giza111 were planted on 1st of June by the manual method at 3-5cm soil depth, 64cm row spacing and 5-7cm on the rows in a soil. It was harvested on 3rd of October by handily methods. The field treatments were designed as a split plots experimental design. Main plot was concluded continuous drip irrigation (C), pulse drip irrigation 15 min, on/15 min off (S1) and pulse drip irrigation 20 min on/20min off (S2). The cycle time of pulsed application, defined as the time between the beginning of one pulse and the beginning of the next, was 0.5 hour (i.e., 0.25 hour on and 0.25 hour off pulses). The cycle ratio, defined as the ratio of on time to cycle time, was one half. Furrow irrigation (Tf) was used as control treatment with three replications. Sub-main plots were operating pressure head levels were used 6(P1), 5(P2), 4(P3), and 3 m (P4).The experimental design are shown in Figure 1. Routine operations for crop service were carried out on time, e.g. control of pests and diseases, fertilization and weeding according to recommendations.

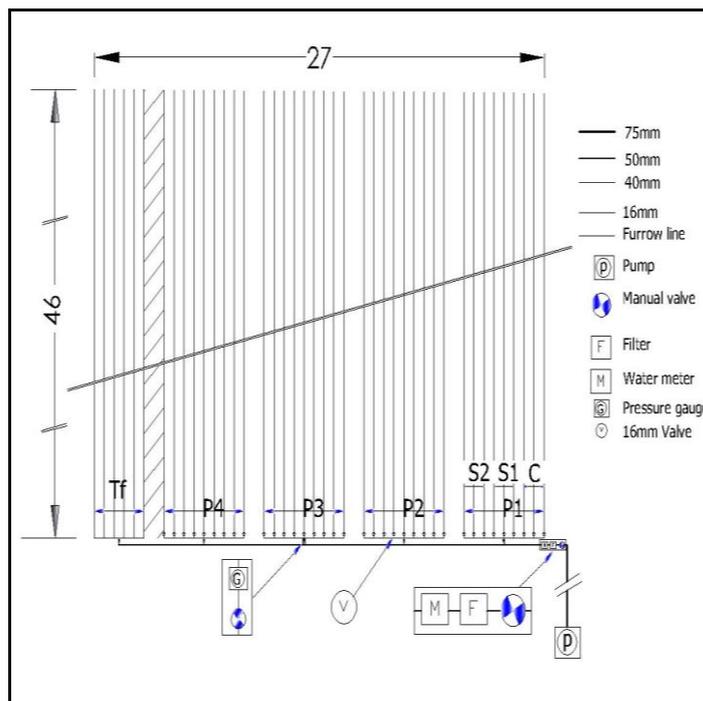


Figure 1: Layout of irrigation systems with the experimental design

Estimation of water requirements and irrigation application

Water requirements were computed for irrigating soybean crop based on CROPWAT 8 program (Allen, et al. 1998) as shown in Table 2 and Table 3 for furrow irrigation and drip irrigation, respectively. Field efficiencies were used 70% and 85% for furrow and drip irrigation, respectively. (Irmak et al. 2011).

Table 2: Total irrigation water requirements for furrow irrigation/season

Date of season	Day from planting	Plant stage	Actual irrigation requirements		Notes
			mm	m ³ /fed.	
01-Jun	1	Initial	50.9	584.22	Applied water before planting and first irrigation
16-Jun	16	Initial	88.2		
06-Jul	36	Developmental	163.2	685.44	Irrigation interval was 9-12 days
26-Jul	56	Middle	186	705.6	
16-Aug	77	Middle	184.6	775.32	
08-Sep	100	Middle	183.6	771.12	
03-Oct	End	End			
Summation	125		856.5	3597.3	

Table 3: Total irrigation water requirements for drip irrigation/season

Date of season	Day from planting	Stage	Actual irrigation requirements		Notes
			mm	m ³ /fed.	
01-Jun	1	Initial	50.9	584.22	Applied water before planting and first irrigation
16-Jun	16	Initial	88.2		
06-Jul	36	Developmental	134.4	564.48	Water was applied once in every three days
26-Jul	56	Middle	153.2	581.08	
16-Aug	77	Middle	152.0	638.49	
08-Sep	100	Middle	152.2	635.04	
03-Oct	End	End			
Summation	125		706.3	3003.31	

Determination of flow rate- pressure relationship

The values of emitters' flow rates with operating pressure under experimental field were described by the power curve equation as presented by (Keller and Karmeli 1975) as follow:

Where:

q = the emitter flow rate, ℓ/h,

k = constant of proportionality that characterizes each emitter,

h = operating pressure head, m and

x = emitter discharge exponent that is characterized by the flow regime.

The flow rate-pressure for drip line (10 emitters/m) was shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Emitter flow rate under different pressure heads

Operating pressure head, m	Emitter flow rates, ℓ/h	Flow rate- pressure relationship
6	1.377	$q = 0.525 (h)^{0.53}$
5	1.229	
4	1.059	
3	0.958	

Determination of uniformity of drip line systems

These measurements were used to determine emission uniformity and application efficiency. For each testing, 30 emitters were selected from head, middle and tail ends of drip tape, randomly. Water was collected from one meter of outflow (10 emitters) in metal tape with dimensions of 100cm length, 10cm width and 3cm depth for known time duration.

The coefficients of manufacturer's variation:

The coefficients of manufacturer's variation describe the quality of the processes which used to manufacture those emission devices. It was computed with the following equation. (Cited from, James 1988)

$$cv = \frac{(q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \dots + q_n^2 - n\bar{q}^2)^{0.5}}{\bar{q}(n-1)^{0.5}} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Where:

CV=manufacturer's coefficient of variation,
 q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n =discharge of emission devices (ℓ/h)
 \bar{q} = average discharge of emission devices tested (ℓ/h) and
 n= number of emission devices tested.

Emission uniformity: Emission uniformity has been developed for evaluating trickle lateral design and emission device selection and is defined by the following equation. (karmeli and keller, 1975):

Where:

EU=the design emission uniformity in percent,
 N_e = number of point source emitters per emission point,
 CV=manufacturer's coefficient of variation,
 Q_{min} = the minimum emitter discharge rate in the system (ℓ/h), and
 Q_{ave} = the average or design emitter discharge rate, ℓ/h.

Christiansen uniformity coefficient: The uniformity of application is evaluated using the Christiansen uniformity coefficient according to the following equation (Christiansen, 1941; ASAE, 2001)

$$CU = \left[1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |q_i - \bar{q}|}{\bar{q} \times n} \right] \times 100 \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

Where:

CU= Christiansen uniformity coefficient,
 n= number of observed emitter or cans,
 q_i = emitter flow rate, ℓ/h, and
 \bar{q} = average discharge of emission devices tested (ℓ/h)

Distribution uniformity: Distribution uniformity is expressed as a decimal as suggested by **Burt et al. (1997)**.

$$Du = 100 \times \frac{q_{lq}}{\bar{q}} \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

Where:

Du= Distribution uniformity, %
 q_{lq} = low-quarter average volume amount caught, and
 \bar{q} = average amount volume caught.

Estimation of irrigation duration, horizontal and vertical wetting zone

Irrigation water requirement (IWR) per day were used to determine irrigation duration. For example, IWR to day of 21/7/2015 was 5.715 mm equal 0.168 m³per treatment. Horizontal and the vertical wetting zone was measured by tape and operating duration of the emitter by a stop watch. Predicted soil moisture distribution was investigated by empirical model of Schwartzman and Zur (1986) is expressed as:

$$Z = 2.54(V_w)^{0.63} (K_s Q^{-1})^{0.45} \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

$$W = 1.82(V_w)^{0.22} (K_s Q^{-1})^{-0.17} \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

Where W and Z are horizontal and vertical dimensions of the wetting profile in meters, respectively, V_w is the total volume of applied water (m³), Q is the emitter discharge (m³s⁻¹), and K_s is the soil saturated hydraulic conductivity (ms⁻¹)

Soybean Crop characteristics and irrigation water use efficiency (IWUE)

At the end of growing season, crop parameters were determined by cutting of 10 plants from every treatment. Height, number of pods, the weight of 100 seeds and yield of soybean crop at an average moisture content of 15% wet basis was measured. Irrigation water use efficiency of Soybean crop was calculated according to (Ali, 2010) as follows:

$$IWUE = \frac{\text{Total yield, (kg / fed *)}}{\text{Total applied irrigation water, (m}^3\text{ / fed)}} \dots \dots \dots (8)$$

Where:

IWUE =Irrigation water use efficiency, kg/m³

*fed=4200m²

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Uniformity of drip line

Table 5 shows the effect of operating pressure head on coefficients of manufacturer's variation (C.V), emission uniformity (EU), Christiansen uniformity coefficient (CU), and distribution uniformity (DU). The low CV indicated good performance of the drip line system according to ASAE (2001) (cited from James 1988). According to Pitts (1997) Du greater than 87% implied an excellent functioning of the drip system. The present data indicates that, distribution uniformity (DU) increased by increasing operating pressure head. The highest value of DU was 96.61% that obtained at 6 m operating pressure head, while the lowest value was 85.34% at 4 m operating pressure head. The highest value of distribution uniformity mains a good water distributed to different areas in the field. Emission uniformity (EU). The highest values of emission uniformity were 90.88 and 91.83% at 6 and 5 m operating pressure head, respectively. Also, data in Table 5 indicated that increasing manufacturer's variation tended to decrease values of emission uniformity, uniformity coefficient and distribution uniformity.

Maximum and minimum values of CU were 97.54 and 91.79 % achieved at 5 and 4m, respectively.

Table 5: Effect of operating pressure heads on CV, EU, CU and DU

Parameter	Operating pressure heads, m			
	3	4	5	6
CV	0.116	0.146	0.037	0.047
EU, %	74.80	69.48	91.83	90.88
CU, %	91.79	90.22	97.54	96.45
DU, %	87.68	85.34	96.31	96.61

Irrigation duration, horizontal and the vertical wetting zone

The effect of operating pressure head and irrigation type on flow rate as listed in Table 6. The present data indicated that, flow rate and discharge decreased by decreasing operating pressure head at the same of irrigation water requirements. The maximum and minimum values of flow rate were 1.377 and 0.959l/h per emitter at 6 and 3 m operating pressure heads, respectively. Irrigation duration increased by decreasing of operating pressure head. Also, it increased by increasing of pulse duration. The minimum of irrigation duration was 0.795 at operating pressure head of 6 m and continuous drip irrigation. The maximum value of irrigation duration was 2.15 h at 3 operating pressure head and pulsed drip irrigation either 15min on/15 min off (S1) or 20min on/20min off (S2). Figures 2 and 3 showed the effect of operating pressure head and drip irrigation type on wetted soil width (W) and wetted soil width (Z). Wetted soil width increased by increasing operating pressure head. By applied pulsed drip irrigation achieved low values of wetted soil width compared with continuous drip irrigation (C). The maximum value of wetted soil width (W) was 0.247m at 6 operating pressure head 15min on/15 min off (S1) while, the minimum value of it was 0.204m at 3 operating pressure head and 20min on/20min off (S2). Vis versa, wetted soil depth decreased by increasing operating pressure head. By applied pulsed drip irrigation achieved high values of wetted soil depth compared with continuous drip irrigation (C). Maximum value of wetted soil depth (Z) were 0.155 at 3 m operating pressure head and (S2). Minimum value of (Z) was and 0.118 m at 6 m operating pressure heads and continuous drip irrigation. Results showed that wetted soil patterns as influenced by different flow rates or using different levels of operating pressure heads and drip irrigation types (C, S1 and S2) at the same amount of water application. Vertical component of the wetting front is deeper for the smaller than for the higher discharge rate. This agrees with Kang (2000) and Elmaloglou and Diamantopoulos (2007). While the horizontal component of wetting front is wider than for the higher discharge rate, in the duration of off cycle, wetted soil volume was vertically moved by gravitational effect, but it was insignificantly changed in horizontal directions. This agrees with Amer (2010). On other hand, increasing drip discharge rate resulted in a decrease in the horizontal component and an increase in the vertical component of the wetted soil profile. Also, pulse drip irrigation, allowed the water to follow through the drip

line and enter the soil when time was on. While during the time is off the soil moisture was allowed to be redistributed and resulted in more uniform distribution pattern. This agreed with El-Abedin (2006). The correlation between the predicted and measured soil moisture distribution patterns was satisfactory as show in Figures 4 and 5.

Table 6: Effect of operating pressure heads and irrigation types on flow rate of emitter and irrigation duration for one irrigation at 21/7/2015

Operating pressure head, m	Irrigation types	Emitter flow rate, ℓ ph	Irrigation duration, h
6	C	1.377	0.795
	S1		1.550
	S2		1.467
5	C	1.229	0.892
	S1		1.650
	S2		1.567
4	C	1.095	1.035
	S1		2.050
	S2		2.050
3	C	0.959	1.143
	S1		2.150
	S2		2.150

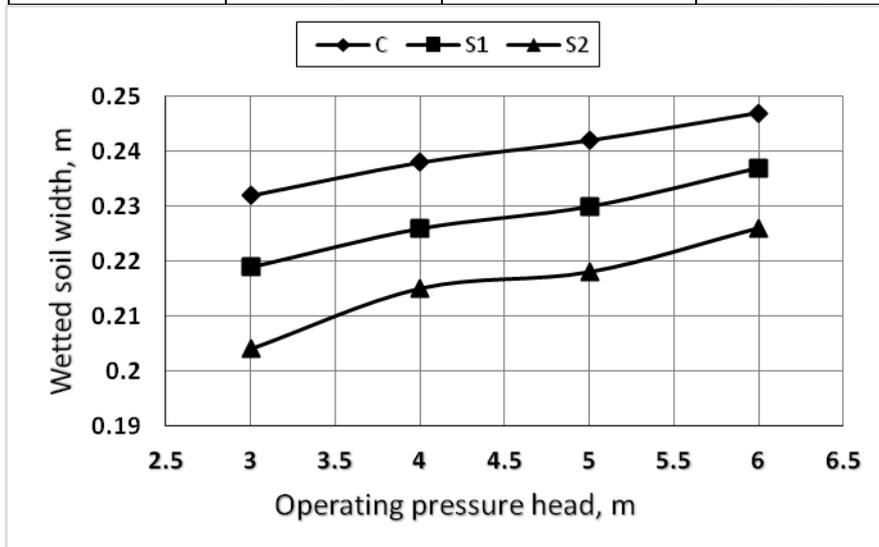


Figure2:Effect of operating pressure head on horizontal wetting zone (wettered soil width).

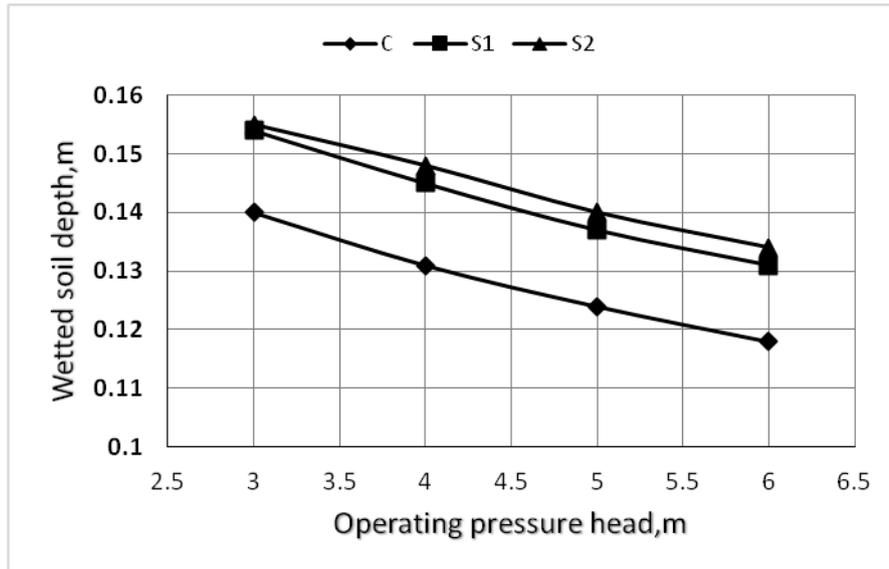


Figure 3:Effect of operating pressure head on vertical wetting zone (wettered soil depth).

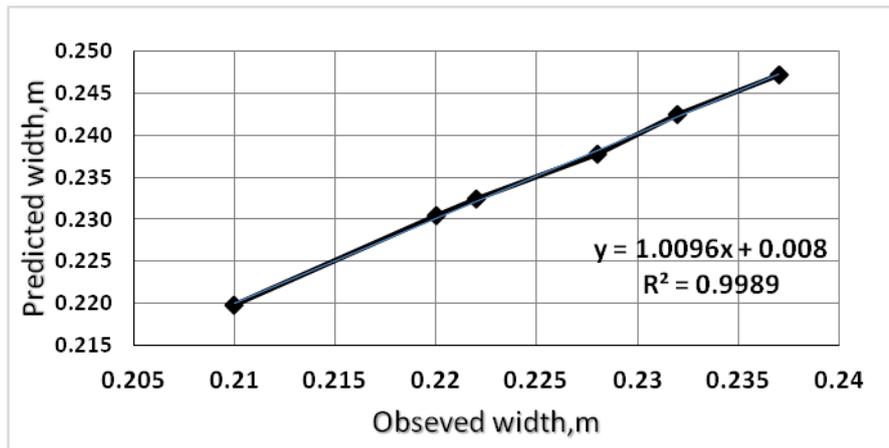


Figure4: The relationship between observed and predicted wetting width.

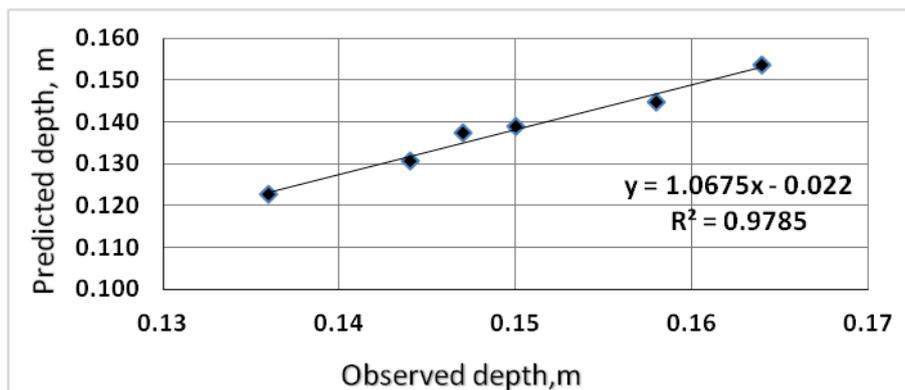


Figure5: The relationship between observed and predicted wetting depth.

Soybean characteristics, productivity and irrigation water use efficiency

The effect of operating pressure head and irrigation system treatments on soybean crop characteristics, productivity and irrigation water use efficiency (IWUE) is presented in Table 6 and Figures 6 and 7. It cleared that, some of experimental treatments of soybean parameters there was significant and other not significant of average values. Based on the value differences, there no a finite direction because some grains were not completed and pods had three or two or one grain only. The maximum and minimum values of 100 grain weight was 15.91 g and 10.20 g at P1C and P2S2, respectively. Results showed that, soybean yield increased by increasing operating pressure head and pulsed drip irrigation. The highest value of yield was 1617.2 kg/fed can be achieved by operating pressure of 6m (P1) and pulsed drip irrigation treatment of (S1). The results indicated that, values of productivity trend to increase according to uniformity parameters and a good distribution of wetted soil under drip line. By comparison the values of yield between the control (Tf) and others treatments. It found that Soybean productivity was increased by percentage of 24.9, 23.7, 19.3, 14.0, 1.2% comparing with (Tf) for P1S1, P1S2, P1C, P2S1, P2S2, respectively. Wherever, it was decreased by percentage of 2.8, 3.6, 21.1, 26.5, 37.5, 47.7 % comparing with Tf for P2C, P3S1, P3S2, P3C, P4S1, P4S2, P4C, respectively. Also, low operating pressure head do not prefer at the beginning of the season because the root depth of soybean is less. Irrigation water use efficiency (IWUE) increased by increasing operating pressure head and applying of pulse drip irrigation. The highest irrigation water use efficiency was 0.54 kg/m³ at P1S1 treatment while, the lowest was 0.27 kg/m³ at P4S2 treatment. Irrigation water use efficiencies varied according to productivity and water irrigation requirements.

Table 6: Effect of irrigation systems on soybean crop parameters and irrigation water use efficiency

Operating pressure, m	Drip irrigation type	Height plant, m	Height of the first pod, m	Number of pods	Number of branches	Weight of 100 grains, g
P1	C	1.04	0.19	110.70	4.60	15.91
	S1	1.16	0.19	71.80	3.20	14.45
	S2	1.05	0.17	68.80	5.60	13.90
P2	C	0.98	0.15	97.00	6.63	11.40
	S1	0.91	0.19	65.20	6.22	11.20
	S2	0.95	0.15	84.80	3.40	12.60
P3	C	1.05	0.21	68.20	5.20	11.20
	S1	0.90	0.17	80.40	4.00	10.20
	S2	1.13	0.22	52.80	5.50	13.35
P4	C	1.16	0.13	77.10	5.70	11.00
	S1	1.06	0.20	106.00	7.00	12.40
	S2	1.09	0.17	97.60	5.10	13.10
Furrow irrigation, Tf		1.11	0.19	84.50	4.60	10.41

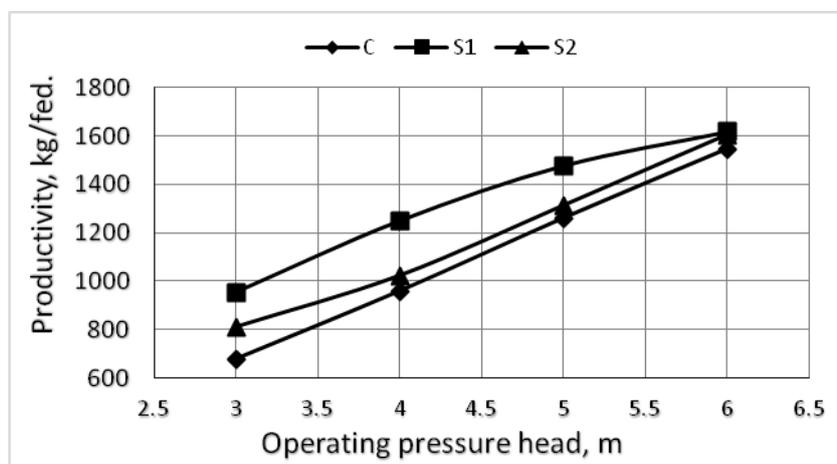


Figure 6: Effect of operating pressure head and irrigation types on soybean productivity

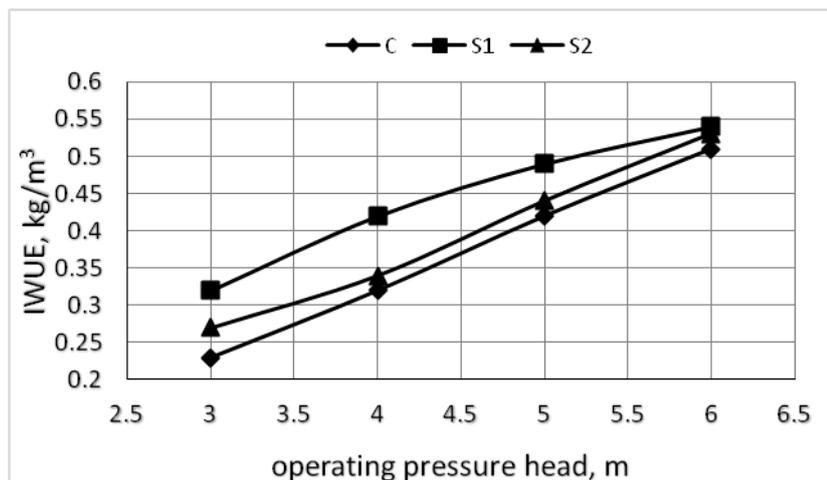


Figure 7: Effect of operating pressure head and irrigation types on irrigation water use efficiency

CONCLUSIONS

Pulsed drip irrigation can replace continuous small discharge rates to reduce irrigation water runoff problems on clayey soils.

Water distribution in soil is affected by operating pressure heads. The wetting width zone is large if the operating pressure head is large and vice versa it is small if the operating pressure head is small.

The correct application of engineering factors for the use of drip irrigation types (operating pressure head ranges of 5-6m and 15/15 on-off pulsed drip) in the clayey soil achieves the highest uniformity parameters, productivity and irrigation water use efficiency of soybean.

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تأثير انماط مختلفة لأنظمة الري على إنتاجية محصول فول الصويا تحت ظروف التربة الطينية

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تعتبر المياه من أكثر الموارد أهمية لتحقيق التنمية المستدامة في قطاع الإنتاج الزراعي مما ينعكس على اختيار نظام الري المناسب للحصول على إنتاجية عالية ومواجهة العجز في موارد المياه وحسن ادارتها. وقد تم اجراء تجربة حقلية بمركز ميكنة الارز بميت الدبية بمحافظة كفر الشيخ خلال الموسم الصيفي 2015/2014م تهدف الي دراسة تأثير انماط ري مختلفة على إنتاجية محصول فول الصويا ورفع كفاءة استخدام مياه الري.

صممت التجربة بنظام القطع المنشقة لدراسة المعاملات الآتية: -

- 1- ضاغط التشغيل (القطع الرئيسية): استخدم في الدراسة أربعة ضواغط تشغيل مختلفة هي 3، 4، 5، 6 متر.
 - 2- معاملات الري (القطع تحت الرئيسية) تم استخدام ثلاثة معاملات للري بالتنقيط السطحي هي (التنقيط المستمر، التنقيط النبضي 15 دقيقة فتح/ 15 دقيقة غلق، التنقيط النبضي 20 دقيقة فتح/20 دقيقة غلق) بالإضافة للري السطحي بالخطوط كعقارة مقارنة.
- وتم دراسة تأثير العوامل السابقة على توزيع المحتوى الرطوبي في الاتجاهين الأفقي والرأسي وكفاءات توزيع المياه وكذلك على الإنتاجية وبعض المؤشرات النباتية للمحصول وكانت أهم النتائج المتحصل عليها كما يلي:
- استخدام الري بالتنقيط النبضي يحقق توزيع جيد للرطوبة الأرضية في الاتجاهين الأفقي والرأسي للتربة الطينية.
 - تحقق اعلي إنتاجية (1617.2 كج/فدان) بالمعاملة P1S1 (ضغط تشغيل 6 متر وري نبضي 15 دقيقة فتح/15 دقيقة غلق).
 - زادت إنتاجية محصول فول الصويا بنسبة 24.9، 23.7، 19.3، 14.0، 1.2 % للمعاملات P1S1، P2S2، P2S1، P1C، P1S2 على التوالي بالمقارنة بالري بالخطوط. بينما انخفضت الإنتاجية بنسبة 2.8، 3.6، 21.1، 26.5، 37.5، 47.7% للمعاملات P2C، P3S1، P3S2، P4S1، P4S2، P4C على التوالي بالمقارنة بالري بالخطوط.
 - أقصى كفاءة استخدام مياه الري لمحصول فول الصويا كانت 0.54 كج/م³ عند تطبيق ضاغط تشغيل 6 متر مع الري بالتنقيط النبضي 15 دقيقة فتح/15 دقيقة غلق.
 - استخدام ضغط تشغيل 6 متر اعطي أفضل كفاءة لتوزيع مياه الري وقيمتها 96.1%
 - نخلص من النتائج أن تطبيق تكنولوجيا الري بالتنقيط النبضي يحسن جبهة ابتلال التربة ويعطي توزيع جيد لمياه الري واستخدام معاملة ضاغط التشغيل 6 متر مع الري بالتنقيط النبضي 15 دقيقة فتح /15 دقيقة غلق اعطت أفضل النتائج تحت ظروف التجربة.