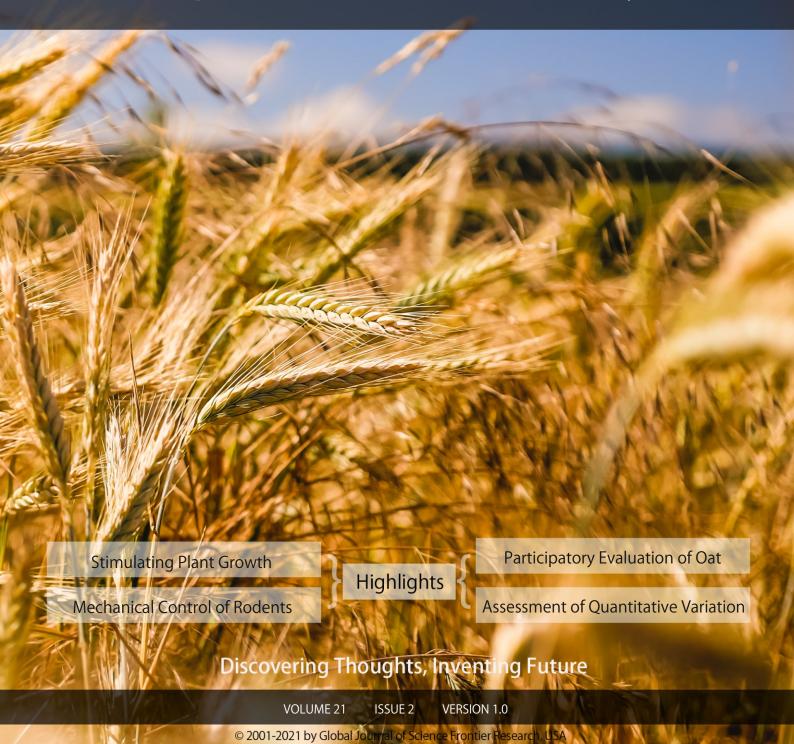
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I. Introduction

he development of crop production, as a branch of agriculture, determines the socio-economic development of regions not only in Russia but also in the world. Every year in our country, there is an increase in acreage by 6.5 %. This indicator is provided due to the expansion of the area of industrial and grain cropswhile reducing potatoes and vegetables.

However, the data on the yield of these crops indicate its growth, which is the result of several factors, including the active application of fertilizers (organic and mineral) by agricultural producers and the use of various chemicals to stimulate growth and increase the resistance of crops to diseases and control them. Every year, the production of pesticides and herbicides in our country rises by 6-8%, which negatively affects the ecological state of the environment and the quality of produced products (according to the Russian Union of Manufacturers of Chemical Plant Protection Products). The negative impact of chemicals affects the

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biosphere, shifting the balance towards the resistance of pathogens to pesticides themselves and reducing the immune response of plant organisms. High toxicity also affects the genetic apparatus of cells, leading to the development of irreversible negative consequences. Also xenobiotics are accumulated in the body, which leads to the poisoning of animals and humans. Over the past eight years, the total consumption of pesticides in Russia has increased more than 208 times and amounted to 156.6 thousand tons. That is why, since 2017, our country has been implementing a scientific and technical program for the development of agriculture, which involves the transition to the production of environmentally friendly agricultural products by 2025 through the development and introduction of new highly efficient and technologies.

In practice, physical methods of exposure, which differ from chemical ones in environmental friendliness, safety, and low energy consumption, have shown high efficiency. There has been proven high efficiency of coherent radiation, which has a stimulating effect on plants, activating the geneticpotential through switching photosynthetic systems without changing the DNA structure [1].

Light has a regulatory effect on photosynthetic plants, being a source of energy. The method of laser stimulation affectson photosynthesis, that is, the formation of organic matter under the influence of light. If in the dark phase (at night)vegetative plants are illuminated with red light (that is, light energy) of a given wavelength, this will enable the inclusion of FS-II (photosystem-II), which triggers the mechanism of energy synthesis in the form of ATP macromolecules and the hydrogen donor in anabolic reactions - the NADP H2 coenzyme. After removing the light exposure, FS-II will turn off. Then FS-I (photosystem I)activates enzymatic systems through a higher action potential of phytochrome and phytohormonewith the help of additionally generated energy of ATP and the reducing agent NADP H2. This accelerates the synthesis of protein and carbohydrates, increasing yield.

If we talk about the influence of light on various stages of plant development, then the effectiveness of coherent radiation in pre-sowing seed treatment has been proven. If we expose the light of the red spectrum, the seed germination rate, vigor, stress resistance, health status, and survival rate of plants, as well as the

yield and quality of the crop, increase. All of these made it possible to introduce laser technologies in agriculture, which allow achieving high results by activating the genetic potential of the plant organism and reducing the use of chemical stimulants and pesticides.

It is worth noting that the laser systems developed and used in agriculture are far from perfect due to low productivity and large overall dimensions [2,3].

II. EXPERIMENTAL PART

Devices with helium-neon lasers are the most common laser installations in agriculture. In the Krasnodar Territory of Russia, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine, were usedinstallations thatwere mounted on self-propelled agricultural machinery for processing vegetative plants or installed in storage facilities for presowing seed treatment. Devices had a significant weight, about16 kg. The operator chose power and duration of processing for each crop, and controlled it from the vehicle cab. Because the treatment was carried out in the dark, there were often plants traumatization and dark pauses for those areas that were at a great distance from the device.

Since the beginning of the 2000s, Danilovskikh M G conducted the research on the effect of laser radiation on the growth and development of plants. He tested the optomechanical on various crops. Thepeculiarity of the device was a semiconductor laser, which differs from its analogs in its small size and energy consumption. Long-term experiments allowed us to choose the optimal radiation dose for crops and start field tests.

For the research, we selected a vegetable crop – planted seedlings of Savoy cabbage of the "Salima F1" variety of early maturation. This variety of cabbage has a raised rosette of leaves. The leaf is transversely-broadly

elliptical, strongly bubbly, medium-sized, covered with a waxy coating. The color varies from green to dark green. The head is oval or round, yellowish on the cut. The outer and inner stumps are short. The weight of the head is 1.8-2 kg.

Workers of KFKH D. P. Pavlyuk (village Ermolino, Novgorod region, North-West of Russia) conducted the planting in early June. The average daily temperature at the time of planting was in the range of +17...+19C, at night + 11C. This temperature regime is optimal since cabbage is hard to tolerate hot, dry air.

The treatment was carried out by an optomechanical laser beam control device twice -one day after planting the seedlings in the open ground and 12 days later (June 5 and 17, 2019). The treatment was carried out with a red-band semiconductor laser with a radiation wavelength of 650 nm and radiation power of 150 MW for 30 seconds.

The growth energy of Savoy cabbage was calculated from the growth rate and the area of the leaf plate since the leaf plate displays photosynthetic activity. On June 8, 15and 24, 2019, the leaf plate was measured, and the cabbage samples were photofixed (Picture 1).

After treatments, the leaf surface area was measured according to the standard method:

$$S=0.75\times a\times b$$

where a is the length of the leaf, cm; b – width at the widest part of the leaf, cm.

The leaf plate, being the main assimilating organ of plants, accumulates synthesized organic substances that serve as structural and energy material for the entire plant organism. The area of a single leaf and the total leaf surface of the plant allow us to assess the photosynthetic potential and intensity of its work.







Picture 1: Photofixation of Savoy cabbage (irradiated plants are on the left, control group plants are on the right).

The workers carried out harvesting on 07.07.2019 while we measured and recorded the weight, size of the heads, and their biochemical composition.

III. Results and Discussions

The assessment of the growth energy of Savoy cabbage by the change in the area of the leaf plate (Table 1) has shown that, on average, the leaf surface

area of Savoy cabbage in the control group is 220.7 cm2 larger than the leaf area of the control samples (we carried out measurementson June 8). As a rule, the first leaves unfold slowly, but already at the first measurement, there is a significant difference. Further, the growth accelerates, facilitated by optimal climatic conditions - the air temperature was 18-26 C. On June 15, we also noted the trend of more active development of irradiated plants. Namely, the area of cabbage leaves in creasing it in sizing the photofixation of formation of heat group (see Pict. Measurements from the area of the control samples (we photofixation of formation of heat group (see Pict. Measurements from the area of the control samples (we photofixation of formation of heat group (see Pict. Measurements from the area of the are

area of leaves in the control samples. At the time of photofixation of the plantings, we noted the earlier formation of heads in the plants of the experimental group (see Picture 1, photo is on the right). Measurements from June 24 showed us an increase in the area of the leaf plateby 937.9 cm2 in the experimental group. The acceleration of the leaves' growthcomposing the head affects the size of the head, increasing it in size.

Table 1: Effect of laser treatment on the leaf surface area of Savoy cabbage

| | Average leaf area of one plant, cm2 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Ju | ne 8 | Jun | e 15 | June 24 | | | | | | | |
| control group | experimental group | control group | experimental group | control group | experimental group | | | | | | |
| 403,9±3,8 | 624,6±4,0 | 818,4±4,2 | 1541,8±4,9 | 1407,0±4,8 | 2344,9±5,7 | | | | | | |

We connect such a high growth rate of the leaf plate with the activation of biochemical processes after laser stimulation. The intracellular components absorb light, which leads to a change in the thermodynamic equilibrium. Short-term heating leads to a change in the physical and chemical properties of chromophores and surroundina which their areas. activates adenylatecyclase signal transmission system inside the cell.An increase in the number macromolecules leads to the activation of biochemical processes, as a result of which the redox potential of mitochondria grows. Then activation of ATP synthesis starts, which is also spent on protein synthesis, increasing the growth energy [4,5].

After harvesting, we selected groups of heads of the control and experimental groups to assess the size and weight of the heads. A cabbage head is a group of twisted leaves that grow from an apical bud. The yield of cabbage and the heads' size directly dependon the number of healthy leaves in the rosette and their size.

The studies have shown that on average the girth of a cabbage head is 7.4 cm larger, and the weight is 1.1 kg heavier in the experimental group samples compared to the control ones. (Table 2).

Table 2: Measurement of Savoy cabbage heads

| № | Magaurament parameter | Measurement object | | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| 7/12 | Measurement parameter | Control group | Experimental group | | |
| 1 | Average girth of a cabbage head, cm | 41,9±0,11 | 49,3±0,12 | | |
| 2 | Average wight of a cabbage head, kg | 1,9±0,27 | 3,0±0,30 | | |

We carried out biochemical analysison June 9, stored the crop in a refrigerated room at a temperature of +3 C and air humidity of 85-90%. Then, we extracted the selected samples, determined the content of free sugars (glucose) and proteinsin the solutions by a photo-electrocolorimeter, determined the quantitative fat content by the extraction-weight method. (Table 3).

The average glucose content was 0.4 g / 100g higher in the samples of the experimental group. Even at low concentrations, glucose has a significant protective effect, lowering the freezing point. We noted risein glucose content by 15.19% in the experimental group, which indicates an increase in the frost resistance of cabbage, and its energy value.

Most of the organic nitrogenous substances of plants are proteins. In plants, there are quantitatively fewerprotein substances than carbohydrates, but they play asignificantrole in the construction of living matter and the implementation of life processes. All processes of plant growth and development are connected with them. When using laser radiation, plants accumulate 15.14% more protein, which is an indicator of the activation of several growth, shaping, physiological and biochemical processes. It reflects the active growth of the leaf area and the weight of the head.

Fats (lipids) are an essential component of living cells, providing selective permeability and liquid-crystal properties, although most plants accumulate

XX Frontier Research Science relatively few lipids (about 2%). Also, lipids are protective substances that help a plant tolerate adverse effects of the external environment. The fat content in the experimental group was increased by 14.66% and

amounted to 0.13 g/100 g. Cabbage has a low-fat content, which does not affect organoleptic parameters, but affects the resistance of plants to low temperatures.

Table 3: Average glucose, protein, and fat content in Savoy cabbage samples

| No | Management oritorion, a/100 a | Measurement object | | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| 745 | Measurement criterion, g/100 g | Control group | Experimental group | | | |
| 1 | Glucose content | 2,85±0,06 | 3,29±0,04 | | | |
| 2 | Protein content | 1,14±0,02 | 1,32±0,02 | | | |
| 3 | Fat content | 0,11±0,005 | 0,13±0,002 | | | |

Conclusions IV.

In vivo treatment of Savoy cabbage of Salima F1 variety with short-term exposure to coherent radiation risesthe functional activity of plant organisms, activating cell division. We can see it in an increase of leaf area. earlier maturation, and accumulation of alarger amount of dry matter. The use of stimulating plant growth on non-polluted with chemicals land allows us to obtain higher-quality. environmentally safe agricultural products.

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Abstract- These studies were carried out during two successive years (2017-2019) at Sohag Governorate (Gazert Shandweel Village Located at 15 km North of Sohag District). In this study, wire-box and glue traps were used to control rodents attacking Sugar cane plants. The results showed that the number of rodents caught during the 2017-2018 season was 45 individuals using wire-box traps and 73 individuals by glue traps, and the results in the second year 2018-2019 show that the number of rodents caught by wire-box traps was 65 individuals. and 78 individuals with glue traps. Both data in Table (1,2) showed that the glue traps were the highest rodent species captured from the thicker traps and most suitable for the house mouse, *M. musculus*.

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Mechanical Control of Rodents by using Wire-Box and Glue Traps in Sugar Cane Plantations at Sohag Governorate, Egypt

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Abstract- These studies were carried out during two successive years (2017-2019) at Sohag Governorate (Gazert Shandweel Village Located at 15 km North of Sohag District). In this study, wire-box and glue traps were used to control rodents attacking Sugar cane plants. The results showed that the number of rodents caught during the 2017-2018 season was 45 individuals using wire-box traps and 73 individuals by glue traps, and the results in the second year 2018-2019 show that the number of rodents caught by wire-box traps was 65 individuals. and 78 individuals with glue traps. Both data in Table (1,2) showed that the glue traps were the highest rodent species captured from the thicker traps and most suitable for the house mouse, *M. musculus*.

Keywords: wire-box traps, glue traps, rodents, sugar cane, m. Musculus.

I. Introduction

odents attack sugar cane and sugar beet from the beginning of planting until harvest, which leads to a decrease in juice quality, sucrose percentage and productivity per feddan (feddan = 1.038 acres). As well as the productivity of sugar per feddan in all growing seasons. The annual loss in sugar cane crop caused by *A. niloticus* was estimated by 5-8% in weight. The proportions of rat damaged mill able stalk averaged 23.99% and of dead stalks (due to damage) 7.17% in non-baited fields while in baited fields, rat damaged mill able stalks averaged 13.53 % and of dead stalks 3.85% (Porguez & Barredo, 1978). Rodent damage to sugar cane in Upper Egypt was estimated by 20 to 40 % reduction in yield, and 30 % in final sucrose in the infested stalks of sugar cane (Abazaid, 1990).

Rat trapping may be an effective rodent management tool for the following reasons: It is mainly necessary to identify, survey and control pest species. Locking up rodent pests is often better than using poisons. Traps prevent rodents from dying in hard-to-reach places and causing an odor problem. There is no chance of accidental or secondary poisoning of non-target animals. Traps can be used in situations where poison are not permitted or recommended. Very useful for managing the residual pests that live after the

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Author o: Sugar Crops Research Institute, Agriculture Research Center. Author p: Post Graduate Student, Plant Protection Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Sohag University. e-mail: abdelalem2011@gmail.com poisonous taste. *Tripathy et al., (2017).* This study aims at a comparative study of mechanical control by using wire-box and glue traps in sugar cane plantations.

II. Materials and Methods

These studies were carried out during (2017-2018) (2018-2019) at Sohag Governorate (Gazert Shand weel Village Located at 15 km. North of Sohag District) Two feddans were chosen randomly cultivated with sugar cane (30) traps (15 Wire traps – 15 glue traps) were baited with bread and set up in 10 rows every month at 6 pm and examined each morning for three successive nights were baited with bread and set up in 10 rows every month at 6 pm and examined each morning for three successive nights. Trapped rodents were transferred to the laboratory for identified according to Osborn and Helmy (1980) Records were made for the date and number of individuals collected from each rodent species. The percentage of each species was determine.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Evaluation of the efficacy of two rodent traps (wier traps-glue traps) for rodent control. This method is safe to environmental without pollution and not costly and higher than for reduce rodent population density. Frantz and Padula(1983) proved an laboratory study addressing the mode of action of glue entrapment on lab mice, and the behavior of confined lab mice around glue traps. Their results are important in that they provide insight into The interaction between mice and glue Traps, A discussion of the materials used as sticky adhesives for rodent and bird glue traps and repellents is provided by Fitzwater(1982). Corrigan(1994) stated that many factors are likely to affect the efficacy and repellency of glue traps against rodents within real world biological and men-biological factors.

Data in table (1) and figure (1)show the caught number of the different species of the field rodent in winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn in Sohag Governorate, through 2017- 2018 for wire-box traps were (7-9-13 and 19 individual) respectively with total 45 individual on other hand the caught number of the different species of for glue traps were (14-17-22 and 20 individual) respectively with total 73 individual.

Table (1): Total numbers of rodent species captured per season when used wire-box and glue traps under field conditions during 2017/2018

| _ | | | Wire- | traps | | | Glue- | traps | |
|--------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Season | Month | I | П | III | Total | I | П | III | Total |
| | December | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Winter | January. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| | February | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| | Total | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 14 |
| | March | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Spring | April | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| | May | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| | Total | 5 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 17 |
| | June | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 8 |
| Summer | July | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 7 |
| | August | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 7 |
| | Total | 7 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 22 |
| | September | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 7 |
| Autumn | October | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 7 |
| | November | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Total | | 8 | 7 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 20 |
| | Overall total | 23 | 20 | 2 | 45 | 17 | 54 | 2 | 73 |
| | Percentage | 51.11 | 44.44 | 4.04 | | 23.29 | 73.97 | 2.79 | |

Signs: I = A. niloticus II = M. musculus III = R.r.frugivorus

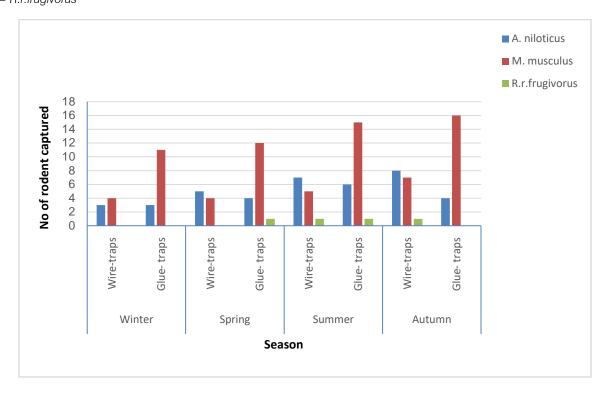


Figure (1): Total numbers of rodent species captured per season when used wire-box and glue traps under field conditions during 2017/2018

Data in table (2), figure (2) and photo (1) show the caught number of the different species in Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn through 2018-2019 for wire-box traps were (10 - 18 - 19 and 18 individual) respectively with total 65 individual. In the cause of the glue traps caught number of the different species were (15- 18- 24 and 21 individual) respectively with total 78 individual. Both data in table (1,2) proved that the glue traps were the higher of rodent species captured than wire-box traps and most suitable for house mouse, M. musculus L. A discussion of the material used as sticky adhesives for rodent and bird glue traps and repellents is provided by Fitzwater (1982). Corrigan (1988) stated that it is not Known whether or not pheromones play a negative (or positive) role in The interaction and repeated captures of mice on glue traps. However

negative impact does not, seen as likely at least with juvenile captures, as when multiple captures occurred, the capture was often entirely made up of juveniles Corrigan (1994) stated that many factors are likely to affect the efficacy and repellency of glue traps against rodents within real world biological and non-biological factors. Desoky (2013) found that mechanical control methods achieved great success in rodent control as compared chemical control. The percent of reduce in with rodent active burrows population by using mechanical Control methods ranged between 93-20 % in deep irrigation, 87.20 % in handing destroy and 52-60% in trap methods, This method is safe to the environment with not costly and higher than for reduce rodent population density.

Table (2): Total numbers of rodent species captured per season when used wire-box and glue traps under field conditions during 2018/2019.

| | | | Wire- | traps | | | Glue- | traps | |
|--------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Season | Month | 1 | II | III | Total | I | II | Ш | Total |
| | December | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Winter | January. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| | February | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| | Total | 8 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 15 |
| Spring | March | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| | April | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| | May | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| | Total | 11 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 18 |
| | June | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 8 |
| Summer | July | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| | August | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 8 |
| | Total | 12 | 5 | 2 | 19 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 24 |
| | September | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 7 |
| Autumn | October | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| | November | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| Total | | 11 | 6 | 1 | 18 | 5 | 16 | 0 | 21 |
| | Overall total | 42 | 18 | 5 | 65 | 22 | 53 | 3 | 78 |
| | Percentage | 64.62 | 27.07 | 7.07 | | 28.23 | 67.95 | 3.85 | |

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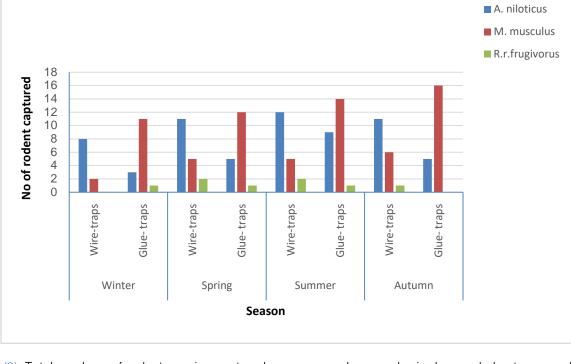


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Generally: glue traps are preferred to control the small size and age of rodents that attack sugar cane crops.

Photo(1): Wire-box and glue traps used in the current study

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I. Introduction

ajma is an important legume known as Common bean, French bean, Kidney bean, bush bean, and pole bean. In many developing countries, common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) are being grown for vegetables and pulses in diverse cropping system. The common bean is a self-pollinated species belonging to the Fabaceae family and is the most

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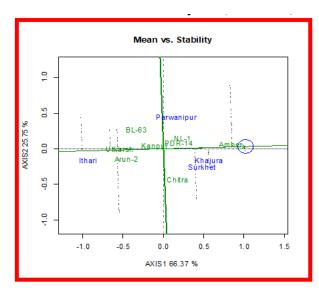
important sources of the protein (Broughton et al. 2003). A high number of small land holding farmers with low incomes usually adopted to produce the crop. In Nepal, it is cultivated an areas of about 10,529 ha with the productivity 1477 kg/ha and being popular as the cash crop in the Gandaki province, province 5 and Karnali province. It grows as a summer crop in mid/high hills & winter crop in terai/inner terai. The high genetic diversity found in African, Asian and European germplasm has suggested the possibility that those continents could be considered as other centers of genetic diversity for common bean (Ocampo et al. 2005; and Sharma et al. 2014). It is an important legume crop cultivated in a wide range of agro-climatic conditions from Tarai (91m amsl) to high hill (2500m amsl) of Nepal, especially in mountain districts such as Jumla, Humla, Mustang, Rasuwa, Solukhumbu, etc, where mixed landraces with varying morphologies are cultivated. Nepal's hills and mountains are rich in bean diversity, and some landraces have unique characteristics (KC et al 2016, Joshi et al 2017a). In general, common beans grown in high-hill have better taste and are considered more nutritious compared to the beans grown in Terai region of Nepal. More recently, this crop is commonly grown along with kidney bean, fetches good return and have well established market (Neupane et al 2008, Muchui et al 2008, Shrestha et al 2011, Neupane and Vaidya 2002). In these days, area of phaseols bean is in increasing trends due to its good market potential along with good returns. This bean is being popular in Jumla and periphery districts of Karnali province known as Jumla's organic bean gift(Jumla ko Kosheli) in the Nepalguni and Kathmadu big marts. The main objective of the study was in order to evaluate the quantitative variation with respect to yield and yield contributing traits. In terai region of Nepal, Rajma has been cultivating in winter season. Till date, there is not anyone Rajma variety released/registered for the farmers cultivation. One of the mandated organizations for legumes research, GLRP, Khajura has prepared the variety development program in collaboration with NARC satellite stations.

II. Materials and Methods

In Coordinated Varietal Trial (CVT); A total of 10 genotypes namely PDR-14, Amber, Utkarsha, Arun-2, BL-63, Kanpur, Chitra NL-1, Pant-1 and Pant-2 were evaluated in 2015 at RARS, Parwanipur and GLRP, Khajura, in 2016 at JRP, Ithari; GLRP, Khajura; ARS, Surkhet and RARS, Parwanipur, same as in 2017 at GLRP, Khajura. Trial was conducted in Randomized Completely Block Design in $4\times3.6 = 14.4 \text{ m}^2$ plot size with three replications. The plant geometry, row-to-row space was maintained as 40 cm and plant to plant 10 cm. Recommended dose of fertilizer 100:60:40 kg NPK/ha was applied, full dose of phosphorus and potash and half dose of nitrogen applied during field preparation and remaining half dose of nitrogen was top after 20-30 days after sowing. During the intervention period, precision agronomic packages were followed and appropriate pesticides and insecticides were applied as per the requirements. Data on agromorphological traits, yield and yield components were collected and data was analyzed using META-R and R-Stat Version 3.2.

III. RESULTS

At Parwanipur, 2015, the results of analysis of showed statistically highly significant variance differences among the genotypes in the agronomic traits days to 50% flowering, days to maturity, plant height, grain yield and 100 seed weight. Genotypes Arun 2(11500 kg/ha) and Utkars (1079 kg/ha) were produced better yield among the tested genotypes in Table 1. Likely in khajura, the results of analysis of variance (Table 2) revealed that genotypes were statistically significant differences in the parameters like plant height, seed per pod and hundred seed weight. Genotype NL1 (563 kg/ha), and Arun-2(542 kg/ha) were produced the highest yield among tested genotypes. NL-1 had a bolder seed (38 g/100 seed). In 2016, at GLRP, Khajura data (Table 3) revealed that the genotypes were highly significant in days to maturity, plant height, and seed weight. Genotype Utkarsh produced the highest yield (2600 kg/ha) followed by, PDR-14 (2471 kg/ha) and Pant-1 (1983 kg/ha). Arun-2 showed the highest seed weight (47 g/100 seed). Same as in 2016, JRP, Ithari data showed that the genotypes were highly significant in days to 50% flowering, days to maturity and plant height and significant in grain yield. Genotype Utkarsh produced the highest yield (1625 kg/ha) followed by, PDR-14 (1412 kg/ha) in Table 4. Data (Table 5) illustrated that genotypes were statistically significant difference in the parameters like days to maturity, plant height, and hundred seed weight. Genotype Amber (3146 kg/ha) produced the highest yield followed by Arun-2(3090 kg/ha) and Utkarsh (2986 kg/ha). Arun-2 had a bolder seed (44 g/100 seed). In 2016, RARS, Parwanipur data analysis of variance showed that the genotypes were highly significant difference in days to flowering, days to maturity, plant height, grain yield and seed weight. Genotype Utkarsh produced the highest yield (1538 kg/ha) followed by, PDR-14 (1369 kg/ha) and Amber (1256 kg/ha). Same as previous Arun-2 had the highest seed weight (52 g/100 seed) in Table 6. Likely in the year of 2017, GLRP, Khajura data analysis of variance revealed that the genotypes were significantly difference(<0.005) in days to 50% flowering, days to maturity, plant height, seed per pod and yield kg/ha. Genotype PDR-14 produced the highest yield (2319 kg/ha) followed by, Utkarsh (1992 kg/ha) and BL-63 (1878 kg/ha) in Table 7. Combined mean analysis of variance showed that genotypes were significantly different in days to maturity, plant height and yield parameters across the locations over the years (2015-2017).



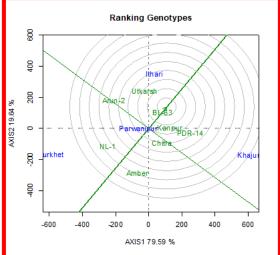
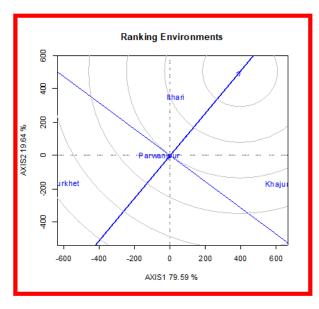


Fig. 1: Genotypes mean vs. stability

Fig. 2: Ranking of genotypes based on genotype performance and stability



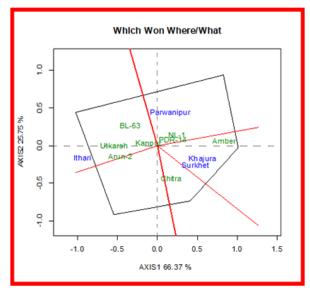


Fig. 3: Ranking of genotypes based on discriminating Fig. 4: Genotypes with specific environment and representa -tiveness of the average environment

G x E interaction in GGE biplots in figure 1 illustrated that based on both mean and stability the best genotype was Amber then followed by PDR-14. In figure 2 base on concentric ring the ideal genotype was BL-63 however according to figure 3 Ithari was seen the best environment. In figure 4, genotype Amber and Chitra were found ideal and vertex to Khanjra and Surkhet environments, while NL-1 and PDR-14 were ideal for Parwanipur and BL-63, Utkarsh, Kanpur-1 and Arun 2 were found ideal for Ithari environment.

IV. Discussion

Beans are consumed as whole seeds as vegetable or split forms, both as soup or 'daal'. Beans

contains healthy proteins, are consumed by all households. Indeed, black bean soup is given to their sick people as an energy supplement. Farmers in Nepal preferred bean landraces that are medium growth habit, early maturing nature, high yielding, good seed size and color and are high demand in the market (Chhetri and Bhatta 2017, Neupane et al 2008). A similar study was done in bean growing area in Malawi to understand the farmer's specifications for variety selection showed that farmers looked on grain color, cooking time, taste, grain size as well as grain brightness to choose the varieties (Chirwa and Phiri 2005). Stoilova et al. (2006) found that out of many accessions studied, some accessions with an erect habit, a shorter period to reach maturity had

higher number of pods and seeds per plant as these genotypes escaped unfavorable conditions of high daily temperature and low humidity during the flowering and pod formation periods. In the study, the genotypes had different flowering and pod maturity times even they were planted on the same date. Flowering and pod maturity occurred earliest for all the varieties in the khajura and surkhet than Itahari and Parwanipur site. This flowering data clearly indicated the environment particularly the temperature played an important role in physiological and phenological growth of the varieties included in the study. Similar results of common bean landraces at Mexico showed there were significant differences in the morphological and physiological traits of the plant, pod and grain among different geographic regions which were also associated with different indigenous groups (Chavez-Servia et al 2016). There was effect of genotype by environment interaction on the bean genotypes and yield traits. Some lines showed vertex that mean they were location specific while some lines were highly stable across the locations.

V. Conclusion

The combined ANOVA showed that the highly significant differences among the genotypes and locations in the quantitative traits like Days to 50% flower, Days to maturity, Plant height, Hundred seed weight and grain yield. However the effect of GxE interaction was not found in Days to 50% flower, Days to maturity and Grain yield. Overall mean performances in terms of grain yield over the years and across the location showed that the genotype PDR-14 (1862 kg ha-1) produced the highest yield followed by Utkarsh (1698 kg ha-1) and Amber (1666 kg ha-1). Genotype PDR-14 gave 12-35% higher yield among the genotypes and its stability analysis test also indicated that PDR-14 was found a highly stable across the environments and over the years. Variegated red kidney shape seed, white flowers along with dwarf and glabrous leaf pubescence is the distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS) testing trait of the PDR-14 and recommended for terai/inner terai to high hills.

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Table 1: Performance of Rajma genotypes in MLT at RARS, Parwanipur, 2015

| S. No. | Genotypes | DF | DM | PLHT(cm) | PP | SP | GY (Kg/ha) | HSWT(g) |
|--------|----------------|---------|---------|----------|------|------|------------|---------|
| 1 | PDR 14 | 54b | 112b | 30c | 11 | 3 | 966.0abcd | 39.8a |
| 2 | Amber | 50c | 109c | 29c | 11 | 4 | 855.3cd | 35.6cd |
| 3 | Utkars | 64a | 115a | 46a | 13 | 4 | 1079.3ab | 29.3e |
| 4 | Arun -2 | 54b | 112b | 42ab | 12 | 4 | 1150.0a | 39.1a |
| 5 | <u>B</u> I- 63 | 50c | 109c | 26c | 10 | 3 | 888.0bcd | 36.9bc |
| 6 | Kanpur | 54b | 112b | 39b | 11 | 4 | 769.3d | 35.1d |
| 7 | Chitra | 50c | 109c | 25c | 11 | 4 | 892.7bcd | 36.6bcd |
| 8 | NI-1 | 50c | 109c | 26c | 44 | 4 | 1026.7abc | 38.1ab |
| | Mean | 53.5 | 110.8 | 33.04 | 15 | 4 | 953.4 | 36.3 |
| | P-value | 0.000** | 0.000** | 0.000** | 0.48 | 0.55 | 0.039* | 0.000** |
| | F Value | 0 | 99.6 | 26.93 | 1 | 1 | 3.0 | 33.9 |
| | CV% | 0 | 0.38 | 8.34 | 132 | 6 | 13.3 | 2.6 |
| | LSD | 0.00 | 0.75 | 4.82 | | | 222.1 | 1.70 |

Table 2: Mean data on phenology growth and Yield of MLT, GLRP, Khajura, 2015

| S.No. | Genotypes | PLHT (cm) | PP | SP | GY (Kg/ha) | HSWT(g) |
|-------|-----------|--------------|------|-------|---------------|---------|
| 1 | PDR 14 | 37 | 7 | 4 | 518 | 33 |
| 2 | Amber | 35 | 7 | 3 | 425 | 35 |
| 3 | Utkars | 39 | 6 | 5 | 465 | 30 |
| 4 | Arun -2 | 48 | 7 | 5 | 542 | 35 |
| 5 | BI- 63 | 33 | 7 | 4 | 515 | 33 |
| 6 | kanpur | 36 | 7 | 4 | 437 | 34 |
| 7 | Chitra | 36 | 6 | 4 | 430 | 36 |
| 8 | NI-1 | 43 | 8 | 3 | 563 | 38 |
| | Mean | 38 | 7 | 4 | 487 | 34 |
| | P value | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 1.0 | 0.00 |
| | F Value | 0.98 | 0.7 | 2 | 0.16 | 1.2 |
| | CV% | 21.6 | 18.4 | 16.31 | 18.49 | 10.15 |

Table 3: Mean data on phenology, growth and yield of MLT, GLRP, Khajura, 2016

| S. No. | Genotypes | DF | DM | PLHT | PP | SP | HSWT(g) | GY |
|--------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | | | | (Kg/ha) |
| 1 | PDR-14 | 46 | 108 | 47 | 37 | 3.5 | 42 | 2471 |
| 2 | Amber | 45 | 112 | 4 | 12 | 4.1 | 40 | 1938 |
| 3 | Utkarsh | 46 | 112 | 55 | 11 | 3.5 | 37 | 2600 |
| 4 | Arun-2 | 52 | 110 | 70 | 10 | 3.6 | 47 | 1579 |
| 5 | BL-63 | 44 | 105 | 44 | 10 | 3.6 | 41 | 1517 |
| 6 | Kanpur | 45 | 110 | 46 | 11 | 4.3 | 40 | 1783 |
| 7 | Chitra | 44 | 100 | 39 | 10 | 3.2 | 39 | 1358 |
| 8 | NL-1 | 43 | 95 | 44 | 10 | 3.3 | 41 | 1842 |
| 9 | Pant-1 | 45 | 110 | 74 | 10 | 3.9 | 42 | 1983 |
| | Mean | 46 | 107 | 51.7 | 13 | 3.7 | 41 | 1897 |
| | P-Value | 0.4 | <.001 | <.001 | 0.46 | 0.181 | 0.002 | 0.05 |
| | CV% | 10.27 | 1.1 | 10 | 116.6 | 13 | 4.8 | 23.9 |
| | LSD | NS | 2.1** | 8.9** | NS | NS | 3.4** | * |

Table 4: Mean data on phenology and growth and Yield of MLT, JRP, Itahari, 2016

| S. No. | Genotypes | DF | DM | PLHT | PP | SP | GY (Kg/ha) |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | PDR-14 | 76 | 122 | 31 | 15 | 4 | 1412 |
| 2 | Amber | 75 | 122 | 31 | 17 | 4 | 1121 |
| 3 | Utkarsh | 82 | 121 | 33 | 16 | 4 | 1625 |
| 4 | Arun-2 | 76 | 119 | 30 | 15 | 4 | 1396 |
| 5 | BL-63 | 75 | 103 | 22 | 12 | 4 | 1046 |
| 6 | Kanpur | 75 | 109 | 30 | 11 | 4 | 892 |
| 7 | Chitra | 76 | 103 | 22 | 9 | 4 | 975 |
| 8 | NL-1 | 75 | 105 | 23 | 12 | 4 | 896 |
| | Mean | 76 | 113 | 28 | 13 | 4 | 1170 |
| | P-Value CV% LSD | <.001** 1.3 1.8** | <0.001** 0.8 1.5** | <.001** 8.3 4.0** | 0.08 25.5 NS | 0.44 9.6 NS | 0.03* 23.1 473.6* |

Table 5: Mean data on phenology growth and Yield of MLT, ARS, Surkhet, 2016

| S. No. | Genotypes | DTF | DTM | PH | PPP | HGW | GY (Kg/ha) |
|--------|-----------|---------|------|---------|------|--------|---------------|
| 1 | PDR-14 | 47 | 114 | 48 | 22 | 40 | 2701 |
| 2 | Amber | 44 | 122 | 50 | 21 | 40 | 3146 |
| 3 | Utkarsh | 57 | 123 | 124 | 18 | 33 | 2986 |
| 4 | Arun-2 | 46 | 121 | 106 | 20 | 44 | 3090 |
| 5 | BL-63 | 46 | 110 | 36 | 17 | 39 | 2417 |
| 6 | Kanpur | 47 | 120 | 45 | 16 | 40 | 2319 |
| 7 | Chitra | 44 | 111 | 46 | 15 | 40 | 2583 |
| 8 | NL-1 | 42 | 108 | 45 | 14 | 39 | 2970 |
| | Mean | 46 | 116 | 63 | 18 | 40 | 2777 |
| | P-Value | <.001** | 0.05 | <.001** | 0.36 | 0.018* | 0.05 |
| | CV% | 4.4 | 5.4 | 15.5 | 25 | 6.8 | 13.3 |
| | LSD | 3.6 | NS | 17.0 | NS | 4.7 | NS |

Table 6: Mean data on phenology growth and Yield of MLT, RARS, Parwanipur, 2016

| S. No. | Genotypes | DF | DTM | PH | PPP | SPP | HSWT | GY |
|--------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|------|------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | | | (g) | (Kg/ha) |
| 1 | PDR-14 | 54 | 117 | 36 | 15 | 6 | 50 | 1369 |
| 2 | Amber | 54 | 121 | 32 | 19 | 6 | 44 | 1256 |
| 3 | Utkarsh | 62 | 121 | 75 | 14 | 7 | 48 | 1538 |
| 4 | Arun-2 | 52 | 118 | 68 | 14 | 7 | 52 | 1070 |
| 5 | BL-63 | 55 | 115 | 33 | 14 | 7 | 43 | 1015 |
| 6 | Kanpur | 57 | 116 | 40 | 11 | 7 | 46 | 828 |
| 7 | Chitra | 52 | 115 | 33 | 12 | 7 | 42 | 789 |
| 8 | NL-1 | 54 | 114 | 34 | 15 | 6 | 42 | 868 |
| | Mean | 55 | 117 | 44 | 14 | 7 | 46 | 1092 |
| | P-Value | 0.001 | <.001 | <.001 | 0.11 | 0.58 | <.001 | 0.006 |
| | CV% | 3.8 | 1 | 13.3 | 20.4 | 10.5 | 8.0 | 19.8 |
| | LSD | 3.7** | 2.0** | 10.3** | NS | NS | 3.2** | 378.9* |

Table 7: Performance of Rajma Genotype in MLT GLRP, Khajura 2017

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|----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|--------|
| EN | Genotypes | DF | DM | Plht | PP | SP | GY |
| 1 | PDR 14 | 40 | 104 | 20 | 11 | 4 | 2319 |
| 2 | Amber | 40 | 107 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 1329 |
| 3 | Utkarsh | 54 | 106 | 21 | 10 | 5 | 1992 |
| 4 | Arun-2 | 36 | 103 | 27 | 9 | 4 | 1722 |
| 5 | BL63 | 35 | 90 | 16 | 12 | 5 | 1878 |
| 6 | Kanpur | 34 | 104 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 822 |
| 7 | Chitra | 34 | 91 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 1715 |
| 8 | NL-1 | 34 | 89 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 1503 |
| 9 | Pant-1 | 40 | 107 | 27 | 11 | 5 | 1725 |
| 10 | Pant-2 | 35 | 99 | 19 | 8 | 5 | 1430 |
| | Mean | 38 | 100 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 1644 |
| | P-value | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.300 | < 0.001 | 0.025 |
| | CV% | 3.13 | 2.33 | 17.45 | 26.34 | 6.55 | 25.14 |
| | LSD | 2.05 | 3.99 | 5.55 | 4.71 | 0.53 | 708.86 |

Table 8: Combined analysis Rajma MLT across the location over the years (2015-2017)

| S. No. | Genotypes | DF | DM | PLHT | PP | SP | HSWT(g) | GY(Kg/ha) |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1 | PDR-14 | 58 | 119 | 39 | 18 | 4 | 43 | 1862a |
| 2 | Arun-2 | 60 | 119 | 46 | 16 | 4 | 44 | 1433ab |
| 3 4 | Chitra Amber | 59 58 | 116 121 | 36 37 | 14 17 | 4 4 | 39 41 | 1478abc 1666bcd |
| 5 6 7 | BL-63 NL-1 Kanpur | 53 52 63 | 116 111 121 | 30 31 42 | 14 16 19 | 4 4 4 | 40 35 40 | 1300bcd 1202d 1250cd |
| 8 | Utkarsh | 62 | 120 | 37 | 14 | 4 | 40 | 1698 |
| | Mean P-value | 59 | 118 | 37 | 17 | 4 | 40 | 1474 |
| | Env Gen Year G X E CV % LSD | <0.001 0.260 0.190 0.990 13.00 | <0.001 0.020 0.020 0.120 5.2 | <0.001 0.004 <0.001 0.900 27 | 0.500 0.500 0.120 0.330 31 | 0.100 0.420 0.300 0.700 11 | <0.001 0.001 <0.001 0.600 12 | <0.001 0.018 <0.001 0.99 31 416.77 |

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I. Introduction

ne of the bottlenecks of livestock production in Ethiopia is feed shortage both in quantity and quality. In recent years, climate change is an additional threat playing valuable role in challenging the development of feed resources (Dinesh *et al.*, 2014). Crop residues and natural pasture are the major feed resource in developing countries. However, crop residues are low in protein, energy, and other important micronutrients essential for animal production (Ramana *et al.*, 2015). Animals fed on these feed sources could hardly meet their nutritional requirements and livestock productivity in terms of meat and milk.

The feed and feeding problem of livestock production is more profound in most high land areas of the southern region of the country. The shortage of feed

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is usually the worst during the late dry season across the region as well as the country level. Efforts were made to fill the gaps since Fourth Livestock Development Project (Mengistu et al., 2017), with the significant steps in forage seed production to improve feed supply in quantity (Getnet, 2003). Moreover, a baseline survey conducted in the study area indicated that shortage of feed is one of the factors limiting the productivity of livestock in the area (unpublished report of HARC, 2016) demanding introduction and evaluation of improved forage species to fill the gap.

Oat and vetch are proven for their adaptability and yield potential in highland areas. Farmers usually practice oat planting oat either as a sole crop or in mixed stands with vetch for ruminant feeding (Kebede et al., 2016). These varieties were tested for their high yielding potential at the Bulle sub-station. Therefore, these varieties were proposed for demonstration at farmers' fields to introduce variety, management, and utilization practices. Hence, this study was conducted to demonstrate and evaluate various oat accessions and vetch varieties at farmers' fields.

II. Materials and Methods

a) Description of the study site

Bulle woreda is located at 395 km from Addis Ababa or 86 km from the regional capital Hawassa with an altitude of 2676 *m.a.s.l* and latitude N07'21.469 and longitude E037'47.945. The area is known with two (heavy and light rainy) seasons with clearly demarcated features. It is mainly crop-livestock mixed farming system predominately Enset based coffee-agroforestry and crop-livestock farming system.

b) Site selection and land preparation

Seka kebele of Bulle woreda is characterized by highland agro-ecology with undulating topography, the steepness of the slope varying between 0-45%. As a result, appropriate and plain site selection was one of the pre-conditions before planting. Five oat accessions and three vetch varieities were planted in well-prepared seedbed at Seka Kebele at four farmers' field, considering farmers as a replication.

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c) Sources of varieties and experimental design

Five oat varieties namely, Lampton (local), CI-2291, CI-8251, CI-8237, and CI-2806 sourced from Holetta Agricultural Research Center, were planted in the second week of July 2016 and 2017 in a plot size of 3 m x 4 m arranged in RCBD design with three replications. The seed rate was 100 kg/ha for oats and 25 kg/ha for vetch with a fertilizer rate of 100 kg NPS/ha. The varieties were planted by drilling 30 cm between rows, 2 m between blocks and 1 m between plots. Similarly, three vetch varieties namely Vicia dasycarpa (V.D), Vicia Sativa (V.S), and Vicia villosa (V.V) were planted in RCBD with four replications. The plot size was 3 mx4 m (12 m²); 2 m between blocks and 1 m between plots.

d) Data collection and management

In this experiment, date of germination, date of 50% flowering, plant height, number of branches per plant, dry matter yield and seed yield were recorded. During sampling each plot was divided into two half crosswise with an effective plot size of 2 m * 3 m. half of the plots were used for forage sampling, and the other half for seed yield determination. Forage and dry matter yield were determined by harvesting half of the plot. Plants were harvested by hand. The dry matter yield was calculated after drying a sample of 500 g green forage in an oven at 105°c for 24 hours in the soil laboratory of Hawassa Agricultural Research Center. The plant height was measured by averaging the natural standing height of ten plants per plot. At 50% flowering, forages were harvested for herbage and dry matter yield. The number of tillers per plant was taken from ten plants per plot.

e) Data management

The data collected were subjected to analysis of variance using the general linear model (GLM) procedure in SPSS (version 20) and mean separation was done using Tukey's test at 5% probability level. The model employed was:

Statistical model

 $Yij = \mu + bj + Vi + eij$, Where; Yij = response variables(DM, plant height, number of tillers)

 $\mu = Overall mean$

Bi = Block effect

Vi = the effect of oat varieties (i=1, 2,3,4,5) and vetchvarieties (i=1,2,3)

eij = Random error

Results and Discussion III.

Yield and yield components of oat (Avena sativa)

Effect of accession and year on yield attributes and yield of oat are given in Tables 1-3. This study indicated that the yield and yield components of oat and vetch were influenced by varietal differences. Yield and yield components of oat (Avena sativa) are indicated in Table 1. Germination date was significantly (P<0.05) affected by varietal (accession) differences. CI-2806 variety emerged late compared to others. Year effect also has shown a bit variation on number of date taken to germinate, in 2016 cropping season all varieties were germinated at least one day lesser than the second cropping year, which might be due to lack of sufficient moisture in the soil in year two cropping season.

Table 1: Effect of accession and year on germination date of Oats

| Treatment | Year | Mean | Std. Error |
|----------------|------|-------|------------|
| Standard check | 2016 | 8.0a | .11 |
| | 2017 | 10.0b | .11 |
| CI-2291 | 2016 | 8.0a | .11 |
| | 2017 | 9.0a | .11 |
| CI-8251 | 2016 | 9.0a | .11 |
| | 2017 | 8.3a | .11 |
| CI-8237 | 2016 | 9.0a | .11 |
| | 2017 | 10.3a | .11 |
| CI-2806 | 2016 | 10.0a | .11 |
| | 2017 | 11.0a | .11 |

b) Dry matter yield

The dry matter yield varied between 5.5-8.4 tons per hectare. In this study year had no significant role on dry matter yield variation at (p<0.05). On the other hand, varieties had a statistically a significant effect on dry matter yield. CI-2806, had significantly (p<0.05) higher yield followed by CI-2291.

Table 2: Effect of accession and year on Dry matter yield of Oat

| Accession | Year | Mean | Std. Error |
|----------------|------|-------|------------|
| Standard check | 2016 | 6.350 | .247 |
| | 2017 | 7.250 | .247 |
| CI-2291 | 2016 | 8.375 | .247 |
| | 2017 | 7.100 | .247 |
| CI-8251 | 2016 | 5.500 | .247 |
| | 2017 | 6.925 | .247 |
| CI-8237 | 2016 | 6.275 | .247 |
| | 2017 | 5.675 | .247 |
| CI-2806 | 2016 | 8.375 | .247 |
| | 2017 | 8.275 | .247 |

Table 3: Effect of year and accession on seed yield of oat string

| Accession | Year | Mean t/ha | Std. Error |
|----------------|------|--------------------|------------|
| Standard check | 2016 | 2.98 ^a | .130 |
| | 2017 | 2.93 ^a | .130 |
| CI-2291, | 2016 | 2.30 ^b | .130 |
| | 2017 | 2.55 ^b | .130 |
| CI-8251, | 2016 | 3.30 ^a | .130 |
| | 2017 | 3.35 ^a | .130 |
| CI-8237, | 2016 | 3.20 ^a | .130 |
| | 2017 | 3.03ª | .130 |
| CI-2806 | 2016 | 2.88 ^{ab} | .130 |
| | 2017 | 2.48 ^b | .130 |

c) Vetch species

Yield and yield components of vetch (Vicia varieties) are presented in Table 4 and Table 5. Vicia accessions had significant effect on the date of germination, the number of tillers, and plant height. Vicia sativa had significantly (p<0.05) higher date of germination, while the differences between V. dasycarpa and V. villosa was not significant. V. sativa and V. villosa took longer days to reach 50% flowering compared to V.

dasycarpa. The difference between relatively early maturing and late-maturing varieties was about 13 days. The findings of this study were similar to reports of (Kebede et al., 2016), who noted 25 days difference between Vicia varieties. Vicia sativa and V. vilosa had a significantly higher number of tiller than V. dayscarpa. There was no year effect on yield components of the accessions.

Table 4: Effect of accession on date germination, date of 50% flowering, plant height, number of tillers of vetch

| Accession * year | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|------|--------|------------|--|
| Dependent Variable | Accession | Year | Mean | Std. Error | |
| Date of germination | Vicia sativa | 2016 | 14.0 | .34 | |
| | | 2017 | 14.5 | .34 | |
| | Vicia vilosa | 2016 | 15.78 | .34 | |
| | | 2017 | 16.0 | .34 | |
| | Vicia dyscarpa | 2016 | 15.7 | .34 | |
| | | 2017 | 17.0 | .34 | |
| 50% flowering date | Vicia sativa | 2016 | 82.2a | .93 | |
| | | 2017 | 83.7a | .93 | |
| | Vicia vilossa | 2016 | 72.5b | .93 | |
| | | 2017 | 73.3b | .93 | |
| | Vicia dyscarpa | 2016 | 72.3b | .93 | |
| | | 2017 | 69.5b | .93 | |
| Plant height | Vicia sativa | 2016 | 89.6b | 1.39 | |
| | | 2017 | 77.3bc | 1.39 | |
| | Vicia vilosa | 2016 | 119.5a | 1.39 | |
| | | 2017 | 119.0a | 1.39 | |
| | Vicia dyscarpa | 2016 | 109.0a | 1.39 | |
| | | 2017 | 110.5a | 1.39 | |
| Number of tiller/plant | Vicia sativa | 2016 | 20.3a | .52 | |
| | | 2017 | 19.5a | .52 | |
| | Vicia vilosa | 2016 | 19.3a | .52 | |
| | | 2017 | 20.5a | .52 | |
| | Vicia dyscarpa | 2016 | 16.0b | .52 | |
| | | 2017 | 16.0b | .52 | |

d) Dry matter yield and seed yield of vetch species

Vicia sativa had higher (p<0.05) seed yield compared to other varieties. The dry matter yield of V.dyscarpa was a higher at (p<0.05) than other vetch varieties. The seed yield of the evaluated vetch varieties ranged between 3.1 t/ha for V. dasycarpa in 2017 to 4.4 t/ha for V. staiva in the same year. The seed yield obtained in the current study was by far higher than the results reported by (Kebede et al., 2016) at Holeta and Ginchi sites of the central highland Zones of Ethiopia. It was also reported by Mengistu (2017) that the potential of forage seed production has not been exploited across regions and ecological zones due to various barriers.

Table 5: Effect of accession on dry matter, DM yield (ton DM/ha) and seed yield (100 kg/ha) of vetch

| Variety * year | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------|-------------------|------------|--|
| | Variety | year | Mean | Std. Error | |
| DM yield | Vicia sativa | 2016 | 5.62 ^b | .068 | |
| | | 2017 | 5.15 ^b | .068 | |
| | Vicia vilosa | 2016 | 5.02 ^b | .068 | |
| | | 2017 | 5.00 ^b | .068 | |
| | Vicia dasycarpa | 2016 | 6.32 ^a | .068 | |
| | | 2017 | 6.20 ^a | .068 | |
| Seed yield | Vicia sativa | 2016 | 4.27° | .091 | |
| | | 2017 | 4.35° | .091 | |
| | Vicia vilosa | 2016 | 3.17 ^d | .091 | |
| | | 2017 | 3.27 ^d | .091 | |
| | Vicia dasycarpa | 2016 | 3.30 ^d | .091 | |
| | | 2017 | 3.12 ^d | .091 | |

IV. Conclusion

The evaluated oat and vetch varieties were well adapted to the study area at both years. From the oat varieties, Cl-2291 and 2806 were superior in most parameters, Dry matter yield, in contrast to this, Cl-8237 and Cl-8251 had a higher seed yield than other varieties and are recommended, for use in Bulle and similar agroecologies. Likewise, from the vetch varieties, *Vicia dasycarpa* had a higher dry matter yield, and thus, it can be recommended for Bulle and similar environments. *Vicia villosa* could be recommended followed by *Vicia dasycarpa* for dry matter yield. In contrast *V. Sativa* is preferably recommended for seed production.

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I. Introduction

o ensure a stable and guaranteed water supply for all segments of the population and the economy, our country is carrying out large-scale work to develop irrigation, improve water infrastructure and reclamation of irrigated lands, efficient and rational use of land and water resources.

However, due to global climate change, population growth and increasing demand for water from year to year, the growing shortage of water resources may be one of the main limiting factors for the future development of the country.

Insufficient introduction of modern water and energy saving methods and technologies in the water sector, that is, open irrigation networks, the introduction of scientific achievements and know-how, as well as the widespread use of modern information and communication technologies and innovative solutions hinder the development of the industry.

Consequently, the effective management of water resources and rational use of water in the country, the reform of water management and the widespread introduction of market principles and mechanisms, information and communication technologies and energy efficient technologies, as well as the effective use of scientific potential in the field of water and food security.

II. METHOD

In Uzbekistan, flat and rectangular vertical opening slide gate are widely used in water distribution

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networks. To determine the value of the hydrostatic pressure force on a straight rectangular flat surface, the following studies are necessary. Determination of the pressure force is one of the important parameters when choosing the design of a hydraulic gate or other hydraulic systems.

Figure 1 below shows a schematic of a flat vertical moving slide gate. It is known from the course of fluid mechanics that the force of hydrostatic pressure acts perpendicular to a flat surface. Usually the force exerted by the hydrostatic pressure is located at the center of gravity of the flat body (see the point in Figure 1) [1,2].

Consider a completely closed state of the gates, in which case the upstream head (water level) in the head water will have a maximum value. The $S = H_{up.max} \cdot b$, m^2 formula is used to determine the total surface area of a hydraulic gate under hydrostatic pressure, where $H_{up.max}$ –upstream head (water level) or height of the gate (m), b – width of the gate (m). As we know, the expression for the effect of hydrostatic pressure is as follows [2,4,5].

$$F_{R} = \rho \cdot g \cdot \frac{H}{2} \cdot S = \rho \cdot g \cdot \frac{H}{2} \cdot H \cdot b = \frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot g \cdot H^{2} \cdot b \quad (1)$$

This expression can be used in practice for any case of hydraulic gates. However, to determine the coordinate dependence of the forces acting on the flat surface of hydraulic gates, we analyze gates with a flat surface moving vertically.

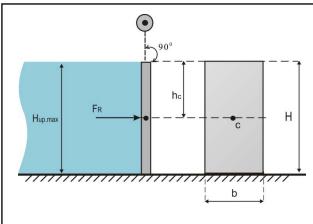


Figure 1: A rectangular vertical moving hydraulic gate

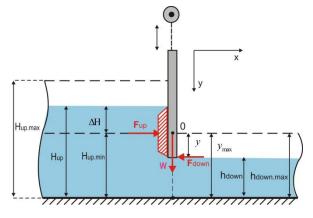


Figure 2: Forces of hydrostatic pressure affecting a vertically moving hydraulic gate

Figure 2 shows the hydrostatic pressure forces affecting on a vertically moving hydraulic gate. The resulting hydrostatic pressure force is equal to the following [4,5]:

$$F_{R} = F_{up} - F_{down}, \qquad (2)$$

where $F_{up,}$ F_{down} - are the forces affecting the hydrostatic pressure in the upstream and downstream, respectively.

The hydrostatic pressure force Fdown at the bottom is very small and can be ignored, therefore:

$$F_{R} = F_{up} \tag{3}$$

An important parameter in determining the total forces affecting the flat surface of the hydraulic gate is the water level in the upstream and downstream of the canal. Taking into account the laws of water level change in the upstream and downstream, we determine the total force of hydrostatic pressure affecting the hydraulic gate as follows [4,5,6]:

$$F_{\text{overal}} = k(f \cdot F_{\text{R}} \pm W) = k\left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot f \cdot \rho \cdot g \cdot b \cdot (H_{\text{up.min}} + \Delta H \cdot y - h_{\text{down.max}}(y_{\text{max}} - y))^2 \pm W\right]$$
(4)

where k - reserve coefficient, W - weight of the gate (N), f - friction coefficient (dimensionless coefficient), H_{up} , $H_{up,min}$ -water level in the upstream and its minimum value, ΔH - difference between the water level in the upstream and its minimum value, h_{down} , $h_{down,max}$ - downstream water level and its maximum value, y, y_{max} - coordinate of the hydraulic gate and its maximum value.

In equation (4) weight ofthe gate (W) has negative and he positive sign means that weight of the gate at the closing process has the same direction with closing force helping to close the gate and at the opening process directed opposite to the opening force. A positive value means that the movement of the gate follows the direction of the gate weight vector. A negative value means that the direction of movement of the gate and the vector of the weight of the gate are in the opposite movement.

In figure 3 shows the curve of changes in hydrostatic pressure affecting the flat surface of the gate due to the movement of the coordinate of the hydraulic gate.

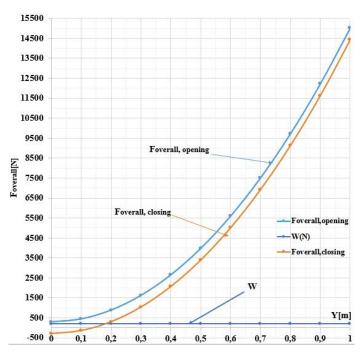


Figure 3: Coordinate dependence of the hydrostatic pressure force affecting on a flat surface when opening and closing a vertically moving gate

It is known from the graph that the influence of hydrostatic pressure is less when closing the valve than when opening it. There is a big difference between these impact forces and it will be the basis for us to analyze water level and flow control and energy-saving designs of control systems. From the point of view of the design of the hydraulic gate under analysis, it can be observed that in the preparation, installation and operation of the hydraulic gate there are some shortcomings in the management system of such a gate:

- An increase in the weight of the gates requires an increase in the electric motor power of the gates accordingly;
- Corrosion of mechanisms, gearing of drive mechanisms and other additional loads lead to an increase in energy consumption accordingly.

The power consumption of a vertically moving hydraulic gate is determined as follows:

$$P = \frac{F_{\text{overal}} \cdot v}{\eta} \tag{5}$$

where F_{overal} - total force affecting the gate, η - total F.I.K. lifting mechanism, v - lifting speed.

The second type - the determination of the water flow rate in hydraulic gates moving at a certain angle, depends on the angle of rotation of the gates and the water level (Figure 4) [3,4].

Currently, this method of monitoring and measuring water flow in open canals is most widespread due due to the following advantages: small amplitude of oscillations of the surface wave of water when adjusting the flow rate, simplicity of design, as well as the ability to perform a large range of measurements when measuring, adjusting the level and flow of water one of the benefits.

The rotating part of the hydraulic gate, which moves at a certain angle, is attached to the lower part of the channel, and the upper part is connected to the drive mechanism by means of two cable wires. As the angle of rotation of the flat basin changes, the water level in the upstream and doenstream changes accordingly.

A number of theoretical and experimental studies have been conducted to determine the energy savings of this construction and a mathematical model of it has been developed accordingly.

$$S_{\text{down}} = b \cdot h_{\text{down Or}} S_{\text{down}} = b \cdot h_{\text{down}} = b \cdot h_{\text{down.max}} \cdot \sin(\alpha_{\text{max}} - \alpha) = b \cdot h_{\text{down.max}} \cdot \cos\alpha$$
 (6)

where α , α_{max} –then angle of rotation of the gate and its maximum value, $\alpha_{max} = 90^{\circ}$. From the construction shown in Figure 4, the following can be written:

$$H_{\rm up} = L + L' \text{, where } L' = H \cdot sin\alpha \text{ , or } L = H_{\rm up} - L' = H_{\rm up} - H \cdot sin\alpha \text{ .} \tag{7}$$

The level from the water surface in the headwater to the center of the partition is as follows:

 $h_{c} = L + \frac{1}{2}L' = H_{up} - H \cdot \sin\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \cdot H \cdot \sin\alpha. \tag{8}$

Using expressions (7) and (8), we get:

$$\mathbf{h}_{c} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{up.min}} + \Delta \mathbf{H} \cdot \sin\alpha - \mathbf{H} \cdot \sin\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{H} \cdot \sin\alpha = \mathbf{H}_{\text{up.min}} + \left(\Delta \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{H}\right) \cdot \sin\alpha \tag{9}$$

Multiplying the level h_c from the water surface to the center of the hydraulic gate of water on the surface of the headwater (S_{up}), we determine the force of hydrostatic pressure affecting on the upper surface of the hydraulic gate as follows [4,5]:

$$F_{up} = \rho \cdot g \cdot h_{c} \cdot S_{up} = \rho \cdot g \cdot \left(H_{up,min} + (\Delta H - \frac{1}{2}H) \cdot \sin\alpha \right) \cdot b \cdot H =$$

$$= \rho \cdot g \cdot w \cdot \left[H_{up,min} + (\Delta H - \frac{1}{2}H) \cdot \sin\alpha \right] \cdot H . \tag{10}$$

Figure 4: Straight rectangular valve moving at a specific angle

This design has a hydrostatic pressure force that also affects the downstream and must be taken into account. Because in some cases the water level in the downstream is a much larger value and the hydrostatic

pressure force depends on the value of this water level. Therefore, the water level in the downstream to the center of the immersed surface is as follows:

$$h_{c} = \frac{1}{2} h_{down} = \frac{1}{2} h_{down,max} \cdot \sin(\alpha_{max} - \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} h_{down,max} \cdot \cos\alpha$$
 (11)

In this case, the hydrostatic pressure force generated by the downstream is as follows [4,5]:

$$F_{\text{down}} = \rho \cdot g \cdot h_{c} \cdot S_{\text{down}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot g \cdot h_{\text{down.max}} \cdot \cos\alpha \cdot b \cdot h_{\text{down.max}} \cdot \cos\alpha =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot g \cdot w \cdot \left[h_{\text{down.max}} \cdot \cos\alpha \right]^{2} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot g \cdot b \cdot h_{\text{down}}^{2} . \tag{12}$$

Compared to a vertical hydraulic gate, several forces act on this type of hydraulic gate during opening. In particular, these are: the weight of the hydraulic gate, friction resistance, that is, the resistance caused by the hydrostatic force acting on both sides of the gate.

Thus, the sum of the forces affecting on the horizontal hydraulic gate is:

$$F_{\text{overal}} = \pm F_{\text{up}} \mp F_{\text{down}} \pm W. \tag{13}$$

The resulting force, known from expression (13), has positive and negative components, and these expressions depend on the direction in which the gate moves up or down. For example, a negative sign means that the hydraulic gate moves in the same direction with the force that drives it during opening or closing.

(4) The values of the total force acting on the horizontal hydraulic gate during its opening or closing are as follows:

When lifting (closing) the gate

$$F_{\text{overall closing}} = k(f \cdot F_{\text{over.closing}} \pm W) = k \cdot \left[f \cdot \rho \cdot g \cdot b \cdot ((H_{\text{up.min}} + (\Delta H - \frac{H}{2}) \cdot \sin \alpha) \cdot H - \frac{1}{2} (h_{\text{up.max}} \cdot \cos \alpha)^{2}) + W \cdot \cos \alpha \right]$$
(14)

When lowering (opening) the gate

$$\begin{split} F_{\text{overall opening}} &= k \cdot \left[-f \cdot \rho \cdot g \cdot b \cdot ((H_{\text{up.min}} + (\Delta H - \frac{H}{2}) \cdot \sin \alpha) \cdot H - \frac{1}{2} (h_{\text{down.max}} \cdot \cos \alpha)^2) \cdot W \cdot \cos \alpha \right] \end{split} \tag{15}$$

Thus, we construct a graph of the coordinate dependence of the hydrostatic pressure forces affecting on the gate during lifting and lowering (Fig. 5).

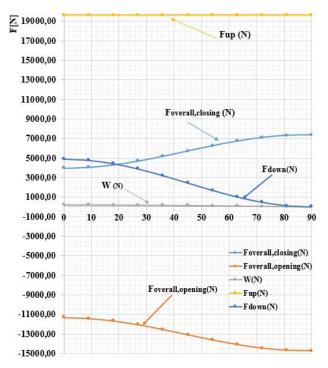


Figure 5: Forces of hydrostatic pressure acting on a hydraulic gate moving at a certain angle

III. Results and Discussions

Analysis of this process showed that the hydrostatic pressure force (F_{up}) in the headwater can be constant or variable depending on the channel parameter. But the change interval is not very large. The difference in the hydrostatic pressure forces affecting on the hydraulic gates during opening and closing is approximately 18760 N.This value is 32 times less than the force affecting on the vertically moving gate. Optimization of several process parameters of the system control and monitoring improves the energy efficiency of hydraulic gates.

Nowadays, most hydraulic gates have an automatic control and monitoring system.

During irrigation, a large amount of electricity is required to control and monitor the condition of the

hydraulic gates. In addition, many hydraulic gates or water distribution points are located far from power lines, which creates additional difficulties in the operation of open canals. The above problems require the development of energy-saving systems for the control and monitoring of the state of hydraulic gates.

- Typically, the following two elements of hydraulic gates are the main energy consumers:
- Screw or chain gate lifting mechanism;
- Reducers to control the speed of movement of hydraulic gates.

Electric motors are the main gate control mechanism. Several parameters increase power consumption. For example, high-speed gates consume a lot of electricity.

The power of the electric motor for lifting and opening the gate is determined by the following expression:

$$P = \frac{F_{\text{overall closing}} \cdot v}{\eta}, \tag{16}$$

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where $F_{\it overall\ closing}$, $F_{\it overal\ opening}$ - opening is the total force affecting the gate, η - the total F.I.K. lifting mechanism, v - lifting speed. Typically, the lifting speed isv=0,25-0,3 m/min, and the overall F.I.K of the hoist depends on which mechanism is used. For example, if a screw mechanism is used for lifting, its F.I.K is η =0.63-0.85.

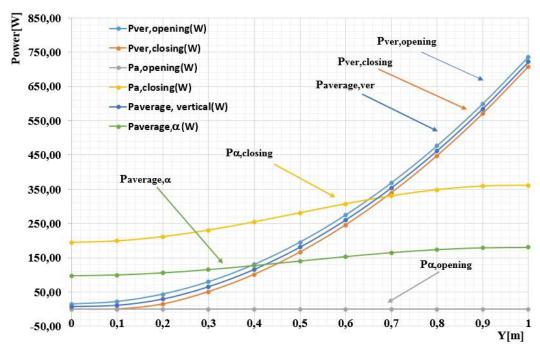


Figure 6: Power consumption of electric motors at a certain angle and vertically moving gates

IV. Conclusions

Analyzing the energy consumption for the coordinate movement of the gates from Figure 6, we can conclude the following:

- The average power required under the same conditions is 236.69 W for vertically moving gates and 139.88 W for hydraulic gates moving at a certain angle. Based on this energy consumption, if we compare the vertical and certain angles under the same conditions, then hydraulic valves moving at a certain angle consume 1.8-2 times less energy than vertical ones;
- Intellectual control and measurement system optimization of several parameters of the working process improves the energy efficiency of hydraulic gates;
- Reducing the energy consumption of the intellectual system execution mechanism allows to increase the efficiency of the system.

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I. Introduction

a) Back ground of the study

ishes are highly important in the development of Nigeria both economically and health wise; as source of protein and dietary lipid with low cholesterol level in the diets of many populace. Knowledge of some quantitative aspects such as length-weight of fish is an important tool in the study of fish biology. The condition factor in fish serves as an indicator of physiological state of the fish in relation to its welfare (Le Cren, 1951). It also provided information when comparing two populations living in certain density, climate and other environmental conditions (Weatherly and Gills, 1987). In sub-saharan Africa, fish accounts for 10% of the animals' protein consumed, and 98% of this is finfish (Belgado and McKenna, 1997). The average per capita consumption

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of fish in Africa in 2007 was about 8.5kg per year having increased from an average of 7kg per annum from 1969-1974 (Ahmed, 1997). Almost 40% of fish consumed in Africa is freshwater fish as compared to the global average of 25%. In West Africa, finfish is largely consumed, while per capita, consumption growth is unlike in the Asia Continent (Bonga, 1999). When fishes are kept in lentic water, their feeding capacity tends to be negatively affected, more especially in polluted water. Dams and/or reservoirs have downstream effects on riverine environments and subsequently blocked nutrient-flow along the strata of the ecosystem. Thus, affecting the fish's production in the downstream of the reservoirs and river channels. Haruna (2003) reported that some aquatic plants that are hazardous to navigation and fishing show explosive population growth in new impoundments e.g. Phragmites, Typhaspp and Cyprus spp in Lake Jakara. Growth of fish is subjected to natural environmental changes particularly climate. However, some problems are course by human activities including fishing where more fishes are taken than are replaced by birth and subsequent new fish recruitment and growth. Like any other morphometric characters, the length-weight relationship (LWR) can be used as character for the differentiation of taxonomic units and the relationship changes with the various development events in life such as metamorphosis, growth and onset of maturity (Thomas et al., 2003). Length-weight relationship parameters are useful in fisheries science in many ways; to estimate weight of an individual fish from its length, to calculate condition induces, to compare life history and morphology of population belonging to different regions (Saniet al., 2010) and to study on to genetic allometric changes (Teixeira de Mellon et al., 2006).

II. MATERIALS AND METHOD

a) Study area

Kano state is a state located in Northern - Western Nigeria, created on May 27, 1967 from part of northern region, Kano state borders Katsina state to the north -west, Jigawa state to the north -east, Bauchi state to the south -east, and Kaduna state to the south - west, The capital of Kano state is Kano. Subsistence and consumption agriculture is mostly in the outlying districts

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of the state. Some of the food crops cultivated are millet, sorghum, maize and rice for local consumption while groundnuts and cotton are produced for export and industrial purposes.

Wudil local Government area in Kano state is 44km away from Kano city Maiduguri road, also the channel that links Kano Gombe, Yola, Jigawa, and Bauchi states. Most of the people in Wudil are fish and sand Packers, due to the presence of Wudil River, it's headquarter is in Wudil town on the A237 highway. It has an area of 362km2 and a population of 185, 189 at the 2006 census. Its coordinates lies between 11°49'N 8°51'E coordinates: 11°49'N 8°51'E '. The postal code of the area is 713. River Kogin Wudil is a stream and is located in Jigawa state, Nigeria. The estimate terrain elevation above sea level is 394 meters. Its latitude lies between 12°3'55.15" while longitude lies between 8°59'41.42'.

III. METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION

Hundred (100) *Oreochromis niloticus* were sample randomly at Wudil River, Kano state from the catch of fishermen at landing sites. They were easily identified by the dark bands or stripes found on their tail. Identification of fish species was also done using field guide by Olaosebikan and Raji (1998) and FAO (1992) samples were chilled in iced blocks at the point of collection before being transported in a plastic jerry can to the laboratory.

IV. LABORATORY ANALYSIS

The samples were mopped on filter paper to removed excess water from their body surface. The total length was measured in centimeter. The total was measured as the distance from the tip of the snout to the caudal peduncle, the body weight of each specimen was taken using a top loading mettle balance (LP502.A) to the nearest 0.0 g after drying excess water with filter paper.

V. Lenght - Weight Relation

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Where

W= The weight of fish in grams

L = The total length of fish in cm.

a = Exponent describing the rate of change of weight with length (=The intercept of the regression line on the Y axis)

b = The slope of the regression line (also referred to as the Allometric coefficient)

The equation and the data were transformed to before determination was made. The equation was therefore be transformed into.

$$LogW = Loga + bLogL$$

Where W. = weight of fish in grams.

L = length of fish in cm

a = constant.

b = an exponent.

VI. CONDITION FACTOR

The condition factor (k) was determined for individual fish using the conventional formula describe by Worthington and Richard (1931) as adopted by Ja' afaru and Tashara (2009). The ratio of the length to the weight of the fish was determined as.

$$K = \frac{W \times 100}{L}$$

Where, K = condition factor. W = weight of fish in gramsL = length of fish in cm

VII. SEX DETERMINATION

Each specimen was dissected ventrally with the aid of a small scissors inserted through the vent. Also a semicircular cut was made laterally on the side of specimen for better observation. The gonads which are two parallel tubules located on the dorsal wall of the abdominal cavity were then examined with the naked eye in the case of sexually mature forms and dissecting microscope was employed for examination of the sexually maturing forms. Males have gonads with smooth exterior, while the females have gonads with a rough exterior (Olurin and aderibigbe., 2006).

VIII. DATA ANALYSIS

All data collected were subjected to statistical analysis. ANOVA, Regression and Correlations were used to determine the relationship and association between data and parameters. Bar chart were also used to express data.

IX. Result and Discussion

The result of length - weight regression analysis of *O. niloticus* is showing in figure i, ii, iii. The value for males 12.87, female15.29 and combine sexes 13.72 all indicated allometric growth. The length - weight relationship of male figure (i), females figure (ii) and combine figure (iii) showed linear relationship with the significance coefficient of 0.887, 0.939 and 0.904 respectively at 0.05 per cent between length and weight. The condition factor (k) for all fish samples was

determined from the average length and weight of all the fish as shown in table 1 males 2.2875, females 2.9480 and combine sexes 2.5967 which is an indication of the fish been healthy since they are all above 1.0.

The length weight relationship equations were determined for each sex and combined using exponential equation (Figure I, II. and III). For Male fish, Weight=101.8-12.89length; R^2 =0.887; Female fish, Weight = 129.0 - 15.29length, $R^2 = 0.939$ while Combine Sexes of fish, Weight=110.6-13.72length; $R^2=0.904$. The agreement between the empirical weight and computed weight from regression can be termed as ideal growth for positive allometry since all the b value were higher than 3. The relationship between the gut length and fish length for Female is GTL= 41.006+ 1.242FSL, R²=0.3282; Male is GTL=31.786+1.679FSL, R^2 =0.7162 and Combine is GTL=36.796+1.4555FSL, R²=0.5165. The weight of the gut showed no variation because the fish eats the same composition of diet in the wild. This is in agreement with the report of Karachle and Stergiou (2010).

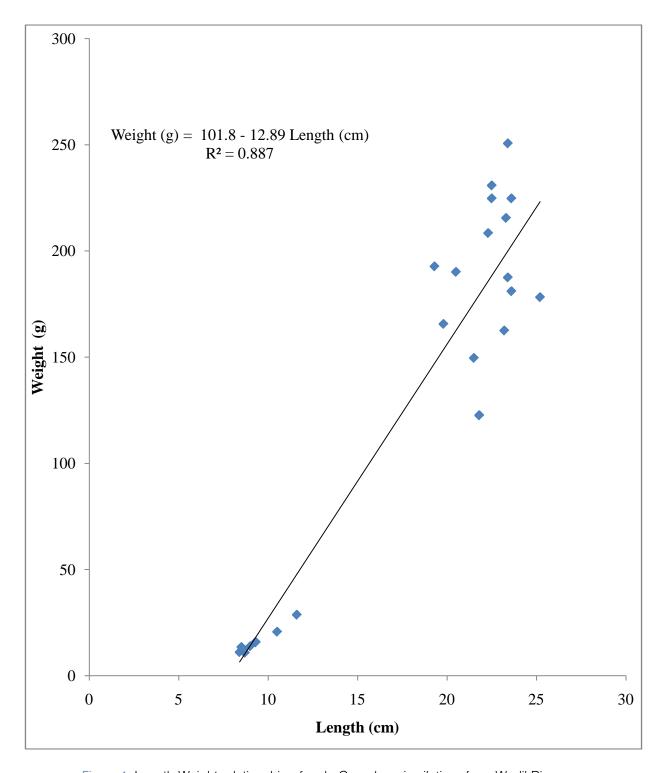


Figure 1: Length-Weight relationship of male Oreochromis niloticus from Wudil River

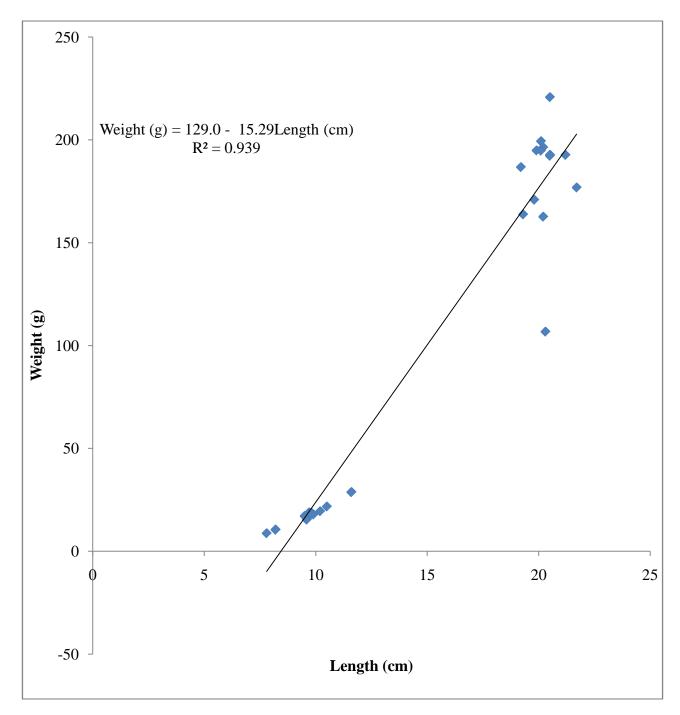


Figure 2: Length-Weight Relationship of Female Oreochromis niloticus from Wudil River

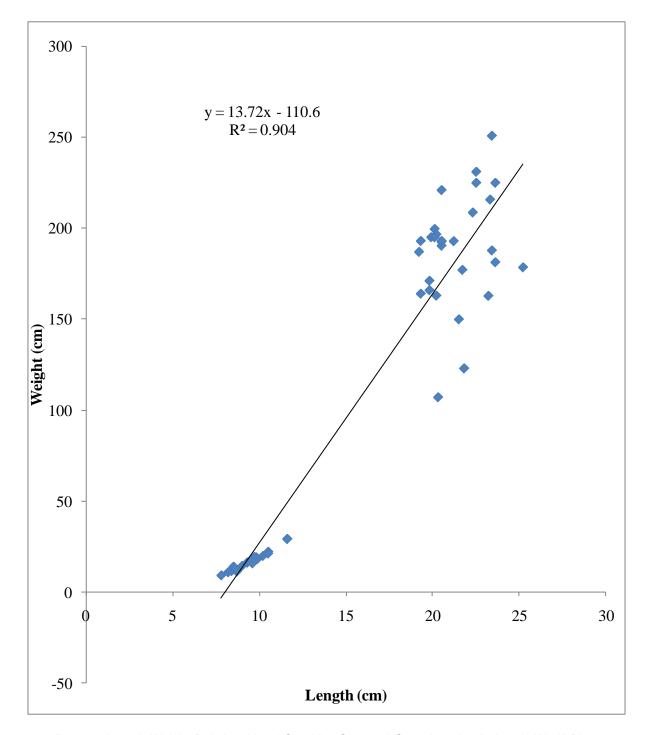


Figure 3: Length-Weight Relationship of Combine Sexes of Oreochromis niloticus in Wudil River

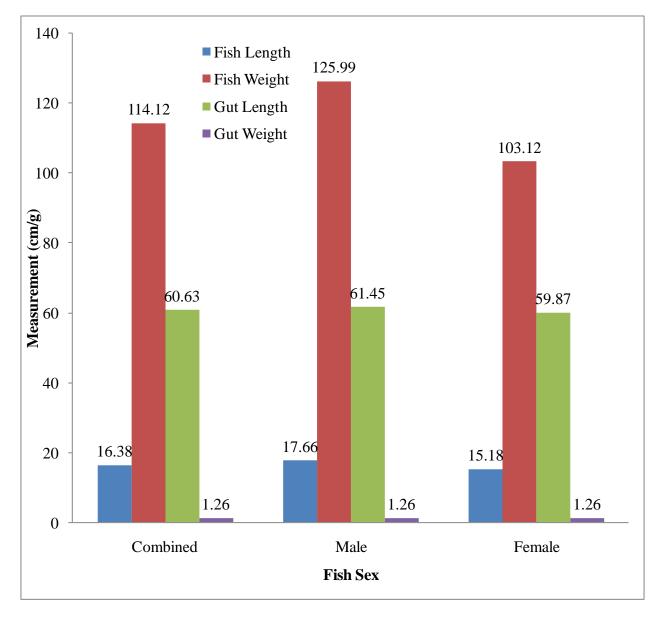


Figure 4: Fish and Gut length and Weight of Oreochromis niloticus from Wudil River

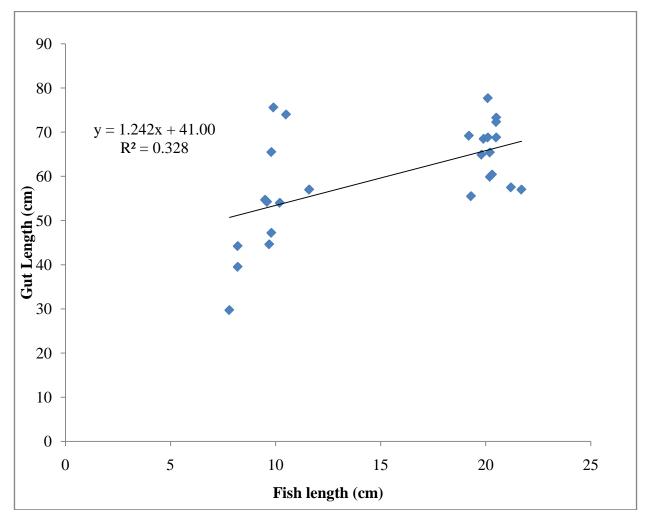


Figure 5: Gut length - Fish length relationship of female Oreochromis niloticus in Wudil River

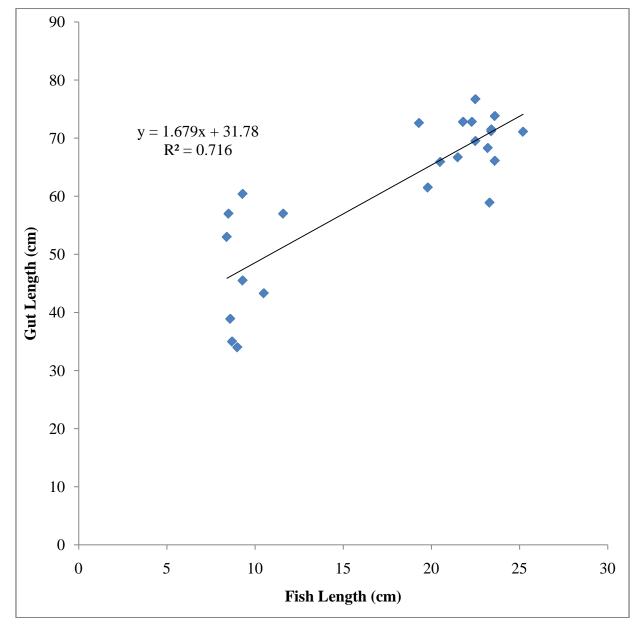


Figure 6: Gut length -Fish Length relationship of Male Oreochromis niloticus in Wudil River

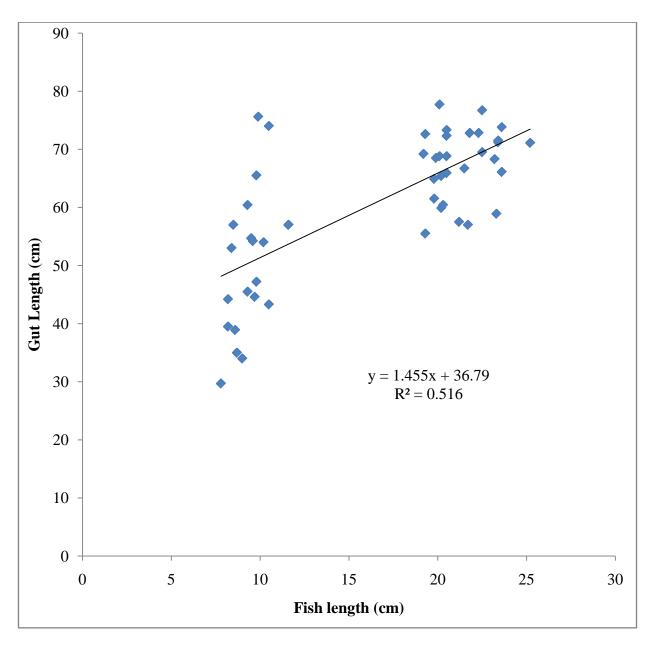


Figure 7: Gut-length - Fish length relationship of combine Oreochromis nloticus in Wudil River

Table 1: Mean Standard length, weight condition factor of Oreochromisniloticus from Wudil River, Kano state.

| Parameters | Oreochromisniloticus | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Male | Female | Combine |
| Mean Fish Standard length (cm) | 17.66ª | 15.18 ^a | 16.38 ^a |
| Mean Fish Total weight (g) | 125.99 ^a | 103.12° | 114.12 ^b |
| Mean Condition factor (k) | 2.2875° | 2.9480 ^a | 2.5967 ^b |
| Mean Gut length (cm) | 61.45 ^a | 59.87 ^a | 60.63 ^a |
| Mean Gut weight (g) | 1.26 ^a | 1.26a | 1.26ª |

Mean of data with different superscripts are significantly different (p<0.05)

X. Summary, Conclusion And Recommendation

a) Summary

The present study was conducted to determine the length - weight relationship and feeding habit of O. niloticus in Wudil River, Kano. Olurin and Aderibigbe (2006) calculated the length and weight and condition factor of pond reared Juvenile O. niloticus, with a view to determining whether the fishes are in good condition. Edah Bernard et al., 2010) computed the wet weight dry weight relationship of O. niloticus (Tilapia) insignificant relationship were found in all cases at 0.05 per cent with correlation coefficients for males, females and pooled sexes at 0.9241, 0.9632 and 0.9586 respectively and result of this study were not far from this high values as indicated on figure 1, 2, and 3. A number of factors (e.g. sex, seasons, environmental conditions, stress, and availability of food) also affect the condition of fish. Stewart (1988) observed stress as a result of the reduction in the breeding and nursery ground of O. niloticus in Lake Turkena, Kenya, as contributing to dramatically lower condition factors.

XI. CONCLUSION

Length - weight regression analysis showing that the value of male, female and both sex exhibited allometric growth. There was significantly high correlation at 5% between the length and weight of both sexes. The condition factor indicated that the fish where stable conditions during the time of conducting the research and the gut length to fish length showed low correlation in female (R^2 =0.3282) and high in Male, R^2 =0.7162

Recommendations

It is recommended that the condition factor of *Oreochromis niloticus* in the river is good for their wellbeing.

Fisheries management should be enhanced for higher productivity of *Oreochromis niloticus*.

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I. Introduction

n order to prevent frostbite in Uzbekistan, pomegranate bushes are buried in late autumn and opened in spring [1-7]. However, due to the lack of special equipment, the burial and opening of pomegranate bushes is not mechanized and is still done by hand. This, in turn, leads to increased labor and other costs and reduced productivity, and has a negative impact on pomegranate cultivation, high yields, and the establishment of largescale pomegranate plantations. It should also be noted that, given that pomegranate bushes are buried in late autumn, it is not possible to completely bury pomegranate bushes in all areas by hand in the early winter, and as a result, they are subject to cold blowing. Based on the above, our institute has developed a machine for burying pomegranate bushes in the ground, and research is being conducted to substantiate its parameters [8-16].

II. Method

The machine consists of frame (Fig. 1) and a coupler mounted on it, followed by grooved transmissions, bearings and burying bodies, which are hung on the tractor.

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In the process, the branches of the pomegranate bushes are compacted (compacted) and passed to the transmitters, which further compact and press the pomegranate bushes and direct them to the beds, which prepare the pomegranate bushes for burial by pressing them to the ground. As a result, one row of pomegranate bushes is completely buried in one pass of the unit, and their burial is fully mechanized.

Experimental studies were conducted to study the processing depth of the vertical distance from the base plane of the machine burying the pomegranate bushes to the lower tie point of the hanging device and its effect on one plane.

In the experiments, the distance between the upper and lower tie points of the machine suspension device did not change and was assumed to be 70 cm [17], The vertical distance from the base plane of the machine to the lower tie point of the suspension was changed every 55 cm from 55 cm to 85 cm. This was achieved by pushing the fingers of the hanging device down or up on its brackets (Fig. 2).





Figure 2: Machine for hiding pomegranate bushes



Figure 2: Universal mounted construction

During the experiments, the working depth was set at 36 cm, the transverse distance between the housings was 200 cm, the height of the working surface of the enclosure was 68 cm and the speed of the unit was 5 and 7 km/h. The depth of machining and its standard deviation were taken as the main indicators, and in addition the gravitational resistance of the device was studied.

The results of the experiments are presented in Table 1, Figures 3 and 4. Their analysis shows that the machining depth increased with increasing vertical

distance from the base plane of the device to the lower tie point of the hanging device, while its standard deviation decreased, that is the stability of the machining depth improved.

However, in this case, the rates of increase in machining depth and decrease in mean square deviation decreased with increasing vertical distance from the machine base plane to the lower tie point of the hanging device.

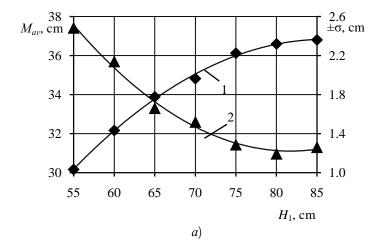
Table 1: The effect of the vertical distance (H_1) from the base plane of the device to the lower tie point of the hanging device on the processing depth

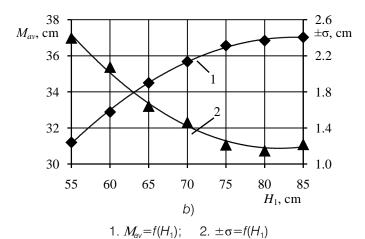
| The vertical distance from the base plane of the machine to the lower tie point of the hanging device, cm | Processing depth, cm | | Weigh the car |
|---|----------------------|------|-----------------|
| | M _{av} | ±σ | resistance , kN |
| | V=5 km/h | | |
| 55 | 31,2 | 2,39 | 18,2 |
| 60 | 32,8 | 2,07 | 18,8 |
| 65 | 34,5 | 1,64 | 19,5 |
| 70 | 35,6 | 1,46 | 20,1 |
| 75 | 36,5 | 1,21 | 20,7 |
| 80 | 36,8 | 1,14 | 21,1 |
| 85 | 37,1 | 1,22 | 21,7 |
| | V=7 km/h | | |
| 55 | 30,1 | 2,48 | 18,8 |
| 60 | 32,1 | 2,14 | 19,4 |
| 65 | 33,8 | 1,66 | 19,9 |
| 70 | 34,8 | 1,52 | 20,5 |
| 75 | 36,1 | 1,28 | 20,9 |
| 80 | 36,6 | 1,19 | 21,7 |
| 85 | 36,8 | 1,26 | 22,1 |

III. Results and Discussions

When this distance was less than 75 cm, the machine bodies did not sink to the specified depth, that is, the machining depth was less than the specified 36 cm, and when 75 cm and more, the machine bodies sunk to the specified depth. Therefore, when the vertical

distance from the base plane of the machine to the lower tie point of the suspension device increases from 55 cm to 85 cm, the machining depth at speeds of 5 and 7 km/h increases from 31.20 cm to 37.02 cm, 30.16 cm to 36, respectively. Increased to 80 cm, and its mean square deviation decreased from \pm 2.39 cm to \pm 1.22 cm, and from \pm 2.48 cm to \pm 1.26 cm.





a, b - 5 and 7 km/h respectively movement velocity

Figure 3: The effect of the vertical distance from the base plane of the machine to the lower tie point of the hanging device on the machining depth (M_{av}) and its standard deviation $(\pm \sigma)$

From this it can be concluded that in order for the machine to sink to the specified depth and operate stably at that depth, the vertical distance from its base plane to the lower tie point of the suspension must be at least 75 cm.

However, the required transport clearance of the machine is not provided when the vertical distance

a) For a case where the unit speed is 5 km/h

from the base plane of the machine to the lower tie point of the suspension device is more than 80 cm.

The smallest squares method of graphical connections described in Figure 3 [18-21] can be expressed by the following empirical formulas defined by:

$$a = 12,887 - 0,286H_1 + 0,0017H_1^2$$
, cm $(r_{\kappa}^2 = 0,9914)$; (1)

$$\pm \sigma = -12,594 + 1,1827H_1 - 0,007H_1^2$$
, cm $(r_{\kappa}^2 = 0,9989)$. (2)

b) For a case where the unit speed is 7 km / h

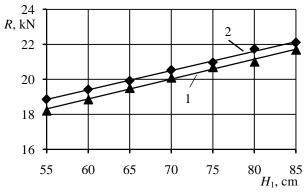
$$a = 13,312 - 0.296H_1 + 0.0018H_1^2$$
, cm $(r_k^2 = 0.9905)$; (3)

$$\pm \sigma = -14,254 + 1,187H_1 - 0,0069H_1^2$$
, cm $(r_x^2 = 0,9977)$. (4)

where H_1 - is the bottom of the suspension from the base plane of the machine vertical distance to the tie points (in the range of H_1 = 55-85 cm).

An increase in the vertical distance from the base plane of the machine to the lower point of the

suspension from 55 cm to 85 cm increases its gravitational resistance at a speed of 5 km/h according to the law of straight lines from 18.2 kN to 21.7 kN, ie 3.5 kN, 7 km at an hourly rate of 18.8 kN to 22.1 kN, an increase of 3.3 kN (Figure 4).



1 and 2 - the speed of the unit is 5 and 7 km/h, respectively

Figure 4: The graph of the change in traction resistance (R) of a machine depending on the vertical distance from its base plane to the lower tie point of the suspension device

IV. Conclusions

This means that the vertical distance from the base plane of the machine to the lower tie point of the suspension device should be 75-80 cm in order to ensure that the machine bodies that cover the pomegranate bushes sink to the specified depth, work stably at this depth and provide the required transport clearance.

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