

Studies of Water Needs of Potatoes According to Climatic Conditions Cultivated in Bioinoculated Sandy Soil

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ABSTRACT

Agriculture sustainably and shortages in the water supply are the most critical issues facing the world in the course of climate change conditions. Deficit irrigation improves water use efficiency, but the reduced water input often limits plant growth and nutrient uptake. Advances in biological sciences hold tremendous promise for surmounting many of the major challenges confronting the world. Microbial inoculants may improve crop productivity even in low-input agriculture by different ways. It helps the land plants to acclimatize the biotic and abiotic conditions for their better survival, growth and development beside it can support the sustainable agriculture systems. To evaluate this, a field experiment in thirty-six containers with dimensions of (0.80 m length, 0.30 m width and 0.40 m depth) that filled with sandy soil was carried out for 2 years. In both years, the experiment was set up in a split plot design where, irrigation levels (60, 80 and 100%) from soil water depletion calculated according to climatic condition as the main plot and four treatments of bioinoculation (Biogen, Mycorrhizae, Mix of them and without adding as control) were applied as sub main with three replicates. The results showed that bioinoculation with tested biofertilizers helped potato plants withstand deficit irrigation although, proper irrigation level is a deciding parameter for the optimum potato yield quantity and quality. The significant effect of studied bioinoculation pronounced by improving the tested vegetative growth and yield characteristics as well as availability of soil nutrients N, P, K and soil aggregates beside soil microorganisms, this beneficial emerging properties could be efficiently exploited in the sustainable agriculture. Results appeared that the combined effect of 80% irrigation level and inoculation with Mycorrhizae registered the highest values of studied characteristics than other treatments which reflected on quantity and quality of potato yield.

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Introduction

Microbial inoculants are of growing interest for their potential role in every ecosystem; beneficial soil microorganisms play key roles in the maintenance of long-term soil fertility and health by the reduction of chemical inputs in agriculture, promotion of plant nutrition and production safe and high-quality food (Giovannini *et al.*, 2020).

Recently, arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) represent a key factor for optimization of crop productivity, especially in the low-input agriculture (Deja-Sikora *et al.*, 2020). According to Janet Didur, (2020) mycorrhizae from the Greek meaning 'mykos' as fungus and 'riz' as roots refers to a symbiotic association between a fungus and roots of a vascular plant that provides the fungus with relatively constant and direct access to carbohydrates, in return the plant gains the benefits of the mycelium's higher absorptive capacity for water and mineral nutrients due to the comparatively large surface area of mycelium to root ratio. This improves the plant's water and mineral absorption capabilities by both physical and chemical mechanisms. Mycorrhizal mycelia are much smaller in diameter than the smallest root, and thus can explore a greater volume of soil, providing a larger surface area for absorption, this beneficial alliance accelerates root development and stimulates plant growth especially in nutrient-poor soils. It can increase effectiveness of absorbing capability of surface host root as much as ten times especially, ions such as P, Zn and Cu do not diffuse readily through soil

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beside increasing root uptake of N, P, K, Zn, Cu, S, Fe, Ca, Mg and Mn furthermore, mycorrhizal plants are often more resistant to diseases (Smith and Smith, 2011). AMF also can facilitate the completion of biogeochemical cycles, increase carbon sequestration and soil aggregation and the content of health-promoting phytochemicals thereby mycorrhizae can be important for soil health and contribute to creating a better more conducive environment around the root zone for the good biology to grow and that in turn helps generate better soil health (Giovannini *et al.*, 2020). Thereby, Mycorrhizal plants often display enhanced tolerance to abiotic stress factors (e.g., drought or salinity), these plant-associated microorganisms can alleviate the negative impacts by modulating the level of plant stress response (Deja-Sikora *et al.*, 2020).

Many plant species show large positive growth response to AMF colonization, which usually grow healthier, stronger tend to develop faster than those without inoculation to be more resistant even in the low-input agriculture. Volpato *et al.* (2020) emphasized that mycorrhizal fungi colonize the roots of more than 90% of plant species having mutual plant and fungus benefit and this symbiosis can improve the nutritional status and growth of plants under both optimal and restricted water levels while, AM fungi represent an important biological factor for plants to thrive in water-limited conditions not only by increasing the supply of nutrients, but also by helping plants to resist water stress by improving stomatal conductance, photosynthetic phosphorus use, proline accumulation and display greater hydraulic conductivity in roots and reduced transpiration rate under drought stress. Yooyongwecha *et al.* (2016) concluded that inoculation of AMF in sweet potato plants improved plant growth characteristics and enhanced water deficit tolerance via soluble sugars and free proline accumulation. Deja-Sikora *et al.* (2020) mentioned that AMF hyphae act as root system extension due to high absorptive capacity of extraradical mycelium that gains an easier acquisition of soil water and slowly diffusing mineral compounds in particular phosphorus and nitrogen ions, which resulted improving plant nutritional status and fitness. Thus, that can be encourage the wide application of AMF-based natural biofertilizers to support the sustainable agriculture systems (Lone *et al.*, 2015).

Among microbial inoculants is Biogen, El-Salhy *et al.* (2010) pointed to a possibility of reducing the amount of chemical fertilizers added to *Citrus reticulata* trees inlaid with bitter orange by adding a biogen-enriched container containing *Azotobacter* sp. which caused a significant increase in the characteristics of vegetative growth, leaf area and carbohydrate ratio to nitrogen in branches compared to chemical fertilizers. These results may be due to the biological fertilization factors in biogen which containing bacteria (*Azotopacter chroococcum* + *Azosperillum brasilense*) and potassium-containing containers (*Bacillus circulans*) significantly outweighed the rest of the fertilizer treatments (Alalaf and Hadeed, 2020). Sharma *et al.* (2019) exhibited that bacterium *Azotobacter chroococcum* able to install 10 mg nitrogen per gram of carbohydrates in addition to fixing nitrogen, it can produce some amino acids and vitamins such as thiamine B1 and riboflavin B2 and some growth regulators like indole IAA and gibberelin GA₃.

Several studies aimed to detecting the best performing bacterial strains, to be used in combination with selected AMF as biofertilizers and biostimulants in innovative and sustainable food production systems, it showed that the multiple services provided by AMF depend on the synergistic activity of diverse bacterial communities living in the mycorrhizosphere, strictly associated with their spores and extraradical mycelium and playing diverse plant growth-promoting roles, from nitrogen fixation and P solubilization and mineralization to the production of indole acetic acid (IAA), siderophores, and antibiotics (Giovannini *et al.*, 2020). It can be coinciding by Xavier and Germida, (2002) who notice that AMF is works synergistically with symbiotic and asymbiotic N fixing bacteria while with symbiotic N fixers there is improved nodulation and AMF root colonization, with significant benefit to plant growth. This observation was in line with the other study that demonstrated the enhancement of potato (cv. Yungay) growth parameters upon mycorrhization with *R. intraradices* due to greater uptake of P, Fe, and Mg as well as higher efficiency of P utilization (Deja-Sikora *et al.*, 2020). El-Sayed *et al.* (2015) used mix of different types of bacteria and VAM as biofertilizers and compost to enhance yield and quality of potato cultivated in sandy soil. They found that compost at 23.8 t ha⁻¹ + bio-fertilizer resulted in a significant increase in marketable yield.

Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.) belongs to the most meaningful horticultural species grown worldwide for food and industrial purposes. Potato plants are known to be sensitive to water stress and have a low P uptake, due to their rarefied root hair system. An economic potato yield can only be achieved through a suitable irrigation and through fertilization (Volpato *et al.*, 2020). The inoculants

can actually help the potato root system overcome different challenges associated with different soils. AMF symbiosis have remarkable role in sustainable growth and development of Potato plants to acclimatize the biotic and abiotic conditions for their better survival, growth and development (Lone *et al.*, 2015). Based on the results obtained by Susiana *et al.* (2019) the application of mycorrhizae proves to be able to increase potato plant growth and seed productivity. Also, Volpato *et al.* (2020) mentioned that, AM fungi can alleviate abiotic stress caused by low levels of P and/or a partially localized water deficit. Mycorrhizae is also proven to delay the occurrence of infection in potato (Deja-Sikora *et al.*, 2020).

In this investigation, we aimed to determine if water needs of potatoe were affected by commercial bioinoculations (Mycorrhizae or Biogen or the Mix of them) under three irrigation levels treatments (60, 80 and 100%) of water depletion and studying impacts of these treatments on potatoes yield quantity and quality through the analysis of some indicating factors. Also study the influence of these treatments on some ecosystem factors related to soil health like availability of soil nutrients N, P, K and soil aggregates and soil microorganisms, in attempt to implement intensive sustainable practice for potato crop cultivation.

Material and Methods

An open field experiment was carried out through installing a drip-irrigation system above thirty-six containers that combined different water requirements of soil water depletion levels from available water as a percentage from the fled capacity and testing the Bioinoculation delivered within the active root zone.

1. Location site, crop details and soil description

This study was performed on open field of Dokki side, belongs to the Central Laboratory for Agricultural Climate (CLAC), Agricultural Research Center (ARC), at El-Giza Governorate, Egypt which situated at 30° 03' N latitude, 31° 20' E longitude and mean altitude 70 m above sea level. The experimental area has an arid climate condition with cool winters and hot dry summers and the monthly mean climatic data for both growing season of 2019 and 2020 were summarizes in Table (1).

Table 1: Monthly growing season climatic data for the experimental site.

Parameters	Season of 2019				Season of 2020				
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	
Temp. C°	Max	17.6	20.3	22.0	17.6	17.3	20.3	22.6	25.1
	Min	7.2	8.6	11.6	7.2	7.6	9.9	11.2	15.5
RH_AVG %	76.8	72.6	72.0	71.7	76.8	50.8	47.7	50.7	
Wind speed (m/sec)	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.4	
Radiation MJ/m ²	94.4	126.3	144.7	145.1	94.4	105.3	139.8	144.3	
Et _o mmday ⁻¹	2.3	3.3	4.3	5.1	2.3	3.5	5.0	5.8	

Daily soil water depletion and crop water requirements were estimated with a computer software IRRI-CLAC program that consider the weather conditions and soil water characteristics. Daily weather data was used to calculate reference evapotranspiration (ET_o) according to Penman–Monteith equation. The applied irrigation water were adjusted by using thirty-six containers of the size 0.80 m × 0.30 m in area and 0.40 m depth which stacked adjacent with an inter-treatments distance. Water flow meters were fixed in each treatment to control the delivery of the amounts of water irrigation (L/m²). All the experimental plots received the same amount of water by a gate valve of 16 mm that was fixed in each headline of the laterals. The soil at the experimental site is classified as a sandy soil and the physical and chemical analyses of the soil, before adding the mixed fertilizer were presented in Table (2) that estimated according to A.O.A.C., 2005.

Table 2: Physical and chemical properties of the soil of the experimental area.

Soil depth	Texture	Sand (%)	Silt (%)	Clay (%)	Bulk density (gm cm ⁻³)	EC 1:5 (dS m ⁻¹)	pH (1:2.5)	Total CaCO ₃ (%)
00-20	Sandy	97.2	2.0	0.8	1.4	3.81	7.8	2.6

Potato (*Solanum tuberosum*, L.) Spunta cultivar was cultivated in 12th Feb. 2019 and 2020 in both growing seasons with 30 cm planting distances, so, there were 3 plants in each container to record its properties of vegetative growth and parameters of yield quantity and quality. The experimental plants were fertilized before sowing according to the standard recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture (Potato cultivation and production, 2005), and irrigated by drip irrigation system to meet the crop consumptive use for each water depletion treatment (liter/period) by using graduated cylinder. In the same time all the other agriculture practices were performed according to the standard recommendations for commercial growers, by (Vegetable cultivation guide, 2014).

2. Experimental design and treatments:-

Three treatments of irrigation levels (60, 80 and 100%) depending on the actual plant water use and the soil water depletion from the field capacity, with three additions of commercial bioinoculations (Biogen, Mycorrhizaen, Mix of them and without adding as control) were tested in thirty-six containers with dimensions of (0.80 m length, 0.30 m width and 0.40 m depth) that filled with sandy soil. The applied water was adjusted by using separate unit of containers to beginning irrigation till the water leaching appear from container below, and then the irrigation stops and estimated the amount of leached water, and the water amount by subtracted from the amount of water added. The actual amount of water retained in the soil was confirmed and available for plant use, and on the basis of which other irrigation levels were modified and determined. The experiment was set up in a split plot design where, irrigation levels (60, 80 and 100%) from soil water depletion were applied as the main plot and four treatments of bioinoculation were applied as sub main with three replicates.

3. Characterization of microbial Biofertilizers:

The mycorrhizal fungal inoculum “Mycorrhizen” was bought from Microbiology department, Institute of Lands, Water and Environment, Agricultural Research Center. The inoculum was spores of different species pieces of infected roots mixed with soil. The contents of the inoculum bag was mixed with a sugar solution (100 g sugar / 100 ml water) and were mixed with soil in the planting hole in amount of 25 g just before potato seeds sowing (Biermann and Linderman, 1983).

The bacterial inoculum “Biogen” was bought from The Public Authority for the Agricultural Budget Fund, Agricultural Research Center. Contents of the inoculum bag were mixed with gum (supplied with the bag), and were placed in the planting hole in amount of 25 g just before potato seeds sowing. For mixed treatment, equal amounts of Mycorrhizen and Biogen were mixed thoroughly and 25 g of the mix was placed in the planting hole just before potato seeds sowing.

4. Crop parameters:-

A sample of three plants was taken from each treatment replicate to measure the vegetative physical properties of:-

- Plant height was estimated from the first internode to the apex in (cm) by a meter.
- Number of leaves per plant was counted.
- Plant fresh weight was determined in (g) by a balance.
- Leaf area was recorded (cm²) by using a digital leaf area meter (LI-300 portable area meter produced by LI-COR, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA).

The Vegetative chemical properties were:-

- Total chlorophyll content of the six mature leaf was measured using chlorophyll meter (*Spad-501*) produced by *Minolta Co., Japan*.
- Plant dry weight (g), was determined by drying a mixed small pieces of the fresh parts at 70°C until constant weight was reached.

The Yield quantity and quality of:-

- Total tuber yield in number per plant
- Total tuber yield in weight per plant (kg):-

Tubers of every plant were sorted according to the Ministerial Decree No. 651/1978 issued by the Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality Control (EOS), marketable and unmarketable yield in weight per plant (kg): tubers were weighed and recorded as Kg/plant.

- Firmness was measured using Magness and Ballouf pressure tester equipped with 3/16 inch² plunger as g/cm² after Wills *et al.* (1982).
- Tuber volume of ten tubers was determined in cm³ by measuring the water volume displaced by immersing the tuber in a graduated jar filled with water.
- Total carbohydrates were determined as g/100g dry weight according to Smith *et al.* (1956).
- Starch was determined as g/100g dry weight by subtracting the total soluble sugars from the total carbohydrates according to AOAC (1975).

Weight of starch= weight of obtained glucose x 0.95.

5. Soil nutrition availability:-

The macronutrient, available nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium content within 20 cm soil profile was determined using Kjeldahl method described by FAO (1980) for nitrogen, using spectrophotometer according to Watanabe and Olsen (1965) for Phosphorus and using Flame photometer as described by Chapman and Pratt (1961) for Potassium.

6. Examination of AM fungi infection by root staining

One month after sowing, roots staining technique was applied in some random samples according to Koske and Gemma (1989) to check success of root penetration by VAM. Root samples were dipped in water to remove adhering soil, rinsed and cut into 0.5 to 1 cm segments cleared by immersing in KOH (10%) for 45 min. at 90°C, rinsed, washed with water, acidified by immersing in HCl (1%) for 4 min, and then stained with a mixture of chlorazol black E 0.03 % (CBE), lactic acid, glycerol (1:1:1), for 15 min at 90°C. Root segments randomly chosen and examined under the light microscope (40× magnification) for presence of mycorrhizal structures (hyphae, arbuscules and/or vesicles) (Bouamril *et al.*, 2006).

7. Extraction and counting of VAM Spores

After two month of cultivation, spores of VAM in all treatments were isolated from rhizosphere using a mix of wet-sieving and sucrose gradient techniques (Brundrett *et al.*, 1996). 100 g of rhizosphere soil was rinsed in through 1000, 500, 250, 106 and 45 µm sieves; soil was recovered from 45 µm sieve, suspended in water, and centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 3 min. The supernatant was discarded and the soil sediment was resuspended in a sucrose solution (60%) and centrifuged at 1000 rpm for 2 min. The supernatant containing spores was filtered under vacuum on filter paper (Whatman # 1). The spores were counted using the light microscope (40× magnification), and the estimated number of spores was attributed to 250 g of soil.

8. Bacterial count

About two months after sowing, total bacterial count and spore forming bacteria count were performed to detect its differences among treatments as a result of biofertilizers and water regime. Total bacterial count, were determined by plate count method on nutrient soil extract agar medium (LMG medium 30: Agar 15g, yeast extract 2g, peptone 5g, NaCl 5g, Lab. Lemco beef extract 1g, soil extract 1L, pH 7.2 at 25°C in 1L of tap water) with incubation at 30 °C for 48h (Jacobs and Gerstein, 1960). Count of spore forming bacteria, were carried out by plating the same medium but after heating the serial dilutions at temperatures 80 °C for 15 minutes with incubation at 30 °C for 48h (Clark, 1965).

Statistical analyses:-

The collected data were subjected to combined analysis of variance (ANOVA) of split plot design (Gomez and Gomez, 1984). Levene test (1960) was run prior to the combined analysis to test the homogeneity of individual error terms. Least significant difference (LSD) test was used to detect the significant differences among means at 0.05 probability levels.

Results and Discussion

1. Bacteria and mycorrhizae within potato crop root zone:-

Examination of AM fungi infection by root staining revealed the presence of different mycorrhizal structures (hyphae, arbuscules and vesicles) in all selected samples. Table (3) shows counts

of total and spore forming bacteria (TB and SFB) and mycorrhizal spores (MS) count /250g soil. In general, TB counts were relatively closed to each other's, while variations occurred in the count of SFB especially in control treatment which was very low in all irrigation levels. This could be explained by the changes occurred in the bacteria species and other microorganism as a consequential of added Biogen, Mycorrhizae within different studied irrigation levels. Various studies have followed how the presences of MF influence the microbial community (Hodge, 2014). Herman *et al.* (2012) and Nuccio *et al.*, (2013) mentioned that when AMF grow into organic litter patches, the microbial community structure is changed and stimulates decomposition and transfer N to the plants. Another study showed that experimental evidence exists for hyphal exudates of AM fungi having a pronounced effect on soil bacterial community composition belong with some members of Enterobacteriaceae being particularly strongly promoted otherwise, there are microorganisms identified as "mycorrhiza helper bacteria" which upon co-inoculation with the AM fungi increase the colonization rates of the host roots (Ma *et al.*, 2018), which agrees with our finding that showed an increase of MS counts under Biogen treatment although there is no treatment with AMF when compared with control. Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi interactions with free-living bacteria have been documented by Khalid *et al.* (2017) who reported that the synergy between AMF (*Glomus fasciculatum*, *G. mosseae*) and PGPB (*Azotobacter chroococcum*, *Bacillus mucilaginous* and *B. megaterium*) increased root colonization of spinach by AMF. It has long been known that spore germination can be stimulated by soil microorganisms, from Actinobacteria to Pseudomonads, although the most relevant role is played by bacteria living in intimate association with AMF often located on and within spore wall layers (mycorrhizospheric bacteria) (Giovannini *et al.*, 2020).

Table 3: Effect of bioinoculation added and water levels on count of bacteria and mycorrhizae spores in soil within roots zone.

Treatments Bio fertilizer	Levels %	Total bacterial count	Spore forming Bacteria count	Mycorrhizal spores count/250g soil	Mycorrhizal spores count /plant dry weight (g)
Control	60	73×10 ⁴	180×10 ²	26	9.0
	80	69×10 ⁵	335×10 ²	95	70.9
	100	42×10 ⁵	200×10 ²	54	23.2
Mycorrhizaen	60	110×10 ⁴	95×10 ⁴	931	25.2
	80	78×10 ⁵	50×10 ⁶	6100	154.8
	100	34×10 ⁵	76×10 ⁴	3350	77.9
Biogen	60	56×10 ⁴	255×10 ²	200	2.1
	80	93×10 ⁴	45×10 ⁴	1680	1.1
	100	87×10 ⁴	134×10 ³	660	0.5
Mix (50% Mycorrhizaen +50% Biogen)	60	86×10 ⁴	80×10 ⁴	39	1.0
	80	201×10 ⁴	57×10 ⁵	4900	107.9
	100	107×10 ⁴	153×10 ⁴	2780	55.7

Results showed that Mycorrhizae at 80% irrigation level recorded the highest count of MS, SFB and Mycorrhizal spores count / plant dry weight (g), followed by mix treatment at water level 100%. These results indicated that water levels have a direct effect on bacteria and mycorrhizae count. These results being coincide with those obtained by Simpson and Daft (1990) who inoculated Maize (*Zea mays*) and sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) with a range of VAM fungi and grown under water-stressed and unstressed conditions, spore production from most inocula was reduced by water-stress, both in total spore numbers and in terms of spores per gram plant weight. Giovannini *et al.* (2020) noticed that, a key fungal characteristic directly linked to AMF establishment and persistence in the field is represented by spore germination, which is affected by different factors including soil moisture, which may influence the different steps of mycorrhizal establishment, from spore germination to appressorium formation and intraradical growth. Deficit irrigation can reduce AM fungus root colonization, but the inoculation of efficient fungi may help enhancing colonization and consequently population of AM fungi in this environment (Volpato *et al.*, 2020). Also, Ghorbany *et al.* (2019) indicate that, application of investigated bio-fertilizers was not beneficial in drought stress condition this result based on the results of means comparison analysis with the interaction of severe drought stress (200mm)×control, severe drought stress×Mycorrhiza, and severe drought stress×Rhizobium bio-fertilizers, and they

concluded that, Proper water management is a critical parameter in bio-fertilizer inoculation studies. Also results revealed that the irrigation water at 100% resulted in a reduction of bacteria and mycorrhizae count. This may be due to oxygen also has a dramatic impact on microbial activity in poorly soil aeration due to excess water (Manitoba, 2013).

2. Soil nutrient availability:-

Nutrient availability in the soil is among the most important factors affecting plant growth and yield production. Hence, the role of biological fertilization on the enhancement of soil nutrient availability can be very economically and environmentally advantageous. Data in Table (4) indicate that the availability of soil nutrient (N, P and K) significantly affected by all the treatments under study.

Data show that, using biofertilizers either Mycorrhizae or Biogen or the mix of them significantly increased the percentage of available N, P and K in the soil compared without inoculation treatment. Such results is in agreement with that obtained by Miransari (2013) who indicate that application of biofertilization, can efficiently affect the availability of soil nutrients and hence plant growth and that can be happen by different mechanisms such as mineralization of soil organic matter, interacting with other soil microbes as well as production of different biochemicals such as plant hormones and enzymes. Gendy *et al.* (2013) ascribed the superiority of the application of bio-fertilizers Mycorrhizae and Biogen due to microbiological processes that can change unavailable forms of nutrients into available ones that can be easily assimilated by plants, it enable to release the fixed nitrogen, hence increasing the concentration and availability of this element in root zone. Fawzy *et al.* (2012) recorded the highest amounts of N,P and K % by using 100% mineral fertilizer with bio fertilizer (Biogen), On the contrary, the lowest amount of N, P and K % of sweet pepper tissues were recorded by using 100% organic manure without bio fertilizer in the two seasons of study. Also, Ma *et al.*, (2018) mentioned that there was an increase in the rates of mineralization of N bound in plant residues in the presence of an AM fungus. Ghorbany *et al.* (2019) indicated that, the biological activity of these beneficial microorganisms can increase the availability of nutrients and also helps to enhance the soil health and subsequently lead to increase of soil fertility.

It can be deduced from the data that Mycorrhizae was more efficiently affect the availability of P% than Biogen. This result agree with a number of studies have demonstrated the ability of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi to solubilize insoluble nutrients. This has been mainly ascribed to the fact that mobilizes phosphorus directly from organic matter through the excretion of phosphatases or from minerals through the excretion of organic acids (Frey-Klett *et al.*, 2015). Meanwhile, most phosphate in soils is in the form of ortho-phosphate, which cannot be directly utilized by plants, AMF can secrete enzymes that hydrolyze organic P compounds in soil (Ma *et al.*, 2018). The mycorrhizal phosphatase enzyme activity converts phosphate into soluble forms and enables mycorrhizal plants to take up more phosphorus than non-mycorrhizal plants and it has been demonstrated that the extraradical hyphae of *Glomus intraradices* were readily capable of hydrolyzing exogenously supplied organic phosphorus sources and transferring significant quantities of phosphorus to roots (Garcia and Racsco, 2018).

Data also show that irrigation levels have a clear effect on nutrient availability in the soil. The highest values of the nutrient availability (N, P and K%) in the soil were realized at 80% irrigation level compared to 60 and 100% irrigation levels. This may be owing to the fact that when the soil moisture decreases, the availability of nutrients in the soil is lowered because irrigation water important for dissolve soil nutrients (soil solution) which available for plant uptake, while in case of increasing irrigation level this could be attributed to poorly soil aeration due to excess water or compaction, some of the soil microbes will switch to anaerobic respiration and use alternatives to oxygen (O₂) to breathe, some of these alternatives to O₂ include plant available nitrate (NO₃⁻) that is converted to gases and lost to the atmosphere as called denitrification or nutrients can be lost by leaching (Manitoba, 2013). Microbial decomposition is greatest at moisture contents near field capacity because at field capacity, soils tend to provide a balance of both air and water, nevertheless, it tends to be slower in case of insufficient soil aeration, thereby, proper irrigation level increase the population of bacteria and mycorrhizae and its activity this in turn increase releasing available nutrients in the soil (Bhattarai *et al.*, 2010).

In according the interaction of irrigation levels and biofertilizer inoculation the percent of available N in the soil was high at Biogen inoculation associated with 80% irrigation level may be due to the ability of Biogen to fix N especially at this level of irrigation. Otherwise, inoculation with

Mycorrhizae at 80% irrigation level gave high P% and K% in the soil. These results maybe because 80% irrigation level can be a suitable condition to enhance the effect of this microbial inoculations.

Table 4: Effect of bioinoculation added and irrigation levels and their interaction on soil nutrients availability.

Treatments	Soil available nutrients						
	N		P		K		
Irrigation Levels %	60	0.012	B	0.054	B	1.75	B
	80	0.020	A	0.063	A	3.33	A
	100	0.014	B	0.063	A	1.98	B
Bio-fertilizer	Control	0.013	B	0.057	C	1.57	B
	Biogen	0.019	A	0.060	B	3.13	A
	Mycorrhizaen	0.016	A	0.067	A	3.37	A
	Mix	0.013	B	0.056	C	1.33	B
Interaction	60 * Control	0.013	c	0.050	c	1.10	e
	80 * Control	0.014	c	0.060	b	1.90	c
	100* Control	0.013	c	0.060	b	1.70	d
	60 * Biogen	0.012	c	0.060	b	1.30	e
	80 * Biogen	0.030	a	0.060	b	2.80	c
	100*Biogen	0.014	c	0.060	b	3.80	b
	60*Mycorrhizaen	0.013	c	0.060	b	3.60	bc
	80*Mycorrhizaen	0.020	b	0.070	a	6.00	a
	100*Mycorrhizaen	0.014	c	0.060	b	2.00	d
	60 * Mix	0.011	c	0.047	c	1.10	e
	80 * Mix	0.014	c	0.060	b	1.60	de
	100 *Mix	0.014	c	0.060	b	1.30	e

3. Dry –sieved aggregates:-

The dry sieving aggregates values are shown in Table (5). Data reveal that, the dry stable aggregates (D.S.A%) which having diameters from 1 to 0.5 mm were found to be the largest size presented in the different studied treatments.

Table 5: Effect of bioinoculation added and irrigation levels on distribution fraction (%) of soil dry sieved aggregates.

Bio-fertilizer	Irrigation Levels						
	60%						
	Dry aggregates Diameter (mm)						
	10-2	2-1	1-0.5	0.5-0.25	0.25-0.125	0.125-0.063	<0.063
Control	14.1	9.6	37.9	30.4	7.00	0.89	0.11
Biogen	15.6	8.7	36	30.9	7.40	1.17	0.23
Mycorrhizaen	11.9	8.7	39.1	33.4	6.26	0.29	0.35
Mix	9.6	15.5	41.9	26.6	5.3	0.92	0.18
	80%						
Control	14.94	16.6	38.9	25.6	3.4	0.4	0.16
Biogen	14.5	14.35	40.7	24.98	4.72	0.65	0.1
Mycorrhizaen	11.15	10.6	35.7	34.27	7.16	0.88	0.24
Mix	15.1	16.01	35.05	30.2	3.00	0.6	0.04
	100%						
Control	16.65	14.40	33.5	29.16	5.66	0.56	0.07
Biogen	16.96	10.9	35.95	31.55	2.5	2.1	0.05
Mycorrhizaen	18.7	9.22	35.4	29.9	6.59	0.94	0.15
Mix	16	11.4	35.4	29.2	6.9	0.98	0.12

Furthermore, the percentages of other sizes of dry stable aggregates decrease as their diameters decrease, whereas the lowest values exist in case of the aggregates having diameters less than 0.063 mm. Results showed that , the inoculation resulted in the highest increase of (D.S.A%) at diameters 1-

0.5 and 0.5-0.25mm, compared to without inoculation. These may be as a result to the inoculation increase soil aggregation and aggregates stability this effect can be attributed hereby to the microbial activity which in turn increase aggregate stabilizing factor. Especially, inoculation with Mycorrhiza resulted in the highest increase (D.S.A%) at the diameters 0.5 -0.25 mm under all studied irrigation levels. This result in harmony with Ma *et al.* (2018) who mentioned that AMF enhance ecosystem sustainability by influencing numerous soil properties and structure including soil stability, storage, soil moisture and nitrogen (N), C and phosphorus (P) cycles. Mycorrhizae play a major role in the soil particle aggregation process and contribute to improving soil structure which leads to better water infiltration, better aeration, less erosion and leaching this result due to the emanating fungal mycelium improves soil aggregation thus, modify soil structure (Frey-Klett *et al.*, 2015). Furthermore AMF produce large amounts of insoluble glycoprotein, glomalin and polysaccharides, which contribute to aggregate stability (Ma *et al.*, 2018).

4. Vegetative growth parameters:-

Data in table (6) show the values of growth parameters (plant height, number of leaves per plant, fresh and dry weight of plant, leaf area of plant and chlorophyll content) affected by bio-fertilizer inoculation and irrigation levels under studying.

It can be observe from the data that biofertilizer inoculation enhanced the growth parameters than control. The superiority of bio-fertilizers for stimulating plant fresh and dry weight owing to the favorable effect on plant growth and yield that may be attributes to the improve nutrition and production of growth promoting substances by micro-organisms especially by the increment of N in the root zone as a result of fixed N, nitrogen can enhance protein synthesis, division and enlargement of cells as well as stimulates photosynthesis processes (Gendy *et al.*, 2013).

Although, inoculation with Mycorrhizae or Biogen or mix of them have appositive effect on enhancing plant growth compared with the absence of the inoculation but this effect were significantly different between the treatments. Inoculation with AMF more effective in improving plant growth parameters than the Mix except plant height there was no significant differences between of them. While inoculation with biogen only has the lowest effect of plant growth under study compared with the AMF or the mix of them. This finding agrees with that concluded by Lone *et al.* (2015) who indicated that, the chlorophyll content besides morphological growth parameters and fresh and dry weight content of both cultivars of potato plant are shown to present in higher level in the mycorrhizae infected as compared to the non-inoculated ones. Moreover, Susiana *et al.*(2019) found that mycorrhizal application significantly increased height, the number of leaf. This mainly rendered to mycorrhizal fungi synthesise different phytohormones, especially indole-3-acetic acid (IAA), which is involved in the formation and the functioning of the ectomycorrhizal symbiosis, which can mediate plant growth promotion (Frey-Klett *et al.*, 2015).

There was a significant difference between the values of growth parameters with added different irrigation levels. The highest value was obtained under 80%, while the lowest values were under 60% irrigation level. Meanwhile, irrigation level at 100% was in between of them. Irrigation level at 80%, stimulated plant growth and elongation as compared with 100% and 60% these may be due to that, this level of water achieved adequate of water for the plant growth. Sufficient soil moisture is a deciding parameter for plant growth, in critical developmental phases, both under- and oversupply can have a negative impact on agricultural crop yields, over the last 40 years, soil moisture levels during the growing season have significantly declined, on both light and heavy soils (Anita and Beste, 2020). It becomes ever clearer that the supply of 60% from irrigation make plant undergoes water deficit due to water limitation in the plant roots area which resulted in lower water absorption. Water deficit in plant may lead physiological disorders, such as a reduction in photosynthesis and transpiration (AbdelKader *et al.*, 2014). On the other hand, at 100% irrigation level increased the water around the plant that can cause unsuitable conditions of aeration to the respiration of plant root. Consequently, these conditions might disturb biochemical and physiological processes, hence resulted in morphological changes of the plant and effect on plant growth (Kandowangko *et al.*, 2009). The interaction between irrigation levels and inoculation also have a significant effect, the obtained results observe that, the microbial inoculation has strong effect upon irrigation levels treatments on the plant growth that even with the low irrigation level under study (60%).

Table 6: Effect of bioinoculation added and irrigation levels on some growth parameters of potato plants.

Treatments		Plant height cm	Number of leaves plant ⁻¹	Plant fresh weight (g)	Plant dry weight (g)	Leaf area plant ⁻¹ cm ²	Chlorophyll content (spade)
Irrigation Levels %	60	28.7 C	18.9 C	151.2 C	36.4 C	105.4 C	36.7 C
	80	35.8 A	24.0 A	187.4 A	43.8 A	134.9 A	40.1 A
	100	31.4 B	21.4 B	166.4 B	39.5 B	125.3 B	38.4 B
Bio-fertilizer	Control	19.2 C	12.9 D	126.0 D	24.7 D	84.4 D	29.4 D
	Biogen	31.7 B	21.5 C	162.8 C	39.8 C	120.6 C	35.9 C
	Mycorrhizaen	39.7 A	26.9 A	203.6 A	49.7 A	150.7 A	44.9 A
	Mix	37.3 A	24.5 B	180.9 B	45.2 B	131.9 B	43.4 B
Interaction	60 * Control	17.3 i	11.3 h	110.2 h	22.1 k	72.6 k	27.8 j
	80 * Control	21.4 gh	14.6 g	145.6 f	28.4 j	92.4 i	31.1 h
	100* Control	19.0 hi	12.8 h	122.1 g	23.7 k	88.2 j	29.4 i
	60 * Biogen	28.8 f	18.8 f	146.3 f	36.9 i	103.7 h	34.5 g
	80 * Biogen	35.7 d	24.4 cd	179.4 cd	43.0 fg	132.0 d	37.6 e
	100*Biogen	30.8 ef	21.3 e	162.8 ef	39.4 h	126.0 f	35.7 fg
	60*Mycorrhizaen	36.0 cd	23.5 d	182.9 c	46.2 de	129.6 e	43.1 bc
	80*Mycorrhizaen	44.6 a	30.5 a	224.2 a	53.8 a	165.0 a	47.0 a
	100*Mycorrhizaen	38.4 c	26.6 b	203.6 b	49.3 c	157.5 b	44.7 b
	60 * Mix	32.9 e	21.9 e	165.2 e	40.3 g	115.9 g	41.6 d
80 * Mix	41.5 b	26.6 b	200.6 b	49.9 bc	150.0 c	44.7 b	
100 *Mix	37.6 c	25.0 bc	177.0 d	40.3 g	129.6 e	43.9 c	

* Similar letters indicate nonsignificant at 0.05 levels.

This results agree with Kandowanko *et al.* (2009) who found a reduction in ABA content in droughted plant inoculated by AMF may be due to hypha which assists plant to extract water and essential nutrients under dry conditions and also due to the increase of nutrient status of the host plants especially during drought conditions and it was able to stimulate the activation of principle enzymes that involve in nitrogen assimilation such as nitrate reductase and glutamate synthetase, the improvement of this enzyme activity can change and increase nitrogen content of the plant which resulted in increase of proline content, consequently, this situation can improve plant adaptability to drought stress and plant recovery soon after rewatering, on the contrary, the plants without inoculation showed severe stress due to drought, also they explain that , this results suggested that inoculation of AMF to the droughted plant is able to alleviate the strained by manipulation of stomatal conductance so that the stomata are still remained open for the longer period. Also, it can be noticed the enhancing effect of Biogen on plant growth under low irrigation level this result agree with Gendy *et al.* (2013) who indicated that bio-fertilizers treatment by biogen increases growth characters compared to control, the superiority of bio-fertilizers biogen for stimulating plant fresh and dry weight owing to the favorable effect of biogen on plant growth and yield attributes might be due to the improved nutrition and production of growth promoting substances by micro-organisms especially by the increment of N in the root zone as a result of fixed N by bacteria in Biogen. Also mix inoculation AMF and Biogen and 60% irrigation level exhibited an enhancement role with low irrigation level on plant growth. Such finding is similar to that found Kandowanko *et al.* (2009) who indicated that the inoculums of Azospirillum sp. and AMF can work synergically and was able to improve proline content and reduce ABA concentration in the corn plant subjected to drought stress during flowering and seed filling. Beside the beneficial effect of the biofertilizers under study on improves soil aggregation which leads to maintain soil moisture, better water infiltration, better aeration and less leaching in the soil.

This progressive effect of the inoculation on plant growth was optimizing at 80% irrigation level. The results pointed that the tallest plants, highest number of leaves and leaf area, heaviest plant fresh or dry weights beside the highest concentrations of chlorophyll content were obtained from applying the water at the level of 80 % with adding AMF Colonization. Followed by inoculation with mix AMF and Biogen associated with 80% irrigation level. This result are in keeping with Ghorbany *et al.* (2019) who demonstrated that, application of Mycorrhiza biofertilizer in normal irrigation condition is more hopeful for plant growth.

5. Tuber yield and quality component of potato crop:-

Data presented in table (7) reveal that there are significant differences in the potato tuber yield quantity and quality associated with microbial inoculants treatments. It can be noted from the data that, without inoculation treatment resulted in a significantly lower yield of both quantity and quality. The superiority of the bio fertilizer of Biogen and Microhizae on enhancing the potato tuber yield quantity and quality that may be due to the release of the fixed nitrogen and increasing the concentration and availability of the essential elements in the root zone that can enhance plant growth and the yield. This result agrees with Fawzy *et al.* (2012) who interpreted that bio-fertilizer inoculation helps to meet nitrogen requirement besides nitrogen fertilizer and other plant growth substances resulting in good yield. Many investigators had a similar trend of these results which support the present data Hosseiny and Ahmed (2009) reported that, the increases in yield in lettuce plants related to bio-fertilizer biogen due to the beneficial effects of the bacterial not only due to their N fixation capacity, but also because of their ability to produce growth hormones and siderophores. Fawzy *et al.* (2012) indicated that, using Biogen significantly increased the total yield of sweet pepper fruits due to increase the levels of extractable NPK or micro-nutrients which subsequently increased plant growth and yield. Gendy *et al.* (2013) revealed that biogen treatment have a considerable effect on growth and yield of guar plants during both seasons compared with untreated plants, they ascribed that due to the increase in biological fixation nitrogen as well as growth promoting substances such as indole acetic acid, cytokinins and gibberellins produced by the organisms used.

While presented data revealed that, AMF resulted in significantly higher values of the tuber yield per plant (kg) expressed as a weight, tuber firmness and tuber volume (liter/ten tubers) followed by Mix inoculation and followed by Biogen. This finding agrees with Lone *et al.* (2015) who emphasized that the inoculation of AMF significantly stimulated production of potato tubers, by affecting in hormone balance in potato plants leading to increased initiation and production of tubers. Such promoting effect of AMF on potato tubers was observed by Deja-Sikora *et al.* (2020) who demonstrated that, the potential yield benefits of inoculation of potatoes with AM fungi, that may be due to AMF facilitate the uptake and transfer of mineral nutrients such as phosphorus (P), nitrogen (N), sulfur, potassium, calcium, copper and zinc, from the soil to their host plants by means of the extraradical mycelium extending from colonized roots into the soil, furthermore, colonization with AMF was linked to the lower incidence of infection with some potato pathogens or reduced disease. Additionally, the enhancement of water, P and other nutrients uptake of AM fungi colonized plants (Kandowangko *et al.*, 2009 and Crespo, 2015). Furthermore, AMF access to either inorganic or organic soil nitrogen that can improve nitrogen nutrition of their plant host also, AMF symbiosis modifies root morphology by promoting root branching for host plant in addition, root exudation in the mycorrhizosphere is quantitatively and qualitatively different from that in the rhizosphere because mycorrhizal fungi use some of the root exudates and modify the root metabolic functions, furthermore, mycorrhizal fungi associated with plant roots can produce antibiotics (Frey-Klett *et al.*, 2015).

In regard to the effect of the studied irrigation levels. It is obviously from the data in table (7) and Fig. (1) that irrigation level at 80% gives the highest values of the weight of tuber yield per plant (kg), tuber firmness and tuber volume (liter/ten tubers). While 100 % irrigation level although gives the highest number of tuber per plant but that affected on the yield quality by increasing the unmarketable yield per plant as weight or number. On the other hand 60 % irrigation level appeared the lowest yield and quality. The interpretation of these results may be due to that, adequate water accelerate the physiological processes and favors the mineral uptake and translocation of metabolites, which in turn increases the yield quantity and quality but the insufficient water supply to a crop during critical stages of growth causes substantial yield loss and low quality. Similarly, increasing water causes unsuitable conditions of aeration to the respiration of plant root. These results are agreed with Vale *et al.* (2007) they indicated that potato is more sensitive to drought than some other crops and the physiological processes associated with drought tolerance are less understood than for other crop species. Also this condition can be unsuitable for microbial presence and its effect too. Proper irrigation level increase the population of bacteria and this in turn increase nitrogen fixation and release of phytohormones and trace elements lead to increase plant growth (Ghorbany *et al.*, 2019).

Concerning the influence of the interaction of the studied irrigation levels and bioinoculation. Studied microbial inoculation promoted the potato yield quality and quantity under low irrigation level (60%) compared with this level of irrigation without inoculation.

Table 7: Effect of bioinoculation added and water levels and their interaction on tuber quality and yield component of potato crop.

Treatments		Tuber yield plant ⁻¹ (kg)	Tuber number plant ⁻¹	Unmarketable yield plant ⁻¹ (kg)	Unmarketable number plant ⁻¹	Tuber firmness	Tuber Volume (liter/ten tubers)
Irrigation Levels %	60	473.8 C	15.3 B	24.8 C	4.6 B	1.7 C	853 C
	80	663.9 A	15.2 B	25.8 B	4.1 B	2.1 A	1393 A
	100	605.0 B	18.0 A	29.2 A	5.4 A	1.8 B	1095 B
Bio-fertilizer	Control	519.1 D	14.6 C	19.1 D	4.1 C	0.8 D	763 D
	Biogen	561.9 C	14.1 C	21.0 C	4.1 C	2.0 C	1123 C
	Mycorrhizaen	649.3 A	16.8 B	29.0 B	4.7 B	2.5 A	1270 A
	Mix	593.3 B	19.1 A	37.4 A	5.8 A	2.3 B	1297 B
Interaction	60 * Control	475.7 k	12.3 f	12.0 h	3.0 f	0.7 e	540 h
	80 * Control	565.7 g	14.3 d	14.0 g	3.0 f	0.9 e	1000 e
	100* Control	516.0 hi	17.0 c	31.3 d	6.3 b	0.8 e	750 g
	60 * Biogen	490.3 j	13.0 e	20.0 e	3.7 e	1.8 de	820 f
	80 * Biogen	603.0 e	11.7 g	11.7 i	3.7 e	2.2 cd	1400 b
	100*Biogen	592.3 f	17.7 c	31.3 d	5.0 c	1.9 d	1150 d
	60*Mycorrhizaen	420.7 l	13.0 e	18.7 f	3.0 f	2.2 c	1000 e
	80*Mycorrhizaen	843.0 a	17.7 c	34.0 c	4.7 d	2.8 a	1580 a
	100*Mycorrhizaen	684.3 b	19.7 b	34.2 c	6.5 b	2.4 bc	1230 c
	60 * Mix	508.7 i	22.7 a	48.7 a	8.7 a	2.1 d	1050 d
	80 * Mix	644.0 c	17.0 c	43.7 b	5.0 c	2.5 b	1590 a
	100 *Mix	627.3 d	17.7 c	20.0 e	3.7 e	2.2 c	1250 c

* Similar letters indicate nonsignificant at 0.05 levels.



{The characters of I₁, I₂ and I₃ appear the 60, 80 and 100% of irrigation depletion levels respectively where the characters of W, M, B and X appear the bioinoculation fertilizers treatments of control, Mycorrhizaen, Biogen and Mix respectively}

Fig. 1: Potato tuber performance related to irrigation depletion levels and bioinoculation fertilizers.

The use of inoculants is geared to enhance the root system, in turn increasing the overall surface area of that system for nutrient and water absorption. Beside the positive effect of this biofertilizers for enhancing soil aggregation which leads to maintain soil moisture, better water infiltration, better aeration, less leaching in the soil which reflect on the crop yield. These finding are supported by Lone *et al.* (2015) who recorded that AMF symbiosis have remarkable role in sustainable growth and development of plants as they help the land plants to acclimatize the biotic and abiotic conditions for their better survival, growth and development. As well as, Ma *et al.* (2018) manifested that AMF can help plants withstand drought. In addition, Garcia and Racsco (2018) stated that, the mycorrhizal plants resisted wilt for 36 to 48 hours longer than non-treated plants. Volpato *et al.* (2020) noted that, AM

fungi can alleviate abiotic stress caused by low levels of P and/or a partially localized water deficit, plants thrive in water-limited conditions not only by increasing the supply of nutrients, but also by helping plants to resist water stress.

It is worthy to note that, the combined effect of 80% irrigation level and inoculation with AMF was recorded the highest values of quantity and quality of potato yield than other treatments followed by inoculation of mycorrhizal and 100% irrigation level, this improvement is attributed to consumption adequate and suitable amount of water to meet a high crop production beside the benefits of mycorrhiza contribute to optimize the yield. This result agree with Cosentino *et al.* (2007) who concluded that, using a suitable amount of water and good agricultural management may contribute substantially to the best use of water for crops and improving irrigation efficiency. Such result is in agreement with that obtained by Ghorbany *et al.* (2019) reported that, the combination of bio-fertilizers, such as Mycorrhiza, and Rhizobium, with proper water management could improve quantitative and qualitative traits of guar in South Khorasan province.

6. Chemical constituents

Available data in Table (8) show the chemical constituents of potato tuber yield obtained chlorophyll content, starch and total carbohydrates.

Data show that, either studied biofertilizers treatments or irrigation levels under study effect significantly on the content of chlorophyll, starch and total carbohydrates of the potato yield.

It is clear from the data that biofertilizer inoculation by Microhiza or Biogen or mix of them promoted the content of chlorophyll, starch and total carbohydrates of the potato yield. This result confirmed by Lone *et al.* (2015) who demonstrated that mycorrhizal fungi symbiosis lead to higher starch and reducing sugar contents than their comparable non-AMF potato plants. This can be attributed to major translocation of assimilates towards roots and tubers acting as sink that can emphasized its stimulatory effect on transferring carbohydrates from source to tubers through source-sink relationship than control. In other study on biogen biofertilizer Gendy *et al.* (2013) found that application of bio-fertilizers biogen leads to more total protein, total chlorophyll (a+b), total carbohydrate compared to the control.

Table 8: Effect of bioinoculation added and water levels and their interaction on tuber chemical content.

Treatments		Chlorophyll content (spade)		Starch (mg 100 g ⁻¹)		Total carbohydrates (mg 100 g ⁻¹)	
Irrigation Levels %	60	36.7	C	105.1	B	5.2	C
	80	40.1	A	111.3	A	5.8	A
	100	38.4	B	105.2	B	5.4	B
Bio-fertilizer	Control	29.4	D	74.6	D	3.7	D
	Biogen	35.9	C	102.0	C	5.3	C
	Mycorrhizaen	44.9	A	127.4	A	6.6	A
	Mix	43.4	B	124.7	B	6.3	B
Interaction	60 * Control	27.8	j	78.8	g	3.5	i
	80 * Control	31.1	h	75.3	g	3.9	h
	100* Control	29.4	i	69.9	h	3.7	i
	60 * Biogen	34.5	g	98.5	f	5.0	g
	80 * Biogen	37.6	e	107.6	e	5.6	e
	100*Biogen	35.7	fg	99.8	f	5.2	fg
	60*Mycorrhizaen	43.1	bc	123.1	c	6.3	cd
	80*Mycorrhizaen	47.0	a	134.5	a	7.0	a
	100*Mycorrhizaen	44.7	b	124.7	c	6.5	b
	60 * Mix	41.6	d	119.9	d	6.1	d
	80 * Mix	44.7	b	128.0	b	6.5	b
100 *Mix	43.9	c	126.4	b	6.3	c	

* Similar letters indicate nonsignificant at 0.05 levels.

It is obvious from the data that Microhiza appear a high content of the studied chemical constituents in plant than Biogen and the mix of them, respectively. The results appeared also that irrigation level at 80% gave the highest content of chlorophyll, starch and total carbohydrates of the

potato yield. Meanwhile the maximum values of the content of chlorophyll, starch and total carbohydrates of the tuber potato yield recorded with application of Microhiza at 80% irrigation level. While the lowest values obtained at 60% irrigation level without any inoculation. This result agree with Ghorbany *et al.* (2019) who emphasized that the highest means of chlorophyll content were obtained from interactions of normal irrigation×Mycorrhiza.

Conclusion

There are many challenges face the agriculture sustainability. Thus it is imperative to implementation and development of intensified sustainable agriculture practices tending toward sustainable agriculture systems. Natural biofertilizers influences important ecosystem services such as plant productivity, nutrient retention, soil microbial community, numerous soil properties and enhance ecosystem sustainability. For this reason, the objective of this work was to detect the role of the bioinoculation of Mycorrhizae or Biogen biofertilizers or the Mix of them in confronting one of the most vital challenge facing the world in the course of climate change (shortage of irrigation water) and how it can surmount its effect on ecosystem sustainability. In our study, Mycorrhizae or Biogen biofertilizers or the Mix of them appeared remarkable role in sustainable growth and development of Potato plants to acclimatize the water-limited conditions (60% irrigation level) for their better survival, this can observe on studied growth characteristic. Application of tested biofertilizers improved plant height, number of leaves, plant fresh weight and dry weight, Leaf area, total tuber yield in number per plant, total tuber yield in weight per plant, firmness and tuber volume of ten tubers that was turn on the yield quantity and quality for the marketable potato crop while it has apposite effect on chemical constituents as total chlorophyll, total carbohydrates and starch. Also it can enhance ecosystem sustainability by influencing soil properties including soil aggregate and nutrient availability (N, P and K) and soil microorganisms obtained counts of total and spore forming bacteria and mycorrhizal spores count /250g soil, while this beneficial emerging properties could be efficiently exploited in the sustainable agriculture. Results indicated that Mycorrhizae was more effective than other treatments on all studied characteristics especially at proper irrigation level. While, combination of Mycorrhizae with irrigation level 80% registered the maximum values of studied parameters that in turn improved quantitative and qualitative of the potato production.

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