

## Effect of Biofertilization in Increasing the Efficiency of Two Peanut Varieties in Utilizing of Phosphorus Fertilization: 2- Effect on Yield

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**Abstract:** Two field experiments were conducted during 2012 and 2013 seasons in the Experimental Farm of Agriculture Research Station, Agric. Res. Center at Ismailia, Egypt to study the effect of four levels of phosphatic fertilizer *i.e.*, 15.5, 23.25 and 31.0 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/fad (faddan= 4200 m<sup>2</sup>) with and without the bio fertilizers phosphorine or microbein on yield, yield components and yield quality of two peanut varieties, Giza 6 as erect cv and Gereogy as spread cv. The spread variety Gereogy surpassed significantly the erect variety Giza 6 in yield (pods, seeds and biological yield/fad), yield components (plant height, number and dry weight of pods/plant, dry weight of seeds /plant, 100- seed weight and shelling percentage) and yield quality (seed oil content% and oil and protein yield/fad. While, the two studied varieties did not differ significantly from each other in dry weight of straw/plant, fodder yield/fad and seed protein content %). Increasing phosphorus levels from 0 to 31 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/fad increased significantly the forementioned yield, yield components and yield quality; expect the non significant effect of P levels on seed protein content %. It is worthy to note that bio fertilizers phosphorine or microbein increased the efficiency of peanut plants in utilizing phosphours fertilizer, which in turn had favourable effect on peanut productivity. The increment of yield, yield component and yield quality of peanutcvs was more pronounced and its values were higher when peanut plants fertilized with phosphorus fertilizer combined with phosphorine or microbein than fertilized with P only and the two biofertilizers did not differ significantly in this respect. P levels up to the highest level (31 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) with or without biofertilizers increased significantly peanut yield, yield components and yield quality, except that there was no significant difference between to two higher levels of P (23.25 and 31.0 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/fad) in plant height, 100-seed weight, pods yield/fad, seed oil content % and protein yield/fad.

**Keywords:** Biofertilization, phosphorein, microbein, yield components, peanut.

### INTRODUCTION

Peanut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.) is one of the most important oil crops in the world and the main summer oil crop in Egypt. However, in Egypt it is not grown for oil production, but most of seed production used for industrial purposes, exporting and for fresh human consumption due to high nutritive value of seeds. In addition to green leafy hay which is used for livestock as well as it has the ability for improving the physical structure of newly reclaimed sandy soils. In 2014 season peanut average about 134146 faddan which produced about 2473652.2 ardab (ardab=75 kg) with an average 18.44 ardab per fad.

The most suitable areas for growing peanut are located in new reclaimed soils, mainly sandy soil (which represents 70% from the total peanut area), where it grows successfully in these soils. Many problems face the production of peanut in sandy soil such as low fertility of such soils, high losses of nutrients by leaching, converted nutrients such as P to unavailable form and the unfilled pods in the yield. So, to increase the productivity of peanut crop, intensive research work should be carried out on the crop under new reclaimed sandy soil conditions. In this respect high yielding varieties and fertilization (mineral and bio fertilization) are with great importance.

Among the major nutrients, application of phosphorus is essential for peanut growth and production. Phosphorus is one of the essential elements which play a highly recognized role in the growth and metabolism of leguminous plants (Abdel- Wahab *et al.*, 1999 and Hafiz, 2007). Phosphorus is constituent of

nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) and high energy storage compounds, stimulates cell division and metabolic processes such as photosynthesis and synthesis of protein, carbohydrates and lipids (Marschner, 1986). Also, phosphorus enhances root growth (Russel, 1973), nodulation and N fixation (Albert, 1978). The phosphorus content in the sandy soils is low; in addition that Egyptian soils pH is high. Under such conditions most of the phosphorus content is converted to unavailable form, mainly as tricalcium phosphate. In such case, application of phosphate dissolving bacteria could increase the available phosphorus for plant and increased the efficiency of peanut plants in utilizing phosphorus fertilizer, which in turn had favourable effect on peanut productivity. Many investigators reported that the forementioned cultural practices *i.e.* high yielding varieties as well as phosphorus and bio fertilization increased peanut yield, yield attributes and yield quality (Madny, 1998; Migawer and Soliman, 2001; Abd-Allah, 2004; Ali *et al.*, 2004; Attia, 2004; Maha, 2004; Yasien, 2005 and Mohamed, 2010 concerning peanut varieties, and Kabesh *et al.*, 1987; Bahr, 1997; Detroja *et al.*, 1997; Abdel- wahab *et al.*, 1999; El- Dsouky and Attia , 1999; Borse *et al.*, 2002; More *et al.*, 2002; El- habbasha *et al.*, 2005; Mirvat *et al.*, 2006; Rahman, 2006; Gunri and Nath, 2012 and Rahman *et al.*, 2012 concerning phosphorus and bio fertilization).

So, the aim of this work was to study the response of yield, yield attributes and yield quality of two peanut varieties to phosphorus and bio fertilization under new reclaimed sandy soil conditions.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were conducted during 2012 and 2013 seasons in the Experimental farm of the Agricultural Research Station, Agric. Res. center at Ismailia, Egypt to study the effect of phosphorus and biofertilization on yield, yield components and yield quality of two peanut varieties, Giza 6 as erect cv and Gereogry as spread cv. to. Chemical analysis and physical properties of the experimental sites are stated in Table (1). These analysis were carried out using standard methods described by Piper (1950) and Jackson (1976).

Each experiment consisted of 24 treatments which were the combination of two peanut varieties (Giza 6 and Gereogry) and four levels of phosphatic fertilization (0, 100, 150, 200 kg /fad (faddan= 4200m<sup>2</sup>) in form of calcium superphosphate (15.5% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), i.e. 0, 15.5, 23.25 and 31 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/fad, combined or not combined with applying biofertilizers phosphorine (contains *Bacillus megatherium*) or microbin (contains *Azotobacter* spp., *Azospirillum* spp., *Pseudomonas* spp., *Bacillus megatherium* and *Rhizobium* spp.). The factorial experiment in split plot design with three replications was made in use, where peanut cvs were allocated in the main plots and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> levels with and without phosphorine or microbine in the sub plots. Each experimental sub plot consisted of 6 ridges 4 m in length and 60 cm in width (4\*3.6 = 14.4 m<sup>2</sup>).

Phosphorus fertilizer at the mentioned rates as well as a basal dose of 15kg N/fad and 24 kg K<sub>2</sub>O/fad for all experiments were applied to the soil during preparing the land. All seeds of peanut cvs Giza-6 and Gereogry were coated by arab gum and inoculated with the specific *Rhizobium* strain. Then the seeds were sown by hand on one side of the ridge in hills 10 cm apart for Giza-6 and 20 cm apart for Gereogry on 20<sup>th</sup> May in the first season 2012 and on 25<sup>th</sup> May in the second season 2013 and the preceding crop was Egyptian clover in the two growing seasons. The biofertilizers (phosphorine or microbin) was mixed with moisten sand and drilled beside seedlings after 5 days from sowing. After 20 days from sowing peanut plants were thinned to one plant per hill, then the other cultural practices of growing peanut at Ismailia Governorate were followed as normal.

At harvest, (after 120 days from sowing for Giza 6 cv and after 140 days from sowing for Gereogry cv) five guarded plants were randomly taken from the inner ridges of each sub plot to determine yield components (plant height, number and dry weight of pods/plant, dry weight of seeds and straw/plant, 100-seed wt and shelling percentage. While, pod yield (ardab/fad), seed yield (kg/fad), fodder yield (ton/fad) and biological yield (kg/fad) were determined from the plants of the two middle rows (the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ridges) in each sub plot and yields/fad were calculated.

Seed oil content % was determined by using the modified soxhlet apparatus and petroleum ether as a solvent, according to A.O.A.C. (1980) then oil yield "kg/fad": was estimated by multiplying seed oil percentage by seed yield/fad. While seed protein content % was determined according to method Lowery *et al.* (1951) which mentioned by Sadasivan and Manickam

(1991). The concentration of protein in the sample could be estimated via reading the absorbance (at 750 nm) using a spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, UV-2450, Tokyo, Japan). The concentration of protein in the sample compared against a standard curve of protein solution (in our case; Bovine Serum Albumin- BSA-solution) and protein yield (kg/fad) was estimated by multiplying protein percentage by seed yield/fad.

Statistical analysis of the data obtained from each trail was subjected to the analysis of variance of split plot design as described by Snedecor and Cochran (1967). Combined analysis of variance for the two seasons was taken using the appropriate analysis of variance according to Leclery *et al.* (1966). Treatments means were compared using the least significant difference (LSD) test developed by Waller and Duncan (1969) at 0.5 % level. Generally, the interactions between the two studied factors (cvs. and P with and without bio fertilizations) on peanut yield, yield components and yield quality did not reach the 0.5% level of significance, consequently the data for these interactions were excluded.

**Table (1):** Some physical and chemical properties of the experimental soil in the two seasons of investigation (2012 and 2013).

Properties	First season 2012	Second season 2013
<b>Physical analysis:</b>		
Coarse sand (%)	74.60	72.50
Fine sand (%)	18.50	18.65
Silt (%)	2.45	3.50
Clay (%)	4.45	5.35
Texture grade	Sandy	Sandy
<b>Chemical properties:</b>		
pH	7.86	7.90
EC dsm <sup>-1</sup>	0.125	0.13
OM %	0.42	0.53
Ca CO <sub>3</sub> %	1.95	2.13
<b>Soluble cations meq/100 g soil</b>		
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	0.20	0.40
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	0.10	0.30
Na <sup>+</sup>	0.22	0.58
K <sup>+</sup>	0.10	0.13
<b>Soluble anions meq/100 g soil</b>		
CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	-	-
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.25	0.63
Cl <sup>-</sup>	0.22	0.68
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.15	0.30
<b>Available NPK (ppm)</b>		
N	18.21	21.32
P	4.85	5.78
K	63.45	73.20

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table (2) shows the effect of phosphorus fertilization with and without biofertilizers phosphorine or microbein on yield, yield components and yield quality of two peanut varieties.

It is clearly evident from the data presented in Table (2) that over phosphorus and bio fertilizers. The spread variety Gereogry surpassed significantly the erect variety Giza 6 in yield (pods, seeds, fodder and biological yield/fad), yield components (plant height, number and dry weight of pods/plant, dry weight of seeds /plant, 100-seed weight and shelling percentage) and yield quality (seed oil content % and oil and protein yield/fad). While, the two studied varieties did not differ significantly from each other in dry weight of straw /plant, straw yield /fad and seed protein content %). Some investigators found varietal differences between the two studied cvs., Gereogry and Giza 6 in peanut yield, yield components and yield quality (Yasein, 2005 and Mohamed, 2010).

Also, over varieties, the data illustrated in Table (2) show that increasing phosphorus levels from 0 to 31 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/fad increased significantly the forementioned yield, yield components and yield quality, except the non significant effect of P levels on seed protein content %. It is worthy to note that bio fertilizers phosphorine or microbein increased the efficiency of peanut plants in utilizing phosphorus fertilizer, which in turn had favourable effect on peanut productivity. The increment of yield, yield component and yield quality of peanut was more pronounced and its values were higher when peanut plants fertilized with phosphorus fertilizer combined with phosphorine or microbein than fertilized with P only and the two biofertilizers did not differ significantly in this respect. This might be attributed to that fertilization with any of the two bio fertilizers converted the unavailable phosphorus as tricalcium phosphate to the available phosphorus. That led to enhance the efficiency of peanut plants in utilizing phosphorus fertilizer which in turn had favourable effects on peanut productivity. P levels up to the highest level (31 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/fad with or without biofertilizers) increased significantly peanut yield, yield components and yield quality, except that there was no significant difference between tow higher levels of P (23.25 and 31.0 kgP<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /fad) in plant height, 100-seed weight, pod yield/fad, seed oil content % and protein yield/fad). Many investigators reported that forementioned cultural practices *i.e.* high yielding varieties as well as phosphorus and bio fertilization increased peanut yield, yield attributes and yield quality (Madny, 1998; Migawer and Soliman, 2001; Abd-Alla, 2004; Ali *et al.*, 2004; Attia, 2004; Maha, 2004; Yasein, 2005 and Mohamed, 2010, concerning peanut varieties and kabesh *et al.*, 1987; Bahr, 1997; Detroja *et al.*, 1997; Abdel -Wahab *et al.*, 1999; El-Dsouky and Attia, 1999; Borse *et al.*, 2002; More *et al.*, 2002; El- Haabbasha *et al.*, 2005; Mirvat *et al.*, 2006; Rahman, 2006; Gunri and Nath, 2012 and Rahman *et al.*, 2012, concerning phosphorus and bio fertilization). The higher productivity of the spread variety Gereogry (pods, seeds, fodder and biological yield/fad) which fertilized with P levels up to the highest level (31 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /fad)

with and without biofertilizers phosphorine or microbein, compared to the erect variety Giza 6, attributed to the superiority of Gereogry in the forementioned yield components. Also, as mentioned in the first paper on peanut growth ( Abdel-Haliem, S. Manal *et al.*, 2015), the studied factors resulted in vigorous vegetative growth and growth characters in their good performance, which controlled peanut yield and reflected directly on high yielding ability. Vegetative organ is the source of photosynthesizes formation, which translocation to the sink (seeds). Moreover, Hanway (1962) found a positive correlation between dry matter accumulation in the leaves and yield of maize.

The interaction between peanut varieties and phosphorus fertilizers with or without any of the two studied bio fertilizers phosphorine and microbin did not exert significant effect on peanut yield, yield components and yield quality, which means that each factor act independently. Therefore the data of the interaction were excluded.

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**Table (2):** Effect of varieties and phosphorus fertilization levels with and without biofertilizers phosphoreine or Microbein on peanut yield, yield components and yield quality (combined averages of the two growing seasons 2012 and 2013).

Treatments	Varieties		P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> levels (kg/fad) without biofertilizer		P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> levels (kg/fad) with phosphoreine		P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> levels (kg/fad) with microbien		LSD at 5%							
	Giza-6	Gerogrey	0	15.5	23.25	31.0	0	15.5		23.25	31.0					
<b>Yield components character:</b>																
Plant height (cm)	57.9	61.3	1.2	51.3	54.9	59.0	60.9	56.9	58.6	62.6	63.8	56.8	60.2	64.3	66.4	3.6
No. of pods/plant	41.6	57.1	1.1	36.3	45.6	48.1	53.2	45.1	48.3	57.7	62.8	41.6	47.6	51.7	54.5	2.7
Dry wt. of pods/plant (gm)	54.6	60.0	1.6	40.8	47.9	56.9	62.5	48.7	59.6	70.9	74.5	43.4	54.3	60.5	67.7	2.9
Dry wt. of seeds/plant (gm)	42.8	47.4	1.2	30.4	37.9	45.0	49.8	39.6	44.6	57.8	62.3	33.8	41.3	46.7	54.5	3.4
Dry wt. of straw/plant (gm)	124.1	125.0	ns	97.1	106.3	129.1	134.5	105.2	120.7	139.4	145.4	110.5	120.4	138.2	147.8	4.3
100- seed wt. (gm)	67.0	69.8	1.3	55.2	59.3	71.8	72.8	61.5	66.9	76.9	81.9	60.3	64.1	76.1	74.3	2.5
Shelling percentage	72.1	76.2	2.1	66.1	69.9	72.9	73.9	71.7	72.6	79.8	81.6	69.3	74.4	78.9	78.7	5.1
<b>Yield character:</b>																
Pod yield (ardab/fad)	21.4	22.5	0.6	18.2	19.7	21.9	23.9	19.9	22.3	24.3	25.8	18.9	20.6	23.0	24.7	1.8
Seed yield (kg/fad)	1118.5	1157.7	24.9	994.5	1047.1	1081.8	1177.7	1043.6	1132.0	1247.8	1329.3	1036.7	1095.8	1202.0	1269.1	60.6
Fodder yield (ton/fad)	6.48	6.55	ns	5.12	5.74	6.34	6.88	5.72	6.47	7.18	7.99	5.74	6.36	7.09	7.54	0.33
Biological yield (kg/fad)	8085.0	8237.5	134.0	6485	7217.5	7982.5	8672.5	7212.5	8142.5	9002.5	9925.0	7157.5	7905.0	8815.0	9392.5	349.5
<b>Yield quality characters:</b>																
Seed oil content %	46.6	47.2	0.5	45.3	45.9	46.8	47.9	46.4	46.6	47.6	48.4	45.9	46.6	47.2	48.1	1.4
Seed protein content %	21.8	22.6	ns	20.7	21.8	22.7	22.8	21.3	21.9	22.6	23.3	21.1	21.8	22.6	23.4	ns
Oil yield (kg/fad)	522.3	546.9	11.1	450.5	481.7	506.8	564.3	483.7	527.4	594.4	642.8	476.1	510.5	566.5	609.9	32.6
Protein yield (kg/fad)	244.4	262.1	12.1	206.4	229.1	246.9	269.7	221.2	248.3	281.9	310.1	218.8	238.3	272.2	296.3	28.8

## تأثير التسميد الحيوي في زيادة كفاءة صنفين من الفول السوداني في الاستفادة من التسميد الفوسفاتي: 2- التأثير على المحصول

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أجريت تجربتان حقليتان خلال موسمي ٢٠١٢، ٢٠١٣ بمزرعة محطة البحوث الزراعية، مركز البحوث الزراعية بالإسماعيلية، وذلك لدراسة تأثير أربعة مستويات مختلفة من التسميد الفوسفاتي (٠، ١٥.٥، ٢٣.٢٥، ٣١ كجم فوسفات/٥١٢ فدان) في وجود التسميد الحيوي بالفوسفورين أو الميكروبيين أو بدونهما على المحصول ومكوناته وجودته، وذلك لصنفين من الفول السوداني (جيزة ٦، جريجورى). أجريت التجربة بنظام القطع المنشقة مرة واحدة في ثلاث مكررات. حيث وضع صنف الفول السوداني في القطع الرئيسية، بينما وزعت عشوائيا معاملات التسميد الفوسفاتي مع الحيوي في القطع تحت الرئيسية. تفوق الصنف المفترش جريجورى معنويا على الصنف القائم في محصول القرون، البذور، العرش، والبيولوجي/فدان، وكذلك مكونات المحصول (ارتفاع النبات، عدد القرون ووزنها الجاف/نبات، وكذلك جودة المحصول (نسبة الزيت بالبذور، محصول الزيت والبروتين/فدان). بينما لم يختلف الصنفان معنويا عن بعضهما البعض في نسبة البروتين بالبذور. زيادة معدل التسميد الفوسفاتي حتى ٣١ كجم/فدان أدى إلى زيادة معنوية في كل من المحصول ومكوناته وجودته، ما عدا نسبة البروتين بالبذور. أظهرت النتائج أن استخدام الأسمدة الحيوية (الفوسفورين أو الميكروبيين) زاد من كفاءة نباتات الفول السوداني في الاستفادة من الأسمدة الفوسفاتية المضافة، الأمر الذي أدى إلى تأثير ملائم على إنتاجية الفول السوداني. ولقد أصبحت الزيادة في المحصول ومكوناته وجودته أكثر وضوحا وأعلى قيمة حينما سمدت نباتات الفول السوداني بالفوسفور مع وجود الأسمدة الحيوية (الفوسفورين أو الميكروبيين). ولم يختلف السمادين الحيويين عن بعضهما في هذا الشأن. ولقد أدت مستويات التسميد الفوسفاتي حتى أعلى مستوى (٣١ كجم فوسفات/٥١٢ فدان مع أو بدون الأسمدة الحيوية إلى زيادة الصفات سالفة الذكر، فيما عدا عدم وجود فروق معنوية بين المستويين المرتفعين من الفوسفور (٢٣.٢٥ كجم، ٣١ كجم فوسفات/٥١٢ فدان) في طول النبات ووزن ١٠٠ بذرة ومحصول القرون/فدان ونسبة الزيت بالبذور ومحصول البروتين/فدان. الفوسفاتي في وجود الفوسفورين أو الميكروبيين. على صفات المحصول ومكوناته وجودته.