# EFFECT OF AMOUNT OF IRRIGATION WATER CALCULATED FROM CLASS A PAN ON GROWTH AND YIELD OF WHEAT AND SOME RELATED WATER RELATIONS 

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#### Abstract

Two field experiments were carried out during 2000/2001, and 2001/2002 seasons to study the effect of the amount of irrigation water on wheat (Gemmiza 7 CV) growth, yield, water requirement, water consumptive use and water use efficiency. The amount of water was determined based on Class A pan method. These amounts were equal to $100\left(2425 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}\right), 80\left(2040 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}\right), 60 \%$ ( $1660 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}$ ) of Class A pan evaporation given on four monthly irrigations. The experiments were carried out at Zankalon Water Requirement Research Station, Sharkia Governorate, Egypt. Results indicated that there were no significant differences between the effect of treatment T1 which received $2425 \mathrm{~m}^{3} /$ fed and treatment $\mathbf{T} 2$ which received $2040 \mathrm{~m}^{3} /$ fed for plant height, grain weight/spike, 1000 grain weight, and grain and straw yields/fed. However, T1 and T2 treatments were superior to treatment T 3 , which received $1660 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}$. The amounts of applied water as averages of two the seasons were $57.74,48.59$ and 39.44 cm and the seasonal water consumptive use values were $39.54,37.41$, and 34.49 cm when plants were irrigated with quantities of water equal to $100 \%, 80 \%$, and $60 \%$ of Class A pan evaporation, respectively. The average seasonal crop coefficient ( $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{c}}$ ) for the two seasons was 0.75 , which could be used to predict the water consumptive use of wheat crop. Water use efficiency (W.U.E.) was increased from 1.70 to 1.75 when $80 \%$ of class A pan evaporation was applied in T2, but was thereafter decreased to $1.67 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ as average when $60 \%$ of class A pan evaporation was given as in treatment T3. The results of the


experiments indicated that $33.5 \%, 25.3 \%$ and $15.4 \%$ of alli $\mathrm{II}^{3}$ Of applied irrigation water were not used by crop and returned to the system downstream via drainage or groundwater for the three treatments T1, T2, T3 respectively. The results also indicated the possibility of saving about $16 \%$ of the amount of irrigation water, as in treatment (T2) which received $2040 \mathrm{~m}^{3} /$ fed and produced as much grain and straw yields/fed as $T 1$ which received $2425 \mathrm{~m}^{3} /$ fed, therefore $385 \mathrm{~m}^{\mathbf{3}} /$ fed could be saved.

## INTRODUCTION

Recent studies indicated that by year 2025 one-third of the population in developing countries will be exposed to absolute water scarcity, in the sense that they wil! not have sufficient water resources to meet their agricultural, domestic, industrial and environmental needs. One of the ways of alleviating water scarcity is by increasing the efficiency of water use especially in the irrigation sector. Water use efficiency can be improved without additional costs to the farmers through better timing of irrigation and controlling amounts applied. As population in Egypt continues to increase, demands for water including irrigation will also increase. Hence, irrigation system planners and water resources managers will continue conducting studies of system and management alternatives and evaluating their probable effects on water supplies
in river basins. Wheat is one of the most important cereal crops in Egypt and its production is based upon irrigation water from the Nile. Farmers got used to over irrigate their fields, where losses of water are great. Hence, scheduling irrigation for wheat through its growing season using the optimum amount of water is considered a very important process for increasing productivity of wheat crop. On the other hand, water use efficiency will be improved without additional costs to the farmers. Hence, better timing of irrigation and controlling amounts could achieve managers' goal of better utilization of water, where the strategy of irrigation policy in Egypt aims at optimizing the use of irritation water. Many investigators studied the effect of irrigation treatments on wheat growth, and yield, as well as water requirements, water consumptive use and water use efficiency.

Regarding that, Abd El-Rasool et al (1976), found that at Sakha (Northern delta) the water consumptive use ranged form 21.3 to 43.0 cm for wheat crop.

Metwally et al (1984), found that at Gemmeiza (Middle Delta) the mean values of water consumptive use by wheat were $47.65,41.71$ and 36.3 cm when irrigation was scheduled after the depletion of 25,50 and $75 \%$ soil moisture, respectively.

El-Retaie et al (1988-a), reported that the monthly rates of water consumptive use at Middle Delta were 22.4, 55.28, 53.48, $90.07,85.26$ and 70.7 mm , from December to May, respectively. They found that W.U.E. values were $1.98,2.15$ and 2.39 Kg wheat grain per cubic meters of water consumed for 25,50 and $75 \%$ depletion from available soil moisture, respectively.

El-Refaie et al (1988-b), found that the water consumptive use values at Gemmeiza (Middle Delta) were $42.03,37.58$ and 28.40 cm , respectively for wheat irrigation after the depletion of $25 \%, 50 \%$ and $75 \%$ of available soil moisture, respectively.
lbrahim et al (1988), found that the irrigation at $50 \%$ of field capacity was most convention for
wheat regarding its water relations. Values of water consumptive use ranged between 39.96 to 49.10 cm . Daily ranged of evapotranspiration (ET) were from 0.22 to 0.27 cm water utilization efficiency reached $0.89 \mathrm{Kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ and seasonal $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{c}}$ for wheat was 0.6 .

El-Mowelhi et al (1990), calculated the mean value of actual evapotranspiration at North Delta by $3.4 \mathrm{~mm} /$ day during winter season.

Amer et al (1990), and Omar and Eid (1999), recommended the pan-evaporation method as an easier and more reliable method for calculating the potential evapotranspiration in comparison with Pennman, Thomthwaite and Blaney-Criddle equations.

Ibrahim et al (1996), found that the calculated values of water consumptive use by different methods for wheat using saline water under desert conditions were as follows: $43.2-55.4 \mathrm{~cm}$ by Penman, $42.3-53.2 \mathrm{~cm}$ by Pan, $35.1-41.8 \mathrm{~cm}$ by Blaney-criddle methods.

Khater et al (1997), studied the response of some wheat cultivars to different irrigation leveis $(40,60,80,100 \%$ )of field capacity at Gemmieza (Middie Delta). Thesy found that, the
irrigation levels $100 \%$ and $80 \%$ of field capacity increased, grain and straw yields/fed, and yield components. The crop coefficient was 0.70 . Water use efficiency was the highest in treatment $80 \%$ of field capacity $\left(1.93 \mathrm{Kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right.$ as average). The seasonal water consumptive use values were 34.43, and 34.07 cm for treatment $80 \%$ of field capacity as best irrigation level in the study.

Sobh (1997), studied at Northern Delta region the effect of four different water regimes (W), $W_{1}=$ conventional water requirement ( $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{wr}}$ ) which comes to be $1950 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}, W_{2}=80 \%$ of $W_{1}$, $W_{3}=120 \%$ of $W_{1}$, and $W_{4}=140 \%$ of $W_{1}$. He found that the best grain and straw yields/fed were obtained at water regime of $80 \%$ of ( $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{wr}}$ ) and increasing the amount of the applied water had increased the seasonal water consumptive use of while water use efficiency values had decreased.

El-Sabbagh (1998), found that water requirements of $2485 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}$ ( 59.17 cm ) at Sakha (Northern Delta), produced the highest grain yield where evapotranspiration rates ranged from 35.72 to 43.12 cm . The water use efficiency ranged between 40.23 to 58.51 $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{cm}$ of water consumed and the
seasonal value for crop coefficient $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{c}}$ using Blaney-Criddle formula was 0.85 .

Rayan et al (2000), reported that the effective evaporation pan coefficient of 1.0 was the best one among $0.6,0.8$, and 1.2 at Shandaweel region (Upper Egypt), as itsuse produced the maximum grain yield, where the water consumptive use as average of two seasons for wheat was 37.74 cm ( $1581 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}$ ).

Hayam, and Sayed (2001), studied at El-Bustan area ElBehairah Governorate (West Deta) the effect of three irrigation water treatments, T1 received 0.4 $\left(760,748 \mathrm{~m}^{3}\right)$, T2 received 0.5 ( $1500,1480 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ ), and T 3 received $0.6\left(2400,2355 \mathrm{~m}^{3}\right)$ of class A pan evaporation in the two seasons.

Abbas et al (2001), found that at the new reclaimed area of Ismailia Governorate, applying irrigation after the depletion of $25 \%$ of the available soil moisture produced the highest grain and straw yields as compared to watering after $50 \%$ or $75 \%$ depletion. The average values of water consumptive use were 54.63 , 46.08 and 38.29 cm , respectively for plants irrigated after the depletion of 25,50 and $75 \%$ from available soil moisture.

The aim of this study was to detect the effect of different irrigation levels on growth, yield, some yield attributes, water requirements, water consumptive use and water use efficiency of Gemmiza 7 wheat cultivar. Determining the potential evapotranspiratian, and crop coefficient were also under investigation. This study aimed also, at getting the highest level of water productivity by reducing or eliminating the non-beneficial water use through reducing water losses.

MATERIALS AND METHODS
Two field experiments were conducted at the WaterManagement Research Institute (National Water Research Center), Zankalon Station, Sharkia Governorate during two successive seasons of (2000/2001 and 2001/2002). The textural class of the soil was clay (43.75\%) with pH of 8.1, and organic matter of $1.96 \%$. Soil moisture constants are shown in Table (1) and the meteorological data are shown in Table (2).

Table (1): Soil moisture constants at the experimental site.

| Depth <br> $(\mathrm{cm})$ | Field capacity <br> $(\%)$ | Whting point <br> $(\%)$ | Available water <br> $(\%)$ | Bulk density <br> $\left(\mathrm{gm}^{\left.\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}\right)}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-20$ | 43.51 | 23.55 | 19.96 | 1.25 |
| $20-40$ | 38.0 | 18.56 | 19.44 | 1.30 |
| $40-60$ | 36.25 | 16.62 | 19.63 | 1.40 |
| Average | 39.25 | 19.57 | 19.67 | 1.32 |

A complete blocks Tl: irrigation with a quantity of randomized design with four replicates was used. The total number of plots was 12. Area of each plot was $150 \mathrm{~m}^{2}(12 \times 12.5 \mathrm{~m})$ included 60 rows 20 cm apart with a border of 1.5 m between plots. Irrigation treatments were as follows:
water equals to $100 \%$ of Class A pan.
T2: irrigation with a quantity of water equals to $80 \%$ of Class A pan.
T3: irrigation with a quantity of water equals to $60 \%$ of Class A pan.

Table（2）：Meteorological data for Zankalon Water Requirement Research Station during the two seasons．

| Seesom | 2000／2001 |  |  |  |  | 2001／2002 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Temp．${ }^{\circ}$ |  |  |  |  | Temp． $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ |  |  |  | 空总音 |
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| Nov． | 25.5 | 11.7 | 60.6 | 3.38 | － | 25.5 | 10.7 | 66.90 | 3.10 | 1.00 |
| Dec． | 20.8 | 7.7 | 74.9 | 2.28 | 1.4 | 20.8 | 6.7 | 65.80 | 2.50 | 5.00 |
| Jent | 20.3 | 4.6 | 69.5 | 2.39 | 1.6 | 17.4 | 3.7 | 78.70 | 2.21 | 1.60 |
| Fels | 20.1 | 4.4 | 58.1 | 3.16 | 4.2 | 20.1 | 6.8 | 75.50 | 3.42 | 4.00 |
| Nar： | 24.2 | 8.7 | 55.6 | 4.58 | 1.0 | 19.4 | 8.7 | 64.80 | 4.31 | 1.00 |
| Apr． | 28.0 | 10.4 | 54.86 | 5.97 | － | 28.0 | 10.4 | 54.85 | 5.76 | 1.60 |
| May | 32.9 | 15.1 | 54.4 | 8.94 | － | 30.5 | 14.1 | 60.8 | 8.2 | － |

Four monthly irrigations were applied，in addition to the seeding irrigation．In the seeding irrigation all plots were given equal quantities of added water by rising the soil moisture content to its field capacity．Thereafter，the irrigation treatments were tried．A rectangular weir was used for measuring the amount of added irrigation water．The normal practices for wheat were followed as recommended for the region．

Sowing dates were $19^{\text {at }}$ and $18^{\text {di }}$ November in the first and second seasons，respectively． Phosphorus fertilizer was added to
all plots at a rate of $15 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ during seedbed preparation． Nitrogen（ammonium nitrate）was added at the rate of $70 \mathrm{kgN} / \mathrm{fed}$ ，as two equal doses before the first and the third irrigation．

Soil moisture contents were determined gravimetrically as average of three samples per plot taken at 0－20，20－40 and $40-60 \mathrm{~cm}$ depth just before and two days after each irrigation to determine actual evapotranspiration（ETs）of wheat plant．

Water consumptive use (Actual evapotranspiration, ETa)

Water consumptive use (ETa) and the depth of irrigation water were calculated according to equation (1) and (2) given by Israelsen and Hansen (1962) as follows,
$D_{\text {du }}=\left(F . C .-\theta_{1} 100\right) * D b * d \ldots . .(1)$
$W_{c}=\left(\theta_{2}-\theta_{1} / 100\right)^{*} D_{s} * d \ldots \ldots \ldots .$. (2)
Where,
$\mathrm{D}_{\text {niw }}=$ depth of applied irrigation water (cm),
$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{c}}=$ water consumptive use (cm),
F.C. $=$ soil moisture content at field capacity (\%),
$\theta_{1}=$ soil moisture content before irrigation (\%),
$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{2}=$ soil moisture content after irrigation (\%),
$D_{b}=$ bulk density ( $\mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ ), and
d $=$ soil depth (cm).
Potential evapo-transpiration (ETp)

Potential evapotranspiration (ETp) was obtained from the Class A pan evaporimeter where it is extensively used to calculate potential evapo-transpiration and hence identify water requirements of crops.
ETp $=$ Kpan x Epan (Doorenbos and Pruitt, 1984).
Where,

Epan = evaporation in mm/day.
Kpan = pan coefficient (0.7).

## Crop coefficient (K.c)

$\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{c}}$ was calculated as follows:

$$
\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{c}}=\mathrm{ETa} / \mathrm{ETp}
$$

## Water use efficiency (W.U.E.)

(W.U.E.) was calculated
according to Jensen (1983),
W.U.E. $=\frac{\text { Grainyield }(\mathrm{Kg} / \text { fed })}{\text { Waterconsumptiveusee }(\mathrm{m} 3 / \text { fed })}$
( $\mathrm{Kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ )
Irrigation efficiency (Ea)
Irrigation application efficiency (Ea) was calculated according to ICID Bulletin (1978) and expressed as

$$
\mathrm{Ea}(\%)=\frac{C U}{A W} * 100
$$

Where,
CU : Water consumptive use (cm).
AW: Added irrigation water ( cm ).
Growth, yield and some yield attributes:
1- Plant height at harvest (cm).
$2-1000$-grain weight (gm).
3- Grains weight per spike (gm).
4- Grains yield (ardab/fed.).
5- Straw yield (ton/fed.).
Data were statistically analyzed using least significant difference (L.S.D.) test according to Steel and Tori (1980).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## 1- Wheat Growth :

The data presented in Table (3) show clearly that irrigation treatments had significant effect on growth of wheat as expressed herein in plant height in the two seasons and combined. The data also, indicate that plant height was not significantly decreased, unless the amount of water was decreased to an amount equal to $60 \%$ of class

A pan evaporation (T3). Such decrease may be attributed to the decrease in the activity of meristematic tissues responsible for elongation. In this respect, no significant differences were detected in plant height between T1 and T2 in both seasons and combined. These results are in agreement with those obtained by El-kalla et al (1994), Khater et al (1997), and Rayan et al (2000).

Table (3): Piant height, grain weight/spike and 1000 grain weight as affected by different irrigation treatments for wheat in the two seasons and combined.

| Tramman | Plant freight (cm) |  |  | Graile weight/rpilue (gmi) |  |  | 1000 Grain weight (gm) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3 lan | $301 /$ | Conmen | 301010 | 3019 | Caminem | 3 min | Tiv | Cminum |
| T1 | 138 | 12150 | 37.15 | 23 | 242 | 23 | $53 \sqrt{5}$ | 54. | 542 |
| 12 | 1178 | T885 | 1313 | 25 | 225 | 2.23 | 52 m | 539 | 53.16 |
| $\widehat{3}$ | 1135 | 12506 | 114.6 | 156 | -7 | 1\% | 525 | 515 | 51.2 |
| Lin. $1 \%$ | 201 | 343 | 209 | 224 | 035 | 07 | 161 | 68 | 4 |

*T1: irrigation with a quantity of water equals to $100 \%$ of Class A pan evaporimeter.
T2: irrigation with a quantity of water equals to $80 \%$ of Class A pan evaporimeter.
T3: irrigation with a quantity of water equals to $60 \%$ of Class A pan evaporimeter.

2- Yield and yield attributes:
The statistical analysis
revealed that the different irrigation treatments had a
significant effects on all studied traits in the two seasons. The average values are presented in Table (3) and Table (4). Grain
weight / spike, 1000 grains weight, straw yield, and grain yield / fed were significantly affected by irrigation treatments in both seasons and combined. Applying amount of water equal to $60 \%$ of Class A pan (T3) caused a significant reduction for all studied traits in the two seasons and
combined. Applying T2 reduced the grain and straw yields but differences with T1 did not reach the level of significance. These results go parallel with those obtained by El-kalla et al (1994), Khater et al (1997), Rayan et al (2000), and Abbas et al (2001).

Table (4): Grain and straw yiedds as affected by different irrigation treatmenta for wheat crop in the two seasons and combined.

| Trentreen | Grain yield (ardab/fed)* |  |  | Straw yield (tonfed) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 mmam | 2mineis | Cammin | 200001 | 201/min | Cmen |
| T 1 | 18.20 | 19.40 | $1{ }^{1} 00$ | 4.91 | 520 | 5.06 |
| T2 | 17.96 | 18.6 | 18.28 | 460 | 4.9 | 4.76 |
| T3 | 1583 | 16.4 | 16.15 | 40 | 415 | 426 |
| LuS.D 1\% | 1.56 | 2.06 | 208 | 0.52 | 0.36 | 0.37 |

* $1 \mathrm{ardab}=150 \mathrm{~kg}$.


## 3- Water Relations:

## 3.a. Amounts of applied water:

The amount of irrigation water was calculated by the summation of the daily records of Class A pan evaporation for each treatment from sowing date up to the fourth irrigation. The total amounts of applied irrigation water for the two growing seasons as averages are presented in Table (5). The results showed that, for each irrigation treatment, the data for both seasons
were almost the same. The average amounts of the applied water for both seasons were $57.74,48.59$, and 39.44 cm for the $\mathrm{T} 1, \mathrm{~T} 2$, and T3 irigation treatments, respectively, which agree with those reported by El-Sabagh (1998).

## 3.b. Water consumptive use

 (Actual evapotranspiration, ETa):Actual evapotranspiration (ETa) for wheat crop as calculated for the three irrigation treatments
during the two growing seasons is presented in Table (5). It is evident that the highest value of water consumptive use was obtained with Tl irrigation treatment in both seasons. It is clear that ETa was increased as soil moisture content was increased.

Concerning daily and monthly consumptive use, data in Table (6) reveal that (ETa) was low at the beginning of the growing season and was gradually increased as the plant growth developed to reach its maximum values in March due to
the increase in the vegetative growth of the plants. Thereafter, it began to decrease reaching its lowest value before harvest.

The complete cover of wheat canopy to soil surface, as well as, the advanced growth of wheat could account for the gradual decrease of ETa after reaching its maximum in March.

These results are in agreement with those of Abd El-Rasol (1976), Ibrahim et al (1988), El-sabagh (1998).

Table (5): Amounts of added irrigation water, actual consumptive use, water use efficiency, and irrigation application efficiency for wheat crop.

|  | Amonet of allied trriqution water (로)* |  |  | Acted commanptive wee <br> (cma) |  |  |  | Wiser me efliciency(xymen) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2001$ | $201$ | \& | $\begin{aligned} & 20001 \\ & 2001 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2014 \\ & 2002 \end{aligned}$ | 5 |  | $2010$ | $2011$ | \% |
| T1 | 57.4 | 3n | 58.34 | 37.6 | 41.8 | 30.54 | 45 | 1.74 | 1.3s | 1.\% |
| T 2 | Q. 11 | 087 | 4 | 363 |  | 37.43 | 74.7 | 1.77 | 2.7 | 1.75 |
| r 3 | 3ne | 3se | 3946 | 314 | 3554 | 3, $0^{\circ}$ | 34.6 | 1.sm | 1.6 | 1.57 |

[^0]Table（6）：Monthly and daily consumptive use（mm）as affected by the three irrigation treatments for wheat crop （average of the twe seasons）．

| 皆 | November |  | December |  | Jonuary |  | February |  | March |  | April |  | May |  | Seatonai consumptive |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 旡 | 菨 | $\stackrel{\square}{2}$ | \％ | 6 | 容 | 最 | 㟺 | 曾 | 晕 | 8 | 兾 | 南 | 夏 | 会 | （mm） | （m3／fed） |
| T1 | 16. |  | 33.0 | 1．80 | $\omega .12$ | 200 | 0 n | 28 | 102．ii | 332 | m， | 26 | 22.10 | 2.21 | 3304 | 10608 |
| T2 | 16.2 | 0.62 | 33， 0 | 1.8 | 57\％ | 207 | 3 SO | 271 | $\pm 6$ | 388 | 740 | 24 | 2 LLS | 2.11 | 374 | 1571.31 |
| T3 | 16.3 | $0 \times 2$ | 3305 | 1.8 | St3s | 1.75 | wes | 288 | 80 | 27 | 7．41 | 230 | 24.4 | 206 | 34.6 | mans |

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3.c. Potential evapot.nnsiration (ETp)

Table (7) shows theralues of the average monthly potential evapotronsiration (ETp) The monthly $\mathrm{ET}_{\mathrm{p}}$ was 2.27 nm in November then decreased to 1.67 mm and 1.6 mm in December and January, respectively. This value was increased to reach its maximum ( 5.99 mm ) it May, due to the increasy in evapotranspiration and temperature during May. However, the nonthly ETa increased from 0.8 in November and reached a maximum of 3.05 in March, wut thereafter decreased to reach 2.11 mm in May, Table (7).

## 3.d. Crop coefficient ( $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{r}}$ )

The values of crop coefficient Kc of wheat are listed in Table (7), which calculated according to daily actual evapotransiration (ETa) derived from T2 irrigation treatment (which produced the highest wheat yield) and potential evapotranspiration (ETp). The average value for ( $\mathbf{k s}_{\mathbf{c}}$ ) in the two growing seasons was 0.75 . It could be noticed that $K_{c}$ was low at the beginning of the growing season, then the values increased and reached its maximum value in January, February and March, then
tended to decrease with advancing of the crop to the maturity stage. Similar results were obtained by Doorenbos and Kassem (1986), and El-Sabagh (1998), who found that the seasonal ( $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{c}}$ ) was 0.80 and 0.85 respectively,

## 3.e. Water use efficiency

(W.U.E.)

Values of water use efficiency (W.U.E.) expressed as kg of wheat crop grain yield per cubic meter of water consumed as affected by irrigation treatments in the two seasons are presented in Table (5). Comparing the values of water use efficiency under different irrigation treatments reveals that maximum value of W.U.E. was scored from T2, irrigation treatment, i.e when irrigated with amount of applied water equal 80\% of Class A pan and followed by Tl , irrigation treatment, i.e when irrigated with amount of water equal $100 \%$ of Class A pan, in two seasons compared with T3 which irigated with amount of water equal $60 \%$ of Class A pan. The highest values of W.U.E. were 1.77 and $1.72 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$, while the lowest values were 1.59 and $1.66 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ in the first and second
seasons, respectively. It decreased with decreasing or increasing of the amount of applied irrigation than that of T2 $(80 \%$ of Class A pan) where it can be recommended treatment -

## 3.f. Irrigation Efficiency <br> Values of irrigation application efficiency ( Ea ) expressed in percent (\%) as affected by irrigation treatments as

average of the two seasons are presented in Table (5). The results indicated that $33.5 \%, 25.3 \%$ and $15.4 \%$ of each $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ of added irrigation water were not used by crop and returned to the system downstream via drainage or groundwater as a losses for the three treatments $\mathbf{T 1}, \mathrm{T} 2, \mathrm{~T} 3$ respectively. The increase of Ea could be mainly due to the decrease of water losses.

Table (7): Monthly potential evapotramspiration (ETp), actasal evapotranspiration (ETa), evaporation, and crop coeflicient for wheat crop (averages of the two seasons).

| Month | Average evapertion (minday) | Poturntin evapotrumpration (raclay) |  | Crop coetthodext ( $\mathrm{K}_{5}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Noversber | 3.24 | 2.27 | 0.82 | 0.36 |
| December | 2.39 | 1.67 | 1.08 | 0.64 |
| Jmanary | 2.3 | 1.60 | 1.87 | 1.17 |
| Fehramay | 3.29 | 2.30 | 2.71 | 1.18 |
| March | 4.45 | 3.12 | 3.05 | 0.98 |
| Apri | 5.87 | 4.10 | 2.48 | 0.60 |
| May | 8.57 | 5.99 | 2.11 | 0.35 |
| Average | - | - | - | 0.75 |

Conclusion and recommendation
From the two experiments carried out at Zankalon region (Eastern Delta), it can be concluded that adding $2040 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}$
of irrigation water which equal to $80 \%$ of Class A pan saved about $16 \%$ of the amount of the irrigation water of the control treatment received ( $2425 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}$ ) and hence
about $385 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{fed}$ could be saved. Maximum value of water use efficiency $\quad\left(1.75 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right) \quad$ was achieved in the second treatment. This amount of water (2040 $\mathrm{m}^{3} / \mathrm{fed}$ ) produced as much grain and straw yields/fed, so it seems to be better adapted and could be recommended to produce a high grain and straw yields/fed with high water use efficiency and more crop per drop of water could be achieved at Zankalon region (Eastern Delta) under clayey soil conditions. The results, also, indicated that limiting water applications that create more plant stress and reduced ET leads to some reduction in plant height, grain weight/spike, 1000 -grain weight and grain and straw yields/fed.

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# تأثير كمِّة مياه اللاي المحسوبة من وعاء اللهغر المنتوح على نمو و محصول 

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[^0]:    * Including the sowing irrigation.

