

EVALUATION OF 16 BARLEY GENOTYPES UNDER CALCAREOUS SOIL CONDITIONS IN EGYPT

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Abstract

A field experiment was carried out in the Experimental Research Station at Nubaria, ARC representing newly reclaimed areas during the two successive seasons of 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 to evaluate 16 barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) genotypes grown under water stress and calcareous soil conditions. The evaluation included yield and its components, growth attributes, earliness and kernel protein content. A randomized complete block design was used with three replications. Only two irrigations, i.e. at sowing and heading were applied to expose plants to water stress. Results showed that there are significant differences among the 16 barley genotypes for most of the characteristics. Four barley genotypes; Malouk//Aths/Linee686, Alanda-02/4/Arizona 5908, Alanda/3/CI08887/CI05761//Lignee640, and Alanda / Harma // Alanda01 outyielded the check cultivars in grain and biological yields with some other advantages such as earliness, harvest index, leaf area index, and higher protein content. It is suggested that those genotypes should have more genetic stability studies to be grown in such calcareous soils.

Key words: *Hordeum vulgare*, leaf area index, harvest index, evaluation.

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INTRODUCTION

Barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) is the main crop grown in a large scale in the North Coastal Region of Egypt and also in the newly reclaimed areas with saline soils and shortage of fresh water. It is mainly used as animal forage and recently it is used as human food because of its nutritional and healthy values in most countries using hull-less barley. Barley area in the Nile Valley of Egypt has been gradually declined, especially at locations where soil and irrigation is feasible and can be grown with other strategic crops such as wheat. On the other hand, barley production area increased in the new reclaimed lands under different irrigation systems. The total harvested area was 57,000 ha in the eighties, while it became 135,000 ha in 2008/2009. Barley yields have tended to increase gradually over the past three decades from 2.92 t ha⁻¹ in the eighties to 3.63 t ha⁻¹ in 2008/2009. Under rainfed conditions, barley productivity increased from 0.44 t ha⁻¹ during the period 1986-1991 to 1.9 t ha⁻¹ in 2008/2009. In

Egypt, rainfed barley productivity is considered high compared to other rainfed areas in the world, which exceed 200 mm, while the rainfall in Egypt is less than 130 mm on the average. Barley grains are used in blends with other feed materials for most farm animals. Barley malt is used in making malted milk, barley foods, and in brewing industry. Attempts to improve nutritional value of the barley grains are being made by increasing protein content and by improving amino acid balance in the grain protein through higher lysine content.

Constraints facing barley production in Egypt are numerous, some of which are; environmental problems such as drought, salinity, poor soil fertility, and high temperature, besides some biotic stresses particularly diseases such as net blotch, powdery mildew, leaf rust, viral diseases such as Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus (BYDV) and Barley Stripe Mosaic Virus (BSMV) and insects mainly aphids. Other problems are the lack of suitable cultivars, especially for calcareous soils and newly reclaimed lands. Another problem is the low inputs by farmers, especially fertilizers because of unavailability in the market and/or the unavailability of cash. Continuous barley is a common practice, especially in the rainfed areas; some farmers have already adopted barley-lentil or barley-vetch rotations. Marketing difficulty is another problem facing barley production to a lesser extents. In Egypt, barley is the best choice in the risky conditions such as in poor soils and in newly reclaimed areas, which suffer from water shortage and water quality.

Nubaria Research Station represents the newly reclaimed and calcareous soils of this region, and has deeply contributed to the program of barley breeding for along time. This led us to suggest the present study to test 13 promising barley genotypes in addition to three long-standing high-yielding check cultivars which are also early-maturing and tolerant to barley diseases and barley pests and possessing high kernel protein content.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present investigation was carried out in the Experimental Research Station of Nubaria during the two successive seasons of 2005/2006 and 2006/2007. The station is located at 47 Km South West of Alexandria city (30.54° N, 29.52° E) representing the newly reclaimed calcareous soils, which could be successfully cultivated with barley. The study was suggested to evaluate 16 barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) cultivars and genotypes (Table 2) grown under water stress condition at the calcareous soil of that region. The evaluation included yield and its components, growth attributes, earliness and grain protein content. A randomized complete block design with three replications was used. Soil samples were collected to determine soil

type in which the experiments were performed (Table 1). Plot size (experimental unit) was 10.5 m² (15 rows x 0.2 m x 3.5 m). Seeding rate was 50 Kg acre⁻¹. Only two irrigations, i.e., at sowing and heading were applied. This regime aimed to expose plants to water stress. Seeds of the cultivated cultivars were obtained from the certified seed stock of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, while the seed of the other genotypes was obtained from the Barley Research Department, Field Crops Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Egypt (Table 2). Sowing dates were 28th and 29th of November in the two successive seasons, respectively. The soil was prepared in both seasons as usually done in commercial production. Phosphorous fertilizer was applied during seedbed preparation at the rate of 60 Kg P₂O₅ acre⁻¹ in the form of super phosphate (15.5% P₂O₅). Potassium fertilizer was applied at 24 Kg K₂O acre⁻¹ in the form of potassium sulphate (48% K₂O) at two equal doses, the first dose was applied during seedbed preparation, while the second was applied 30 days after sowing. Nitrogen fertilizer was applied at the rate of 60 Kg N acre⁻¹ in the form of ammonium nitrate (33.5%) in three equal doses; the first dose was at sowing and the other two doses were applied at 21 and 45 days after sowing. All other agronomic (cultural) practices were followed during the growing seasons as usually recommended in the surrounding commercial barley production farms.

Studied Characteristics

The studied traits were divided into three categories, vegetative growth and earliness traits, yield and its components and grain protein content. These are the traits that are most likely affected by drought stress and calcareous soil conditions.

Vegetative growth and earliness

- **Days to Heading (DH):** The number of days from sowing date to the date of the appearance of 50% of spikes was recorded per each plot (when 1/3 of the spike exerted).
- **Plant height (cm):** height of 10 random plants per plot measured as a distances from the bases of the culms to the tips of spikes (excluding awns). Data collected was averaged to be / plant.
- **Leaf Area Index:** The total area of leaves / plant was determined after complete heading in each plot. The samples obtained (total leaves in long meter) then the leaves separated and fed in LI-COR (Model Li-3000A) device.

Yield and Yield Components

Ten individual plants were randomly taken at harvest time from the middle of each plot to estimate:

Number of grains spike⁻¹: was obtained as number of grains of ten random spikes from each plot at harvest.

Spike weight (g): was expressed as average of a ten spike weight from each plot.

1000-kernel weight (g): was estimated as the weight of 1000 cleaned kernels in gram for each plot.

Number of spikes m⁻²: The number of spikes was randomly taken from 1/4 m², inside each plot, then it was transformed into spikes per square meter.

Biological yield: the total biomass of the harvested plants (Kg plot⁻¹), then it was transformed into t acre⁻¹

Straw yield (t acre⁻¹): after threshing, the yield of straw was calculated from (biological yield- grain yield) for each plot in Kg, and then it was transformed into t acre⁻¹.

Harvest index: As usual, harvest index (H.I.) calculation in this investigation was as follows:

$$\text{H.I.} = \left[\frac{\text{Grain yield (Kg acre}^{-1}\text{)}}{\text{Biological yield (Kg acre}^{-1}\text{)}} \right] \times 100$$

Grain yield (t acre⁻¹): was obtained as the weight of clean grains of the plot after threshing, and then it was transformed into t acre⁻¹.

Grain Protein Percent

Total nitrogen was measured from samples taken from each experimental unit grain yields using the method adopted by Kjeldahl, as described by Egan *et. al.* (1981). Protein percent was calculated as N₂ x 6.24 (constant converter factor)

Statistical analysis

Data collected from the two seasons were statistically analyzed as a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) using analysis of variance (ANOVA) for each season and over all the two seasons as a combined analysis. The means of genotypes and cultivars included in this trial were compared using fisher test run by Least Significant Difference (L.S.D.) at ($P \leq 0.05$) according to Steel and Torri (1982). All Statistical analyses were performed using the Statistical Analysis System (SAS, Ver. 6.1).

RESULTS AND Discussion

Vegetative Growth and Earliness.

Regarding vegetative growth and yield components, El-Hindi *et al* (1998) found that Giza 124 barley cultivar surpassed other barley cultivars in the plant height, number of spikes m^{-2} , weight of grains spike⁻¹, grain weight and grain yield per acre. Ghasemi (2001) studied multiple regression on nine (five 6-rowed and four 2-rowed) barley cultivars to identify the most effective characters and the contribution of these characters to grain yield. The multiple regression method revealed 12 characters contributing a total of 81.8% of grain yield variance. Harvest index and 1000-grain weight together shared contributed 65.1% of grain yield variance, with harvest index being the most important. The 12 characters together contributed 93.1% of the variance in the 1000-grain weight. Grain yield and flag leaf area, which had a close correlation with the 1000-grain weight, contributed 85.5% of the variance in the 1000-grain weight. The most important yield component was the 1000-grain weight followed by harvest index.

Days to Heading (DH)

Data of the appearance of 50% of spikes presented in Table 3 show significant differences for this characteristic among barley genotypes during the two seasons. Results in Table 15 show the means of DH of the 16 barley genotypes under study for the two seasons. The results showed that genotype no. 13 was the earliest in the first and second season (72.7 and 78.3 days), respectively. In addition, this genotype was the earlier across the two seasons having an average of 75.5 days. On the other hand, the latest genotypes was no.12 (96 days) in the first season, while genotype no. 4 and Giza 123 were the latest ones in the second season having (91 days) for each. In addition, genotypes no. 12 and 4 headed later over the two seasons (92.3 and 91.8 days), respectively. These results are in agreement with those of Li, C.D. *et. al.* (1991), El-Sayed *et al.* (1995), Asaad *et. al.* (1998), and Afifi (1999). Data in Table 4 show clearly that there were no significant differences between the two seasons (S) for days to heading as well as seasons x genotypes (SxG) interaction. These results were similar to those obtained by Jackson *et. al.* (1994), Kosowska (1995), Oscarsson *et. al.* (1998) and Afiah *et al.* (1999).

Plant Height

Plant height of the 16 barley genotypes showed significant differences among the genotypes under study. Data in Table 3 show high significant differences in the first season as well as over the two seasons. Table 15 shows the mean of plant height of the 16 studied genotypes for the two growing seasons and its average. Means of this trait clearly indicated that the check barley cultivar no. 3 (Giza 2000) was the

tallest in each individual season and overall the two seasons recording 115.7, 113.3 and 114.5 cm, respectively. On the other hand, the shortest genotypes were recorded by genotypes no. 11 and 8 in the first season (86.0 and 86.7 cm), respectively, while the shortest one was genotype no. 9 in the second season (86.7 cm). However, genotype no. 11 was the shortest one overall the two seasons with an average of 90.5 cm. The significant differences in plant height among barley genotypes might be attributed to the differences in their genetically constitution. These results are in agreement with those of Singh (1989), Li, C.D. *et al.* (1991), El-Hindi *et al.* (1998), Assad *et al.* (1998), Afifi (1999), and Afiah and Moselhy (2001). Significant interaction (GxS) between the two seasons (S) and Genotypes (G) for plant height was detected (Table 4). These results are in harmony with those of Jackson *et al.* (1994), Oscarsson *et al.* (1998), Afiah *et al.* (1999) and Afiah and Moselhey (2001).

Leaf Area Index (LAI)

Concerning leaf area index (LAI) and soil-plant analysis development (SPAD) of spring barley varieties, Jaskiewicz (2008) found that barley cultivars requiring low plant densities grown under increasing plant-to-plant distance recorded lower LAI and higher SPAD value compared to cultivars which required high plant densities. Also Sammis *et al.* (1986) measured leaf area index (LAI) of spring barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.), to predict (LAI) under soil moisture stress and non-soil-moisture-stress conditions, reported that LAI was linearly related to cumulative evapotranspiration up to maximum LAI. Barley cultivars Cr.366, Giza 124 and Giza 123 were recognized with their higher values of water use efficiency.

In the present study, leaf area index of each genotype was estimated and data were analyzed and tabulated in Tables 5&6. The data showed high significant differences among genotypes in LAI in the two seasons. Data in Table 15 indicate that the highest indices of leaf area were obtained from genotype no. 13 over the two seasons (3.2) as an average. In addition, it gave the highest LAI in the second season (3.1). Cultivar no.2 gave the second highest LAI over the two seasons (3.2). It also had the highest index in the first season (3.6). On the other hand, the lowest LAI was found with genotype no. 16 (2.2) in the first season and over the two seasons (2.21). Differences among the 16 barley genotypes in LAI was observed and was similar to the findings of Spunarova and Zenisceva (1985), Gontia and Khare (1992) and Hradecka (1994). The previous results explain the significant seasonal (S) effect shown in (Table 6) reflecting a lower average value of LAI in the second season (2.4) compared with the first season, which averaged (2.8) (Table 15). Table 6 also shows the highly significant effect of genotype x season (G x S), which also explains how the LAI did not follow the same trend in both seasons due to the significant interaction

and significant effect of environment on this characteristic. In this regard, Jamieson *et. al.* (1994) revealed that drought stress reduced biomass yield through the effects on radiation interception by reducing LAI and radiation use efficiency. The relative influences depended on the timing of stress (Mansour, 1992).

Yield and Yield Components

Number of Grains Spike⁻¹

Data of number of grains spike⁻¹ (Table 6) show significant differences among the barley genotypes and their performance over the two seasons as well as in the second season. Table 16 elucidates that the average value of number of grains spike⁻¹ was not significantly affected by genotypes in the first season, although there was some obvious trends. Genotype no. 16 gave an average of 63 grains spike⁻¹ followed by genotypes no. 4, 15 and 11, with values of 62.2, 61.6 and 61.2, respectively. However, significant differences among barley genotypes were shown in the second season where genotype no. 12 gave the highest number of grains spike⁻¹ (60.5) followed by genotype no. 15 (59.1). With regard to the average of the two seasons, data in Table 16 revealed that genotype no.15 produced the highest no. of grains spike⁻¹ (60.4), followed by genotype no. 12 (59.5). On the other hand, the lowest no. of grains per spike was obtained by genotype no. 10 in the first season (47.5), while the commercial cultivar no. 3 and genotype no. 6 gave the lowest ones in the second season (37.4 and 42.4 grains spike⁻¹), respectively. Generally, the lowest genotypes over the two seasons with regard to number of grains spike⁻¹ were genotypes no. 6 (48.5) and cultivar no. 3 which gave only (48.7) grains spike⁻¹. These results were in agreement with those obtained by Singh (1989), Hradecka (1994), and Afifi (1999).

The combined analysis (Table 6) showed significant effect of the interaction between seasons (S) and environment (GxS) for the number of grains spike⁻¹ in the second season with an average of about (49.6 grains spike⁻¹) in the second season compared with that obtained from the first season (57 grains spike⁻¹) (Table 16).

Spike Weight (g)

Data on spike weight presented in (Tables 7&8) show remarkable differences among barley genotypes either in single or in combined analysis of variance. Means of spike weights presented in Table 16 indicate that the heaviest spikes were shown by cultivar no. 3 (3.9 g) in the first season followed by 3.8 g for genotype no. 9 in the second season. However, genotypes no. 12, 15 and 13 recorded the highest values (3.7, 3.5 and 3.4 g), respectively. As an average of the two seasons, genotype no.12 was the heaviest in spike weight (3.7 g) followed by genotype no. 13 (3.5 g). On the other hand, the lightest spikes were obtained from cultivar no.2 (2.5 g) in the first season followed by genotype no. 5 (2.6 g), while in the second season the lowest

genotypes in this characteristic were no. 11 and 14 having 2.4 g for each, respectively, whereas over the two seasons, the lightest spikes were recorded by genotypes no. 11 and 14 having an average weight of 2.6 g for each. In this respect, these results agreed with those obtained by Weston *et. al.* (1993), El-Hindi *et. al.* (1998), and Afifi (1999). It was revealed that there was significant seasonal effect (S), which was evidenced by the high values of spike weights in the first season, with an average of 3.2 g compared with 3 g for the second season (Table 16).

1000-kernel Weight

Data in Tables 7&8 show that there were high significant differences among genotypes in both growing seasons and over the two seasons for 1000-kernel weight. It was clear that cultivar no. 3 gave the heaviest 1000-kernel weight either in single or in combined analysis with about 52.3 and 61.5 g in the first and second seasons, respectively followed by genotype no. 9, which gave 44.1 g in the first season and 60.0 g in the second season with an average of 52.0 g over the two seasons. Concerning the combined analysis, the lightest weights were observed by genotypes no. 10 and 12, which gave 39.6 and 42.0 g, respectively over the two seasons. The significant differences in 1000-kernels of barley should be attributed to the differences in grain filling period and dry matter accumulation in grains. These results are in agreement with those reported by Weston *et. al.* (1993), Hradecka (1994), El-Sayed *et. al.* (1995), El-Hindi *et. al.* (1998), and Afifi (1999). It was clearly observed that the average weights of barley 1000-kernel were generally lighter in the first season compared to the second season (40.8 and 50.4 g), respectively (Table 17). This variation might have been affected by the seasonal conditions which was significantly different in favor of the second season (Table 8). The significant differences between seasons and the GxS inter action was similar to results reported by Oscarsson *et. al.* (1998).

Number of Spikes m⁻²

Data in Table 9 show that the variation among genotypes for the number of spikes per square meter characteristic was significant only in the first season and also when two seasons were analyzed together in the combined analysis (Table 10). The means of the genotypes given in Table 16 show that both genotypes no.11 and 15 gave the highest number of spikes m⁻² in the first season (366 spikes for each), followed by cultivar no.1 (358 spikes m⁻²). In the second season, there was different trend, with 253 spikes for genotype no. 14 followed by 252 spikes for both genotypes no. 7 and no. 10. The average of the two seasons restricted the superiority towards cultivar no.1 (299 spikes m⁻²) in addition to genotypes no. 14, 7, 10 and 15, which gave 298, 294, 294 and 289 spikes m⁻², respectively. On the other hand, the lowest

number of spikes m^{-2} was obtained from genotypes no. 13 and 8 with 272 and 255 spikes m^{-2} , respectively. The differences among genotypes' ability to produce a suitable number of tillers or tillers containing spikes might be attributed to its genetical constitutions, which is supported by the results reported by Singh (1989), Hradecka (1994), and El-Hindi *et. al.* (1998). The combined analysis revealed that the first season significantly out yielded the second season in this characteristic, whereas GxS interaction was not significant (Tables 10&16), which show that the average number of spikes m^{-2} was 325 in the first season compared to 226 in the second season.

Biological Yield

The analyses of variance for the biological yield (biomass) in $t\ acre^{-1}$ for the two successive seasons are shown in Tables 9&10. The differences among genotypes were highly significant over the two seasons as well as in the first season. Genotype no.13 gave the highest biological yield in both seasons (8.2 and 6.2 $t\ acre^{-1}$), respectively, with an average of 7.2 $t\ acre^{-1}$ over the two seasons (Table 17). Moreover, genotype no. 4 was ranked second with about 7.96 and 4.88 $t\ acre^{-1}$ in the two successive seasons, respectively having an average of 6.42 $t\ acre^{-1}$. These results are similar to those obtained by Asaad *et. al.* (1998) and Noaman *et. al.* (1997). Data in Table 10 show that the two seasons and the (GxS) interaction were significantly different concerning this trait under Nubaria conditions. Generally, the first season was more suitable to reach a good biological yield with about 6.3 and 4.1 $t\ acre^{-1}$ in the two successive seasons, respectively (Table 17). The higher biological yield produced in the favorable conditions of the first season was supported by the results obtained by Jamieson *et. al.* (1994), Oscarsson *et. al.* (1998) and Oboda *et. al.* (2000).

Straw Yield

Straw yield values of barley genotypes are shown in Table 18. It is obvious from this table that differences among barley genotypes were highly significant over the two seasons (Tables 11&12). Results showed that the behavior of the genotypes concerning this trait was parallel with those results obtained from the biological yield. This observation agreed with that recorded by Noaman *et. al.* (1997), Assad *et. al.* (1998), and Afifi (1999). It seems clearly that genotype no. 13 gave the highest significant weight of straw yield, recording 6.0 and 4.8 $t\ acre^{-1}$ for the two successive seasons, respectively with an average of 5.4 $t\ acre^{-1}$. However genotype no. 4 became second with about 5.7 and 3.7 for the two successive seasons, respectively with an average of 4.7 $t\ acre^{-1}$. The seasonal effect was significant for this trait following similar trend as was shown in the previous trait (biological yield). Generally, the first season gave the highest straw yields compared to the second season. The two successive seasons gave, on the average, 4.5 and 3.1 $t\ acre^{-1}$, respectively (Table 18).

The difference between seasons concerning straw yield was also affected by the favorable conditions present in the first season.

Harvest Index (HI)

Harvest Index values as a relation between grain yield and biological yield are presented in Table 18. Results showed that the differences among the barley genotypes under this study were highly significant when the data of the two seasons were combined and analyzed together in a combined analysis (Tables 11&12). Means of harvest indices shown in Table 18 indicate that genotype no.10 had the highest (HI) in the first season (33.0%), where it ranked second in the second season (27.3%) as well as over the two seasons (30.1%). However, genotype no. 15 gave the highest (HI) in the second season (36.1%) as well as over the two seasons (31.7%), while cultivar no.1 ranked second in the first season (32.4%). On the other hand, the lowest harvest index was recorded by genotype no. 2, which is a check cultivar (Giza 126) - over the two seasons (23.8%), and also in the second season (18.8%). The variation among genotypes depends on the ability of genotype to transfer the dry matter accumulation towards grains. The results presented here were in agreement with those of Gouis (1992), Ellen (1993), and Assad *et. al.* (1998). Concerning the seasonal effect, the data in Table 18 show that there were highly significant differences between the two seasons as well as in the (GxS) interaction. The harvest indices tended to be higher in the first season than in the second one with values of 29.4% and 24.5% in the first and second seasons, respectively (Table 12), which indicates that there was either higher grain yield or lower straw yield or both directions in the first season.

Grain Yield

Regarding grain yield and its response to drought stress, the Egyptian barley cultivar, Giza 125 outyielded the long-time check cultivar; Giza 123 in grain yield by about 25% with an average grain yield of 1110 Kg ha⁻¹ under rainfed conditions of < 150 mm (Noaman *et. al.*, 1995 a). They also reported that the new drought-tolerant cultivar; Giza 126 has wider adaptability than Giza 125 cultivar under different levels of drought stress in rainfed areas, and more stable in performance and has greater tolerance to high stress environment compared with Giza 125 cultivar (Noaman *et al.* (1995 b). Noaman *et. al.* (1997) found that the new drought-tolerant cultivar Giza 126 proved to be superior for grain yield, biological yield and straw yield compared to the other genotypes in their study, and exhibited wide adaptability across different environments under rainfed conditions. In general, high grain yielding genotypes gave high biomass and straw yields.

In the present study, significant differences for grain yield among barley genotypes were detected in and over the two seasons (Table 17) and (Tables 13&14). Results showed that in the first season, the superiority was achieved by genotype no. 11, which gave 2.26 t acre^{-1} followed by no. 4, 9, 13, 12 and 7, which respectively had 2.22 , 2.21 , 2.19 , 2.17 and 2.13 t acre^{-1} with significant increase over the three national checks. Moreover, results of the second season revealed that genotype no. 13, which was ranked fourth in the first season exceeded all other genotypes with an average grain yield of 1.36 t acre^{-1} , while genotype no. 11, which occupied the first ranking in the first season, became third with an average grain yield of 1.32 t acre^{-1} , followed by no. 4 and no. 12 (second and fifth in the first season) with an average of 1.19 and 1.18 t acre^{-1} , respectively. It was concluded that genotypes no. 11, 13, 4, and 12, appeared in both seasons in the top four barley genotypes in regards to grain yield which was confirmed by the combined analysis over the two seasons. It was clear that genotype no. 11 had the highest grain yield over the two seasons (1.79 t acre^{-1}) followed by genotype no. 13 (1.78 t acre^{-1}), while genotype no's. 4 and 12 were ranked 3rd and 4th with average grain yields of 1.70 and 1.67 t acre^{-1} , respectively (Table 17). On the other hand, the check barley cultivars (no's. 1, 2 and 3) exhibited lower yields compared to those above-mentioned four barley genotypes significantly in both seasons. Moreover, three barley genotypes, i.e., no's. 5, 6 and 16 either in each season individually or across the two seasons out yielded those three checks. Genotype no.11 which occupied the first ranking in grain yield had the shortest plants which agree with those results reported by Dwyer *et. al.* (2001). The second one was genotype no.13 ($1.78 \text{ t. acre}^{-1}$) gave the highest LAI, which agrees with those results by Dwyer *et. al.* (2001), while it disagreed with those reported by Gouis (1992). This genotype besides genotype no.4 (1.7 t. acre^{-1}) gave the highest biological and straw yields, respectively. These results were in agreement with those of Noaman *et. al.* (1997), Afiah and Moselhey (2001), and Assad *et. al.* (1998). The seasonal effect on grain yield was clearly obvious as it is shown in Tables 14 and 17. The results declared that the first season was significantly higher in grain yield recording about 1.8 t acre^{-1} compared to 1.0 t acre^{-1} in the second season. This could be due to some differences in the rain fall pattern with higher amount of rain occurred during the growing season of the first season, which had positive effect on grain yield and also on biological and straw yields. This variation between the seasons concerning grain yield is confirmed by number of literatures, i.e., Jackson *et. al.* (1994), Noaman *et. al.* (1997) and Dwyer *et. al.* (2001).

Grain Protein Percent

Protein percent of barley grains was measured in the 16 barley genotypes. Results shown in Table 13 reveal significant differences among all barley genotypes across the two seasons in addition to the second season, where the highest percent protein was detected for genotype no. 10 (16.1%) followed by no. 5 (14%) (Table 18). On the average, genotype no. 10 had the highest percent of protein recording 12.4% across the two seasons. On the other hand, the lowest protein% was observed in genotype no. 15 with an average of 8.4% over the two seasons. The differences observed in grain protein among the present genotypes are in agreement with those obtained by Spoor and Simonds (1993) who revealed that there was a negative correlation between grain yield and its protein content. Table 14 shows that there was a significant seasonal effect and (GxS) interaction concerning protein%. On the average, data in Table 18 indicate that protein% in barley grains ranged between 8.3% and 11.8% in the first and second season, respectively. In this respect, this result was in agreement with that of Pecio et al. (2005).

CONCLUSION

It could be concluded that there was an interaction between genotypes and environment as was expected for grain protein trait with genotype no. 10 (80-5145/Hma-01/3/Arar/19-3//W12291) having the highest protein percentage overall cultivars and environments. It is one of ICARDA's promising lines, which was tested in Barley Research Department for more than 3 years in micro- and macro-yield trials. It was concluded from this investigation that there were four barley genotypes including genotypes no. 11, 13, 4, and 12 outyielded the three check cultivars in grain and biological yield significantly. They also have some other advantages such as earliness, harvest index, leaf area index, and higher protein content. It is suggested that those four genotypes could have more genetic stability studies to be grown in such calcareous soils.

Table 1. Soil physical and chemical properties of soil sampled from the field experimental site during the two consecutive seasons; 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

Property	2005/2006	2006/2007
Physical Properties		
Clay%	28.46	31.84
Silt%	22.11	19.90
Sand%	49.43	48.26
Soil texture	Sandy clay loam	Sandy clay loam
Chemical Properties		
pH	8.14	8.11
EC (dsm ⁻¹)	2.9	3.2
CaCO ₃ %	26.33	25.93
Organic matter%	0.53	0.55
Total nitrogen%	0.034	0.033
Soluble cations meq100⁻¹ g soil		
Ca ⁺⁺	4.8	5.4
Mg ⁺⁺	3.9	4.2
Na ⁺⁺	15.1	16.3
K ⁺	3.8	3.8
Soluble anions meq100⁻¹ g soil		
HCO ₃	8.2	9.8
Cl ⁻	16.3	17.2
SO ₄	2.3	2.7

Table 2. Name and pedigree of barley cultivars and lines included in the field experiment.

No	Name & Pedigree	Source
1.	Giza 123	Barley Res. Dep.
2.	Giza 126	Barley Res. Dep.
3.	Giza 2000	Barley Res. Dep.
4.	Alanda/ Harma// Alanda 01	B-5 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
5.	Rihance/Giza123 (1925)	B-8 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
6.	Rihance/Giza123 (1925)	B-9 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
7.	Aths/Lignee86//ACSAD68	B-10 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
8.	Aths/Lignee86//ACSAD410	B-12 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
9.	Nigrate/5/W12198/4/Attiki//Avt/Toi/82/Vt(Sel.2.2)	B-15 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
10.	80-5145/Hma-01/3/Arar/19-3//W12291	B-19 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
11.	Malouk//Aths/Lignee686	B-20 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
12.	Alanda/3/CI08887/CI05761//Lignee640/4/Alanda/Loss aika	B-22 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
13.	Alanda-02/4/Arizona5908/Aths//Asse/3/F208-74/5/Alanda/3/CI08887/CI05761//Lignee640	B-23 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
14.	Lignee527/NK1272//Alanda	B-24 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
15.	CL10114/Attiki//NK1272/3/Mzq/CI03909-2//Aths	B-26 2004/05 (B.R.D.)
16.	Giza124/7/Man/Huiz//M69-69/3/Apm/RI//H272/4/CP/Bra/5/Joso'S/6/Chn-01/W12291	B-27 2004/05 (B.R.D.)

Table 3. Mean square of days to heading and plant height of 16 barley genotypes in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 growing seasons.

S.O.V	D.F	Days to heading			Plant height		
		Season		Combined	Season		Combined
		2005/2006	2006/2007		2005/2006	2006/2007	
Rep.	2	16.19	7.27	-----	17.02	109.89	-----
Genotype	15	101.42 NS	36.75**	107.76**	243.86**	129.69 NS	224.79**
Error	30	67.25	6.00	36.63	25.86	111.56	68.71

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 4. Mean square of days to heading and plant height of 16 barley genotypes combined over the two seasons.

S.O.V.	D.F.	Days to heading	Plant height
(Season)	1	48.166 NS	178.760 NS
S x Rep	4	11.729 NS	63.458 NS
Genotype	15	107.756 **	224.788**
S x G	15	30.411 NS	148.760 **
Error	60	36.629	68.714

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 5. Mean square of leaf area index (LAI) and number of grains spike⁻¹ of 16 barley genotypes in 2005/06 and 2006/07 growing seasons.

S.O.V	D.F.	Leaf area index			Number of grains spike ⁻¹		
		Season		Combined	Season		Combined
		2005/2006	2006/2007		2005/2006	2006/2007	
Rep.	2	0.004	0.002	-----	6.636	22.504	-----
Genotype	15	0.468 **	0.237 **	0.58 **	57.5 NS	135.2 **	84.7 *
Error	30	0.06	0.05	0.05	41.45	41.76	41.61

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 6. Mean square of leaf area index (LAI) and number of grains spike-1 of 16 barley genotypes combined over the two seasons.

S.O.V.	D.F.	Leaf area index	Number of grains spike ⁻¹
Season (S)	1	2.95 **	1332.21 **
S x Rep	4	0.02 ns	14.57 ns
Genotype	15	0.58 **	84.77 *
S x G	15	0.12 *	108.05 **
Error	60	0.05	41.61

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 7. Mean square of spike weight (g) and 1000-kernel weight (g) of 16 barley genotypes for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 growing seasons.

S.O.V.	D.F.	Spike weight (g)			1000-kernel weight (g)		
		Season		Combined	Season		combined
		2005/2006	2006/2007		2005/2006	2006/2007	
Rep.	2	0.325	0.039	-----	0.083	2.275	-----
Genotype	15	0.628**	0.449**	0.573**	43.988**	81.770**	107.065**
Error	30	0.118	0.159	0.139	6.146	12.512	9.329

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 8. Mean square of spike weight (g) and 1000-kernel weight (g) of 16 barley genotypes combined over the two seasons.

S.O.V.	D.F.	Spike weight (g)	1000-kernel weight (g)
Season (S)	1	0.900 *	2196.315 **
SxRep	4	0.181 ns	1.179 ns
Genotype	15	0.573**	107.065 **
SxG	15	0.504 **	18.693 *
Error	60	0.139	9.329

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 9. Mean square of number of spikes m⁻² and biological yield (t acre⁻¹) of 16 barley genotypes for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 growing seasons.

S.O.V.	D.F.	Number of spikes m ⁻²			Biological yield (t acre ⁻¹)		
		Season		Combined	Season		Combined
		2005/2006	2006/2007		2005/2006	2006/2007	
Rep.	2	2003.5	193.0	-----	0.28	0.45	-----
Genotype	15	3420.8 *	1229 NS	2603.9 *	4.02 **	1.72 **	4.30 **
Error	30	1306.8	1252.9	1279.8	0.14	0.58	0.36

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 10. Mean square of number of spikes m⁻² and biological yield (t acre⁻¹) of 16 barley genotypes combined over the two seasons.

S.O.V	D.F	Number of spikes m ⁻²	Biological yield (t acre ⁻¹)
Season (S)	1	233248.16 **	117.22**
S x Rep	4	1098.29 NS	0.37 NS
Genotype	15	2603.90 *	4.30**
S x G	15	2046.30 NS	1.44**
Error	60	1279.89	0.36

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 11. Mean square of straw yield (t acre⁻¹) and harvest index (HI) of 16 barley genotypes for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 growing seasons.

S.O.V.	D.F.	Straw yield (t acre ⁻¹)			Harvest Index (HI)		
		Season		Combined	Season		Combined
		2005/2006	2006/2007		2005/2006	2006/2007	
Rep.	2	0.29	0.14	-----	8.49	39.54	-----
Genotype	15	2.34 **	1.09 **	2.53 **	16.64 NS	44.58 *	31.94 **
Error	30	0.11	0.33	.22	9.12	17.32	13.22

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 12. Mean square of straw yield (t acre⁻¹) and harvest index of 16 barley genotypes combined over the two seasons.

S.O.V	D.F.	Straw yield (t acre ⁻¹)	Harvest Index (HI)
Season (S)	1	44.64**	566.63**
S x Rep	4	0.21 ns	24.02 ns
Genotype	15	2.53**	31.94**
S x G	15	0.90**	29.27*
Error	60	0.22	13.22

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 13. Mean square of grain yield (t acre⁻¹) and grain protein percent of 16 barley genotypes for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 growing seasons.

S.O.V.	D.F.	Grain yield (t acre ⁻¹)			Grain protein percent		
		Season		Combined	Season		Combined
		2005/2006	2006/2007		2005/2006	2006/2007	
Rep.	2	0.02	0.17	-----	0.81	2.85	-----
Genotype	15	0.31 **	0.15 **	32 **	0.97 NS	11.63 *	5.98 *
Error	30	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.97	5.51	3.24

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 14. Mean squares of grain yield (t acre⁻¹) and grain protein percent of 16 barley genotypes combined over the two seasons.

S.O.V	D.F	Grain yield	Grain protein percent
Season (S)	1	17.21 **	292.43 **
S x Rep	4	0.09 NS	1.83 NS
Genotype	15	0.32 **	5.99 *
S x G	15	0.13 **	6.622 *
Error	60	0.04	3.24

*, ** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability, respectively.

NS = Not significant at 0.05 level of probability.

Table 15. Means of plant height, leaf area index and days to heading as affected by various genotypes of barley during 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 growing seasons.

Genotype	Plant height (cm)			Leaf area index			Days to heading		
	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined
1	105.7 c	103.3 abc	104.5 bc	3.2 bc	2.6 bc	2.9 c	91.3 ab	91.0 a	91.2 a
2	106.3 bc	106.7 ab	106.5 ab	3.6 a	2.7 ab	3.2 ab	84.3 abc	88.0 ab	86.2 ab
3	115.7 a	113.3 a	114.5 a	3.1 bcd	2.7 ab	2.9 bc	90.7 ab	90.0 ab	90.3 ab
4	104.7 c	93.3 bc	99.0 bcde	2.9 cdefg	2.3 cde	2.6 defg	92.7 ab	91.0 a	91.8 a
5	104.0 cd	108.3 ab	106.2 ab	2.8 defgh	2.3 cde	2.5 defgh	92.0 ab	86.0 abc	89.0 ab
6	105.7 c	101.7 abc	103.7 bc	2.5 ghij	2.0 e	2.3 ij	91.0 ab	86.0 abc	88.5 ab
7	95.0 ef	95.0 bc	95.0 cde	3.0 bcdef	2.6 bcd	2.8 cd	89.7 ab	82.7 bc	86.2 ab
8	86.7 fg	96.7 abc	91.7 de	2.6 efghi	2.1 e	2.4 ghij	87.0 ab	84.0 abc	85.5 ab
9	114.7 ab	86.7 c	100.7 bcd	2.3 ij	2.3 de	2.3 hij	93.7 ab	88.0 ab	90.8 a
10	95.3 e	95.0 bc	95.2 cde	3.0 bcde	2.5 bcd	2.8 cde	87.0 ab	88.3 ab	87.7 ab
11	86.0 g	95.0 bc	90.5 e	2.7 efghi	2.7 ab	2.7 cdef	80.0 bc	85.7 abc	82.8 bc
12	94.7 ef	100.0 abc	97.3 bcde	2.6 fghij	2.3 cde	2.4 fghij	96.0 a	88.7 ab	92.3 a
13	95.7 de	103.3 abc	99.5 bcde	3.3 ab	3.1 a	3.2 a	72.7 c	78.3 c	75.5 c
14	110.7abc	95.0 bc	102.8 bc	2.4 hij	2.6 bcd	2.5 efghi	83.3 abc	87.3 ab	85.3 ab
15	105.7 c	98.3 abc	102.0 bc	2.5 ghij	2.2 de	2.4 ghij	88.0 ab	82.3 bc	85.2 ab
16	109.0abc	100.0 abc	104.5 bc	2.2 j	2.2 de	2.2 j	90.7 ab	90.0 ab	90.3 ab
Average	102.2	99.5	100.8	2.8	2.4	2.6	88.1	86.7	87.4
LSD 0.05	8.5	17.6	9.6	0.39	0.37	0.30	13.7	8.26	7.8
CV%	5.0	10.6	8.2	8.5	9.1	8.8	9.3	5.7	7.75

Means followed by the same letter within each column are not significantly different at 0.05 level of probability, according to LSD 0.05.

Table 16. Means of number of spikes m⁻², number of grains spike⁻¹ and spike weight as affected by various genotypes of barley during 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 growing seasons.

Genotype	No. spikes m ⁻²			No. grains Spk ⁻¹			Spike weight (g)		
	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined
1	358.0 ab	240.0 ab	299.0 a	60.3 a	48.1 bcdefg	54.2 abc	2.9 cdefg	2.9 bcd	2.9 def
2	300.0 bcd	236.0 ab	268.0 abc	52.5 ab	57.4 ab	54.9 abc	2.5 g	3.3 ab	2.9 def
3	336.7 abc	217.3 ab	277.0 abc	59.9 a	37.4 g	48.7 c	3.9 a	2.5 cd	3.2 bcd
4	310.0 abcd	250.7 ab	280.3 abc	62.2 a	53.4 cd	57.8 ab	3.2 bcde	2.9 bcd	3.1 cd
5	344.7 abc	216.0 ab	280.3 abc	56.3 ab	53.7 abc	55.0 abc	2.6 fg	3.1 abc	2.9 def
6	254.7 d	238.7 ab	246.7 bc	54.6 ab	42.4 efg	48.5 c	3.2 bcde	2.6 cd	2.9 def
7	336.7 abc	252.0 a	294.3 a	52.4 ab	51.1 abcdef	51.7 bc	3.2 bcdef	3.0 bcd	3.1 cd
8	288.7 cd	192.0 b	240.3 c	54.9 ab	47.4 bcdefg	51.2 bc	3.4 abc	2.6 cd	3.0 de
9	342.0 abc	217.3 ab	279.7 abc	52.9 ab	44.4 cdefg	48.7 c	3.8 a	3.1 abc	3.5 abc
10	336.0 abc	252.0 a	294.0 a	47.5 b	53.4 abcd	50.4 bc	3.3 abcd	3.0 bcd	3.2 bcd
11	366.0 a	210.7 ab	288.3 a	61.2 a	42.8 defg	52.0 bc	2.8 defg	2.4 d	2.6 f
12	348.0 abc	226.7 ab	287.3 ab	58.5 a	60.5 a	59.5 a	3.7 ab	3.7 a	3.7 a
13	272.0 d	208.0 ab	240.0 c	55.9 ab	52.7 abcde	54.3 abc	3.7 ab	3.4 ab	3.5 ab
14	342.0 abc	253.0 a	297.7 a	58.7 a	41.8 fg	50.2 c	2.7 efg	2.4 d	2.6 ef
15	366.0 a	212.0 ab	289.0 a	61.6 a	59.1 a	60.4 a	2.7 efg	3.5 ab	3.1 cd
16	296.0 cd	197.3 ab	246.7 bc	63.0 a	47.4 cdefg	55.2 abc	2.7 efg	3.0 abcd	2.9 def
Average	324.8	226.3	275.5	57.0	49.6	53.3	3.2	3.0	3.0
LSD 0.05	60.3	59.0	41.3	10.7	10.8	7.4	0.57	0.66	0.43
CV%	11.1	15.6	12.9	11.3	13.0	12.1	10.9	13.4	12.2

Means followed by the same letter within each column are not significantly different at 0.05 level of probability, according to LSD 0.05.

Table 17. Means of 1000-kernel weight, biological yield and grain yield as affected by various genotypes of barley during 2005/06 and 2006/07 growing seasons.

Genotype	1000-kernel weight (g)			Biological yield (t acre ⁻¹)			Grain yield (t acre ⁻¹)		
	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined
1	40.5 bcde	50.4 cde	45.7 cdef	4.43 f	4.16 bc	4.30 gh	1.44 c	0.96 cde	1.20 hi
2	37.3 ef	48.2 defg	42.8 fghi	5.26 cde	3.80 bc	4.53 fgh	1.52 c	0.73 e	1.13 i
3	52.3 a	61.5 a	56.9 a	7.18 b	3.19 c	5.19 def	1.76 bc	0.74 e	1.25 ghi
4	37.3 ef	45.3 efg	41.3 hi	7.96 a	4.88 b	6.42 b	2.22 a	1.19 abc	1.70 abc
5	40.0 bcde	46.3 efg	43.2 efghi	5.86 c	4.04 bc	4.95 efg	1.53 c	0.91 cde	1.22 ghi
6	42.0 bcd	48.7 defg	45.4 cdefg	5.10 de	3.38 c	4.24 h	1.52 c	0.81 de	1.17 hi
7	39.5 cde	49.3 cdefg	44.4 defgh	7.08 b	3.80 bc	5.44 cde	2.13 a	0.96 cde	1.54 bcde
8	40.1 bcde	49.9 cdef	45.0 cdefg	7.27 b	4.10 bc	5.69 cd	2.08 ba	1.01 bcde	1.55 bcde
9	44.0 b	60.0 ab	52.0 b	7.10 b	3.80 bc	5.49 cde	2.21 a	0.78 de	1.50 cdef
10	35.1 f	44.2 fg	39.6 i	5.07 ef	4.10 bc	4.59 fgh	1.66 c	1.12 abcd	1.40 eghf
11	42.9 bcd	46.9 efg	44.9 defg	7.05 b	4.88 b	5.94 bc	2.26 a	1.32 ab	1.79 a
12	40.6 bcde	43.5 g	42.0 ghi	7.08 b	4.70 b	5.85 bcd	2.17 a	1.18 abc	1.67 abcd
13	38.9 def	49.1 cdefg	44.0 efgh	8.20 a	6.21 a	7.21 a	2.19 a	1.36 a	1.78 ab
14	40.0 bcde	55.0 bc	47.5 cd	5.73 cd	3.25 c	4.49 fgh	1.75 bc	0.80 de	1.27 fghi
15	39.7 cde	53.4 cd	46.6 cde	5.67 cde	3.77 bc	4.72 fgh	1.54 c	1.33 ab	1.44 defg
16	43.0 bc	53.9 cd	48.5 c	5.19 de	3.74 bc	4.47 gh	1.52 c	0.82 de	1.17 hi
Average	40.8	50.4	45.6	6.3	4.1	5.2	1.8	1.0	1.4
LSD 0.05	4.1	5.9	3.5	0.64	1.27	0.70	0.34	0.34	0.24
CV%	6.0	7.0	6.7	6.0	18.5	11.5	11.0	20.5	14.3

Means followed by the same letter within each column are not significantly different at 0.05 level of probability, according to LSD 0.05.

Table 18: Means of straw yield, harvest index and grain protein percent as affected by various genotypes of barley during 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 growing seasons.

Genotype	Straw yield (t acre ⁻¹)			Harvest Index (HI)			Grain protein percent		
	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined	2005/2006	2006/2007	Combined
1	3.0 i	3.2 bc	3.1 f	32.4 a	23.1 bcd	27.7 abcd	8.0 abc	10.7 bcd	9.3 bc
2	3.7gh	3.1 bc	3.4 def	28.9 abc	18.8 d	23.8 d	8.6 abc	11.0 bcd	9.8 bc
3	5.4 bc	2.4 c	3.9 Cd	24.5 C	23.3 bcd	24.0 d	9.5 a	9.4 d	9.5 bc
4	5.7 ab	3.7 b	4.7 b	27.9 abc	24.3 bcd	26.1 bcd	8.2 abc	13.8 abc	11.0 ab
5	4.3 ef	3.1 bc	3.7 cde	26.5 bc	22.7 bcd	24.6 d	8.1 abc	14.0 ab	11.0 ab
6	3.6 gh	2.6 c	3.1 f	29.8 ab	24.7 bcd	27.2 bcd	8.3 abc	10.4 bcd	9.3 bc
7	4.9 cd	2.8 bc	3.9 cd	30.1 ab	25.7 bc	27.9 abcd	8.0 abc	12.2 abcd	10.1 bc
8	5.2 cd	3.1 bc	4.1 c	28.6 abc	24.9 bcd	26.8 bcd	8.2 abc	10.7 bcd	9.4 bc
9	4.9 cd	3.0 bc	4.0 C	30.8 ab	20.4 cd	25.6 cd	8.1 abc	10.1 Cd	9.1 bc
10	3.4 hi	3.0 bc	3.2 ef	33.0 a	27.3 b	30.1 ab	8.8 abc	16.1 a	12.4 a
11	4.7 de	3.6 b	4.1 c	32.4 a	27.0 bc	29.7 abc	9.5 ab	10.3 bcd	9.9 bc
12	4.8 de	3.5 b	4.2 c	31.0 ab	25.0 bcd	28.0 abcd	8.4 abc	13.4 abc	10.9ab
13	6.0 a	4.8 a	5.4 a	26.7 bc	21.4 bcd	24.1 d	7.9 bc	13.6 abc	10.7 ab
14	4.0 fg	2.5 c	3.2 ef	30.5 ab	25.0 bcd	27.8 abcd	8.1 abc	10.5 bcd	9.3 bc
15	4.1 fg	2.4 c	3.3 ef	27.2 bc	36.1 a	31.7 a	7.4 c	9.4 d	8.4 c
16	3.7 gh	2.9 bc	3.3 ef	29.3 abc	22.1 bcd	25.7 Cd	7.8 c	13.2 abcd	10.5 ab
Average	4.5	3.1	3.8	29.4	24.5	26.9	8.3	11.8	10.05
LSD 0.05	0.5	0.95	0.54	5.04	6.9	4.2	1.6	3.9	2.1
CV%	7.4	18.3	12.3	10.3	17.0	13.5	11.8	19.9	17.9

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تقييم ١٦ تركيب وراثي من الشعير تحت ظروف الأراضي الجيرية في مصر

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أقيمت تجربة حقلية في محطة البحوث الزراعية بالنوبارية خلال موسمي ٢٠٠٥/٢٠٠٦ و ٢٠٠٦/٢٠٠٧ وهي تمثل الأراضي الجديدة التي تقع في المناطق الحديثة الاستصلاح تشمل ثلاث عشرة سلالة جديدة بالإضافة إلى ثلاثة أصناف محلية تجارية كمقارنه وكلها تتبع نوع الشعير ذو الستة صفوف لتقييمها تحت ظروف الأراضي الجيرية والتقسية المائية. تم زراعة كل تركيب وراثي في قطعة تجريبية مساحتها $3 \times 3,5$ م بطول السطر ٣,٥ م والمسافات بين السطور ٢٠ سم وتم تكرار هذه الستة عشر معاملة في ٣ مكررات في تصميم قطاعات كاملة العشوائية. تم تصنيف البيانات بحيث شملت ثلاث مجموعات (أ) ثلاث صفات خاصة بالنمو الخضري والتبكير (ب) ثمانية صفات خاصة بالمحصول ومكوناته (ج) نسبة البروتين في الحبوب. تم إجراء التحليل الإحصائي لكل موسم على حدة ثم أجرى تحليل مشترك للموسمين معاً وذلك لكل صفة من الصفات السابقة. وقد أوضحت النتائج وجود اختلافات معنوية بين تلك التراكيب الوراثية لمعظم الصفات المدروسة. وقد تفوقت أربعة تراكيب وراثية على أصناف المقارنة في صفات المحصول والتبكير في النضج ودليل الحصاد ودليل الورقة وكذلك في ارتفاع نسبة البروتين الكلي بالحبوب. وهذه السلالات هي:

Malouk//Aths/Linee686, Alanda-02/4/Arizona5908,

Alanda/3/CI08887/CI05761 //Lignee640, and Alanda/Harma//Alanda .

ومن المقترح إدراج هذه السلالات الأربع كسلالات مبشرة مناسبة لمنطقة النوبارية أو الساحل الشمالي الغربي لجمهورية مصر العربية كإضافة للأصناف الموصى بها الحالية وخاصة التي اشتملتها هذه الدراسة.