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## **Sugar beet yield and quality as affected by concentration of boron and methanol application.**

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### **Abstract**

The aim of this research is to assess the effect of foliar spraying with boron and methanol levels and time of methanol application. Two field experiments were conducted at EL-Haamoul district Kafer EL-Sheikh Governorate, Egypt during 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons. Strip-plot design was used in both seasons. Main plot (vertical) allocated with Boron levels (0, 1 and 1.5 Kg/fed.) sub plot (horizontal plots) takes Methanol rates (15%, 30% and 45% v/v) this solution were sprayed overhead 3 times in two weeks intervals starting after 55 and repeated at 70 and 80 days from sowing with (zero, one, two and three times) were distributed in sub-sub plots. Obtained results indicated that addition boron on foliage as foliar spraying at rate of 1.5 Kg/fed. Significantly increased affected on the values of most characters under study i.e. root dimension, yields of root, top and sugar per fed. In additions to impurities (Na, K and α-N) and quality traits as sucrose and sugar losses percentages. On the other hand purity and extractability percentage gave the highest values with control treatments. This was true in both seasons. Application of methanol solution at level 45% take the mentioned trend of boron and gave the highest values 45% compared with level 15% which recorded the lowest values with purity and extractability percentages. Times of foliar applications of methanol on sugar beet leaves at three times recorded the highest values for most traits as boron and methanol levels except impurities content ( Na, K, α-N). alkalinity, purity, extractability% which recorded in significant effect on values of these traits in both seasons. Whereas, sugar losses% showed significant increase in the second season only, sugar extractable% and sugar yield (ton/fed.). Significant interaction effects were found between factors under study on some traits in both seasons.

**Keywords:** Sugar beet, yield, quality, boron, methanol

### **Introduction**

Sugar beet production is an essential component of agricultural economics in money countries. Sugar beet contributes to about 40% of world production. Sugar beet is not only important for sugar production, but it is beneficial crop in agronomic rotation and reclaimed soil salinity as in Egypt. Boron fertilizer is by far the most important trace elements needed for sugar beet because without an adequate supply the yield and quality of roots will be depressed (Cooke and Scotte 1993). Soil application as well as, foliar spray of boron were equally effective, hence the root fresh weight, sucrose%, root and top yield significantly increased by increasing boron levels (Jaszczolt, 1998) and Gezgum *et al.* (2001) showed that consumption of 0.3 Kg B/ha. increased root yield, sucrose yield compared to control and consumption of boron in large amount caused reduction in yield and sugar production in all methods of application either soil or sparing applications. Recently methanol spray is a method, which increases crop CO<sub>2</sub> fixation in unites area. The main reason for using of methanol due to generate by plant throughout the demethylation of pectin - py - pectin methyl esterase for tightening of the cell especially throughout the early stage of leaf expansion Lee, *et al.* (2006). Methanol accumulates in the intercellular air space or in the liquid pool at

night when the stomata close and is rapidly converted to formaldehyde formic acid and CO<sub>2</sub> to prevent the damage by alcohol oxidase Gout *et al.* (2000). In addition, methanol is very important to sugar beet when face drought stress conditions.

### **Materials and methods**

Two field experiments were conducted in clay soil at EL-Haamoul Center Kafer EL-Sheikh Governorate, Egypt during 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons. The preceding crop was rice in the two seasons. Detailed soil properties for two growing seasons are listed in Table (1):

The experimental soil was fertilized with 90 Kg N/fad. in form of Urea 46% N. at two equal doses at 4 and 8 true leaves. Also 24 Kg K<sub>2</sub>O / fad. in form of potassium sulphate (48 % K<sub>2</sub>O) and 30 Kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/fad. in the form of calcium super phosphate (15.5% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) during soil preparation . Strip-plot design with three replications was used. The horizontal plots were assigned to boron levels (0, 1 and 1.5 Kg B/ fad.) in form Boric acid H<sub>3</sub>Bo<sub>3</sub>. Vertical plot contained Methanol levels (0, 15%, 30% and 45% / fad.) in form of Methanol and three times of applications (one, two and three times). Application time of the Methanol at (55, 70 and 85 days after sowing) were devoted in sub-sub-plot included which have six ridges 55cm apart and 9m long.

**Table1.** Physical and chemical properties soil at the experimental sites in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Soil characters	seasons	
	2012/2013	2013/2014
PH 1:2.5	8.4	8.15
EC m mhos/cm	3.35	3.41
Organic matter%	1.73	1.80
Clay	52.60	53.47
Silt	23.87	23.16
Sand	23.53	23.37
Texture class	Clay	Clay
Available:		
N (ppm)	14.98	15.45
P (ppm)	6.23	6.70
K (ppm)	278.77	288.54
Anions meq/L		
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	5.69	5.88
Cl <sup>-</sup>	6.71	6.92
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.28	0.34
CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.0	0.0

Both Boric acid and Methanol were added as foliar spraying. Sowing takes place on 20 October 2013 and 2 November 2014 seasons respectively.

Seed of multigerm cultivar "Farida" were sown in hills 20cm apart at rate of 3-4 seeds/ hill. At forty days after sowing, thinning to one plant/hill was done. Other cultural practices were done as recommended. At maturity after (210 days from sowing), the area of 19.8 m<sup>2</sup> of each plot were harvested to obtain root and top yields. Ten guarded plants were taken at random to estimate root dimensions (length and diameter) and the quality parameters were determined as follows.

1. Sucrose percentage was determined using the method described by Le Doct (1927) and juice purity using to the method of Silin and Silina (1977).
2. Potassium and sodium (Flame photometry).
3. Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) amino- Nitrogen determined using ninhydrin. Hydrinda ntian method according to Carruthers *et al.* (1960).
4. Purity, sugar losses to molasses, extractable sugar, extractability% were calculated according to the following formulas:
- Purity% = 99.36 - {14.27(v1+v2+v3)}/v4 Devillers, (1988).
5. Sugar losses to molasses (SM) = (v1+v2) 0.14 + v4  $\times$  0.25+ 0.5 Devillers, (1988).
6. Extractable sugar = v4 - (SM) - 0.6 Dexter *et al.* (1967).
7. Extractability% = extractable sugar % / v4.

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} V1 &= \text{sodium} & V2 &= \text{potassium} \\ V3 &= \alpha \text{ amino N} & V4 &= \text{sugar percentage} \end{aligned}$$

8. Sugar yield per faddan was calculated form root yield per faddan multiplied by sucrose percentage and purity%.

- Sugar yield = root yield  $\times$  sugar percentage  $\times$  purity %.

The analysis of variance was carried out according to Gomez and Gomez (1984). Treatment means were compared by Duncan's Multiple range test (Duncan, 1955). All statistical analysis was performed using analysis of variance technique by means of "CoHort" computer software package.

## Result and discussion

### 1-Root length, root diameter and root/top ratio.

Data presented in Table (2) clearly showed that addition boron fertilizer as foliar spraying to sugar beet significantly increased root dimension and root /top ratio by increasing boron levels from zero to 1.5 Kg B/fad. the positive effect of boron may be due to its effective role in cell elongation of root cell. These result are agreement with these obtained by Abido (2012) and Armin and Asgharipour (2012). and Ali (2015).

Concerning to effect of foliar application of methanol at different levels, data in Table 2 showed that spraying methanol at levels on sugar beet exhibited significant differences between values of root dimension and the ratio between root and top (root/top) in both seasons. Foliar spraying at levels 45% gave maximum values of mentioned traits. The advantage in these traits due to effect of methanol on increase of photo synthesis in leaves with delaying leaf senescence's and by effecting rate of ethylene production, finally due to increases in root and foliage yields. Similar results were found by Nadali *et al.* (2010).

**Table 2.** Root length and diameter and root/top ratio as affected by boron and methanol levels and time of methanol foliar applications in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 season.

Factor	Root length		Root diameter		Root/top ratio	
	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014
Boron fertilizer rate (Kg/fad.) (B)						
0	29.78c	29.36c	10.46b	10.36c	2.54c	2.78c
1	31.35b	32.74b	10.91ab	11.03b	3.01b	3.58b
1.5	32.44a	34.55a	11.66a	12.00a	3.50a	3.82a
F -test	**	**	*	**	**	**
Concentration of methanol %. (M)						
15%	30.80c	31.31c	10.81	10.93	2.92c	3.18c
30%	31.24b	32.33b	10.98	11.08	3.02b	3.41b
45%	31.53a	32.84a	11.25	11.38	3.12a	3.60a
F -test	**	**	NS	NS	**	**
No. of foliar methanol application (N)						
0	30.36b	31.36c	10.65b	10.81b	2.86c	3.37b
1	31.33a	32.24b	11.04ab	11.15ab	3.02b	3.37b
2	31.46a	32.33b	11.11a	11.21ab	3.07ab	3.39ab
3	31.60a	32.60a	11.24a	11.33a	3.12a	3.46a
F -test	**	**	*	*	**	*
Inter action						
B×M	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
M×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×V×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

Regarding to the effect of number of foliar spraying of methanol on root dimension and root/top ratio, data as shown in Table (2) revealed that with repeated times of foliar spraying of methanol in 3 times lead to significant increase in values of mentioned traits except between 3 and 2 times in root length and root diameter in the first season only compared to the other two times, this was true in both seasons.

Significant interaction effects were found between boron levels × methanol levels on root length in first seasons. Maximum values were obtained in this interaction resulted from addition high levels of boron or methanol and 3 times of applications more than any one alone.

## 2- Top, Root and Sugar yields (ton/fad.)

Results in Table (3) showed the effect of boron rates on top, root and sugar yields in both seasons. Averages of three mentioned traits were significantly increased in both seasons with increasing the dose of boron up to 1.5 Kg/fad. applied as foliar spraying which gave the highest values. This advantage of boron application may be due to important function of boron in increase plant metabolism, development and growth. Gobara and Mekki (2005) concluded similar results. With respect to effect of foliar spraying of methanol solution at different concentrations 15, 30 and 45% on sugar beet results in Table (3) pointed out significant increase in top,

root and sugar yields when sugar beet by increasing methanol level up to 45% which recorded maximum yields in both seasons. The increases in these traits may be due to the advantage role of methanol in reducing photo respiration during growth stage which reflected on significant increase in top, root and sugar yields. These observations were in agreement with those obtained by Nadali *et al.* (2010), Iman Nadali *et al.* (2014).

Regarding to the effect of number of methanol applications, addition 3 times gave the highest values of top and root sugar yields in both seasons. Significant differences were observed between mean values of top, root in both seasons whereas; sugar yield significantly was affected by foliar spraying in the second season only. Foliar application three times gave a positive effect by adequate supplying time to give good effect on these traits by shifted photo respiration from catabolism to anabolism which enhance net photosynthesis which increased the yields.

No significant interaction effect was found among the studied factor on root and sugar yield in both seasons. Whereas, significant effect was found between boron levels × times of spraying methanol and top yield in the first season only (Table 3-a) which indicated the highest top yield was 16.18 ton/fad. obtained from sugar beet sprayed three times by 1.5 Kg/fad. boron and three applications of methanol treatment.

**Table 3.** Top, root and sugar% as affected by boron and methanol levels and number of methanol foliar applications in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 season.

Factor	Top yield		Root yield		Sugar yield	
			seasons			
	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014
Boron fertilizer rate (Kg/fad.) (B)						
0	12.90c	10.69c	24.76c	27.86bc	3.79c	4.02c
1	14.82b	11.45b	27.07b	29.75b	4.18b	4.35b
1.5	15.94a	12.56a	30.71a	30.18a	4.91a	4.81a
F -test	**	**	**	**	**	**
Concentration of methanol %. (M)						
15%	14.15b	11.34c	26.84c	26.76c	4.14b	4.29b
30%	14.56ab	11.56b	27.57b	29.04b	4.26ab	4.37b
45%	14.96a	11.62a	28.12a	31.99a	4.74a	4.52a
F -test	**	**	**	**	*	**
No. of foliar methanol (N)						
0	13.89c	10.98c	26.14c	28.58c	3.96	4.15c
1	14.57b	11.56b	27.66b	29.04bc	4.32	4.40b
2	14.81ab	11.78a	27.94ab	29.29b	4.44	4.47ab
3	14.95a	11.94a	28.30a	30.15a	4.44	4.55a
F -test	**	**	**	**	NS	**
Inter action						
B×M	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×N	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
M×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×V×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

**Table 3-a.** Top yield (ton /fad.) as affected by the interaction between boron fertilizer rate and times of action methanol in 2012/2013 seasons.

Boron fertilizer rate Kg/fad.	No. of application of methanol			
	0	1	2	3
0	11.54f	12.94e	13.44de	13.68d
1	14.53c	14.82c	14.95c	14.99bc
1.5	15.ab	15.9a	16.05a	16.18a

### 3- Impurities traits (Na, K and α-N).

Impurities contents are very important to juice quality of sugar beet. Data tabulated in Table (4) show the effect of boron rates on impurities (Na, K and α-N). Increasing boron rates from zero to 1.5 Kg/fad. led to significant increase in all values of impurities. These results disagreed the Gobara and Mekki (2005) who observed that all these contents decreased with increasing boron levels from zero to 1.5 Kg B/fad.

Methanol rates effects on impurities are presented in Table (4). All impurities in terms (Na, K and α-N) were significantly increased with increasing methanol rates from 15% to 45% this was true in both seasons. Similar results were obtained by Nadali *et al.* (2010).

Regarding to the effect of number of methanol foliar applications on sugar beet impurities Na, K and α-N Table (4) showed that no significant effect on all impurities traits.

No significant interaction effects were found among three factors under study on impurities content in terms Na, K and α-N in both seasons.

### Alkaline coefficient (A.C), purity% and sugar %.

Alkaline coefficient is very important indicator for sugar beet quality. The value of (A.C) must be not decrease than 1.8, if it decrease than 1.8 this mean that sugar beet juice quality not good. Data presented in Table (5) showed that no significant effect on these traits in both seasons due to levels of boron or levels and times of methanol applications. No significant interaction effect were recorded in two growing seasons resulted from interaction between any factor with other three factor under study. Effect of either boron or methanol levels and times of methanol applications on purity% are tabulated in Table (5).

Application boron as foliar spraying on sugar beet at dose 1.5 Kg/fad. caused to significant decrease in purity% in both seasons compared to other two levels ( zero and 1.0 Kg/fad.). These resulted may be due to increasing impurities values and increasing root content from total soluble solid rates than sucrose%. Gobara and Mekki (2005) and Ali Mekdad (2015) disagreed our results because they reported that purity% was increased with increasing boron levels from zero to 2.0 Kg/fad.

**Table 4.** Na, K and  $\alpha$ -N (Meg / 100g sugar beet) as affected by boron levels, methanol levels and time of methanol foliar applications in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Factor	Na		K		$\alpha$ -N	
			seasons			
	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014
Boron fertilizer rate (Kg/fad.) (B)						
0	2.45c	2.57c	5.63c	5.43c	3.44c	3.78c
1	2.73b	3.00b	6.28b	6.61b	3.92b	4.02b
1.5	3.13a	3.49a	7.36a	7.20a	4.31a	4.74a
F -test	**	**	**	**	**	**
Concentration of methanol %. (M)						
15%	2.67b	2.87b	6.21c	6.18c	3.73b	4.04b
30%	2.76ab	3.03ab	6.42b	6.36b	3.92a	4.18ab
45%	2.88	3.16	6.63a	6.70a	4.03a	4.32a
F -test	*	*	*	**	**	*
No. of foliar methanol (N)						
0	2.70	2.97	6.35	6.29	3.82	4.13
1	2.78	3.00	6.38	6.34	3.88	4.16
2	2.79	3.03	6.45	6.42	3.91	4.19
3	2.81	3.07	6.51	6.59	3.97	4.24
F -test	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Inter action						
B×M	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
M×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×V×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

**Table 5.** Alkaline, purity % and sugar percentage as affected by boron levels, methanol levels and time of methanol foliar applications in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 seasons.

Factor	Alkaline		purity%		sugar percentage	
			seasons			
	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014
Boron fertilizer rate (Kg/fad.) (B)						
0	2.31	2.13	89.71a	89.76a	17.04c	17.52c
1	2.36	2.34	88.73b	88.57b	17.39b	17.93b
1.5	2.43	2.28	87.94c	87.06c	18.63a	18.36a
F -test	NS	NS	**	**	**	**
Concentration of methanol %. (M)						
15%	2.40	2.23	88.96a	88.85a	17.29b	17.76b
30%	2.36	2.25	88.81ab	88.47ab	17.44b	17.86b
45%	2.35	2.27	88.61b	88.07b	18.32a	18.18a
F -test	NS	NS	**	**	**	**
No. of foliar methanol (N)						
0	2.39	2.23	88.59	88.57	17.08d	17.68d
1	2.37	2.24	88.76	88.58	17.54c	17.86c
2	2.36	2.24	88.87	88.55	17.83b	17.99b
3	2.63	2.28	88.94	88.15	18.29a	18.20a
F -test	NS	NS	NS	NS	**	**
Inter action						
B×M	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
M×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×V×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	**	*

Regarding to the effect of methanol application purity percentage of sugar beet juice, data in Table (5) distinctly cleared that increasing the applied

doses of methanol from 15, 30 and 45% produced significant and gradual reducing in the values of purity. This finding was completely true in both

seasons. These resulted are in harmony with these obtained by Abido (2012). Time of foliar application with methanol had no significant effect on purity % in both seasons. No significant interaction effect were found between three factors under study on purity % in both seasons

##### **5- Sugar percentage.**

Sucrose% in the important character in sugar beet because the final goal of sugar beet production depend on sucrose% and root yield. Data allocated in Table (5) pointed out that foliar application of boron on sugar beet at levels zero, 1 and 1.5 Kg/fad. exhibited significant increase between mean values of sucrose% in both seasons. Maximum percentages were obtained in both seasons were 18.63 and 18.36% resp. resulted from addition 1.5 Kg/fad. as foliar application compared to two other doses (zero and one Kg/fad.). This finding is in line with that found by Gobara and Mekki (2005), Ali Mekdad (2015), Mohammad *et al.*, (2015) and Abbas *et al* (2014). They stated that sucrose% significantly increased with increasing boron doses.

Concerning the effect of methanol rates on sucrose%, data in Table (5) revealed that the highest sucrose percentages 18.29 and 18.20% in both seasons were produced after addition methanol solution having concentration 45% compared with other two concentration (15 and 30%) in both seasons. This advantage of methanol among be due to mode of action of methanol in increase carbohydrate accumulation and release photo respiration in plants. These observations are in agreement with those obtained by Abido (2012) and Nadali *et al.* (2010). As for the effect of methanol times of application on sugar beet data in Table (5) cleared that the highest of sucrose% were found in both seasons 18.29 and 18.20% from addition methanol solution at three times more than other two times of applications.

Significant interaction effect between boron doses  $\times$  methanol doses  $\times$  times of methanol applications in both seasons resulted from addition boron fertilizer at rate of 1.5 Kg/fad. and foliar application of methanol at rate of 45% three times in both growing seasons (22.32% and 19.52%). This interaction cleared in Table (5-a).

##### **6- Sugar extractable%, Extractability% and Sugar losses%.**

The three mentioned characters explain the quality of sugar beet juice and in find the gain for the producer of sugar beet. Extractable Sugar percentage was not significantly affected by addition boron levels in both seasons as foliar applications whereas, gradual increase was found and not reached to significant levels. Similar results were found by

Gobara and Mekki (2005) Once more. Data furnished in Table (6) illustrated that addition of methanol solution at dose 45% as foliar spraying to sugar beet gave the highest extractable sugar percentage in the second season only with significant differences between rates 45% and other two rates (15 and 30%). On the other direction, in the first season no significant differences were found between means values of this due to effect of rates of methanol solution. These results are in harmony with those obtained by Nadali *et al.* (2010).

In respect to effect of times methanol spraying on extractable sugar % the available data in Table (6) pointed out that no significant effect was found in the first season whereas, in the second season additio of Methanol at three times caused significant increase in extractable sugar % (14.96%) compared to the other treatments.

Extractability% means the quantity of sugar which can extractable from total sucrose% to indicate the quality of root juice and the final sugar extractable.

Data in Table (6) revealed that. Extractability% significantly decreased with increasing boron level from zero to 1.5 Kg/fad. in both seasons.

Concerning the effect of methanol at level 45% superior than other two levels (15 and 30%) and gave maximum values for this trait in both seasons.

Data in Table (6) showed that times of foliar addition failed exhibited any significant differences among values of this trait in both seasons.

Extractability% not affected by the interaction between three factors under study in both seasons.

##### **7-Sugar losses:**

Sugar losses in molass are very important trait for sugar beet. So, any research should try to decrease this value in all cases. Data tabulated in Table (6) pointed out that significant increase in values of this trait with increasing the rates of boron fertilizer from zero to 1.5 Kg/ fad. as foliar spraying These results are true in both seasons. The finding are different with these obtained by Abbas *et al.* (2014) they found with increasing boron rates of boron from 0.0 to 0.25 g/L caused to decrease sugar losses in molasses. Ali (2015) found that with increasing boron levels as foliar application significantly decreased sugar losses percentage in juice of sugar beet. Armin and Asgharipour (2012) found also that sugar loss decreased with increasing boron levels from 0.0 to 1.22 Kg B/ha. a water soluble B (Boric acid).

Data in Table (6) cleared that spraying methanol had bad effect on juice quality by increasing percentage and amount of sugar losses in molasses when used high rate on application (45%) compared to other rates (15 and 30%) which caused to decreased sugar losses in molasses.

**Table 5-a.** Sugar percentage as affected by the interaction between boron fertilizer rate, concentration of methanol and times of application methanol in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

No. of foliar application of methanol	Boron fertilizer rate (Kg/fad.)								
	0			1			1.5		
	Concentration of methanol								
	15%	30%	45%	15%	30%	45%	15%	30%	45%
2012/2013 season									
0	16.76rs	16.85s	16.75rs	16.89rs	16.93qrs	16.97pqr	17.04o-r	17.42kl	18.43de
1	16.87rs	16.77rs	17.05o-r	17.27l-o	17.34l-o	17.45jkl	17.57h-l	17.72g-k	19.82c
2	17.06m-r	17.05n-r	17.32l-o	17.41klm	17.55h-l	17.6h-l	17.79f-d	18.09de	20.59b
3	17.29l-p	17.40k-n	17.58h-l	17.54i-l	17.83f-i	17.90fgh	18.06fg	18.65d	22.32a
2031/2014									
0	17.17s	17.27rs	17.44pqr	17.67no	17.79k-n	17.80k-n	17.91i-m	17.97h-k	17.17def
1	17.30rs	17.41qr	17.62nop	17.76lmn	17.86j-m	17.99g-m	18.02f-d	18.16efg	18.64C
2	17.41qr	17.51opq	17.73mn	17.89j-m	17.95ijk	18.15e-h	18.14e-h	18.27de	18.87b
3	17.64no	17.75mn	17.94i-l	18.01f-j	18.08f-i	18.26de	18.29de	18.35d	19.52a

**Table 6.** Extractable sugar, extractability sugar and sugar losses to molasses % as affected by boron and methanol levels and time of methanol foliar applications in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 season.

Factor	Extractable sugar%		extractability sugar%		sugar losses to molasses %		TSS%	
	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014	2012/2013	2013/2014
Boron fertilizer rate (Kg/fad.) (B)								
0	13.95	14.35	81.85a	81.92a	2.49c	2.57c	19.99c	20.83c
1	14.04	14.49	80.79b	80.81b	2.75b	2.84b	20.27b	21.39b
1.5	14.53	14.57	78.75c	79.34c	3.05a	3.19a	21.14a	21.89a
F -test	NS	NS	*	**	**	**	**	**
Concentration of methanol %. (M)								
15%	14.02	14.38b	81.17c	80.50c	2.76c	2.78c	20.19b	21.15c
30%	14.07	14.39b	80.68b	80.58b	2.77b	2.87b	20.30b	21.30b
45%	14.43	14.63a	79.34a	80.99a	2.83a	2.95a	20.92a	21.66a
F -test	NS	*	*	*	**	**	**	**
No. of foliar methanol (N)								
0	13.76	14.26d	78.69	80.62	2.72	2.83b	19.79d	21.09
1	14.19	14.41c	80.53	80.70	2.75	2.85b	20.33c	21.27c
2	14.26	14.52b	81.10	80.72	2.77	2.87ab	20.62b	21.43b
3	14.46	14.96a	81.26	80.73	2.80	2.91a	20.97a	21.70a
F -test	NS	**	NS	NS	NS	*	**	**
Inter action								
B×M	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
M×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×V×N	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

This was true in both seasons. Nadali *et al.* (2010) concluded that with increasing methanol rates from 7% to 35% caused slightly decrease in sugar in molasses without any significant differences between mean values of sugar in molasses.

Concerning to effect of time methanol application on sugar loss in molasses. Data in Table (6) revealed that significant differences between values of sugar loss in molasses in the second season only. Maximum lost on sugar in molasses was found with increasing times of application.

On the other direction times of application had no effect on this trait in the first season. No interaction effects were found in both seasons between three factors under study on sugar loss in molasses.

#### **8- Total soluble solids (TSS %) percentage.**

Data collected in Table (6) clearly showed that total soluble solids% were significant increase with increasing boron rates from zero to 1.5 Kg/fad. This trait was increased from 19.99% to 21.14% in the first season and from 20.83 to 21.89% in second season with increasing boron levels from zero to 1.5 Kg B/fad. Similar findings were found by Gobara and Mekki (2005).

Regarding to foliar methanol solution at different rates from 15 to 45% on sugar beet (TSS %). Data in table (6) reveal this influence and exhibited significant differences among values of this trait in both seasons. Spraying methanol solution at rate of 45% gave the maximum values (20.92 and 21.66%) in both seasons compared with the lowest values (20.19 and 21.15%) which obtained with spraying lowest rates 15%.

Regarding the effect of times of methanol solution on total soluble solids (TSS %). Data presented in table 6 obviously cleared that addition methanol solution at three times as foliar spraying on sugar beet significantly increased values of TSS% in both seasons compared with other three treatments. These resulted may be due to effect of high concentration of methanol by increased times of application cause an increase in accumulation of sucrose and carbohydrate and other substances in cells.

No significant interaction effects were found between all factor under study in both seasons on total soluble solids (TSS %).

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### تأثير محصول وجودة بذور السكر بتركيزات البيرون ونسبة و مواعيد اضافة الميثانول.

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أقيمت تجربة حقلية كرت في الموسمين الزراعيين 2013/2014، 2012/2013 لدراسة تأثير إضافة رشا لكلا من البيرون والميثانول وعدد مرات إضافة الميثانول على محصول وجودة بذور السكر . واقامت التجربة في مركز الحامول محافظة كفر الشيخ جمهورية مصر العربية. وقد استخدم التصميم الإحصائي القطع المنشقه مرتين strip-plot design حيث تم وضع معدلات التسميد بالبيرون (صفر ، 1 ، 1.5 ، 2.5 كجم/ف) في صورة حمض البيريك في القطع العمودية ووضعت معدلات الميثانول (15 ، 30 ، 45 %) و عدد مرات رش الميثانول بعد ( 55 ، 70 ، 85 ) من الزراعه في القطع الافقية.

وقد تم الحصول على النتائج التالية من هذا البحث:-

- ادت زيادة معدل رش البيرون من صفر الي 1.5 كجم/ف الى زيادة كلا من قطر الجذر وطوله ونسبة الجذر الى العرش وكذلك محصول كلامن العرش ،الجذر،السكروز طن / ف.
- بالنسبة لصفات الجودة ظهرت النتائج ظهور عدم تأثير معامل القلوه بإضافة البيرون في كلا الموسمين واظهرت النقاوه فروقاً معنويه لإضافة البيرون في الموسم الثاني فقط بينما ادى اضافة البيرون بمعدل 1.5 كجم/ف الى زياده نسبة السكر و وزنها بالمعدلات الاخرى الاقل منها.
- زادت قيم الشوائب (Na, K, α-N) في كلا الموسمين زيادة معنويه بزيادة معدل اضافة البيرون الي 1.5 كجم/ف .ولم يكن هناك تأثير معنوي لصفة السكر المستخلص لاضافة البيرون بينما كان هناك تأثير معنوي بزيادة نسبة الاستخلاص والسكر المفقود في المولاس وكذلك المواد الصلبة الذائبه الكليه.
- كان لاضافة محلول الميثانول بتركيز ( 45 % ) تأثير معنوي موجب بزيادة قيم الصفات التالية طول الجذر- نسبة الجذر/العرض ومحصول العرش والجذر والسكروز بالطن/ ف وكذلك محتوى الجذور من الشوائب (Na, K, α-N) في كلا الموسمين وكذلك النقاوه ونسبة السكر و السكر المستخلص ونسبة الاستخلاص والسكر المفقود في المولاس وايضاً المواد الصلبة الذائبه الكليه (T.S.S) بينما لم يكن لاضافة الميثانول اي تأثير معنوي بأى معدل من المعدلات المستخدمة على معامل القلوه في الموسمين وكذلك السكر المستخلص في الموسم الثاني فقط
- كما كان لعدد مرات رش الميثانول بمعدل 45 % ثلث مرات اثر معنوي بزيادة قيمة كلا من طول وقطر الجذر- نسبة الجذر / العرش ومحصول كل من العرش والجذور والسكروز بالطن/ف ونسبة السكر و المواد الصلبة الذائبه الكليه. بينما لم يكن هناك تأثير معنوي موجب على الصفات التالية (محتوى الجذور من الشوائب)(Na, K, α-N) ومعامل القلوه - النقاوه - نسبة الاستخلاص.
- واخيراً يمكن القول بان الدراسه قد توصلت الى ان رش البيرون بمعدل 1.5 كجم/ف وكذلك الميثانول بتركيز 45 % ثلث مرات قد ادى الى زيادة معنويه موجبه فى معظم الصفات التي تم دراستها تحت ظروف هذا البحث.