ESTIMATION OF COSTS AND RETURNFOR THE ORGANIC GARLIC IN NEWLY CULTIVATED SOIL

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Abstract

preliminary study focuses on economic analysis of organic garlic production in new cultivated soil under El-Minia Governorate conditions. Data were collected from growing 21 garlic genotypes under four compost levels. The obtained results showed that the total estimated cost of production for one feddan (4200 m²) of organic garlic was ranged from 9382.25 to 12641.5 L.E for fresh yield and from 9882.25 to 13141.5 L.E for cured yield. In this study, the total gross for the production of fresh yield ranged from 0.9803 to 5.036 ton/feddan. For cured yield, it ranged from 0.633 to 3.445 ton/feddan. In conclusion, colored cultivar "Egaseed 1" or "El-Wady" white clone were the highest profitable genotypes under the condition of the present study.

Keywords: *Allium sativum* L., Genotypes, Compost, Organic production, Economics.

INTRODUCTION

Several academic institutions, researchers, nonprofit agencies and farmers have created budgets on a variety of vegetable crops. The University of California at Davis (2008) has perhaps the greatest number of such studies but these may be of limited value to growers outside of California, USA. However, an understanding of production costs is critical for decision makers. These types of analyses help farm managers understand and identify profitable enterprises (Frank, 1997; Toaima *et al.*, 2001; Besheit *et al.*, 2002; Estes *et al.*, 2003; Conner and Rangarajan, 2009; Dahshan, 2013 and Abd El-Kareem, 2015). They concluded that many factors, such as crop rotation, soil type, marketing and production costs are vital information for production and pricing decisions.

The critical part of crop budget was the calculation of costs related to labor, field management, pesticides and fertilization. Pepper production was found to be a profitable enterprise considering the profit realized by farmers in the study area as reported by Sanusi and Ayinde (2013).

Hasan *et al.* (2012) estimated the benefit cost ratio for garlic (1.85) and showed that garlic cultivation was profitable. However, garlic cultivation requires a high level of working capital and human labor (Meena *et al.*, 2013).

Growth in organic food sales was 53% in the United states between 2005 and 2008 (Richards, 2011). Increased demand is motivating worldwide. More benefits can be gained from organic agriculture. These benefits due to a reduction of the use of synthetic chemical and fertilizers, which can reduce toxic chemical exposure and possibly reduce input costs. Also, the possible price premiums and growing value added markets are very important elements in the stability of organic products (Post and Schahczenski, 2012). Thus, improving the quality and quantity of organic products products production and increased yield productivity are very important elements. Cost information will help the organic farmers to face marketing risks of organic garlic. The present investigation was carried out to estimate the organic garlic production cost and return under cultivated the new soil conditions to attract more organic garlic investors.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present study was carried out during the three successive winter seasons of 2011/2012/, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 at the Experimental Farm of Central Laboratory of Organic Agriculture (CLOA) at Village 8, El- Minia, Egypt in new reclaimed soil.

The rate of application was based on N equivalent dose (120 and 60 kg total N per feddan).

The experimental design was split plot design with three replications. Commercial plant compost "El-Nil" and Plant- animal compost "El-Obour" each at two rates were distributed in the four main plots.

Compost El–Nil was applied at the rate of 10.666 and 5.333 tons/fed in the first season and 9.740 and 4.870 tons per feddan in the second one whereas compost El-Obour at the rate of 13.698 and 6.849 tons per feddan in the first season and 16.666 and 8.333 tons/feddan in the second season, respectively. Samples of ripe plant compost and plant+animal compost were subjected to chemical analysis and the results are presented in Table (1).

Davis va atau	El-Nil	compost	El- Obour compost					
Parameter	First season	Second season	First season	Second season				
Weight of m3 dry, kg	600	620	700	700				
Moisture, %	25	23	27	28				
Organic matter, %	30	32	28	27				
Organic Carbon, %	23	25	18	18				
рH	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.5				
EC (ds/m)	3	3.4	3.5	3.5				
C/N ratio	1:15.5	1:16	1:17	1:17				
Total N, %	1.5	1.6	1.2	1				
Total P, %	0.8	0.85	0.65	0.6				
Total K, %	1	1	0.85	0.80				
Total Fe (ppm)	1500-2000	1500-2000	1000-1800	1000-1800				
Total Mn (ppm)	100-150	100-150	80-120	80-120				
Total Cu (ppm)	160-240	160-240	100-160	100-160				
Total Zn (ppm)	40-80	40-80	30-50	30-50				
Weed seed	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing				
Nematodes	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing				
Parasites	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing				

Table 1. The physical and chemical properties of the organic manure

The 21 garlic genotypes were randomly arranged in the sub-plots. The sources and colors of the tested garlic genotypes were listed in (Table 2). No synthetic fertilizers and pesticides were used.

Uncultivated soil received the estimated amount of compost after ploughing and harrowing to pulverize the soil before making the ridges units. Main plots occupied the four compost treatments and garlic genotypes were randomly distributed in the subplots. Each main plot had12 rows and each plot area was 7.20 m x 33 m. Spacing was 10 cm between cloves within the row and 60 cm between rows. Garlic cloves were hand planted on both sides of each ridge on 10th and 15th of October 2012 and 2013, respectively. However the seed-cloves of all genotypes were produced organically in the previous season using plant compost equivalent to 120 kg total N/feddan as the only source of nutrients in 2011/2012.

In each replicate, the studied treatments were the product of 4 compost levels \times 21 garlic genotypes = 84 treatments. Each treatment was replicated three times and planted in two rows, and each row contained 60 cloves.

Cost of organic garlic production was estimated and compared among the 84 treatments which are the combinations among 21 garlic genotypes and four levels of compost. These treatments were distributed in split-plot design with three replications. All input costs were taken into consideration for computing the production cost which include: compost (plant compost and plant-animal compost), seed, soil preparations, planting, hoeing, irrigation, harvesting and rent values. The local and exportable garlic prices per kilogram were considered to be 3.5-5.6 L.E for

white and 4.5-6.6 L.E for coloured type (Dr. Osman, Dr. Abdel-Moity and Mr. Hegazy Personal Communication). Economic analyses were performed to estimate returns and profitability using the following formula according to O'Dell (1984) and Hanque *et al.* (2013) with some modification:

- * Gross= Total yield x Price
- *Net return (NR) = Gross Total cost
- * Profitability, %= (NR/TC)*100

Table 2. Source, skin colour and bulb type of the tested garlic genotypes

Coloured genotypes	Source									
	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza,									
Aiat clone 1 *	Egypt.									
	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research									
BaniGhany	Center, Giza, Egypt.									
Clone 21	The Agricultural Egyptian Company for Seed Production, Egypt.									
Clone 22	The Agricultural Egyptian Company for Seed Production, Egypt.									
Egaseed 1	The Agricultural Egyptian Company for Seed Production, Egypt.									
Egaseed 2	The Agricultural Egyptian Company for Seed Production, Egypt.									
Cuavania Clana	Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, Minia University, Minia,									
Grower's Clone	Egypt.									
Salaqus-3	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									
Sids 40 Aiat	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									
Sids 40 Station	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									
White genotypes	Source									
Clone 5	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									
Clone 10	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									
Clone 18	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									
Clone 22	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									
Clone 24	The Agricultural Egyptian Company for Seed Production, Egypt.									
Clone 25	The Agricultural Egyptian Company for Seed Production, Egypt.									
Egaseed clone	The Agricultural Egyptian Company for Seed Production, Egypt.									
- ·	Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, Minia University, Minia,									
Egyptian	Egypt.									
Elwady	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									
Owainat	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									
Salaqus-3	Sids Horticultural Research Station, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.									

^{*}All genotypes are soft-neck except Egaseed 2 (hard-neck) and Clone 24 (semi hard-neck)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Estimation of cost and return for organic garlic production in the study area

The estimated costs and returns for the production of garlic are shown in Tables (3, 4and 5) and also in Figures 1 and 2. Production costs involved costs of field operations, labor, materials, harvesting and packing as well as land rent. Based on the seed-cloves price for each genotype, the total estimated cost of production per one feddan of organic garlic was ranged from 9382.25 to 12641.5 L.E for fresh yield and from 9882.25 to 13141.5 L.E for cured yield. Seed clovescost are vary among the tested genotypes. However, the price per kilogram of white garlic type was lower than that of coloured one. The cost of plant-animal compost comprised the highest input category followed by labour, land rent and seed cost in descending order. Tables (4 and 5) showed the total gross for the production of fresh yield of organic garlic ranged from 4411.5 L.E for Aiat clone 1 when received 60 kg total N rate from plant-animal compost to 21082.5 L.E for harvesting cultivar Egaseed 1 from plots received 120 kg total N /Feddan level.

The highest net return for the interaction treatments was obtained by Egaseed 1 with 120 kg total N/Feddan from plant-animal source. Twelve out of 42 plant compost treatments and 13 out of 42 plant-animal compost treatments had negative sign for the net return parameter. These results suggested that there is a need to a better understand of the role of choosing the adaptable cultivar for the type of production. Although, the organic garlic grower incurred a total cost of 12141.5 L.E the grower could earn a profitability rate of 73.64% (Table 4).

Regarding the cured yield, the estimated gross, net return and profitability parameters are shown in (Table 5). Interesting results were obtained with the assumption proposed that cured yield will be transferred to foreign markets. However, 11 genotypes had negative values under 60 kg total N/Feddan from plantanimal compost, while only 6 ones had negative sign at 120 kg total N/Feddan from the same source. On the other side, 9 and 6 genotypes had negative sign at 120 and 60 kg total N/Feddan from plant compost, respectively.

In conclusion, this study showed that organic garlic production is a profitable enterprise when the coloured cultivar "Egaseed 1" or "El-Wady" white clone are used and fertilized with 120 kg total N/Feddan from either type of composts and further study should be done to maximize the yield per unit area through using better agricultural practices. In general improving the yield quality and quantity will lowered the economic and marketing risks of organic garlic production and will help to extend the organic garlic growing areas.

Table 3. Total cost for fresh yield of all garlic genotypes fertilized with different compost treatments.

	Compost o	ost									Total cost (TC) L.E/Fed.					
Item Genotypes	Plant compost		Plant-animal compost		Seed	S	Planting	Hoeing	Irrigation	Harve	Rent	Plant compost		Plant-anim compost	nal	
	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	l cost¹	Soil preparation s	ting	ing	ation	Harvesting	value	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	
Aiat" clone 1 "	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2250	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12088.5	10507.25	12141.5	10533.75	
Bani Ghany	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2250	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12088.5	10507.25	12141.5	10533.75	
Clone 21	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2250	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12088.5	10507.25	12141.5	10533.75	
Clone 22 C	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2250	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12088.5	10507.25	12141.5	10533.75	
Egaseed 1	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2250	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12088.5	10507.25	12141.5	10533.75	
Egaseed 2	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2750	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12588.5	11007.25	12641.5	11033.75	
Grower's Clone	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2250	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12088.5	10507.25	12141.5	10533.75	
Salaqus-3 C	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2250	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12088.5	10507.25	12141.5	10533.75	
Sids 40 "Aiat"	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2250	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12088.5	10507.25	12141.5	10533.75	
Sids 40 "Station"	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	2250	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	12088.5	10507.25	12141.5	10533.75	
Clone 5	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
Clone 10	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
Clone 18	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
Clone 22 W	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
Clone 24	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
Clone 25	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
Egaseed clone	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
Egyptian	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
El-Wady	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
Owainat	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	
Salaqus-3 W	3162.5	1581.25	3215.5	1607.75	1125	435	900	2250	675	750	1666	10963.5	9382.25	11016.5	9408.75	

All numbers are in Egyptian Pounds

¹= Seed cost estimated based on average seed price 4.5 L.E per Kg for coloured genotypes and 3.5 L.E for white genotypes

Table 4. Economic feasibility for fresh yield of all garlic genotypes fertilized with different compost treatments

N/Fed N/Fe						1								1	1				
Plant compost Plant compos	\	1	Total fresh	yield Ton/Fed	l.	•	Gross as orga	nic (L.E/Fed.)	<u>I</u>		Net return ((NR)², L.E		2 2	Profitability, % (NR/TC)*100				
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	Average	3.33	3.05	3.49	2.44	13205.69	11986.38	13861.57	9524.59	1682.67	2044.61	2285.55	-443.69	1392.28	14.31	20.78	19.42	-4.10	

All numbers are in Egyptian Pounds

Gross= Total yield x Price as organic 4.5 L.E per Kg for coloured genotypes and 3.5 L.E for white genotypes

Net return (NR) = Gross – Total cost

Table 5. Economic feasibility for cured yield of all garlic genotypes fertilized with different compost treatments

		Te	otal cured	l yield Ton/	Fed.	Gross as organic (L.E/Fed.) ¹					Net return	(NR) ² , L.E			Profi	itability, %	% (NR/TC)*100		
	Item		Plant compost		Plant-animal compost		Plant compost		animal post	Plant o	ompost	Plant-animal compost		Grand mean across compost Net	Plant co	ompost	Plant-a comp		
Genotypes		120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	ind an oss post	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	120 kg N/Fed	60 kg N/Fed	
Aiat" clone 1		2.045	1.513	1.366	0.633	13497	9985.8	9015.6	4177.8	908.5	-1021.45	-3625.9	-6855.95	-2648.7	7.22	-9.28	-28.68	- 62.14	
Bani Ghany		2.332	1.959	2.452	1.253	15391.2	12929.4	16183.2	8269.8	2802.7	1922.15	3541.7	-2763.95	1375.65	22.26	17.46	28.02	- 25.05	
Clone 21		2.794	1.55	2.585	1.746	18440.4	10230	17061	11523.6	5851.9	-777.25	4419.5	489.85	2496	46.49	-7.06	34.96	4.44	
Clone 22 C		2.489	2.733	2.789	1.689	16427.4	18037.8	18407.4	11147.4	3838.9	7030.55	5765.9	113.65	4187.25	30.50	63.87	45.61	1.03	
Egaseed 1		2.948	2.231	3.445	1.766	19456.8	14724.6	22737	11655.6	6868.3	3717.35	10095.5	621.85	5325.75	54.56	33.77	79.86	5.64	
Egaseed 2		1.881	1.851	2.198	1.496	12414.6	12216.6	14506.8	9873.6	-673.9	709.35	1365.3	-1660.15	-64.85	-5.15	6.16	10.39	- 14.39	
Grower's Clone		1.69	2.007	2.487	1.249	11154	13246.2	16414.2	8243.4	-1434.5	2238.95	3772.7	-2790.35	446.7	-11.40	20.34	29.84	- 25.29	
Salaqus-3 C		2.783	1.997	2.5	1.817	18367.8	13180.2	16500	11992.2	5779.3	2172.95	3858.5	958.45	3192.3	45.91	19.74	30.52	8.69	
Sids 40 "Aiat"		2.11	1.859	2.655	1.727	13926	12269.4	17523	11398.2	1337.5	1262.15	4881.5	364.45	1961.4	10.62	11.47	38.61	3.30	
Sids 40 "Station"		2.361	2.334	1.909	1.067	15582.6	15404.4	12599.4	7042.2	2994.1	4397.15	-42.1	-3991.55	839.4	23.78	39.95	-0.33	- 36.18	
Clone 5		3.067	2.481	2.65	2.45	17175.2	13893.6	14840	13720	5711.7	4011.35	3323.5	3811.25	4214.45	49.83	40.59	28.86	38.46	
Clone 10		1.322	1.652	2.007	1.133	7403.2	9251.2	11239.2	6344.8	-4060.3	-631.05	-277.3	-3563.95	-2133.15	-35.42	-6.39	-2.41	- 35.97	
Clone 18		1.883	1.654	2.1	1.77	10544.8	9262.4	11760	9912	-918.7	-619.85	243.5	3.25	-322.95	-8.01	-6.27	2.11	0.03	
Clone 22 W		1.627	1.95	2.088	1.338	9111.2	10920	11692.8	7492.8	-2352.3	1037.75	176.3	-2415.95	-888.55	-20.52	10.50	1.53	- 24.38	
Clone 24		2.029	2.029	2.4	1.871	11362.4	11362.4	13440	10477.6	-101.1	1480.15	1923.5	568.85	967.85	-0.88	14.98	16.70	5.74	
Clone 25		2.288	2.465	2.128	1.285	12812.8	13804	11916.8	7196	1349.3	3921.75	400.3	-2712.75	739.65	11.77	39.68	3.48	- 27.38	
Egaseed clone		2.072	2.053	1.981	1.131	11603.2	11496.8	11093.6	6333.6	139.7	1614.55	-422.9	-3575.15	-560.95	1.22	16.34	-3.67	- 36.08	
Egyptian		2.008	2.595	2.476	1.803	11244.8	14532	13865.6	10096.8	-218.7	4649.75	2349.1	188.05	1742.05	-1.91	47.05	20.40	1.90	
El-Wady		2.51	2.792	3.029	2.661	14056	15635.2	16962.4	14901.6	2592.5	5752.95	5445.9	4992.85	4696.05	22.62	58.21	47.29	50.39	
Owainat		1.588	1.442	1.52	1.166	8892.8	8075.2	8512	6529.6	-2570.7	-1807.05	-3004.5	-3379.15	-2690.35	-22.43	- 18.29	-26.09	- 34.10	
Salaqus-3W		1.531	1.587	1.7	1.646	8573.6	8887.2	9520	9217.6	-2889.9	-995.05	-1996.5	-691.15	-1643.15	-25.21	- 10.07	-17.34	-6.98	
Average		2.16	2.03	2.31	1.56	13211. 32	12349. 73	14085. 24	9406.9 6	1188.3 0	1907.96	2009.2 1	- 1061.31	1011.04	9.33	18.2 3	16.17	-9.92	

All numbers are in Egyptian Pounds

¹Gross= Total yield x Price as organic 6.6 L.E per Kg for coloured genotypes and 5.6 L.E for white genotypes

 $^{^{2}}$ Net return (NR) = Gross – Total variable cost as mentioned in Table 1 + 500 L.E for storage process

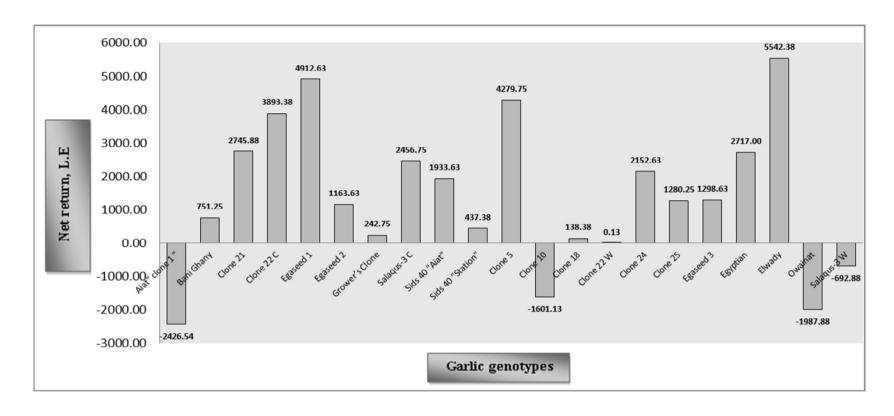


Fig. 1. Average net return of fresh garlic genotypes across the tested treatments.

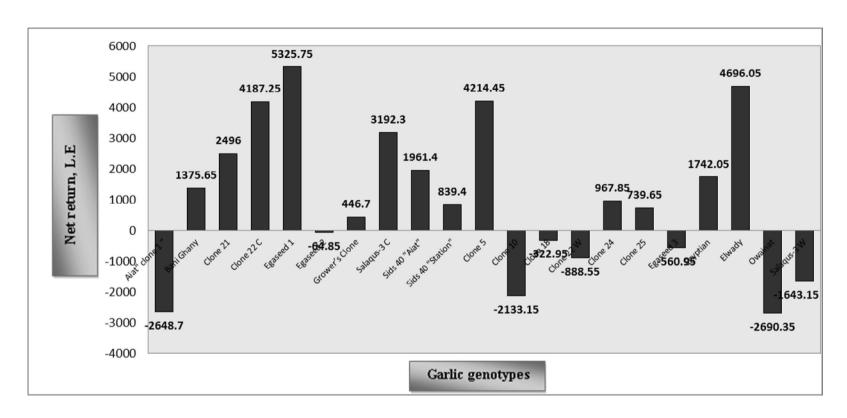


Fig. 2. Average net return of cured garlic genotypes across the tested treatments.

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تقدير التكاليف والعائد للثوم العضوي تحت ظروف الأراضي المزروعة حديثاً خالد جمال عبد الرشيد '، ياسر محمود محمد مصطفى'، عماد عبد القادر حسن'،

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في دراسة إقتصادية أولية لإنتاج الثوم العضوي في الأراضي الجديدة تحت ظروف محافظة المنيا، تم زراعة ٢١ تركيب وراثي من الثوم الأبيض والملون وتم معاملاتها عضوياً بنوعين من الكمبوست (الكمبوست النباتي أو النباتي حيواني) ومستويين للإضافة (٢١٠ كجم و ٢٠ كجم نيتروجين كلي للفدان). وأظهرت النتائج المتحصل عليها أن إجمالي التكلفة لزراعة فدان من الثوم تحت ظروف الزراعة العضوية تراوحت من ٩٣٨٢,٢٥ إلي ١٣٦٤،٥ بنيها للثوم الطازج ومن الثوم ٩٨٨٢,٢٥ الي ١٣١٤،١ جنيها للثوم الطازج ومن الثوم العضوي الطازج كان ما بين ١٣٠٤،٠ إلي ٢٣٠٥، طن/الفدان بعائد يتراوح من ١٣٨٤، إلي ٣٨٤٥ الي ١٢١٠٨٠ جنيها بينما كان متوسط إنتاج الفدان من الثوم المعالج ما بين ٣٣٠، الي عائد طن/الفدان بعائد يتراوح من ١٢٠٨، إلي ١٢٧٣٠ جنيها. كما أظهرت النتائج أن أعلي عائد طن/الفدان بعائد المعالج ما بين ١٤٤٧، الوجاسيد الإقتصادي للثوم العضوي الطازج او المعالج يمكن تحقيقة عند زراعة الصنف الملون إيجاسيد الولسلالة البيضاء بلدي الوادي.