

SUSCEPTIBILITY OF DIFFERENT CUCUMBER CULTIVARS TO SOME PESTS INFESTATION IN GIZA GOVERNORATE, EGYPT

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Abstract

Field and laboratory studies were carried out during two successive seasons (2012 and 2013) to study the susceptibility of seven cucumber cultivars (Fahd, PX 03648585, Bahi, CBA 911264 F1, Dora, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse) to infestation with *Thrips tabaci* (Lind.), *Bemisia tabaci* (Genn.), *Aphis gossypii* (Glover) and *Tetranychus urticae* (Koch). The results showed significant differences in the susceptibilities of the seven cultivars in both seasons. PX 03648585 cultivar was the most tolerant one to the infestation with the previous mentioned pests in both seasons while Bahi was the most susceptible one. Also, the determination of the content of some chemical components in the uninfested dry leaves of these cultivars was studied only for the summer season, 2013 to explain the differences in the susceptibilities of the tests cultivars. Studies showed significant positive correlation between the content of some chemical components and the different levels of infestations of the studied pests. The most susceptible cultivars, were positively correlated with high content of protein, carbohydrate, lipid and reducing sugar while the most tolerant one were contained mid or low amounts of these components.

Keywords: Seasonal abundance, Susceptibility of cucumber, *Thrips tabaci*, *Bemisia tabaci*, *Aphis gossypii*, *Tetranychus urticae*, Protein, Carbohydrate, Lipid, Reducing sugar

INTRODUCTION

Cucurbit plants are considered as important vegetable crops in Egypt. They have high nutritional value as they contain different vitamins "A, B and C", sugar, starch, fats, proteins and minerals such as calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium, phosphorous and iron. All these elements are essential for the body metabolism and vitality. This cucurbit plants are liable to be infested by numerous pests through seedling, flowering and fruiting stages. According to previous studies the most destructive pests infested cucumber plants are the cotton and onion thrips, *Thrips*

tabaci (Lind.), the cotton and tomato whitefly, *Bemisia tabaci* (Genn.), the cotton aphid, *Aphis gossypii* (Glover) and the two spotted spider mite, *Tetranychus urticae* (Koch). It was mentioned that, these pests proved to have serious damage in leaves of cucumber plant by sucking cell sap which lead to great reduction in both quantity and quality of the yield. On the other hand, they cause indirect damage by transmitting virus diseases (Duffus, 1987). The currently unwise use of pesticides affected in destroying the natural enemies (Osman *et al.*, 1985), environmental contamination and induce insect resistance. Therefore, it is necessary to use alternative method to suppress heavy infestation pests and to use in IPM programs. Marsaro Junior *et al.* (2009) found that the watermelon line sources showed different levels of resistance to *A. gossypii* infestations. The most susceptible, showed the higher number of nymphs/female after 24 h (8.17 nymphs). The most tolerant, proved lower number of nymphs/female, where the line sources 2, 10 and 25 were with 4.17, 4.08 and 3.50 individuals, respectively. Muzammil *et al.* (2005) explained the variability in cucurbit crops degree of pH, nitrogen and protein contents and their influence on the population dynamics of whitefly.

So, the current investigation was mostly to select the lowest infested cultivars and the relation between the number of these pests and some chemical content of these different cultivars one of the control options to suppress heavy pests infestations in Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.) programs.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Field study

Field experiment was conducted for two successive growing seasons, 2012 and 2013 during summer plantation at Wardan Village, Giza Governorate.

Seven cucumber cultivars (Fahd, PX 03648585, Bahi, CBA 911264 F1, Dora, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse) were cultivated on 22nd of April in about half feddan area to study their susceptibility to infestation with *T. tabaci*, *B. tabaci*, *A. gossypii* and *T. urticae*. The experimental area were divided into 7 plots, each plot represented one cultivar. Each cultivar area was divided into three replicates (3 plots). The design was completed in randomized block.

Two weeks (May 5th) after cultivation and during the growth period (12 weeks), weekly randomized samples of 210 leaves (10 leaves × 3 replicates × 7 cultivars) were taken early in the morning. The leaves were kept in tightly closed paper bags and transferred to the laboratory. The number of *T. tabaci* (adults + nymphs), *B. tabaci* (eggs + nymphs), *A. gossypii* (adults + nymphs) and *T. urticae* (eggs + nymphs+

adults) were examined by aid of stereomicroscope and counted on each tested cucumber cultivars during growing stages.

Laboratory study

Biochemical studies

Certain biochemical components were determined in dry uninfested leaves of the same previously seven cucumber cultivars to explain the relationship between some leaf chemical components and the degree of infestation with the mentioned pests.

The chemical analysis of leaf samples were conducted in Department of Insect Physiology, Plant Protection Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center. Total protein, total carbohydrate, total lipid and reducing sugar were determined according to Bradford (1976), Dubois *et al.* (1956) and Crompton and Birt (1967), Knight *et al.* (1972) and Sadasivam and Manickam (1991), respectively.

Statistical analysis was conducted by using SAS (1988) Program. F test used to evaluate the significant differences between treatments and mean separation was conducted using Duncan's multiple range test to arrange the tested cultivars in groups according to their susceptibility to infestation with the studied pests. The simple correlation was also used.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It is clear from the obtained results in Table (1) that all of the tested cucumber cultivars were infested with *Thrips tabaci* (Lind.), *Bemisia tabaci* (Genn.), *Aphis gossypii* (Glover) and *Tetranychus urticae* (Koch) during 5th of May until 21st of July in 2012 and 2013.

I- The susceptibility of seven cucumber cultivars to infestation with the aforementioned pests.

A- *T. tabaci*

Data obtained in Table 1 showed the infestation degree with *T. tabaci* (nymphs + adults) to seven cucumber cultivars throughout seasons 2012 & 2013. During the first season in 2012, Bahi and Nemsse proved significantly to be the highest infested cultivars with *T. tabaci*, with amounted of 169.08 and 158.91 individuals/30 leaves, respectively. On the contrary, Fahd and PX 03648585 cultivars were significantly infested with the lowest numbers showing seasonal mean counts of 127.16 and 129.16 individuals /30 leaves, respectively. While the cultivars CBA 911264 F1, Dora and CBA 910747 F1 had significantly the same sensitivity to the infestation with thrips. They were infested with seasonal mean counts of 149.91, 145.0 and 146.7 individuals /30 leaves, respectively. Concerning the second season 2013, although the statistical

analysis revealed that no significant differences between the sensitivity of these cultivars to these pests, Bahi and CBA 910747 F1 cultivars showed the highest infestation degree with *T. tabaci* with mean counts of 143.91 and 140.91 individuals/30 leaves, respectively. On the other hand, the lowest infested cultivars were Fahd and PX 03648585 accounted for 124.41 and 129.08 individuals /30 leaves, respectively. The other three cultivars, CBA 911264 F1, Dora and Nemsse were infested with averages of 131.8, 135.08 and 138.50 individuals/ 30 leaves, respectively.

B- *B. tabaci*

Significant differences in the susceptibility of the tested cucumber cultivars to the infestation with *B. tabaci* (eggs+ nymphs) were found in both seasons, 2012 and 2013 (Table, 1). In the first season, the most susceptible cultivars were Bahi as the same as CBA 911264 F1 which harbored 167.83 and 159.33 individuals/30 leaves, respectively. Fahd, Dora, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse cultivars had moderate infestation, as they harbored 138.0, 150.58, 145.52 and 135.4 individuals /30 leaves, respectively. While PX 03648585 cultivar was the least one showing a seasonal mean count of 124.0 individuals/30 leaves. In the subsequent season, 2013, heavily infestation represented in Bahi cultivar (144.58 individuals /30 leaves), Moderately infestation was in Fahd (120.58), CBA 911264 F1 (129.08), Dora (135.58) and Nemsse (119.4) cultivars and the least infestation was in PX 03648585 (107.0) and CBA 910747 F1 (109.0 individuals/ 30 leaves).

C- *A. gossypii*

Data in Table 1 showed differences in aphid counts on the seven tested cucumber cultivars. In the first season, 2012, no significant differences between the counts of these pests on the different cultivars were found. The mean seasonal counts of this pest on leaves of cucumber cultivars, Fahd, PX 03648585, Bahi, CBA 911264 F1, Dora, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse were 20.16, 22.08, 33.58, 28.91, 24.66, 25.75 and 31.58 individuals /30 leaves, respectively. The corresponding counts of the pest in the second season, 2013 were 16.41, 17.50, 26.58, 26.50, 29.16, 20.00 and 28.41 individuals /30 leaves, respectively. Fahd, PX 03648585 and CBA 910747 F1 proved significantly, they were more tolerant to the infestation of this pest.

D- *T. urticae*

Table 1 showed the population densities of eggs and moving stages of *T. urticae* on leaves of seven cucumber cultivars in two seasons 2012 and 2013. The first season, the analysis showed that the differences

Table 1. Mean numbers of *T. tabaci*, *B. tabaci*, *A. gossypii* and *T. urticae* on seven cucumber cultivars during two successive seasons 2012 and 2013, at Wardan, Giza Governorate

cultivars	Mean number/ 30 leaves							
	Season 2012				Season 2013			
	<i>T. tabaci</i>	<i>B. tabaci</i>	<i>A. gossypii</i>	<i>T. urticae</i>	<i>T. tabaci</i>	<i>B. tabaci</i>	<i>A. gossypii</i>	<i>T. urticae</i>
Fahd	127.16 ^b	138.00 ^{bc}	20.16	159.00	124.41 ^a	120.58 ^{bc}	16.41 ^{bc}	156.58 ^{bc}
PX 03648585	129.16 ^b	124.00 ^{bc}	22.08	153.25	129.08 ^a	107.00 ^c	17.50 ^{bc}	135.41 ^c
Bahi	169.08 ^a	167.83 ^a	33.58	184.16	143.91 ^a	144.58 ^a	26.58 ^{ab}	169.00 ^{ab}
CBA 911264 F1	149.91 ^{ab}	159.33 ^{ab}	28.91	166.91	131.80 ^a	129.08 ^{abc}	26.50 ^{ab}	163.08 ^{ab}
Dora	145.08 ^{ab}	150.58 ^{ab}	24.66	194.00	135.08 ^a	135.58 ^{ab}	29.16 ^a	183.91 ^a
CBA 910747 F1	146.70 ^{ab}	145.52 ^{abc}	25.75	173.66	140.91 ^a	109.00 ^c	20.00 ^{bc}	147.83 ^{bc}
Nemsse	158.91 ^a	135.40 ^{bc}	31.58	179.16	138.50 ^a	119.41 ^{bc}	28.41 ^a	155.91 ^{bc}
F value	2.58	2.57	1.59	1.71	0.70	2.99	3.32	2.86
Pr. F	0.0195	0.0199	0.1511	0.1190	0.64	0.007	0.0046	0.0104
L.S.D.	8.68	8.64	-	-	-	7.36	2.77	8.48

in the number of this pest was insignificant. According to the number of this pest, Dora proved to be the most susceptible cultivar to this pest followed by the tested cultivars which may be arranged in descending order according to their susceptibility to infestation with *T. urticae* to Dora (194.0), Bahi (184.16), Nemsse (179.16), CBA 910747 F1 (173.6), CBA 911264 F1 (166), Fahd (159.0) and PX 03648585 (153.25/ 30 leaves). On the other hand, in the second season 2013, it could be arranged significantly to Dora (183.91), Bahi (169.0), CBA 911264 F1 (163.0), Fahd cultivar (156.58), Nemsse (155.91), CBA 910747 F1 (147.83). PX 03648585 (135.41/30 leaves) proved to be more tolerant to the infestation with *T. urticae*.

According to the previous results in season 2012, it could be concluded that PX 03648585 cultivar proved to be the most tolerant cultivar to the infestation with the four investigated pests. Meanwhile, Fahd cultivar proved to be more tolerant to only three pests, *T. tabaci*, *A. gossypii* and *T. urticae* and was moderately sensitive to *B. tabaci*. Bahi cultivar was susceptible to the infestation with the four pests and Nemsse was only sensitive to *T. tabaci* and aphids.

In 2013, Again PX 03648585 cultivar proved to be more tolerant to infestation with the four pests. Fahd cultivar was only tolerant to the infestation with *B. tabaci* and *T. urticae* and was more sensitive to *T. tabaci*. Bahi cultivar was the most sensitive to the infestation with *T. tabaci*, *B. tabaci* and *T. urticae* and Nemsse was sensitive to *A. gossypii*. Dora cultivar was also sensitive to *B. tabaci*, *A. gossypii* and *T. urticae*.

Generally PX 03648585 was the most tolerant cultivar to the infestation with the four studied pests in both seasons and Bahi was the most susceptible one. These results are in agreement with those of Moreno *et al.* (1993) who screened the susceptibility of accessions comprising a range of cucurbit species and genera to infestation with *B. tabaci* and their findings indicated that all melon varieties and cucumber lines were severely infested by the pest, however, agrestis type melon *Cucumis melo* var agrestis genotype Gatersleben Cu M1 90/ 1982 showing low susceptibility and this parameter varied in the tested wild species. Ahmed (1994) tested six cucumber varieties (Super Dominus-hy, B.A. fomule-hy, Suner 381/hy, Celelcity/hy, conqueror/hy F1 and Sweet crunch/hy f1) for susceptibility to infestation with *A. gossypii*, *T. urticae* and *B. tabaci*. Sweet crunch/hy f1 proved to be the most resistant to the studied pests, while Super Dominus-hy was the most susceptible especially to *A. gossypii*. Maynard (2001) studied the varietal susceptibility of *Cucurbita moschata* cultivars to silverleaf whitefly (*Bemisia argentifolii*). Cultivars Borinquen, Linea C. Pinta and Soler had high incidence of silverleaf infestations in field trials. Mohamed (2012) studied the effectiveness of three varieties of cucumber (Prince, Al-

Wafeer and Medina) on the population densities of *B. tabaci* (Genn.) during 2010 and 2011 seasons. The tested cucumber varieties showed significant differences in the infestation rates with *B. tabaci* nymphs. Al-Wafeer variety was the least infested one (11.04 and 8.78 nymphs/inch²) at the two seasons, respectively. Metwally *et al.* (2013) showed significant differences in the susceptibility of cantaloupe cultivars to infestation with *T. tabaci*, *B. tabaci* and *T. urticae*. E81-065 and Magenta cultivars were the lowest infested ones with these pests. On the other hand, Mirella variety was the highest infested cultivar.

II- Laboratory studies

1. Relationships between phytochemical contents in leaves of seven cucumber cultivars and population density of certain pests

Table (2-5) showed mean counts of four studied pest species infesting leaves of seven cucumber cultivars (Fahd, PX 03648585, Bahi, CBA 911264 F1, Dora, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse) in season 2013, and the correlation coefficient values between these relative population densities and the content of phytochemical components in the leaves of different cultivars.

1.1. *T. tabaci*

The studied cultivars varied significantly in their contents of total proteins, carbohydrates, lipids and reducing sugars (Table 2).

The correlation coefficients values which were calculated between the mean population density and the contents of total protein, carbohydrate, lipid and reducing sugar were significantly positive (*r* values = 0.66, 0.76, 0.58 and 0.75 respectively) (Table 2).

The lowest seasonal mean number of *T. tabaci* occurred on the leaves of Fahd and PX 03648585 cultivar was 124.41 and 129.08 individuals/30 leaves respectively, were corresponding the low level of total protein, carbohydrate, lipid and reducing sugar in Fahd cultivar represented by 42.7, 139, 13.8 and 19.3 mg/ gm dry wt., respectively. Meanwhile PX 03648585 cultivar had low level of total protein (48.1 mg/gm dry wt.), carbohydrate (141 mg/gm dry wt.), lipid (14.6 mg/gm dry wt.) and reducing sugar (29.2 mg/gm dry wt.). While the cultivars of Bahi, CBA 911264 F1, Dora, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse which showed higher total proteins (59.1, 69.1, 73.2, 87.3 and 93.6), carbohydrate (171, 179, 163, 190 and 190), Lipids (15.6, 16.3, 14.9, 21.9 and 22.4) and reducing sugar (40.4, 44.9, 35.4, 48.0 and 37.0) harbored higher infestation degree with *T. tabaci* (143.91, 131.8, 135.08, 140.91 and 138.50 individuals/ 30 leaves, respectively).

1.2. *B. tabaci*

As shown in Table 3, the highest mean seasonal population density of *B. tabaci* occurred on Bahi, CBA 911264 F1 and Dora (144.58, 129.08 and 135.58 individual/ 30 leaves, respectively) were associated with the moderate levels of total protein (59.1, 69.1 and 73.2 mg/gm dry wt.), carbohydrate (171, 179 and 163 mg/gm dry wt.), lipid (15.6, 16.3 and 14.9 mg/gm dry wt.) and reducing sugar (40.4, 44.9 and 35.4 mg/gm dry wt.). On the contrary, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse cultivars which showed higher total protein (87.3 and 93.6), carbohydrate (190 and 190), lipid (21.9 and 22.4) and reducing sugar (48.0 and 37.0) in their leaves harbored lower number of *B. tabaci* (109.0 and 119.4 individuals/ 30 leaves, respectively). In addition, Fahd and PX 03648585 which harbored the lowest infestation degree with *B. tabaci* (120.58 and 107.0) contained lower levels of total protein (42.7 and 48.1), total carbohydrate (139 and 141), total lipid (19.3 and 29.2) and reducing sugar (13.8 and 14.6).

Table 2. Relationships between the content of phytochemical components in leaves of seven cucumber cultivars and mean number of *T. tabaci* / 30 leaves during season, 2013.

cultivars	Mean number	Phytochemical components			
		Total protein	Total carbohydrate	Total lipid	Reducing sugar
Fahd	124.41	42.7 ^f	139 ^d	13.8 ^c	19.3 ^e
PX 03648585	129.08	48.1 ^e	141 ^d	14.6 ^{bc}	29.2 ^d
Bahi	143.91	59.1 ^d	171 ^{bc}	15.6 ^{bc}	40.4 ^b
CBA 911264 F1	131.8	69.1 ^c	179 ^b	16.3 ^b	44.9 ^a
Dora	135.08	73.2 ^c	163 ^c	14.9 ^{bc}	35.4 ^c
CBA 910747 F1	140.91	87.3 ^b	190 ^a	21.9 ^a	48.0 ^a
Nemsse	138.50	93.6 ^a	190 ^a	22.4 ^a	37.0 ^{bc}
F value	0.70	130.5	55.7	27.7	54.86
Pr. F	0.64	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
L.S.D.	-	5.048	8.697	2.06	3.993
Corr. (r)		0.66	0.76	0.58	0.75
Pr. (r)		0.10	0.04	0.16	0.05

1.3. *A. gossypii*

In Table 4. The highest mean seasonal abundance of aphids occurred on leaves of Bahi, CBA 911264 F1, Dora, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse cultivars (26.58, 26.50, 29.16, 20.0 and 28.41 individuals/ 30 leaves, respectively), was associated with

high levels of total protein (59.1, 69.1, 73.2, 87.3 and 93.6 mg/gm dry wt.), carbohydrate (171, 179, 163, 190 and 190 mg/gm dry wt.), lipid (15.6, 16.3, 14.9, 21.9 and 22.4 mg/gm dry wt.) and reducing sugar (40.4, 44.9 35.4, 48.0 and 37.0 mg/gm dry wt.), respectively. Fahd and PX 03648585 proved to be more tolerant to the infestation of this insect (16.41 and 17.50 individual / 30 leaves). These two cultivars had low amount of total protein, total carbohydrate, total lipid and reducing sugars (42.7, 139, 13.8 and 19.3 mg/ gm dry wt., respectively).

Table 3. Relationships between phytochemical components of seven cucumber cultivars and mean number of *B. tabaci* 30 leaves during season, 2013.

Cultivars	Mean number	Phytochemical components			
		Total protein	Total carbohydrate	Total lipid	Reducing sugar
Fahd	120.58	42.7 ^f	139 ^d	13.8 ^c	19.3 ^e
PX 03648585	107.00	48.1 ^e	141 ^d	14.6 ^{bc}	29.2 ^d
Bahi	144.58	59.1 ^d	171 ^{bc}	15.6 ^{bc}	40.4 ^b
CBA 911264 F1	129.08	69.1 ^c	179 ^b	16.3 ^b	44.9 ^a
Dora	135.58	73.2 ^c	163 ^c	14.9 ^{bc}	35.4 ^c
CBA 910747 F1	109.00	87.3 ^b	190 ^a	21.9 ^a	48.0 ^a
Nemsse	119.41	93.6 ^a	190 ^a	22.4 ^a	37.0 ^{bc}
F value	2.99	130.5	55.7	27.7	54.86
Pr. F	0.007	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
L.S.D.	7.36	5.048	8.697	2.06	3.993
Corr. (r)		-0.05	0.11	-0.35	0.14
Pr. (r)		0.91	0.81	0.43	0.75

1.4. *T. urticae*

As shown in Table 5, the highest mean seasonal abundance of *T. urticae* (egg+ moving stages) (169.0 and 183.91 individuals / 30 leaves) occurred on leaves of Bahi and Dora cultivars was related to higher levels of total protein (59.1 and 73.2 mg/ gm dry wt.), carbohydrate (171 and 163 mg/gm dry wt.) and reducing sugar (40.4 and 35.4 mg/gm dry wt.). CBA 911264 F1 was infested with higher numbers of *T. urticae* (163.08 individuals/ 30 leaves) and was associated with high amount of total protein, carbohydrate, lipid and reducing sugar (69.1, 179, 16.3 and 44.9 mg/ gm dry wt., respectively). The lowest mean population density of *T. urticae* recorded on leaves of PX 03648585 (135.4) was associated with the lowest levels of total protein (48.1 mg/gm dry wt.), carbohydrate (141 mg/gm dry wt.), lipid (14.6 mg/gm dry wt.) and reducing sugar (29.2 mg/gm dry wt.).

On the contrary, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse cultivars which showed higher total protein (87.3 and 93.6), carbohydrate (190 and 190), lipid (21.9 and 22.4) and reducing sugar (48.0 and 37.0) in their leaves harbored lower number of *T. urticae* 147.83 and 155.9 individuals/ 30 leaves.

Table 4. Relationships between phytochemical components of seven cucumber cultivars and mean number of *A. gossypii* 30 leaves during season, 2013.

Cultivars	Mean number	Phytochemical components			
		Total protein	Total carbohydrate	Total lipid	Reducing sugar
Fahd	16.41	42.7 ^f	139 ^d	13.8 ^c	19.3 ^e
PX 03648585	17.50	48.1 ^e	141 ^d	14.6 ^{bc}	29.2 ^d
Bahi	26.58	59.1 ^d	171 ^{bc}	15.6 ^{bc}	40.4 ^b
CBA 911264 F1	26.50	69.1 ^c	179 ^b	16.3 ^b	44.9 ^a
Dora	29.16	73.2 ^c	163 ^c	14.9 ^{bc}	35.4 ^c
CBA 910747 F1	20.00	87.3 ^b	190 ^a	21.9 ^a	48.0 ^a
Nemsse	28.41	93.6 ^a	190 ^a	22.4 ^a	37.0 ^{bc}
F value	3.23	130.5	55.7	27.7	54.86
Pr. F	0.0046	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
L.S.D.	2.77	5.048	8.697	2.06	3.993
Corr. (r)		0.58	0.60	0.24	0.50
Pr. (r)		0.17	0.14	0.59	0.24

Table 5. Relationships between phytochemical components of seven cucumber cultivars and mean number of *Tetranychus urticae* 30 leaves during season, 2013.

Cultivars	Mean number	Phytochemical components			
		Total protein	Total carbohydrate	Total lipid	Reducing sugar
Fahd	156.58	42.7 ^f	139 ^d	13.8 ^c	19.3 ^e
PX 03648585	135.41	48.1 ^e	141 ^d	14.6 ^{bc}	29.2 ^d
Bahi	169.00	59.1 ^d	171 ^{bc}	15.6 ^{bc}	40.4 ^b
CBA 911264 F1	163.08	69.1 ^c	179 ^b	16.3 ^b	44.9 ^a
Dora	183.91	73.2 ^c	163 ^c	14.9 ^{bc}	35.4 ^c
CBA 910747 F1	147.83	87.3 ^b	190 ^a	21.9 ^a	48.0 ^a
Nemsse	155.91	93.6 ^a	190 ^a	22.4 ^a	37.0 ^{bc}
F value	2.86	130.5	55.7	27.7	54.86
Pr. F	0.0104	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
L.S.D.	8.48	5.048	8.697	2.06	3.993
Corr. (r)		0.18	0.17	-0.22	0.14
Pr. (r)		0.69	0.70	0.62	0.76

Generally, it can be concluded that the most susceptible cultivars which presented with high number of pests were correlated with high content of protein, carbohydrate, lipid and reducing sugar while the most tolerant one were contained mid or low amounts.

These results are in agreement with those of Tomczyk and Kropezynska (1985) who stated that the concentration of organic compounds in the tissue of the plant leaf, *i.e.* proteins, carbohydrates, phenolic compounds can be influenced by mite feeding, as the reduction of total protein was occurred in the injured leaves, protein can be degenerated or its synthesis is prohibited. In addition, changes in the concentration of soluble sugars and amino acids not only create better physical conditions for feeding but also provide a higher nutritive value of the food for spider mites. Ahmed (1994) in Egypt, found the susceptible cucumber varieties to infestation with *Aphis gossypii*, *Tetranychus urticae* and *Bemisia tabaci* contained more protein, total amino acids, mono amino mono carboxylic acid, oxy amino acid, content of aromatic acid and basic amino acids than resistant varieties.

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حساسية أصناف مختلفة من نبات الخيار للإصابة ببعض الآفات في محافظة الجيزة، مصر

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تهدف هذه الدراسة الحقلية والمعملية إلى تقدير مستوى حساسية سبعة أصناف من نبات الخيار وهي (Fahd, PX 03648585, Bahi, CBA 911264 F1, Dora, CBA 910747 F1 and Nemsse) للإصابة بتريس القطن والبصل وذبابة القطن والطماطم البيضاء ومن القطن والعنكبوت الأحمر ذو البقعتين وذلك خلال العروة الصيفية (٢٠١٢ ، ٢٠١٣).

تم إجراء التجارب الحقلية خلال موسمين متعاقبين من الزراعة (٢٠١٢ و ٢٠١٣). ووجدت إختلافات معنوية في حساسية أصناف الخيار المختبرة بهذه الآفات. وجد أن صنف PX 03648585 أكثر الأصناف تحمل للإصابة بالأربع آفات تحت الدراسة وذلك في عامي الدراسة ٢٠١٢، ٢٠١٣ بينما كان الصنف Bahi أكثر الأصناف حساسية للإصابة.

تم تقدير محتوى بعض المكونات الكيميائية للأوراق الجافة السليمة للأصناف السبعة المختبرة لمعرفة أسباب الإختلاف في حساسية الأصناف وذلك في العروة الصيفية لعام ٢٠١٣. وأشار تقدير المكونات الكيميائية للأوراق غير المصابة وجود إرتباط موجب معنوي بين محتوى بعض المكونات الكيميائية ومستوى الإصابة بكل من الآفات محل الدراسة.

أظهرت النتائج أن الأصناف الأكثر حساسية التي تصاب بأعداد كبيرة من الآفات إرتبطت بالمحتوى العالي من البروتين، الكربوهيدرات، الدهون والسكريات المختزلة بينما الأصناف الأكثر تحملاً هي التي إحتوت على محتوى متوسط أو أقل.