

Effect of Salt and Water Stresses on Jujube Trees under Ras Sudr Conditions

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Abstract: This investigation was carried out during two successive seasons (2010 and 2011) on 5 years old Nabq (*Zizyphus spina christi*) trees at Ras Suder Research Station, Desert Research Center- South Sinai Governorate, Egypt. This investigation aimed to study the effect of saline water treatments, water regulation and water irrigation levels on vegetative growth, some fruit parameters, leaf mineral contents, yield and fruit quality. The treatments contained the combination of three main factors: The first factor: two wells as a saline water source (well I and well II with EC values 3.68 and 6.80 dS/m, respectively). The second factor: water regulation method (WR): DI= deficit irrigation and RDI = regulated deficit irrigation by partial root zone drying (PRD). The third factor: irrigation levels of ETc = crop evapotranspiration 50, 75 and 100% (IL). The obtained results showed that well I X deficit irrigation (DI) & regulated deficit irrigation (RDI) X 100% gave the highest values of tree circumference, Number shoots/tree, leaf area, yield/tree, fruit length, fruit diameter, fruit weight, fruit volume, fruit flesh weight, fruit moisture% and leaf contents of N, P, Mg beside TSS and total sugars. Moreover, treatments with well I X deficit irrigation (DI) recorded the highest values of shoot length, shoot diameter, fruit set, fruit retention, K and Fe. We can be recommended by treatment of trees with well I under stresses with regulated deficit irrigation under 100 % ETc to get the best results of fruit quality.

Keywords: deficit irrigation – crop evapotranspiration- regulated deficit irrigation- saline water -(*Zizyphus spina christi*).

I. Introduction

Zizyphus spina christi is an evergreen tree or shrub belongs to the family *Rhamnaceae* and its common name is Jujube or Nabq. The cultivated area of Nabq in Egypt amounted 90 feddans produced about 94 tons of fruits according to the statistics of Ministry of Agriculture, Egypt (2012).

The assessment of the suitability of saline water for crop production is an imperative need along with practical guidelines, especially for the water uses in agriculture. The water of much higher salinities than those customarily classified as “unsuitable for irrigation” can, in fact, be used effectively for production of selected crops under the right conditions (FAO 1992 & Sepaskhah and Ahmadi, 2010). The water quality assessment and guidelines for the use of saline waters assume vital importance. Available water resources are subjected to an ever-increasing pressure due to extensive agricultural water demand for irrigated lands. Expanding agricultural production in arid and semi-arid regions is faced by two main problems, water scarcity and water salinity. Agricultural activities in North Sinai mainly depend on groundwater which is brackish water because of its high level of salinity. Nabk are considered one of the best trees that successively grown under such conditions in North Sinai (especially at Ras Sudr) but its growth and yield depend on quantity and quality of water irrigation.

Lemon fruit and juice mean weight decreased significantly with increasing of soil salinity levels (1.67, 3.11, and 6.42 ds.m⁻¹). While this salinity caused an increase in fruits total soluble solids, and fruits total acidity, while it was not so for fruits juice percentage (Al-Hayani *et al.*, 2009). High salinity levels induce ionic imbalance given higher Na⁺ and Cl⁻ concentration in olive trees leaves and roots. As a result of the accumulation of these ions, the K⁺ concentration decreased resulting in a low ratio of K⁺/Na⁺ (Ruiz *et al.*, 2011).

Yield, fruit size and vegetative growth of olive trees were affected by salts. Shoot length was higher in plants treated with CaCl₂, although shoot growth was reduced at 50 mg L⁻¹ NaCl (Lolaei *et al.*, 2012). Increasing soil salinity levels (0, 50, 100, 200 and 400 mM NaCl) resulted in progressive decrease of K⁺, K⁺/Na⁺ ratio and N content, along with increase in Na⁺ levels of date palm. Increasing salinity levels also decreased the net photosynthesis and chlorophyll levels. Also, Dejampour Lolaei *et al.*, (2012) indicated that increasing salinity level had significant negative effects on leaf chlorophyll content, leaf area, dry and fresh weight of root and shoot of *Prunus* rootstocks (Al-Abdoulhadi *et al.*, 2012).

Partial root-zone drying (PRD) is a modified form of deficit irrigation (DI) which involves irrigating only one part of the root zone in each irrigation event, leaving another part to dry to certain soil water content before rewetting by shifting irrigation to the dry side; therefore, PRD is a novel irrigation strategy since half of

the roots is placed in drying soil and the other half is growing in irrigated soil (Loveys *et al.*, 2000 & Ahmadi *et al.*, 2010).

Chaves *et al.*, (2007) decreased the amount of water applied by 50% (as in deficit irrigation, DI, and in partial root drying, PRD) in relation to full crop's evapotranspiration (ET_c) with no negative effects on production and even get some gains of quality (in the case of PRD). Aganchich *et al.*, (2007) observed that compared with RDI, PRD consistently resulted in a larger reduction of olive vegetative growth, expressed as shoot elongation, leaf number and leaf area in lateral shoots. Marsal *et al.*, (2008) stated that PRD offered the possibility of slightly improving water conservation.

The aim of this investigation was studying the effect of two saline water sources, partial root-zone drying (PRD) and deficit irrigation on Nabq trees.

II. Materials and Methods

This study was conducted during two successive seasons of 2010 and 2011 on 5 years old Nabq (*Zizyphus spina christi*) trees planted at 4x5 meters and subjected to the same agriculture practices apart at Ras Suder Research Station, Desert Research Center- South Sinai Governorate, Egypt. Seventy two trees, uniform in growth and in good physical condition were selected and grouped under twelve treatments.

A drip irrigation system was designed with two drip lines and every drip line placed 1m distance from trunk tree. For partial root-zone drying (PRD) treatments, this irrigation system kept one side of the tree root zone irrigated, while the other was kept dry and switching sides was done every irrigation time. While irrigation water was supplied to both the sides of the regulated deficit irrigation (RDI) root zone trees. Trees were irrigated with amount of water based on the crop evapotranspiration (ET_c), estimated from the potential evapotranspiration (ET_o), calculated using the Penman-Monteith crop coefficients (K_c = 0.846) proposed by FAO (1992).

$$ET_c = K_c ET_o$$

where ET_c crop evapotranspiration [mm d⁻¹],

K_c crop coefficient,

ET_o reference crop evapotranspiration [mm d⁻¹].

This investigation aimed to study the effect of water source (well 1 and well 2 with E.C of 3.68 and 6.80 dS/m, respectively), water regulation (DI= deficit irrigation and RDI= regulated deficit irrigation) and three irrigation levels (50, 75 and 100% of ET_c).

Analysis of soil is tabulated in table 1. Also, Chemical analysis of water wells is in table 2.

- 1- Well 1 + DI + 100% ET_c.
- 2- Well 1 + DI + 75% ET_c.
- 3- Well 1 + DI + 50% ET_c.
- 4- Well 1 + PDR + 100% ET_c.
- 5- Well 1 + PDR + 75% ET_c.
- 6- Well 1 + PDR + 50% ET_c.
- 7- Well 2 + DI + 100% ET_c.
- 8- Well 2 + DI + 75% ET_c.
- 9- Well 2 + DI + 50% ET_c.
- 10- Well 2 + PDR + 100% ET_c.
- 11- Well 2 + PDR + 75% ET_c.
- 12- Well 2 + PDR + 50% ET_c.

Table 1: Analysis of soil

Soil depth (cm)	Texture class	pH soil past	E.C (dS/m)	Organic matter %	Soluble cations (mequiv./l)				Soluble anions (mequiv./l)			
					Ca ⁺⁺	K ⁺	Na ⁺	Mg ⁺⁺	Cl ⁻	So ₄ ⁻⁻	HCO ₃ ⁻	Co ₃ ⁻⁻
0-30	Sand	7.28	9.1	0.53	16.2	1.3	50.4	23.1	54.5	33.9	2.5	--
30-60	Sand	7.16	8.6	0.55	15.3	1.23	47.7	21.9	51.5	32.1	2.4	--

Table (2): Chemical analysis of wells water

Parameters	Well I	Well II
Total dissolved solids (mg/l)	1993.33	3989.00
Electric conductivity (dS/m)	3.68	6.80
pH	7.50	7.36
Sodium (Na ⁺ , mg/l)	30.27	58.13
Potassium (K ⁺ , mg/l)	0.22	0.27
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺ , mg/l)	6.17	10.58
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺ , mg/l)	7.83	13.42
Carbonate (CO ₃ ⁻ , mg/l)	0.33	0.26
Bicarbonate (HCO ₃ ⁻ , mg/l)	2.73	2.87
Chloride (Cl ⁻ , mg/l)	22.09	41.71

The experimental design was randomized complete block design split-split plots where irrigation source treatments (well I and well II with EC values 3.68 and 6.80 dS/m, respectively) represented in the main plots. Partial root-zone drying (PDR) and deficit irrigation (DI) methods represented in the sub-main plots. ETc levels (50, 75 and 100%) were in the sub-sub-main plots. Each treatment included three replicates and each replicate included two trees. This experiment contained 12 treatments as follows:

Shoot parameters: the following data were recorded:

Shoot length (cm), shoot diameter (cm), tree height (m), tree circumference (m), number shoots/tree, leaf area (cm²).

Fruit set percentage: The percentage of fruit set was calculated using the following formula, four weeks after full bloom:

$$\text{The percentage of fruit set} = \frac{\text{Number of set fruit}}{\text{Number of flowers}} \times 100$$

Retained fruit percentage: The retained fruit percentage was calculated after June drop as follows:

$$\text{The retained fruit percentage} = \frac{\text{Total number of retained fruits}}{\text{Number of flowers}} \times 100$$

Yield: At harvest time of each season (2010&2011 years) the total yield was estimated as average weight of harvest mature fruits (kg/tree).

Fruit characters: Samples of forty fruits from each treated tree were collected randomly at harvest time and the following measurements were recorded:

Average fruit length (cm), average fruit diameter (cm), average fruit weight (g), average fruit volume (cm³), average flesh weight (g) and average fruit moisture (%) and total soluble solids (T.S.S.) were determined by Hand refractometer.

Leaf mineral content: some leaf mineral elements (N, P, K, Ca, Mg, Na, Fe, and Zn), were determined. Nitrogen analyses were determined by MicroKjeldahl method (**Jakson, 1967**). Phosphorus was determined by the method of (**Trugo and Meyer, 1929**). Potassium and sodium was determined by the method of the flame photometer according to the method of (**Brown and Lilleland, 1946**). Calcium and magnesium were determined by titration against versente solution (Na EDTA) according to **Chapman and Pratt (1961)**. Iron and zinc were estimated by using Atomic Absorption spectrophotometer.

Statistical analysis: The obtained data were subjected to analysis of variance according to **Clarke and Kempson (1997)**. Means were differentiated using multiple Range test at the 0.05 level (**Duncan, 1955**).

III. Result and Discussion

The following tables show the effect of water well source as a difference in salts content, water regulation method and irrigation level as a percentage on some parameters of Jujube trees as: shoot length, shoot diameter, tree height, tree circumference, number of shoot per tree, leaf area, fruit set, fruit retention yield, fruit length, fruit diameter, fruit weight, fruit volume, flesh weight, fruit moisture, leaf mineral contents and fruit quality. Data in table (3) showed the effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some vegetative parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011) seasons.

Shoot length: concerning water source, there are insignificant differences between well I and well II in the first season but well I gave higher significant value than well II in the second season. Water regulation, there are insignificant differences between deficit irrigation (DI) and regulated deficit irrigation (RDI) in both seasons. Irrigation levels, the highest values in both seasons were found with 100% level.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation method (DI = deficit irrigation & RDI regulated deficit irrigation), in the first season, WI X DI and WI X RDI had higher significant shoot length values than WII X DI. The same results could be noticed in the second season. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant shoot length values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the first season, DI X 100% and RDI X 100% treatments gave highest significant shoot length values. In the second season, DI X 100% treatment showed higher significant shoot length value than all other treatments except RDI X 100% treatment.

The interaction among: the three studied factors: the treatments of WI X DI X 100% had higher significant shoot length values than all other treatments except WI X RDI X 100% treatments in both seasons.

Table (3) Effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some vegetative parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011).

Treatments		Shoot length (cm)		Shoot diameter (cm)		Tree height (m)		
		1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	
W	WI	36.64A	35.68 A	0.430 A	0.416 A	3.184 A	3.022 A	
	WII	32.99A	30.84 B	0.364 A	0.364 B	2.937 B	2.973 A	
WR	DI	34.38 A	32.82 A	0.393 A	0.383 B	3.039 A	2.954 A	
	RDI	35.26 A	33.70 A	0.401 A	0.397 A	3.082 A	3.041 A	
ETc	50%	30.98 C	28.28 C	0.321 B	0.299 C	2.708 B	2.722 B	
	75%	34.46 B	33.38 B	0.423 A	0.419 B	3.188 A	3.154 A	
	100%	39.02 A	38.12 A	0.447 A	0.453 A	3.286 A	3.117 A	
Water source X Water regulation								
WI	DI	36.59 A	35.96 A	0.424 A	0.411 A	3.179 A	3.007 A	
	RDI	36.70 A	35.41 A	0.436 A	0.421 A	3.189 A	3.038 A	
WII	DI	32.17 B	29.69 B	0.361 B	0.356 C	2.900 B	2.902 A	
	RDI	33.81AB	31.99AB	0.367 B	0.373 B	2.974AB	3.043A	
Water source X Irrigation levels								
WI	50%	32.13 C	30.73 C	0.355 D	0.320 D	2.930 B	2.817AB	
	75%	36.57 B	34.75 B	0.458AB	0.452AB	3.293 A	3.187 A	
	100%	41.23 A	41.57 A	0.477 A	0.477 A	3.328 A	3.063AB	
WII	50%	29.82 C	25.83 D	0.287 E	0.278 E	2.487 C	2.627 B	
	75%	32.35 C	32.02 BC	0.388CD	0.387 C	3.082AB	3.122 A	
	100%	36.80 B	34.67 B	0.417BC	0.428 B	3.243 A	3.170 A	
Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
DI	50%	29.68 C	26.58 E	0.307 B	0.280 E	2.638 B	2.663 B	
	75%	33.85 B	32.58CD	0.417 A	0.410 C	3.178 A	3.158AB	
	100%	39.60 A	39.30 A	0.455 A	0.460 A	3.302 A	3.042AB	
RDI	50%	32.27BC	29.98DE	0.335B	0.318D	2.778B	2.780AB	
	75%	35.07B	34.18BC	0.430A	0.428BC	3.197A	3.150AB	
	100%	38.43A	36.93AB	0.438A	0.445AB	3.270A	3.192A	
Water source X Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
WI	DI	50%	31.13DE	29.33CD	0.333EF	0.300FG	2.913CD	2.927AB
		75%	36.33BC	34.73BC	0.453ABC	0.443B	3.287ABC	3.177A
		100%	42.30A	43.80A	0.487A	0.490A	3.337A	2.917AB
	RDI	50%	33.13CD	32.13CD	0.377DE	0.340EF	2.947BCD	2.707AB
		75%	36.80BC	34.77BC	0.463AB	0.460AB	3.300AB	3.197A
		100%	40.17AB	39.33AB	0.467AB	0.463AB	3.320AB	3.210A
WII	DI	50%	28.23E	23.83E	0.280F	0.260G	2.363E	2.400B
		75%	31.37DE	30.43CD	0.380DE	0.377DE	3.070ABC	3.140A
		100%	36.90BC	34.80BC	0.423ABCD	0.430BC	3.267ABC	3.167A
	RDI	50%	31.40DE	27.83DE	0.293F	0.297FG	2.610DE	2.853AB
		75%	33.33CD	33.60BC	0.397CDE	0.397CD	3.093ABC	3.103AB
		100%	36.70BC	34.53BC	0.410BCD	0.427BC	3.220ABC	3.173A

Mean having the same letter (s) in each row, column or interaction are insignificantly different at 5% level.

Water source = (WI, WII), water regulation (WR) = (deficit irrigation= DI, regulated deficit irrigation= RDI), irrigation levels = (ETc = crop evapotranspiration).

Shoot diameter: concerning water source, there are insignificant difference between well I and well II in the first season but well I gave higher significant value than well II in the second season. Water regulation, there are insignificant differences between (DI) and (RDI) in the first season but (RDI) gave higher significant value than (DI) in the second season. Irrigation levels, level 75% & 100% gave the highest value in first season but level (100%) gave the highest values in both seasons. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In the first season, WI X DI and WI X RDI had higher significant shoot diameter values than WII X DI. The same results could be noticed in the second season. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded higher significant shoot diameter values than all other treatments except WI X 75% treatment.

The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the first season, DI X 75% & 100% and RDI X (75% & 100%) treatments gave highest significant shoot diameter values. In the second season, DI X 100% treatments showed higher significant shoot diameter value than all other treatments except RDI X 100% treatments. The interaction among: the treatments of WI X DI X 100% had higher significant shoot diameter values than most of other treatments.

Tree height: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in the first season but there are insignificant difference between well I and well II in the second season. Water regulation, there are insignificant differences between DI and RDI in both season. Irrigation level 100% of ETc gave the highest significant values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI) in the first season, WI with DI & RDI highest significant values but there are insignificant differences among all treatments in the second season. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ET_c = 50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 75%, WI X 100% and WII X 100% in the first season recorded higher significant tree height values than all treatments except WII X 75% treatments, while in the second season WI X 75%, WII X 75% & 100% recorded higher significant value than WII X 50%. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the first season, DI X 75%&100% and RDI X 75% &100% in the first season, gave highest significant tree height values. In the second season RDI X 100% had higher significant value than DI X 50% treatment. The interaction among: the three studied factors: the treatments of WI X DI X 100%, had higher significant value than WI X DI X 50% and WI X RDI X 50% treatments in the first season. In the second season WII X DI X 50% had lower significant tree height values than most of other treatments.

Data in table (4) showed the effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some vegetative parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011) seasons.

Tree circumference: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant differences between (DI) and (RDI) in the first season but (RDI) gave higher significant value than (DI) in the second season. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI), the treatments of WI X DI and WI X RDI showed highest significant values in both seasons. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ET_c =50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant tree circumference values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in in both seasons, the treatments of DI X 100% gave higher significant tree circumference values than all other treatments except RDI X 100% treatments. The interaction among: the three studies factor: in both seasons, the treatments of WI X DI X 100% and WI X RDI X 100% had higher significant tree circumference values than all other treatments except WI X RDI X 75% treatments.

Number shoots per tree: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in the first season but there insignificant difference between well I and well II in the second season. Water regulation, RDI gave higher significant value than DI in both seasons. Irrigation levels, level 100% gave the highest significant values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). WI X RDI recorded the highest significant values in both seasons.

The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ET_c =50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant Number shoots per tree values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in both seasons, the treatments of DI & RDI X 100% gave highest significant number shoots per tree values. The interaction among: water source, water regulation and irrigation levels: in both seasons, the treatments of WI X DI X 100% and WI X RDI X 100% had highest significant Number shoots per tree.

Leaf area: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant differences between DI and RDI in the first season but RDI gave higher significant value than (DI) in the second season. Irrigation levels, level 100% gave the highest significant values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI), WI X (DI & RDI) recorded the highest significant values in both seasons. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ET_c =50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant leaf area values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in in both seasons, the treatments of (DI & RDI) X 100% gave higher significant leaf area values.

The interaction among: the three studied factors: in both seasons, the treatments of WI X DI X 100% and WI X RDI X 100% had highest significant leaf area values.

These results was agreement with **Lolaei et al., (2012)** who showed that salt stress caused a significant reduction in plant growth and leaf number and weight.

Data in table (5) showed the effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some fruit parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011) seasons.

Table (4) Effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some vegetative parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011).

Treatments		Tree circumference (m)		Number shoots/tree		Leaf area (m ²)		
		1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	
W	WI	7.686A	7.675A	99.61A	92.39A	7.437A	7.389A	
	WII	6.658B	6.636B	83.17B	81.83A	6.794B	6.819B	
WR	DI	7.046A	7.036B	86.67B	84.28B	7.052A	7.006B	
	RDI	7.280A	7.275A	92.11A	89.94A	7.179A	7.202A	
ETc	50%	6.039C	6.229C	70.50C	68.83C	6.441C	6.391C	
	75%	7.485B	7.278B	92.75B	90.33B	7.215B	7.206B	
	100%	7.992A	7.959A	104.9A	102.2A	7.692A	7.716A	
Water source X Water regulation								
WI	DI	7.650A	7.597A	93.89B	90.00B	7.374A	7.359A	
	RDI	7.722A	7.753A	97.33A	94.78A	7.500A	7.420A	
WII	DI	6.479B	6.476C	79.44D	78.56D	6.730B	6.653C	
	RDI	6.838B	6.797B	86.89C	85.11C	6.859B	6.984B	
Water source X Irrigation levels								
WI	50%	6.230E	6.372DE	73.50D	70.67D	6.700E	6.492E	
	75%	8.212B	8.075B	99.00B	97.17B	7.432B	7.505B	
	100%	8.617A	8.578A	114.3A	109.3A	8.180A	8.172A	
WII	50%	5.848F	6.087E	67.50E	67.00D	6.182F	6.290F	
	75%	6.758D	6.482D	86.50C	83.50C	6.998D	6.907D	
	100%	7.368C	7.340C	95.50B	95.00B	7.203C	7.260C	
Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
DI	50%	5.903D	6.058D	65.67E	64.33E	6.273D	6.250E	
	75%	7.212C	6.993C	87.83C	85.83C	7.163B	7.042C	
	100%	8.078A	8.057A	106.5A	102.7A	7.720A	7.727A	
RDI	50%	6.175D	6.400D	75.33D	73.33D	6.608C	6.532D	
	75%	7.758B	7.563B	97.67B	94.83B	7.267B	7.370B	
	100%	7.907AB	7.862AB	103.3A	101.7A	7.663A	7.705A	
Water source X Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
WI	DI	50%	6.207D	6.223GH	70.33F	67.33G	6.530F	6.400E
		75%	8.033B	7.853BC	94.67C	92.67CD	7.367BC	7.493BC
		100%	8.710A	8.713A	116.7A	110.0A	8.227A	8.183A
	RDI	50%	6.253D	6.520FG	76.67DE	74.00EF	6.870E	6.583E
		75%	8.390AB	8.297AB	103.3B	101.7B	7.497B	7.517B
		100%	8.523A	8.443A	112.0A	108.7A	8.133A	8.160A
WII	DI	50%	5.600E	5.893H	61.00G	61.33H	6.017G	6.100F
		75%	6.390D	6.133GH	81.00D	79.00E	6.960DE	6.590E
		100%	7.447C	7.400CD	96.33C	95.33C	7.213CD	7.270CD
	RDI	50%	6.097D	6.280GH	74.00EF	72.67FG	6.347F	6.480E
		75%	7.127C	6.830EF	92.00C	88.00D	7.037F	7.223D
		100%	7.290C	7.280DE	94.67C	94.67C	7.193CD	7.250D

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Water source = (WI, WII), water regulation (WR) = (deficit irrigation= DI, regulated deficit irrigation= RDI), irrigation levels = (ETc = crop evapotranspiration).

Fruit set: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant difference between DI and RDI in the first season but RDI gave higher significant value than (DI) in the second season. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest values in both seasons. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In the first season the treatment of WI X DI and WI X RDI but WI X RDI only in the second season recorded the highest significant values. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc =50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant fruit set values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the treatments of DI X 100% and RDI X 100% in the first season gave highest significant fruit set values but DI X 100% had highest significant value in the second season. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in both seasons, the treatments of WI X DI X 100% had higher significant fruit set values than most of other treatments.

Fruit retention: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, RDI gave higher significant value than (DI) in the first season but there are insignificant difference between DI and RDI in the second season. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest significant values in both seasons. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). The treatment of WI X DI and WI X RDI in both seasons recorded the highest significant values. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc =50, 75 and 100%): in the first season the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant fruit retention value in the first season but the same treatment had higher

significant value than all treatments except the treatment of WI X 75% in the second season. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in both seasons, the treatments of DI X 100% and RDI X 100% in the first season gave highest significant fruit retention value in the first season DI X 100% showed higher significant value than all other treatments except the treatment of RDI X 100% in the second season. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in the first season, the treatments of WI X DI X 100% had higher significant fruit retention value. than most of other treatments while in the second season, the treatments of WI X (DI&RDI) X (75%&100%) and WII X (DI&RDI) X 100% had highest significant fruit retention values.

Table (5) Effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some fruit parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011).

Treatments		Fruit set%		Fruit retention%		Yield (kg/tree)		
		1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	
W	WI	6.591A	6.626A	4.637A	4.457A	16.19A	15.77A	
	WII	5.855B	5.781B	4.058B	3.998B	12.42B	11.91B	
WR	DI	6.225A	6.139B	4.296B	4.186A	13.81B	13.39B	
	RDI	6.221A	6.267A	4.398A	4.269A	14.81A	14.29A	
ETc	50%	4.931C	5.037C	3.516C	3.478C	11.20C	10.88C	
	75%	6.496B	6.457B	4.517B	4.387B	15.16B	14.65B	
	100%	7.242A	7.117A	5.008A	4.818A	16.57A	16.00A	
Water source X Water regulation								
WI	DI	6.591A	6.574B	4.597A	4.433A	15.76B	15.37B	
	RDI	6.590A	6.678A	4.677A	4.480A	16.63A	16.18A	
WII	DI	5.859B	5.704D	3.996C	3.938B	11.86D	11.41D	
	RDI	5.851B	5.857C	4.120B	4.059B	12.99C	12.41C	
Water source X Irrigation levels								
WI	50%	5.110D	5.235E	3.658E	3.582D	12.37D	12.40D	
	75%	7.130B	7.190B	5.018B	4.818AB	17.57B	16.92B	
	100%	7.532A	7.453A	5.233A	4.970A	18.65A	18.00A	
WII	50%	4.752E	4.838F	3.373F	3.375D	10.03E	9.350E	
	75%	5.862C	5.723D	4.017D	3.955C	12.75D	12.38D	
	100%	6.952B	6.780C	4.783C	4.665B	14.48C	14.00C	
Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
DI	50%	4.847C	4.915F	3.430D	3.437D	10.28E	10.52D	
	75%	6.487B	6.272D	4.413C	4.262C	14.93C	14.27C	
	100%	7.342A	7.232A	5.045A	4.858A	16.20B	15.38B	
RDI	50%	5.015C	5.158E	3.602D	3.520D	12.12D	11.23D	
	75%	6.505B	6.642C	4.622B	4.512BC	15.38C	15.03BC	
	100%	7.142A	7.002B	4.972A	4.777AB	16.93A	16.62A	
Water source X Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
WI	DI	50%	5.067E	5.103FG	3.567GH	3.563CD	11.33G	12.07E
		75%	7.117BC	7.103BC	4.970BCD	4.720A	17.53B	16.70B
		100%	7.590A	7.517A	5.253A	5.017A	18.40A	17.33B
	RDI	50%	5.153E	5.367F	3.750FG	3.600CD	13.40DE	12.73DE
		75%	7.143BC	7.277ABC	5.067ABC	4.917A	17.60B	17.13B
		100%	7.473AB	7.390AB	5.213AB	4.923A	18.90A	18.67A
WII	DI	50%	4.627F	4.727H	3.293I	3.310D	9.237H	8.967F
		75%	5.857D	5.440F	3.857F	3.803BC	12.33F	11.83E
		100%	7.093BC	6.947C	4.837CD	4.700A	14.00D	13.43CD
	RDI	50%	4.877EF	4.950GH	3.453HI	3.440CD	10.83G	9.733F
		75%	5.867D	6.007E	4.177E	4.107B	13.17E	12.93DE
		100%	6.810C	6.613D	4.730D	4.630A	14.97C	14.57C

Mean having the same letter (s) in each row, column or interaction are insignificantly different at 5% level.

Water source = (WI, WII), water regulation (WR) = (deficit irrigation= DI, regulated deficit irrigation= RDI), irrigation levels = (ETc = crop evapotranspiration).

Yield: concerning water source, well I gave highest significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, RDI gave highest significant value in both seasons. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest values in both seasons. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In both seasons the treatment of WI X RDI recorded the highest significant values. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant yield values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in in both seasons, the treatments of RDI X 100% in both seasons gave highest significant yield values. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in the first season, the treatment of WI X DI X 100% and in both seasons the treatments of WI X RDI X 100% had highest significant yield values.

Data in table (6) showed the effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some fruit parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011) seasons.

Fruit length: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, RDI gave higher significant value than (DI) in the first season, there are insignificant difference between DI and RDI in the second season. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest significant values in both seasons. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In first season the treatments of WI X RDI recorded the highest significant values but in the second season WI X RDI showed higher significant value than all treatments except WI X DI treatment. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant fruit length values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the first season (DI X 100%), (RDI X 75%) in the second season and in both seasons, the treatments of (RDI X 100%) gave highest significant fruit length values than all other treatments except the treatments of DI X 100% in the second season and (RDI X 75%) in the first season. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in both seasons the treatments of WI X RDI X 100% had higher significant fruit length values than all other treatments except the treatments of WI X DI X 100% in both seasons and WI X RDI X 75% in the first season.

Table (6) Effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some fruit parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011).

Treatments		Fruit length (cm)		Fruit diameter (cm)		Fruit weight (g)		
		1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	
W	WI	1.983A	1.917A	1.894A	1.822A	2.517A	2.506A	
	WII	1.794B	1.700B	1.694A	1.528B	1.756B	1.394B	
WR	DI	1.861B	1.761A	1.767A	1.622B	2.044A	1.794B	
	RDI	1.917A	1.856A	1.822A	1.728A	2.228A	2.106A	
ETc	50%	1.683C	1.575C	1.708B	1.492B	1.533C	1.217C	
	75%	1.942B	1.875B	1.808A	1.733A	2.200B	2.042B	
	100%	2.042A	1.975A	1.867A	1.800A	2.675A	2.592A	
Water source X Water regulation								
WI	DI	1.967A	1.856AB	1.856A	1.756B	2.400A	2.289B	
	RDI	2.000A	1.978A	1.933A	1.889A	2.633A	2.722A	
WII	DI	1.756C	1.667C	1.678B	1.489C	1.689B	1.300C	
	RDI	1.833B	1.733BC	1.711B	1.567C	1.822B	1.489C	
Water source X Irrigation levels								
WI	50%	1.750D	1.583D	1.783B	1.533CD	1.550CD	1.117CD	
	75%	2.050B	1.983B	1.900A	1.850B	2.617B	2.033B	
	100%	2.150A	2.183A	2.000A	2.083A	3.383A	3.117A	
WII	50%	1.617E	1.567D	1.633C	1.450D	1.517D	0.933D	
	75%	1.833D	1.767C	1.717BC	1.617C	1.783CD	1.267C	
	100%	1.933C	1.767C	1.733BC	1.517D	1.967C	1.300C	
Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
DI	50%	1.633D	1.567C	1.650C	1.450C	1.483C	1.133C	
	75%	1.917B	1.800B	1.767B	1.633B	2.033B	1.717B	
	100%	2.033A	1.917AB	1.883A	1.783A	2.617A	2.533A	
RDI	50%	1.733C	1.583C	1.767B	1.533C	1.583C	1.300C	
	75%	1.967AB	1.950A	1.850AB	1.833A	2.367AB	2.367A	
	100%	2.050A	2.033A	1.850AB	1.817A	2.733A	2.650A	
Water source X Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
WI	DI	50%	1.733F	1.567F	1.733C	1.533BC	1.567D	1.067DE
		75%	2.033BC	1.900CD	1.833BC	1.667B	2.333BC	1.567C
		100%	2.133AB	2.100AB	2.000A	2.067A	3.300A	3.000A
	RDI	50%	1.767EF	1.600EF	1.833BC	1.533BC	1.533D	1.167DE
		75%	2.067AB	2.067BC	1.967AB	2.033A	2.900AB	2.500B
		100%	2.167A	2.267A	2.000A	2.100A	3.467A	3.233A
WII	DI	50%	1.533G	1.567F	1.567D	1.367D	1.400D	0.8667E
		75%	1.800EF	1.700DEF	1.700CD	1.600BC	1.733CD	1.200CDE
		100%	1.933CD	1.733DEF	1.767C	1.500CD	1.933CD	1.267CD
	RDI	50%	1.700F	1.567F	1.700CD	1.533BC	1.633D	1.000DE
		75%	1.867DE	1.833D	1.733C	1.633BC	1.833CD	1.333CD
		100%	1.933CD	1.800DE	1.700CD	1.533BC	2.000CD	1.333CD

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Water source = (WI, WII), water regulation (WR) = (deficit irrigation= DI, regulated deficit irrigation= RDI), irrigation levels = (ETc = crop evapotranspiration).

Fruit diameter: concerning water source, there are insignificant difference between well I and well II in the first season but well I gave higher significant value than well II in the second season. Water regulation, there are

insignificant difference between DI and RDI in the first season but RDI gave higher significant value than DI in the second season. Irrigation levels, level 75% & 100% gave the highest values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In the first season the treatment of WI X DI and WI X RDI in both seasons recorded the highest significant values. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in the both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% and in the second season, the treatments of WI X 75% recorded highest significant fruit diameter values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in both seasons, the treatments of DI X 100% and RDI X (75%&100%) in the second season gave higher significant fruit diameter values than all other treatments.

The interaction among: the three studied factors: in the first season the treatments of WI X DI X 100% and WI X RDI X 100% had higher significant fruit diameter values than all other treatments except WI X DI X 75%. In the second season seasons the treatments of WI X DI X 100%, WI X RDI X 75% & 100% had highest significant value.

Fruit weight: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant difference between DI and RDI in the first season but RDI gave higher significant value than (DI) in the second season,. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest significant values in both seasons. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In the first season the treatment of WI X DI and in both seasons the treatment of WI X RDI recorded the highest significant values. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant fruit weight values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in both seasons, the treatments of DI X 100%, RDI X 75% in the second season and (RDI X 100%) in both seasons gave higher significant fruit weight values than all other treatments except the treatments of RDI X 75% in first season. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in both seasons the treatments of WI X DI X 100% and WI X RDI X 100% had higher significant fruit weight values than all other treatments except the treatment WI X RDI X 75% in the first season.

Data in table (7) showed the effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some fruit parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011) seasons.

Fruit volume: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, RDI gave higher significant value than (DI) in both seasons, Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest significant values in both seasons. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In both seasons the treatment of WI X RDI recorded the highest significant values.

The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc =50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant fruit volume values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the second season, the treatments of (DI X 100%), (RDI X 75%) in the second season and (RDI X 100%) in both seasons gave higher significant fruit volume values than all other treatments except the treatments of DI X 100% in first season. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in second season the treatments of WI X DI X 100%, WI X RDI X 75%, and in both seasons the treatments of WI X RDI X 100% had higher significant fruit volume values than all other treatments except the treatments of WI X DI X 100% in the first season.

Flesh weight: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant difference between DI and RDI in the first season but RDI gave higher significant value than DI in the second season. Irrigation levels, level 100% gave the highest values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In the first season the highest significant values were found by WI X DI and WI X RDI treatments but in the second season the treatment of WI X RDI recorded the highest significant value. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc =50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatment of WI X 100% recorded highest significant flesh weight values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in both seasons, the treatments of RDI X 100% gave higher significant fruit weight values than all other treatments except DI X 100% in both seasons. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in the second season, the treatments of WI X DI X 100% and in both seasons, the treatments of WI X RDI X 100% had higher significant flesh weight values than all other treatments except WI X DI X 100% in the first season.

Fruit moisture: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, RDI gave higher significant value than DI in the first season while there are insignificant

difference between DI and RDI in the second season. Irrigation levels, level (75%) in the second and 100% in both season gave higher significant than the other treatment.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). WI X RDI in the first season recorded higher significant value while there are insignificant difference between DI and RDI in the second season.

Table (7) Effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on some fruit parameters of Jujube trees (2010&2011).

Treatments		Fruit volume(cm ³)		Flesh weight (g)		Fruit moisture (%)		
		1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	
W	WI	3.066A	2.744A	2.139A	2.089A	69.38A	71.06A	
	WII	2.267B	1.661B	1.461B	1.167B	65.45B	67.76B	
WR	DI	2.500B	2.022B	1.711A	1.494B	66.67B	69.10A	
	RDI	2.772A	2.383A	1.889A	1.761A	68.16A	69.72A	
ETc	50%	2.125C	1.442C	1.250C	1.025C	63.56C	65.69B	
	75%	2.683B	2.367B	1.833B	1.650B	68.03B	70.54A	
	100%	3.100A	2.800A	2.317A	2.208A	70.65A	71.99A	
Water source X Water regulation								
WI	DI	2.833B	2.500B	2.022A	1.878B	68.58B	70.90A	
	RDI	3.178A	2.989A	2.256A	2.300A	70.18A	71.22A	
WII	DI	2.167C	1.544C	1.400B	1.111C	64.76C	67.30B	
	RDI	2.367C	1.778C	1.522B	1.222C	66.14C	68.21B	
Water source X Irrigation levels								
WI	50%	2.367CD	1.567CD	1.283CD	1.350CD	64.95D	68.02C	
	75%	3.067B	2.900B	2.150B	2.550B	70.55B	72.18A	
	100%	3.583A	3.767A	2.983A	3.617A	72.63A	72.98A	
WII	50%	1.883E	1.317D	1.217D	1.083D	62.17E	63.37D	
	75%	2.300D	1.833C	1.517CD	1.533C	65.52D	68.90BC	
	100%	2.617C	1.833C	1.650C	1.567C	68.67C	71.00B	
Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
DI	50%	1.950D	1.350C	1.200D	0.967D	62.92D	65.23B	
	75%	2.533C	22.000B	1.883C	1.383C	67.35C	70.30A	
	100%	3.017AB	2.717A	2.250AB	2.133AB	69.73AB	71.77A	
RDI	50%	2.300C	1.533C	1.300D	1.083D	64.20D	66.15B	
	75%	2.833B	2.733A	1.983BC	1.917B	68.72BC	70.78A	
	100%	3.183A	2.883A	2.383A	2.283A	71.57A	72.22A	
Water source X Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
WI	DI	50%	2.167F	1.500CD	1.300E	1.300DE	64.23EFG	67.83C
		75%	2.867C	2.267B	1.900CD	2.000C	69.70BC	72.13AB
		100%	3.467AB	3.733A	2.867AB	3.567A	71.80AB	72.73A
	RDI	50%	2.567CDE	1.633CD	1.267E	1.400DE	65.67DE	68.20BC
		75%	3.267B	3.533A	2.400BC	3.100B	71.40AB	72.23AB
		100%	3.700A	3.800A	3.100A	3.667A	73.47A	73.23A
WII	DI	50%	1.733G	1.200D	1.100E	0.9667E	61.60G	62.63D
		75%	2.200EF	1.733BCD	1.467DE	1.433DE	65.00DEF	68.47BC
		100%	2.567CDE	1.700CD	1.633DE	1.500D	67.67CD	70.80ABC
	RDI	50%	2.033FG	1.433CD	1.333E	1.200DE	62.73FG	64.10D
		75%	2.400DEF	1.933BC	1.567DE	1.633CD	66.03DE	69.33ABC
		100%	2.667CD	1.967BC	1.667DE	1.633CD	69.67BC	71.20ABC

Mean having the same letter (s) in each row, column or interaction are insignificantly different at 5% level.

Water source = (WI, WII), water regulation (WR) = (deficit irrigation= DI, regulated deficit irrigation= RDI), irrigation levels = (ETc = crop evapotranspiration).

The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc =50, 75 and 100%): in second season, the treatments of (WI X 75%), in both seasons, the treatments of (WI X 75%) and in second season, the treatments of (WI X 100%) recorded higher significant fruit moisture values than all treatments. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the second season, the treatments of (DI X 75%&100%), in the second season, the treatments of RDI X 75% and in both seasons (RDI X 100%) gave higher significant fruit moisture values than all treatments except (DI X 100%) in the first season. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in the second season the treatments of WI X DI X 100% and in both seasons WI X RDI X 100% had higher significant fruit moisture values than most other treatments.

Data in table (8) showed the effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on leaf mineral content Jujube trees (2010&2011) seasons.

Nitrogen: concerning water source, there are insignificant differences between well I and well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant difference between (DI) and (RDI) in the first season but

(RDI) gave higher significant value than (DI) in the second season. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest significant values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI), in both seasons, WI X DI and WI X RDI had higher significant nitrogen values than all other treatments except WII X RDI in the first season. The interaction between water source and irrigation levels, in the first season, the treatments of WI X 75% and in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant nitrogen values than the other treatments except WI X 75% in the second season. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels, in both seasons, RDI X 100% treatments gave highest significant nitrogen values than all other treatments except (DI & RDI) X 100% treatments in both seasons. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in both seasons, the treatments of WI X DI X 100% and WI X DI X 100% had higher significant nitrogen values than all other treatments except WI X RDI X 75% and WII X RDI X 100% treatments.

Table (8) Effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on leaf mineral contents of Jujube trees (2010&2011).

Treatments		N%		P%		K%		Ca%		
		1 st season	2 nd season							
W	WI	1.406 A	1.373 A	0.1278 A	0.1306 A	0.1000 B	0.7256 A	0.4150 A	0.4089 A	
	WII	1.290 A	1.248 A	0.0994 B	0.1022 B	0.1300 A	0.5650 B	0.3556 B	0.3278 B	
WR	DI	1.323 A	1.295 B	0.1106 A	0.1122 A	0.6372 A	0.6372 A	0.3761 B	0.3539 B	
	RDI	1.372 A	1.326 A	0.1167 A	0.1206 A	0.6228 A	0.6533 A	0.3944 A	0.3828 A	
ETc	50%	1.194 C	1.160 C	0.0875 C	0.1000 C	0.4408 C	0.4792 C	0.4475 A	0.4025 A	
	75%	1.403 B	1.357 B	0.1183 B	0.1300 B	0.6658 B	0.6667 B	0.3750 B	0.3742 B	
	100%	1.446 A	1.414 A	0.1350 A	0.1600 A	0.7833 A	0.7900 A	0.3333 C	0.3283 C	
Water source X Water regulation										
WI	DI	1.383 A	1.369 A	0.1244 A	0.1233 B	0.7167 A	0.7211 A	0.4056 B	0.3956 B	
	RDI	1.428 A	1.378 A	0.1311 A	0.1378 A	0.6700AB	0.7300 A	0.4244 A	0.4222 A	
WII	DI	1.263 B	1.221 C	0.0967 B	0.1011 C	0.5578 B	0.5533 B	0.3467 D	0.3122 D	
	RDI	1.317AB	1.274 B	0.1022 B	0.1033 C	0.5756 B	0.5767 B	0.3644 C	0.3433 C	
Water source X Irrigation levels										
WI	50%	1.263 C	1.240 D	0.0966 D	0.1050 B	0.4250 D	0.5050 E	0.4417 A	0.4333 A	
	75%	1.460 A	1.412AB	0.1350 B	0.1417 A	0.7450 B	0.7500 B	0.4283 A	0.4250 A	
	100%	1.493 A	1.468 A	0.1517 A	0.1450 A	0.9100 A	0.9217 A	0.3750 B	0.3683 B	
WII	50%	1.125 D	1.080 E	0.0783 E	0.0833 C	0.4567 D	0.4533 F	0.4533 A	0.3717 B	
	75%	1.347 B	1.303CD	0.1017 D	0.1050 B	0.5867 C	0.5833 D	0.3217 C	0.3233 C	
	100%	1.398 B	1.360BC	0.1183 C	0.1183 B	0.6567BC	0.6583 C	0.2917 D	0.2883D	
Water regulation X Irrigation levels										
DI	50%	1.138 D	1.132 C	0.0833 D	0.0883 B	0.4667 D	0.4633 F	0.4417 A	0.3817 B	
	75%	1.393 B	1.343 B	0.1150 B	0.1217 A	0.6217 C	0.6167 D	0.3617 C	0.3600BC	
	100%	1.438AB	1.410AB	0.1333 A	0.1267 A	0.8233 A	0.8317 A	0.3250 D	0.3200 D	
RDI	50%	1.250 C	1.188 C	0.0917 C	0.1000 B	0.4150 D	0.4950 E	0.4533 A	0.4233 A	
	75%	1.413AB	1.372AB	0.1217 B	0.1250 A	0.7100BC	0.7167 C	0.3883 B	0.3883 B	
	100%	1.453 A	1.418 A	0.1267 A	0.1367 A	0.7433AB	0.7483 B	0.3417CD	0.3367CD	
Water source X Water regulation X Irrigation levels										
WI	DI	50%	1.193 E	1.220 E	0.0933FG	0.1000DEF	0.4867 E	0.4867 G	0.4300 A	0.4100ABC
		75%	1.447AB	1.407AB	0.1300CD	0.1333ABC	0.6733 C	0.6700 C	0.4200 A	0.4167ABC
		100%	1.510 A	1.480 A	0.1500AB	0.1367 AB	0.9900 A	1.007 A	0.3667 BC	0.3600 D
	RDI	50%	1.333 D	1.260DE	0.1000 F	0.1100CDE	0.3633 F	0.5233 F	0.4533 A	0.4567 A
		75%	1.473 A	1.417AB	0.1400BC	0.1500 A	0.8167 B	0.8300 B	0.4367 A	0.4333AB
		100%	1.477 A	1.457 A	0.1533 A	0.1533 A	0.8300 B	0.8367 B	0.3833 B	0.3767CD
WII	DI	50%	1.083 F	1.043 F	0.0733 H	0.0767 F	0.4467 E	0.4400 H	0.4533 A	0.3533 D
		75%	1.340 D	1.280CDE	0.1000 F	0.1100CDE	0.5700 D	0.5633 E	0.3033 D	0.3033EF
		100%	1.367BCD	1.340BCD	0.1167 E	0.1167BCD	0.6567 C	0.6567 C	0.2833 D	0.2800 F
	RDI	50%	1.167 E	1.117 F	0.0833GH	0.0900EF	0.4667 E	0.4667GH	0.4533 A	0.3900BCD
		75%	1.353CD	1.327BCD	0.1033 F	0.1000DEF	0.6033 D	0.6033 D	0.3400 C	0.3433DE
		100%	1.430ABC	1.380ABC	0.1200DE	0.1200BCD	0.6567 C	0.6600 C	0.3000 D	0.2967EF

Mean having the same letter (s) in each row, column or interaction are insignificantly different at 5% level.

Water source = (WI, WII), water regulation (WR) = (deficit irrigation= DI, regulated deficit irrigation= RDI), irrigation levels = (ETc = crop evapotranspiration).

Phosphorus: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant differences between (DI) and (RDI) in both seasons. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest significant value in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). WI X DI X RDI had highest significant values in the first season. In the second season, WI X RDI showed highest significant value. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in the second season, the treatments of WI X 75% and in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest

significant Phosphorus values. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the second season, (DI & RDI) X 75% and (DI & RDI) X 100% in both seasons treatments gave highest significant Phosphorus values. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in the second season, RDI X 75% and RDI X 100% in both seasons treatments gave highest significant Phosphorus values than all other treatments except WI X DI X 75% in the second season and WI X DI X 100% in both seasons.

Potassium: concerning water source, in the first season well II had higher significant value than well I but well I gave higher significant value than well II in the second season. Water regulation, there are insignificant difference between DI and RDI in both season. Irrigation levels, level 100% gave the highest significant values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI), WI X DI had higher significant value than last two treatments in the first season. In the second season WI X DI & RDI showed highest significant value.

The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100 recorded highest significant Potassium values.

The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in both seasons, DI X 100% treatments gave highest significant Potassium values except RDI X 100% treatment in the first season.

The interaction among: the three studied factors: the treatments of WI X DI X 100% in both seasons had highest significant Potassium values.

Calcium: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, (RDI) gave higher significant value than DI in both seasons. Irrigation levels, level 50% gave the highest values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation: WI X RDI gave highest significant value in both seasons.

The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X (50%&75%) and WII X 50% in the first season recorded highest significant Potassium values.

The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in season, DI X 50% and in both seasons, RDI X 50% treatments gave highest significant Calcium values. The interaction among: the three studied factors: in the first season, the treatments of WI X (DI&RDI) X (50%&75%) and WII X (DI&RDI) X 50% also in the second season WII X RDI X 50% and WII X (DI&RDI) X 50% had higher significant Calcium values than most of other treatments in the first season. WI X RDI X

50% showed higher significant calcium value than most of other treatments.

Data in table (9) showed the effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on leaf mineral content Jujube trees (2010&2011) seasons.

Magnesium: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant differences between (DI) and (RDI) in both seasons. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI), in the first season, WI X DI and in both seasons, WI X RDI had higher magnesium values than all other treatments except WI X DI in the second season. The interaction between water source and irrigation levels, in both season, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant magnesium values than all treatments.

The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels, in the first season, DI X 100% and in both seasons, RDI X 100% treatments gave highest significant magnesium values than all other treatments.

The interaction among: the three studied factors: in the first season, WI X DI X 100% and in both seasons, the treatments of WI X RDI X 100% had higher significant magnesium values than all other treatments.

Sodium: concerning water source, well II gave higher significant value than well I in both seasons. Water regulation, DI gave higher significant value than RDI in both seasons. Irrigation levels, level (100%) gave the highest value in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In both seasons, (WII X DI) and in the second season, (WII X RDI) gave higher significant values.

The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WII X 100% recorded highest significant sodium values.

The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the both seasons, DI X 100% and RDI X 100% in the second season treatments gave highest significant sodium values.

The interaction among: the three studied factors: in both seasons, WII X DI X 100% and WII X RDI X 100% in the second season treatments gave highest significant sodium values than all other treatments.

Ferry: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, RDI gave higher significant value than DI in both seasons. Irrigation levels, level 100% gave the highest values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI), there are insignificant differences between WI X (DI & RDI) in both seasons.

The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc =50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded highest significant ferry values.

The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in both seasons, (DI&RDI) X 100% treatments gave highest significant ferry values. The interaction among: the three studied factors: the treatments of WI X DI X 100% in both seasons had higher significant ferry values than other treatments.

Table (9) Effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on leaf mineral contents of Jujube trees (2010&2011).

Treatments		Mg%		Na (ppm)		Fe (ppm)		Zn (ppm)		
		1 st season	2 nd season							
W	WI	0.2500 A	0.246 A	355.2B	348.6B	431.8A	416.1A	25.67A	23.89A	
	WII	0.2105 B	0.2050 B	398.8A	399.1A	367.7B	358.7B	19.06B	18.00B	
WR	DI	0.2261 A	0.2178 A	384.1A	381.8A	395.6B	383.5A	24.28A	22.83A	
	RDI	0.2344 A	0.2333 A	369.8B	365.9B	404.0A	391.3A	20.44B	19.06B	
ETc	50%	0.1975 C	0.1950 C	330.4C	318.5C	334.0C	332.6C	23.50A	22.17A	
	75%	0.2258 B	0.2183 B	385.3B	379.0B	412.1B	400.8B	22.58A	21.00A	
	100%	0.2675 A	0.2633 A	415.2A	424.0A	453.3A	438.8A	21.00B	19.67B	
Water source X Water regulation										
WI	DI	0.2433 A	0.234AB	360.1C	358.4B	435.6A	421.6A	27.56A	25.89A	
	RDI	0.2567 A	0.258A	350.2C	338.8C	428.1A	410.7A	23.78B	21.89B	
WII	DI	0.2089 B	0.201B	408.1A	405.1A	355.6C	345.4C	21.00C	19.78C	
	RDI	0.2122 B	0.209B	389.4B	393.0A	379.9B	372.0B	17.11D	16.22D	
Water source X Irrigation levels										
WI	50%	0.1983 D	0.1983CD	324.0E	300.2E	358.8D	342.5E	26.83A	25.33A	
	75%	0.2433 B	0.2317 B	360.3D	357.8CD	447.0B	431.8B	26.00AB	23.83AB	
	100%	0.3083 A	0.3083 A	381.2C	387.8BC	489.7A	474.0A	24.17B	22.50B	
WII	50%	0.1967 D	0.1917 D	336.8E	336.8D	309.2E	302.7F	20.17C	19.00C	
	75%	0.2083CD	0.2050CD	410.3B	400.2B	377.2D	369.8D	19.17CD	18.17CD	
	100%	0.2267BC	0.2183BC	449.2A	460.2A	416.8C	403.7C	17.83D	16.83D	
Water regulation X Irrigation levels										
DI	50%	0.1983 C	0.1917 D	334.2D	330.7C	320.0D	306.5D	25.50A	24.00A	
	75%	0.2200BC	0.2167 C	387.2BC	381.8B	406.5B	396.2B	24.83A	23.00AB	
	100%	0.2600 A	0.2450 B	431.0A	432.8A	460.2A	447.8A	22.50B	21.50BC	
RDI	50%	0.1967 C	0.1983CD	326.7D	306.3C	348.0C	338.7C	21.50BC	20.33CD	
	75%	0.2317 B	0.2200 C	383.5C	376.2B	417.7B	405.5B	20.33CD	19.00DE	
	100%	0.2750 A	0.2817 A	399.3B	415.2A	446.3A	429.8A	19.50D	17.83E	
Water source X Water regulation X Irrigation levels										
WI	DI	50%	0.2000 D	0.1967DE	325.3F	318.7DE	348.0DE	332.0FG	29.33A	27.67A
		75%	0.2367BC	0.2300CD	362.3DE	361.7BCD	437.3B	428.0B	28.33A	26.33A
		100%	0.2933 A	0.2767 B	392.7C	395.0B	521.3A	504.7A	25.00B	23.67B
	RDI	50%	0.1967 D	0.2000CDE	332.7F	281.7E	369.7CD	353.0EFG	24.33BC	23.00B
		75%	0.2500 B	0.2333 C	358.3DE	354.0BCD	456.7B	435.7B	23.67BCD	21.33BC
		100%	0.3233 A	0.3400 A	369.7D	380.7BC	458.0B	443.3B	23.33BCD	21.33BC
WII	DI	50%	0.1967 D	0.1867 E	343.0EF	342.7CD	292.0F	281.0H	21.67CDE	20.33C
		75%	0.2033CD	0.2033CDE	412.0BC	402.0B	375.7CD	364.3DEF	21.33DEF	19.67CD
		100%	0.2267BCD	0.2133CDE	469.3A	470.7A	399.0C	391.0CD	20.00EF	19.33CD
	RDI	50%	0.1967 D	0.1976DE	330.7F	331.0CD	326.3E	324.3G	18.67FG	17.67DE
		75%	0.2133CD	0.2067CDE	408.7C	398.3B	378.7CD	375.3DE	17.00GH	16.67EF
		100%	0.2267BCD	0.2233CD	429.0B	449.7A	434.7B	416.3BC	15.67H	14.33F

Mean having the same letter (s) in each row, column or interaction are insignificantly different at 5% level.

Water source = (WI, WII), water regulation (WR) = (deficit irrigation= DI, regulated deficit irrigation= RDI), irrigation levels = (ETc = crop evapotranspiration).

Zinc: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, (DI) gave higher significant value than (RDI) in both seasons. Irrigation levels, level (50%&75%) gave the highest values in both seasons.

The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation: (WI X DI) gave the highest significant value in both seasons. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc = 50, 75 and

100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 50% recorded higher significant zinc values than all treatments except WI X 75% in both seasons. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in season, DI X 50% and in both seasons and DI X 75% in the first season treatments gave highest significant values except DI X 75% in the first season. The interaction among: in both seasons, the treatments of WI X DI X (50%&75%) had higher significant values than all treatments.

These results was agreement with **Dejampour Lolaei et al., (2012)** who found that the potassium (K⁺), magnesium (Mg²⁺), calcium (Ca²⁺), sodium (Na⁺) and chloride (Cl⁻) ion concentrations of the leaves and roots were significantly affected due to different salinity levels. The concentration of Mg²⁺, Cl⁻ and Na⁺ as well as the Na⁺/K⁺ ratio in the leaves of *Prunus* rootstocks were increased by the salinity stress, whereas it had no significant effect on the Ca²⁺ and K⁺ concentrations as well as the Na⁺/Ca²⁺ ratio. **Also, Lucena et al., (2012)** who noticed a significant reduction of N, P, K⁺, Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺ in the leaves of mango cultivars 'Haden', 'Palmer' and 'Uba' with increasing salinity levels.

Data in table (10) showed the effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on fruit quality of Jujube trees (2010&2011) seasons.

Table (10) Effect of well water source, water regulation, irrigation levels and their interaction on fruit quality of Jujube trees (2010&2011).

Treatments		Acidity%		TSS %		Total sugars %		
		1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	1 st season	2 nd season	
W	WI	0.2039A	0.1944A	20.48A	20.68A	14.98A	15.48A	
	WII	0.2350A	0.2256A	18.96B	18.46B	13.34B	13.57B	
WR	DI	0.2239A	0.2161A	19.42A	19.24A	13.86A	14.09B	
	RDI	0.2150B	0.2039A	20.02A	19.89A	14.46A	14.95A	
ETc	50%	0.2492A	0.2450A	17.42B	16.58C	11.98B	12.51B	
	75%	0.2133B	0.1983B	20.45A	20.35B	14.99A	15.33A	
	100%	0.1958C	0.1867B	21.28A	21.77A	15.52A	15.73A	
Water source X Water regulation								
WI	DI	0.2078C	0.2000AB	20.16A	20.29A	14.63A	15.23A	
	RDI	0.2000C	0.1889B	20.80A	21.08A	15.32A	15.72A	
WII	DI	0.2400A	0.2322A	18.68A	18.20B	13.09B	12.96C	
	RDI	0.2300B	0.2189AB	19.24A	18.71B	13.60B	14.18B	
Water source X Irrigation levels								
WI	50%	0.2417AB	0.2333B	17.93D	17.65D	13.05D	14.22C	
	75%	0.1950DE	0.1817D	21.15B	21.63AB	15.55AB	15.80AB	
	100%	0.1750E	0.1683D	22.35A	22.77A	16.33A	16.42A	
WII	50%	0.2567A	0.2567A	16.92E	15.52E	10.90E	10.80D	
	75%	0.2317BC	0.2150BC	19.75C	19.07C	14.43C	14.87BC	
	100%	0.2167CD	0.2050C	20.22C	20.78B	14.70BC	15.03BC	
Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
DI	50%	0.2533A	0.2550A	17.05B	16.10C	11.40C	11.48C	
	75%	0.2183B	0.2000C	20.25A	20.03B	14.85A	15.18A	
	100%	0.2000BC	0.1933C	20.95A	21.60A	15.33A	15.62A	
RDI	50%	0.2450A	0.2350B	17.80B	17.07C	12.55B	13.53B	
	75%	0.2083BC	0.1967C	20.65A	20.67AB	15.13A	15.48A	
	100%	0.1917C	0.1800C	21.62A	21.95A	15.70A	15.83A	
Water source X Water regulation X Irrigation levels								
WI	DI	50%	0.2433ABC	0.2433ABC	17.60DE	16.97FG	12.63FG	13.93CD
		75%	0.2033DEF	0.1833EF	21.10ABC	21.37ABC	15.33BCD	15.57ABC
		100%	0.1767EF	0.1733EF	21.77AB	22.53AB	15.93AB	16.20AB
	RDI	50%	0.2400ABC	0.2233BCD	18.27CDE	18.33EF	13.47EF	14.50BC
		75%	0.1867EF	0.1800EF	21.20ABC	21.90AB	15.77ABC	16.03AB
		100%	0.1733F	0.1633F	22.93A	23.00A	16.73A	16.63A
WII	DI	50%	0.2633A	0.2667A	16.50E	15.23G	10.17H	9.033E
		75%	0.2333ABCD	0.2167CD	19.40BCDE	18.70DEF	14.37DE	14.80ABC
		100%	0.2233BCD	0.2133CD	20.13ABCD	20.67BCD	14.73BCDE	15.03ABC
	RDI	50%	0.2500AB	0.2467AB	17.33DE	15.80G	11.63G	12.37D
		75%	0.2300ABCD	0.2133D	20.10ABCD	19.43CDE	14.50CDE	14.93ABC
		100%	0.2100CDE	0.1967DE	20.30ABCD	20.90ABC	14.67BCDE	15.03ABC

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Water source = (WI, WII), water regulation (WR) = (deficit irrigation= DI, regulated deficit irrigation= RDI), irrigation levels = (ETc = crop evapotranspiration).

Acidity: concerning water source, there are insignificant differences between well I and well II in both seasons. Water regulation, (DI) had higher significant acidity value than RDI while there are insignificant differences

between (DI) and (RDI) in the second season. Irrigation levels, level (50%) gave the highest values in both seasons. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI), in both seasons, WII X DI had higher significant acidity values than all other treatments except WI X DI and WII X RDI in the second season. The interaction between water source and irrigation levels, in both seasons, the treatments of WII X 50% recorded higher significant acidity values than all treatments except WI X 50% in the first season. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels, in both seasons, DI X 50% treatments and RDI X 50% in the first season, gave highest significant acidity values than all other treatments. The interaction among: in both seasons, the treatments of WII X RDI X 50%, had higher significant acidity values than the most of other treatments.

TSS: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant differences between (DI) and (RDI) in both seasons. Irrigation levels, level (75%) in the first season and level (100%) in both seasons. gave the highest significant values. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI). In both seasons, there are insignificant differences between (DI) and (RDI) in both seasons (WII X DI&RDI) in the first season, (WII X RDI) gave higher significant values than the second season. The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc =50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded higher significant TSS values than the other treatments except WI X 75% in the second season. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in the both seasons, (DI& RDI) X 75% in the first season and (DI&RDI) X 100% in both seasons treatments gave highest significant TSS values. The interaction among: in both seasons, WI X RDI X 100% treatments gave higher significant TSS values than the most of other treatments.

Total sugars: concerning water source, well I gave higher significant value than well II in both seasons. Water regulation, there are insignificant differences between (DI) and (RDI) in the first season but RDI gave higher significant value than DI in second season. Irrigation levels, level (75%&100%) gave the highest values in both seasons. The interaction between water source (WI & WII) and water regulation (DI & RDI), there are insignificant differences between WI X (DI & RDI) in both seasons.

The interaction between: water source and irrigation levels (ETc =50, 75 and 100%): in both seasons, the treatments of WI X 100% recorded higher significant total sugars values than all treatments except WI X 75% in both seasons. The interaction between water regulation and irrigation levels: in both seasons, (DI&RDI) X (75%&100%) treatments gave highest significant total sugars values.

The interaction among: the treatments of WI X RDI X 100% in both seasons had higher significant total sugars values than the most of other treatments.

These results were agreement with **Chaves *et al.*, (2007)** who found that fruit quality characters were mediated by a reduction in vigour, leading to an increase on light interception in the cluster zone. Because plant water status during most of the dates along the season was not significantly different between PRD and DI, and when different, PRD even exhibited a higher leaf water potential than DI vines.

It could be concluded that: irrigation with well I (with EC values 3.68 dS/m) through PRD at 100% of ETc increased fruit quality of Jujube trees. Under limited water resources (where trees supplied with 75 or 50% of ETc), PRD is a viable irrigation option to give the highest Jujube yield and fruit quality comparing with DI.

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