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# Impact of Irrigation Systems, Fertigation Rates and Using Drainage Water of Fish Farms in Irrigation of Potato under Arid Regions Conditions

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**Abstract.** Two field experiments were carried out during growing seasons 2011 and 2012, it executed in research farm of National Research Center in Nubaryia region, Egypt to study the effect of irrigation systems, fertigation rates and using the wastewater of fish farms in irrigation of potato crop under sandy soil conditions. Study factors were irrigation systems (sprinkler irrigation system "SIS" and drip irrigation system "DIS), water quality (irrigation water "IW" and drainage water of fish farms "DWFF") and fertigation rates (FR<sub>1</sub>= 20%, FR<sub>2</sub>= 40%, FR<sub>3</sub>= 60%, FR<sub>4</sub>= 80% and FR<sub>5</sub>= 100% from recommended dose from NPK). The following parameters were studied to evaluate the effect of study factors: (1) Chemical and biological description of drainage water of fish farms. (2) Clogging ratio of emitters (3) Yield of potato, (4) water use efficiency of potato. Statistical analysis of the effect of the interaction between study factors on yield, water use efficiency of potato indicated that, maximum values were obtained of yield of potato under SIS x FR<sub>5</sub> x DWFF, also indicated that, there were no significant differences for yield values under the following conditions: SIS x FR<sub>5</sub> x DWFF > SIS x FR<sub>4</sub> x DWFF > SIS x FR<sub>3</sub> x DWFF > DIS x FR<sub>5</sub> x IW this means that reuse drainage water of fish farming as a new resource for irrigation and rich with organic matter and it can improve soil quality and crops productivity and reduce the total costs of fertilizers by adding minimum doses from minerals fertilizers and sprinkler irrigation system is the best irrigation system which can be used.

**Keywords:** Wastewater of Fish Farms, Potato, Arid Regions, Fertigation Rates, Irrigation Systems

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Many countries have included wastewater reuse as an important dimension of water resources planning. In the more arid areas of the world, wastewater is used in agriculture, releasing high quality water supplies for potable use. This diverted attention to fish farming. However, recycling the drainage water of fish farming, rich with organic matter for agriculture use can improve soil quality and crops productivity (Elnwishi et al., 2006), reduce the total costs since it decreases the fertilizers use, which demand became affected by the prices and the farmer's education (Ebong & Ebong, 2006). The research aimed to come out a better irrigation water quality that would enhance soil properties, secure water resources sustainability and provide additional food security. Aquaponics is the combined culture of fish and plants in recirculating systems.

Nutrients, which are excreted directly by the fish or generated by the microbial breakdown of organic wastes, are absorbed by plants cultured hydroponically (without soil). Fish feed provides most

of the nutrients required for plant growth. As the aquaculture effluent flows through the hydroponic component of the recirculating system, fish waste metabolites are removed by nitrification and direct uptake by the plants, thereby treating the water, which flows back to the fish-rearing component for reuse. Removal of nutrients by plants prolongs water use and minimizes discharge. Plants grow rapidly with dissolved nutrients that are excreted directly by fish or generated from the microbial breakdown of fish wastes. Dissolved nitrogen, in particular, can occur at very high levels in recirculating systems. Fish excrete waste nitrogen, in the form of ammonia, directly into the water through their gills. Bacteria convert ammonia to nitrite and then to nitrate. Aquaponic systems offer several benefits. Dissolved waste nutrients are recovered by the plants, reducing discharge to the environment and extending water use (i.e., by removing dissolved nutrients through plant uptake, the water exchange rate can be reduced). Minimizing water exchange reduces the costs of operating aquaponic systems in arid climates and heated greenhouses where water or heated water is a

significant expense. Having a secondary plant crop that receives most of its required nutrients at no cost improves a system's profit potential.

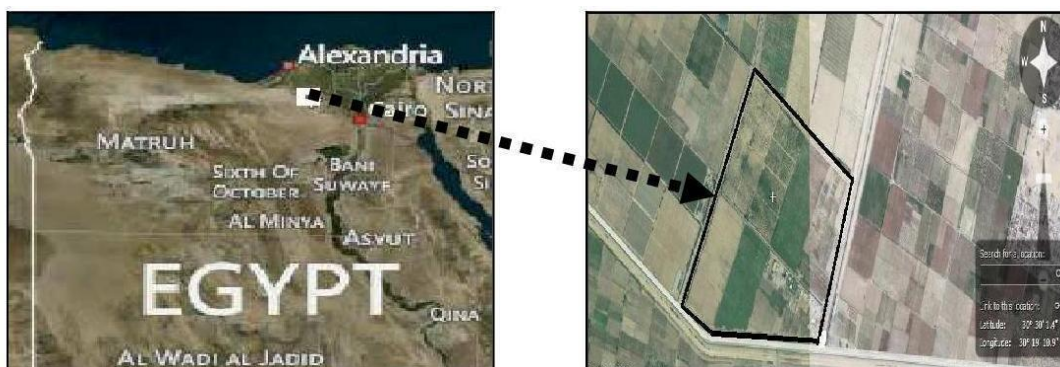
The daily application of fish feed provides a steady supply of nutrients to plants and thereby eliminates the need to discharge and replace depleted nutrient solutions or adjust nutrient solutions as in hydroponics. The plants remove nutrients from the culture water and eliminate the need for separate and expensive biofilters. There is a growing body of evidence that healthy plant development relies on a wide range of organic compounds in the root environment. These compounds, generated by complex biological processes involving microbial decomposition of organic matter, include vitamins, auxins, gibberellins, antibiotics, enzymes, coenzymes, amino acids, organic acids, hormones and other metabolites. Directly absorbed and assimilated by plants, these compounds stimulate growth, enhance yields, increase vitamin and mineral content, improve fruit flavor and hinder the development of pathogens. The result is reduced plant growth. (James et al., 2006). A high concentration of soluble salts in the water is the most important factor in clogging. When the concentrations of calcium, magnesium, bicarbonate and sulfate are high, of calcium carbonate, calcium sulfate and magnesium sulfate can occur. Calcium carbonate precipitation will also depend on the pH of the water. Precipitation of insoluble salts can also occur due to chemical reactions among the elements added as fertilizers in irrigation water (Tüzel and Anaç, 1991). Precipitated salts can easily clog emitters. Fertilizers injected into

a microirrigation system may contribute to plugging (Pitts et al., 1990). The most important disadvantage of fertigation is precipitation of chemical materials and clogging of emitters (Papadopoulos, 1993). Any fertilizer with calcium should not be used with sulfates together because they could form insoluble gypsum (Pitts et al., 1990; Burt et al., 1995; Burt, 1998). The objective of this study was maximizing utility from wastewater of fish farms in agriculture (potato cultivation) under arid regions conditions.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 2.1. Site Description

Field experiments were conducted during two wheat seasons from Jan. to May of 2011–2012 at the experimental farm of National Research Center, EL-Nubaria, Egypt (latitude 30.8667N, and longitude 30.1667E, and mean altitude 21 m above sea level). The experimental area has an arid climate with cool winters and hot dry summers prevailing in the experimental area. The monthly mean climatic data for the two growing seasons 2011 and 2012, for EL-Nubaria city, are nearly the same. The data of maximum and minimum temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed were obtained from "Central Laboratory for Agricultural Climate (CLAC)". There was no rainfall that could be taken into consideration through the two seasons, because the amount was very little and the duration didn't exceed few minutes.



Map 1: Location of the Experimental Farm in EL-NUBARIA Region, Egypt

### 2.2. Estimation of the Seasonal Irrigation Water for Potato Plant

Seasonal irrigation water was estimated according to the meteorological data of the Central Laboratory for Agricultural Climate (CLAC) depending on Penman-Monteith equation shown in Fig. (1). The volume of applied water increased with the growth of plant then declined at the end of the growth season. The seasonal

irrigation water applied was found to be 2847 m<sup>3</sup>/fed./season for sprinkler irrigation system and 2476 m<sup>3</sup>/fed./season for trickle irrigation system.

### 2.3. Some Physical and Chemical Properties of Soil and Irrigation Water

Some Properties of soil and irrigation water for experimental site are presented in (Tables 1, 2 and 3).

Table (4) showed that, the determination of total bacteria, total fungi and some algal microorganisms in wastewater of fish farm. Table (5) showed that, some physical and chemical determinations of wastewater of fish farm.

#### 2.4. Potato Variety

Spunta Netherland production was used

#### 2.5. Experimental Design

Irrigation system components consisted of a control head and a pumping unit. It consisted of submersible pump with 45 m<sup>3</sup>/h discharge driven by electrical engine back flow prevention device, pressure regulator, pressure gauges, flow-meter and control valves. Main line was of PVC pipes with 110 mm in

diameter (OD) to convey the water from the source to the main control points in the field. Sub-main lines were of PVC pipes with 75 mm diameter (OD) connected to the main line. Manifold lines: PE pipes was of 63 mm in diameter (OD) were connected to the sub main line through control valve and discharge gauge. Layouts of experiment design consisted of two irrigation systems. Sprinkler is a metal impact sprinkler 3/4" diameter with a discharge of 1.17 m<sup>3</sup>h<sup>-1</sup>, wetted radius of 12 m, and working pressure of 250 kPa. Emitters, built in laterals tubes of PE with 16 mm diameter (OD) and 30 m in length (emitter discharge was 4 lph at 1.0 bar operating pressure and 30 cm spacing between emitters and all details about the experiment design and the source of wastewater of fish farm collected from 12 basin (5m \*5m \*2m depth) are shown in Fig. (2).

**Table 1:** Some chemical and mechanical analyses of soil.

Depth	Chemical analysis			CaCO <sub>3</sub> %	Mechanical analysis, %			Texture
	OM (%)	pH (1:2.5)	EC (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )		Course sand	Fine sand	Clay + Silt	
0-20	0.65	8.7	0.35	7.02	47.76	49.75	2.49	Sandy
20-40	0.40	8.8	0.32	2.34	56.72	39.56	3.72	
40-60	0.25	9.3	0.44	4.68	36.76	59.40	3.84	

**Table 2:** Characteristics of soil.

Depth	SP (%)	F.C (%)	W.P (%)	A.W (%)	Hydraulic conductivity (cm/hr)
0-20	21.0	10.1	4.7	5.4	22.5
20-40	19.0	13.5	5.6	7.9	19.0
40-60	22.0	12.5	4.6	7.9	21.0

**Table 3:** Some chemical characteristics of irrigation water of open channel.

pH	EC (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )	Cations and anions (meq/L)								SAR%
		Cations				Anions				
		Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Na <sup>+</sup>	K <sup>+</sup>	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	
7.35	0.41	1	0.5	2.4	0.2	--	0.1	2.7	1.3	2.8

#### 2.6. Methods

##### 2.6.1. Sampling Site Description

Wastewater for fish farm samples were collected at the outlet of water basin used for fish breeding and production.

##### 2.6.2. Physico Chemical Characters of wastewater for fish farm

The physicochemical characteristics were carried out according to APHA1998. pH, EC, N, P, K and potential toxic elements (Cu, Zn, Pb... etc.)

**2.6.3. Biological Parameters**

(1) Total Viable Count of Bacteria: TVCB was determined using the standard plate count method and nutrient agar culture medium according to APHA 1998. (2) Total count of fungi: was determined using the standard plate count method and Rose-bengal agar culture medium according to Taso, 1970. (3) Faecal coliform bacteria were counted using MacConky broth (Atlas 2005) and most probable number method (Munoz and Silverman,1979). (4) Total counts of free N<sub>2</sub> fixers using Ashby’s medium (Kizilkaya, 2009). (5) Algae enumeration: The grouping of green algae and blue-green algae were accomplished and counted depending on morphological shape under light microscope using the Sedgwick-Rafter (S-R) cell count chamber according to APHA, 1998, then calculated algae counts from the following equation.

$$\text{No./mL} = (C \cdot 1000 \text{ mm}^3) / (L \cdot D \cdot W \cdot S)$$

Where: C = number of organisms counted, L = length of each strip (S-R cell length), mm, D = depth of a strip (S-R cell depth), mm, W = width of a strip (Whipple grid image width), mm, and S = number of strips counted.

**2.6.4. Determination of Clogging Ratio**

The flow cross section diameter of the long-path emitter was 0.7 mm; discharging 4 L/h with lateral length of 30 m. Distance between emitter along the lateral was 30 cm. The emitter is considered laminar-flow-type (Re < 2000) (James, 1988). To estimate the emitter flow rate cans and a stopwatch were used. Nine emitters from each lateral had been chosen to be evaluated by calculating their clogging ratio at the beginning and at the end of the growing season for the two seasons. Three emitters at the beginning, three at middle and three at the end of the lateral were tested for the flow rate. Clogging ratio was calculated according to (El-Berry, 2003) using the following equations:

$$E = (q_u / q_n) \times 100$$

$$CR = (1 - E) \times 100$$

Where: E = the emitter discharge efficiency (%), q<sub>u</sub> = emitter discharge at the end of the growing season (L/h), q<sub>n</sub> = emitter discharge, at the beginning of the growing season (L/h), CR = clogging ratio of emitters (%)

**2.6.5. Determination Yield of Potato Crop**

At the end of the growing season, potato yields were determined, Ton/Fadden for each treatment by the following steps; step (1) measuring the area to determine the yield, step (2) collecting the potato for each treatment on the buffer zone and step (3) weighing potato for each treatment.

**2.6.6. Determination of Irrigation Water Use Efficiency of Potato Crop**

Irrigation water use efficiency "IWUE" is an indicator of effectiveness use of irrigation unit for increasing crop yield. Water use efficiency of potato yield was calculated according to James (1988) as follows: IWUE<sub>potato</sub> (kg/m<sup>3</sup>) = Total yield (kg<sub>tuber</sub> /fed.) / Total applied irrigation water (m<sup>3</sup>/fed./season)

**2.6.7. Fertigation Method**

The recommended doses of chemical fertilizer were added as fertigation i.e. nitrogen fertilizer was added at a rate of 120 kg/Fadden as ammonium sulfate (20.6 % N), 150 kg calcium super phosphate/fed (15.5% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) and 50 kg potassium sulfate (48 % K<sub>2</sub>O))were added.

**2.6.8. Statistical Analysis**

The standard analysis of variance procedure of split-split plot design with three replications as described by Snedecor and Cochran (1982) was used. All data were calculated from combined analysis for the two growing seasons 2011 and 2012. The treatments were compared according to L.S.D. test at 5% level of significance.

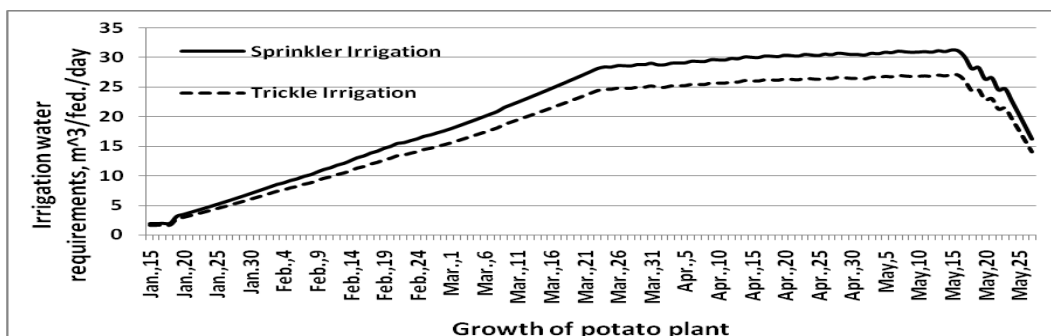


Fig. 1: The relation between growth of potato plant and irrigation water requirements

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

#### 3.1. Calculating the Total Amount of Wastewater of Fish Farm Per Season

To calculate the total amount of drainage water for fish farm in NUBARIA farm, the volume of water discharged per week must be calculated. There are 12 basin in the fish farm and the dimensions of the basin are 5 m \* 5 m \* 2 m, but the depth of the actual exchange is 1.5 m and therefore the size of the outgoing water per week = 5 \* 5 \* 1.5 \* 12 basin = 450 m<sup>3</sup> of water. If we consider that potato cultivation needs 18 weeks, the total volume lost from this farm during the potato growing season = 18 \* 450 = 8100 m<sup>3</sup>/season of water as shown in Fig. (3).

#### 3.2. Chemical and Biological Description of Drainage Water of Fish Farm

The data aforementioned in Table (5) showed that, the EC was 1.82 ds/m, pH was 7.02. On the other hand, the results in Table (5) showed that Chromium, Copper, Nickel, Zinc, total Nitrogen as N<sub>2</sub>, Phosphorus as P, Potassium and Sodium reached 0.0, 0.33, 0.0, 1.1, 4.79, 10.2, 35 and 205 ppm, respectively. The data mentioned above showed quantitative fertigation capacity of the drainage water of fish farm under study to be used as irrigation water. Drainage water of fish farm could supply seasonally the soil with 13.637 and 11.86 kg of nitrogen/Fed. from the whole quantities of irrigation water to sprinkler and trickle irrigation methods used, respectively, that are equivalent to 64.938 and 56.476 kg of ammonium sulphate fertilizer (21% N) to sprinkler and trickle irrigation methods used, respectively.

**Table 4:** Total bacteria, total fungi and some algal microorganisms in drainage water of fish farm.

Biological Determinant	Counts as CFU/ml
Total counts of bacteria	1.5X10 <sup>4</sup>
Total count of faecal coliform	3X10 <sup>2</sup>
Total counts of fungi	500
Total counts of free N <sub>2</sub> fixers	600
<b>Green algae:</b>	
<i>Chlorella</i> sp. Count	400
<i>Scenedesmus</i> sp. Count	150
<i>Pediastrum</i> sp. Count	120
<b>Cyanobacteria:</b>	
<i>Oscillatoria</i> sp. Count	100
<i>Nostoc</i> sp. Count	50

**Table 5:** Some physical and chemical determinations of drainage water of fish farm.

Physical Determinant	Value
EC	1.82 dsm <sup>-1</sup>
Ph	7.02
<b>Chemical Determinant:</b>	
Cr	0.0 ppm
Cu	0.33 ppm
Ni	0.0 ppm
Zn	1.1 ppm
N	4.79 ppm
P	10.2 ppm
K	35 ppm
Na	205 ppm

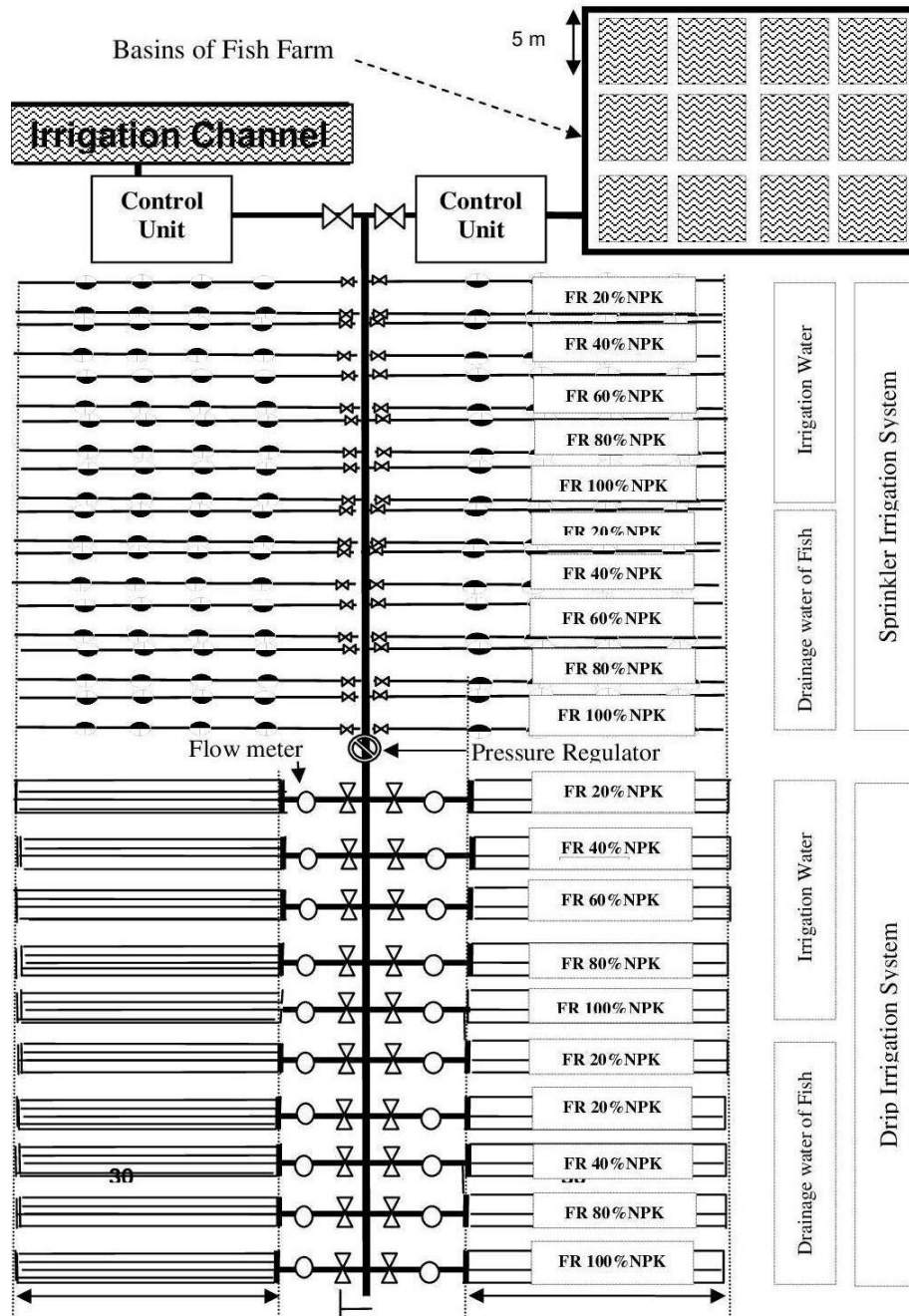
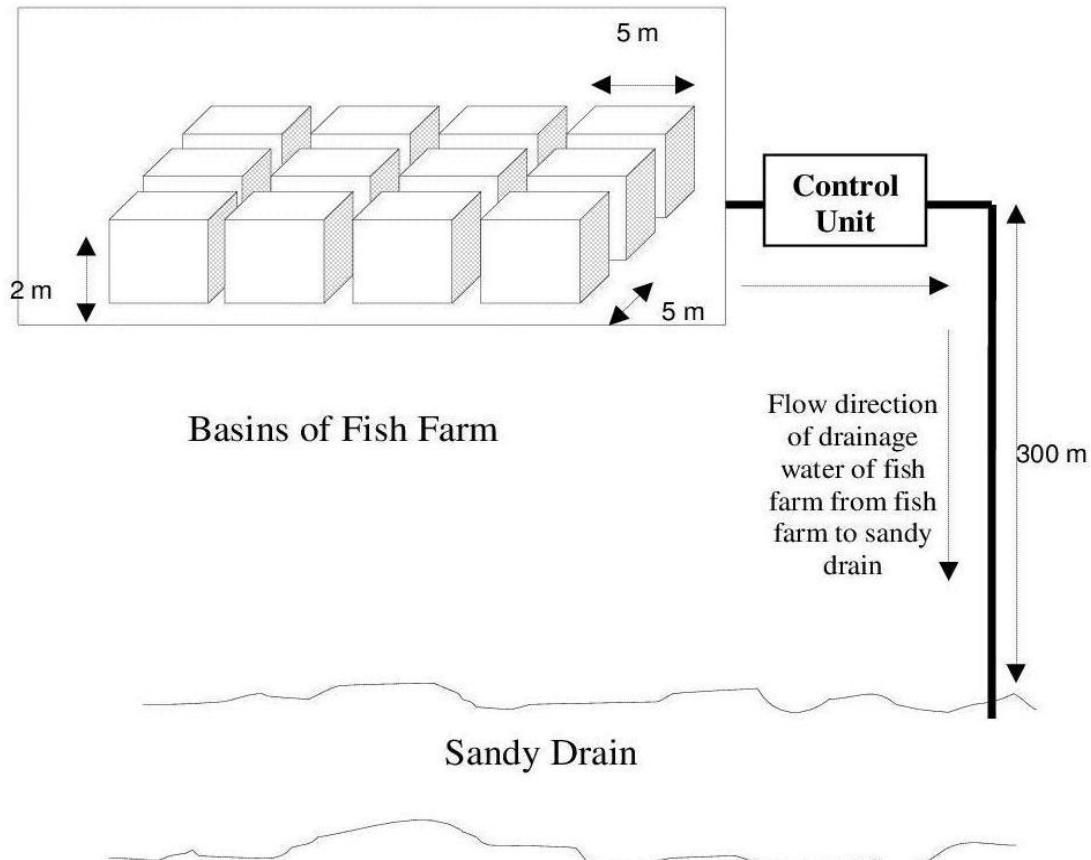


Fig. 2: Layout of Experiment Design

Also, this water could supply seasonally the soil with 29.039 and 25.252 kg of phosphorus from the whole quantities of irrigation water to sprinkler and trickle irrigation methods used, respectively, that are equivalent to 351 and 306 kg of superphosphate fertilizer (8.25% P) to sprinkler and drip irrigation methods used, respectively. *Quantitative estimation of bacteria and fungi:* The data aforementioned in Table (4) showed that, the total counts of bacteria reached  $1.5 \times 10^4$  CFU/ml; also total counts of free N<sub>2</sub> bacterial fixers determined by Ashby's medium (Kizilkaya, 2009) were 600 CFU/ml however the total count of

faecal coliform was  $3 \times 10^2$  CFU/ml. On the other hand, total counts of fungi reached 500 CFU/ml. The results aforementioned before are partially in agreement with the findings stated by Feachem *et al.* (1983) in which the possible counts of total counts of bacteria in domestic wastewater reached between  $10^3$  to  $10^5$  CFU/ml and also, the Coliform group of bacteria comprises mainly species of the genera *Citrobacter*, *Enterobacter*, *Escherichia* and *Klebsiella* and includes Faecal Coliforms, of which *Escherichia coli* is the predominant species were  $10^2$ .



**Fig. 3:** Loss of drainage water of fish farm

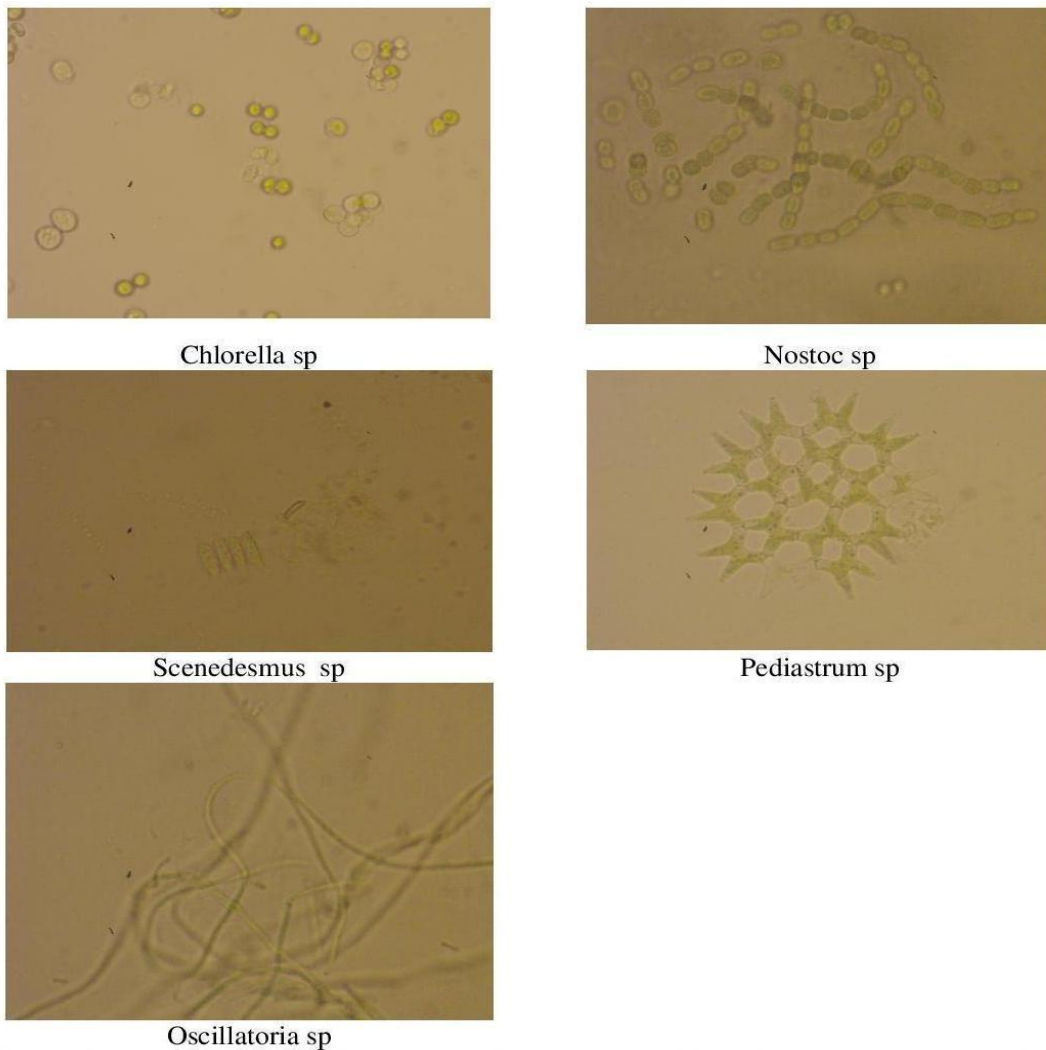
Several of the Coliforms are able to grow outside the intestine, especially in hot climates; hence their enumeration is unsuitable as a parameter for monitoring wastewater reuse systems. The Faecal Coliform test may also include some non-faecal organisms which can grow at 44°C, so the *E. coli* count is the most satisfactory indicator parameter for wastewater used in agriculture. Quantitative estimation of phytoplankton: The morphological studies using a light microscope were done on the water samples under estimation. Water samples showed various phytoplankton structures belonging to two main groups, namely, Chlorophyceae (Green Algae) and Cyanophyceae (Blue-Green Algae). The general distribution of phytoplankton is demonstrated in Table (4). It may be important to note that genera, *chlorella*, *Pediastrum* and *Scenedesmus* as green algae were detected, whereas, *Oscillatoria* and *Nostoc* represented the most abundant genera of cyanobacteria in the investigated samples. The algae biomass contains nutrients such as C, N, P and k essential for microorganism development. The general microalgae biochemical structure has been successfully utilized as feedstock for digesters and as nutrient supplements in dairy farming. Algae biomass components such as protein, carbohydrates, poly-unsaturated fatty acids, are rich in nutrients vital for

development of fish and shellfish consumption and other aquatic microorganisms as shown in Fig. (4).

### 3.3. Effect of irrigation systems, drainage water of fish farms and fertigation rates on clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato

#### 3.3.1. Effect of irrigation systems on clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato crop

Table (6) showed that, the effect of irrigation systems on clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato crop. Table (6) Clogging ratio was increased under drip irrigation system more than sprinkler irrigation system this may be due to the increase in orifices diameter of sprinkler than dripper especially in the absence of a filtering system. Table (6) Yield of potato was decreased under drip irrigation system more than sprinkler irrigation system this may be due to water stress under drip irrigation system more than sprinkler irrigation system which comes from the increasing in clogging ratio. Table (6) Increasing of irrigation water use efficiency of potato under drip irrigation system compared with sprinkler irrigation system this may be due to increasing of water requirements under sprinkler irrigation system.



**Fig. 4:** Types of Chlorella sp, Nostoc sp, Pediastrum sp and Scenedesmus sp were found in the drainage water of fish farm

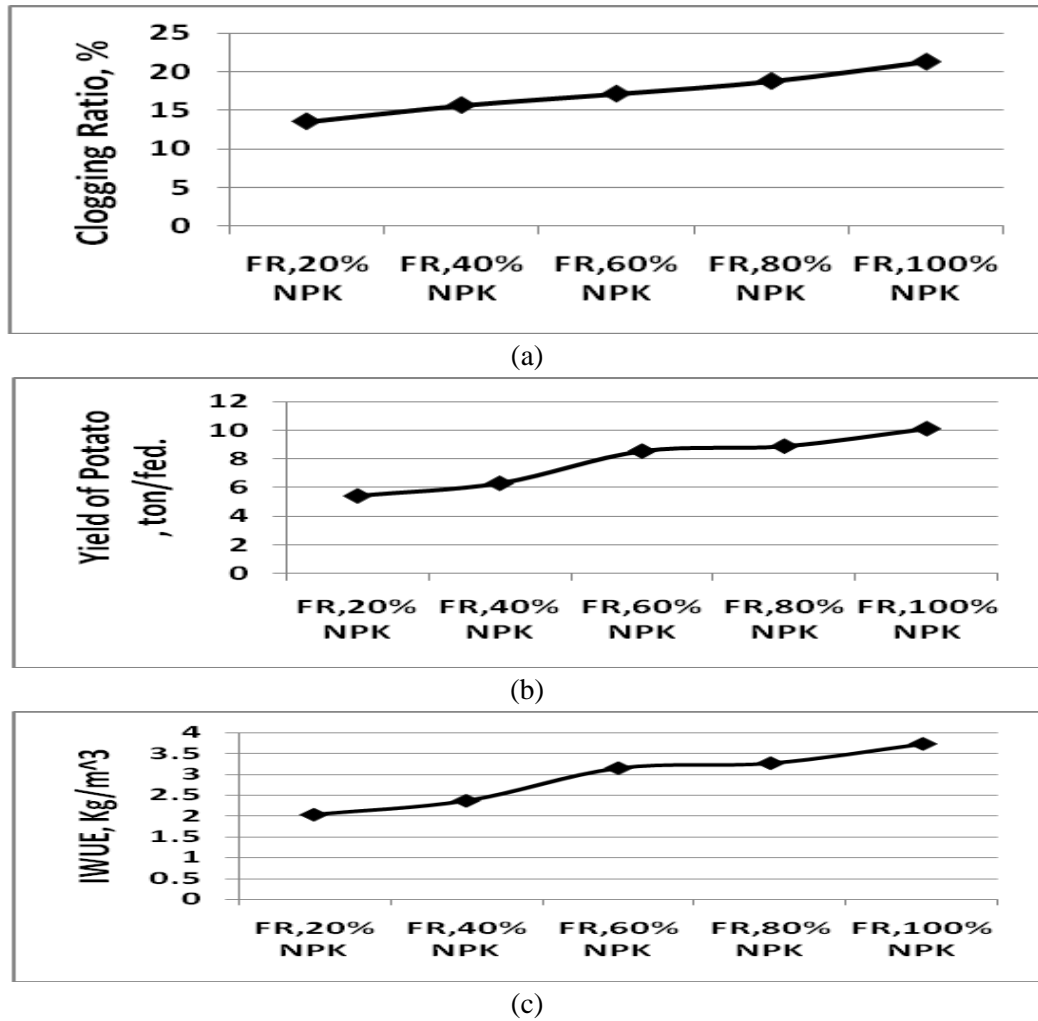
**3.3.2. Effect of drainage water of fish farms on clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato**

Table (6) showed that, the effect of wastewater of fish farms on clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato crop. Table (6) Clogging ratio was increased under DWFF more than IW this may be due to the increasing in increase the proportion of suspended materials such as organic material and algae in DWFF than IW. Table (6) Yield of potato was decreased under IW more than DWFF this may be due to increasing of bio-components in DWFF than in IW .Table (6) indicated that increasing of irrigation water use efficiency of potato under DWFF and the difference between DWFF and IW were non-significant.

**3.3.3. Effect of fertigation rates on clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato**

Table (6) and Fig. (5) show the relation between fertigation rates and clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato crop. Fig. (5a) show that clogging ratio was increased by increasing the fertigation rates this may be due to increasing the amount and concentration of dissolved mineral fertilizers in irrigation water that lead to the increase in clogging ratio. Fig. (5b) Yield of potato was increased by increasing fertigation rates this may be due to increasing the amount and concentration of mineral fertilizers in the root zone. Fig. (5c) indicated the increase of irrigation water use efficiency of potato by increasing the fertigation rates this may be due to increasing the yield of potato by increasing the fertigation rates.





**Fig. 5:** Effect of fertigation rates “FR” on (a) clogging ratio, (b) yield of potato and (c) water use efficiency of potato “IWUE”

**Table 6:** Effect of irrigation systems, drainage water of fish farms and fertigation rates on clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato (WUE)

Study Factors	Clogging Ratio, %	Yield, (Ton/Fed.)	WUE, kg/m <sup>3</sup>
SIS	1.3 b	10.0 a	2.9 a
DIS	33.2 a	5.7 b	2.9 a
DWFF	28.2 a	8.0 n.s	2.9 n.s
IW	6.3 b	7.8 n.s	2.9 n.s
FR <sub>20%</sub> NPK	13.5 e	5.4 d	2.0 d
FR <sub>40%</sub> NPK	15.6 d	6.3 c	2.4 c
FR <sub>60%</sub> NPK	17.1 c	8.5 b	3.1 b
FR <sub>80%</sub> NPK	18.8 b	8.9 b	3.3 b
FR <sub>100%</sub> NPK	21.3 a	10.1 a	3.7 a

SIS: Sprinkler Irrigation System, DIS: Drip Irrigation System, DWFF: drainage water of fish farms, IW: Traditional Irrigation Water, FR: Fertigation Rates

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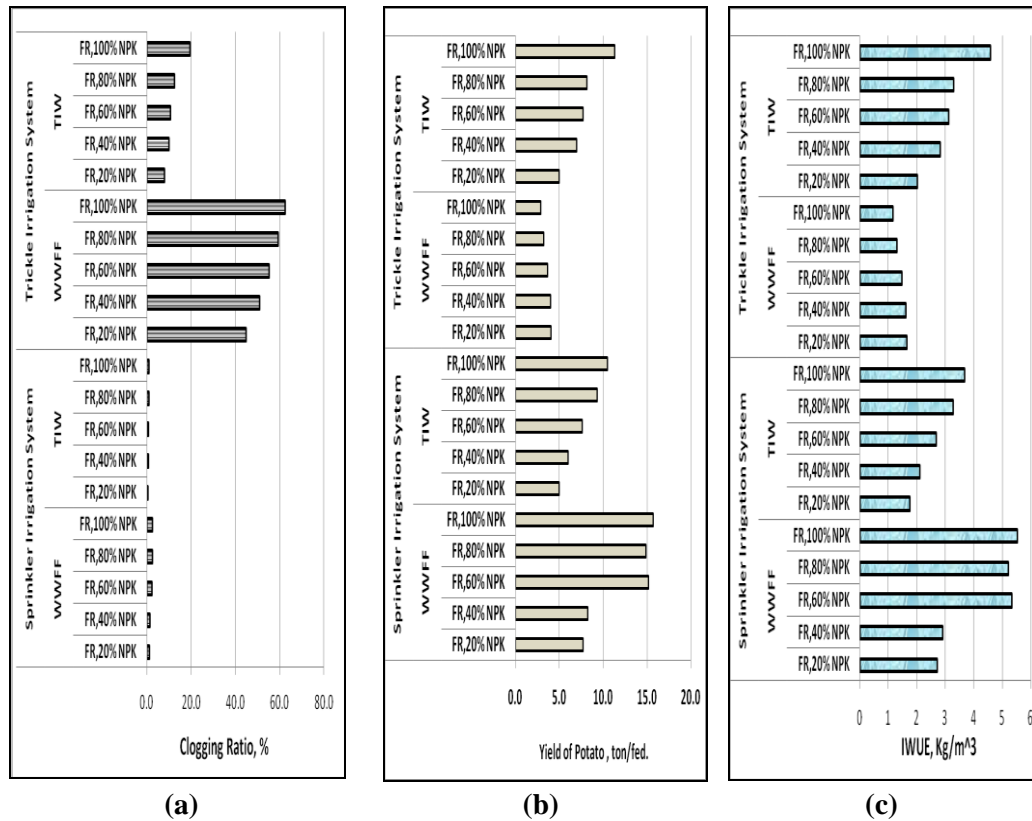


Fig. 6: Effect the interaction between irrigation systems, drainage water of fish farms “DWFF” and fertigation rates “FR” on (a) clogging ratio, (b) yield of potato and (c) water use efficiency of potato crop

Table 7: Effect the interaction between irrigation systems, drainage water of fish farms and fertigation rates on clogging ratio of emitters, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato crop.

Study Factors		FR	Clogging ratio, %	Yield, (Ton/Fed.)	WUE, kg/m³
SIS	DWFF	FR,20% NPK	1.0 jk	7.7 fg	2.7 g
		FR,40% NPK	1.4 jk	8.3 f	2.9 fg
		FR,60% NPK	2.2 jk	15.2 a	5.3 a
		FR,80% NPK	2.5 j	14.9 ab	5.2 ab
		FR,100% NPK	2.5 j	15.7 a	5.5 a
	IW	FR,20% NPK	0.4 k	5.0 i	1.8 ij
		FR,40% NPK	0.5 k	6.0 f	2.1 h
		FR,60% NPK	0.6 k	7.6 fg	2.7 g
		FR,80% NPK	0.8 jk	9.3 e	3.3 e
		FR,100% NPK	0.9 jk	10.5 d	3.7 d
DIS	DWFF	FR,20% NPK	44.8 e	4.1 j	1.6 j
		FR,40% NPK	50.8 d	4.0 j	1.6 j
		FR,60% NPK	55.1 c	3.7 jk	1.5 jk
		FR,80% NPK	59.3 b	3.2 kl	1.3 kl
		FR,100% NPK	62.3 a	2.9 l	1.2 l
	IW	FR,20% NPK	7.9 i	5.0 i	2.0 hi
		FR,40% NPK	9.8 h	7.0 g	2.8 g
		FR,60% NPK	10.6 h	7.7 fg	3.1 ef
		FR,80% NPK	12.4 g	8.2 f	3.3 e
		FR,100% NPK	19.3 f	11.3 c	4.6 c

3.4. Effect the interaction between irrigation systems, drainage water of fish farms and fertigation rates on clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato

Table (7) and Fig.(6) show the effect of the interaction between irrigation systems, wastewater of fish farms

“DWFF” and fertigation rates “FR” on clogging ratio, yield of potato and irrigation water use efficiency of potato crop. Fig. (6a) show the relation between study factors on clogging ratio. Maximum values of clogging ratio occurred under drip irrigation system + WWFF + FR<sub>100%NPK</sub> > FR<sub>80%NPK</sub> > FR<sub>60%NPK</sub> > FR<sub>40%NPK</sub> > FR<sub>20%NPK</sub> this may be due to the increase in

orifices diameter of sprinkler than dripper and the increase in proportion of suspended materials such as organic material and algae in DWFF than IW in addition to increasing the amount and concentration of dissolved mineral fertilizers in irrigation water. Fig. (6a) show the relation between study factors on yield of potato. Minimum values of clogging ratio occurred under sprinkler irrigation system + DWFF and IW. Fig. (6b) show the relation between study factors on yield of potato. Maximum values of yield of potato occurred under sprinkler irrigation system + DWFF + FR<sub>100%</sub>, 80%, 60% NPK this may be due to reduction in water stress resulting from reduction in clogging ratio under sprinkler irrigation system and increasing of bio-components in DWFF in addition to increasing the amount and concentration of mineral fertilizers in the root zone by increasing of FR. Fig. (6c) showed the relation between study factors on WUE. Maximum values of WUE occurred under sprinkler irrigation system + DWFF + FR<sub>100%</sub>, 80%, 60% NPK this may be due to increasing the yield of potato.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

Ruse drainage water of fish farming as a new resource for irrigation and rich with organic matter and it can improve soil quality and crops productivity and reduce the total costs of fertilizers by adding minimum doses from minerals fertilizers and sprinkler irrigation system is the best irrigation system which can be used.

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