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أثر إضافة الحرجل إلى التربة على إزهار و إثمار النخيل الجاف صنف بركاوي

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Abstract

This study was conducted in ELGureir village in the Northern state to study the effect of different argel additives to the soil on flowering and yield of date palm, Barakawi cultivar.

The results revealed significant increment in flowering, and yield parameters beside fruit quality compared to the control.

The yield increment was almost double compared to the control upon addition of 3 ounces of argel. The least increment resulted from the one ounce treatment and was also significant over the control.

The increase in fruit length is a relative advantage as lengthy fruits are preferred by consumers and thus render better financial returns.

الملخص

أجريت هذه الدراسة في قرية القرير بالولاية الشمالية لدراسة أثر تركيزات مختلفة من إضافات الحرجل إلى التربة على أزهار وإثمار نخيل البلح صنف بركاوي.

أؤضحت النتائج أن إضافات الحرجل المختلفة قد أحدثت زيادات معنوية في القياسات الخاصة بالأزهار و الإنتاجية وصفات الثمار.

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