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### COMMERCIAL PERFORMANCE OF RABANET CULTIVATED IN ENVIRONMENT PROTECTED UNDER WATER BLADES

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### ABSTRACT

The rabanet, being a tuber, is generated in the sub-superficial layer of the soil, and for this reason the observation and control of the water characteristics of the same is of fundamental importance. Thus, the objective of this study was to evaluate the effect of water slides depth on the commercial performance of radish cultivated in protected environment. The experiment was installed in a greenhouse of the State University of Goiás - UEG, Camps Ipameri. The design was the randomized blocks in factorial scheme. The treatments were composed of the combination of cultivars (Cometo and Giant Crimson) and percentage of available water in the soil (20, 40, 60, 80 and 100%) in four blocks, comprising 40 experimental units, consisting of 4 dm<sup>-3</sup> vessels. They were evaluated at the time of harvest: plant height, leaf number, root length, fresh and dry mass of shoot and root, and root length. The leaf effect was significant for the length, fresh and dry mass of the root, the optimum blades were 71.79%, 71.04% and 62.31%, respectively. The effect of cultivars was observed for the root dry mass variable, and cultivar Cometo presented the best performance.

Keywords: hydrical stress, irrigation management, Raphanus sativus L.

# DESEMPENHO COMERCIAL DE RABANETE CULTIVADO EM AMBIENTE PROTEGIDO SOB LÂMINAS DE ÁGUA

### RESUMO

O rabanete, por ser um tubérculo, é gerado na camada sub superficial do solo, e por isso a observação e controle das características hídricas do mesmo é de fundamental importância. Sendo assim, o objetivo deste estudo foi de avaliar o efeito de lâminas de água sobre o desempenho comercial do rabanete cultivado em ambiente protegido. O experimento foi instalado em casa de vegetação da Universidade Estadual de Goiás – UEG, Câmpus Ipameri. O delineamento adotado foi o em blocos casualizados em esquema fatorial, cujos tratamentos foram compostos da combinação de cultivares (Cometo e Crimson Gigante) e percentual de

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água disponível no solo (20, 40, 60, 80 e 100%), dispostos em quatro blocos, perfazendo 40 unidades experimentais, constituídas de vasos de 4 dm<sup>-3</sup>. Foram avaliados: altura da planta, número de folhas, comprimento da raiz, massa fresca e seca da parte aérea e raiz, diâmetro da raiz. O efeito de lâmina foi significativo para o comprimento, massa fresca e seca da raiz, sendo as lâminas ótimas as de 71,79%, 71,04% e 62,31%, respectivamente. O efeito de cultivares foi observado para a variável massa seca de raiz, sendo a cultivar Cometo a que apresentou melhor desempenho.

Palavras-chave: estresse hídrico, manejo da irrigação, Raphanus sativus L.

# INTRODUCTION

The development of plants is greatly influenced by the availability of water in the soil, since it plays many functions in this process. It acts as a constituent, solvent, reagent, maintains molecular structures, turgescence and thermally regulates plant tissues (MORENO-FONCECA, 2009).

Alishah & Ahmadikhah (2009), Mention that the water deficit in the soil is considered one of the main limiting factors to the development of the plant and can be aggravated by global climate change.

The cultivation of vegetables is strongly influenced by soil water characteristics. The abusive amount of water is harmful, however, soil moisture and water deficiency are some of the main limiting factors to high productivity and product quality (SILVA & MAROUELLI, 1998).

The evaluation of the tolerance of a plant to the water stress can be carried out by means of the measurement of the leaf area and analysis of the accumulation of dry matter in the area (PIMENTEL, 2004).

Silva & Marouelli, (1998), argue that vegetables grown under field conditions or in protected environments have their development intensely influenced by soil moisture conditions. Water deficiency is usually the most limiting factor in obtaining high productivity and good quality products, but excess can also be harmful. Irrigation may represent a possibility of control of soil water characteristics. There are three categories in which irrigation management methods fit: climatic parameters; Soil moisture and soil water potential; And measures of water potential in plants. The radish (*Raphanus sativus* L.) is characterized as a rustic crop which, as a function of the short cycle, becomes a rotation option among the longer cycle crops. Its implantation serves as source of extra income, mainly in small properties allocated in green belts of big cities (JÚNIOR & VENZON, 2007).

Since the tuber is generated in the subsurface layer of the soil, the observation and control of the water characteristics of the soil is of fundamental importance (SILVA et. al, 2012). Pinheiro et al. (2012), mention that throughout the development cycle of the crop it is necessary to take extreme care with the irrigation, not being able to be cultivated with excess water and, at the same time, not being able to occur fluctuations in the humidity of the ground, fact that can cause cracks becoming inadequate to trade.

Among the advantages of cultivating the radish crop, it is worth noting the ease of operation, relatively low cost and satisfactory results for the estimation of the water demand of the crops (SAAD & SCALOPPI, 1988; KLAR, 1991).

In view of this, this project aimed to evaluate the effect of water stress caused by the reduction of water availability in the soil on the development and production of radish in a protected environment.

# MATERIAL AND METHODS

The experiment was carried out in a greenhouse at the State University of Goiás – UEG, Ipameri Camps. At 17°43' South latitude and 48°22' West longitude and 800 m level. The climate of the region according to the classification of Köppen is defined as Tropical

Humid (AW), consisting of high temperatures with rains in summer and dry in winter.

The experiment was conducted from March to April 2017. Polyethylene vessels with a capacity of 4 dm<sup>3</sup> were used. The soil used was classified as Dystrophic Red-Yellow Latosol (EMBRAPA, 2006). The soil was destorroado, passed in 2 mm sieve and homogenized. The application of chemical fertilizers to the vessels was carried out according to the methodology proposed by NOVAIS et al., (1991) for controlled environment.

The soil moisture in the field capacity (CC) at the tension of 0.01 MPa and the soil moisture at the permanent wilting point (PMP) at 1.5 MPa tension, as well as the soil density, accordance with the methodologies EMBRAPA, (1997).

The experiment will be installed in a randomized complete block design, analyzed in a  $2 \times 5$  factorial scheme with four replications.

The treatments were composed of the combination of varieties (Crimson and Cometo) x percentage of available water in the soil (20, 40, 60, 80 and 100%).

The water deficit was started 3 days after sowing to allow the establishment of the plants. The irrigation slides were based on weighing lysimetry, where a known volume of water was placed.

The irrigations were based on determination of the weight of each experimental unit in the field capacity. Before sowing, the vessels were saturated with water and left in free drainage until they reached the moisture in the field capacity.

At the end of each day, the experimental units were weighed in an electronic scale, and the water required for each treatment, that is, in the 100% AD blade, will be returned to the initial weight (weight in the field capacity (20, 40, 60 and 80% AD) a simple three rule will be performed to obtain the amount of water to be replenished to reach the amount of water available in the desired soil.

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In the experiment, the variables corresponding to the radish culture (*Raphanus sativus*):

Height of the plant: estimated by a ruler graduated in cm.

Number of sheets: counted visually, estimated in units.

Root length: obtained by quantifying the longitudinal length of the root, with the aid of a graduated ruler, in the sampling of all roots per plot, expressed in cm.

Part of fresh aerial mass and root: obtained by quantifying the weight of all roots of each plot, expressed in grams.

Part of dry aerial mass and root: obtained after drying in a greenhouse with forced air ventilation in the period of 72 hours at 65°C, and weighed in semi-analytical balance.

Root diameter: obtained by measuring the cross section of the root, with the aid of a digital caliper, with an accuracy of 0.01 mm, in all roots per plot, expressed in mm.

With the obtained data will be carried out statistical analyzes through the test F and when significant apply if the regression analysis.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Table 1 shows the significant F values at the 5% probability level for percentages of available water in the soil (% Water), cultivars and their interactions under productive characteristics of radish cultivated in a protected environment: Fresh mass aerial (FMA) It's root (FRM); Dry aerial mass (DAM) Root dry mass (RDM); Length of aerial part (LAP) It's root (LR).

**Table 1.** F-values of the analysis of variance of the percentage of available water in the soil (% of water), cultivars and their interactions (Cultivation x% of water) under the productive characteristics of radish cultivated in protected environment.

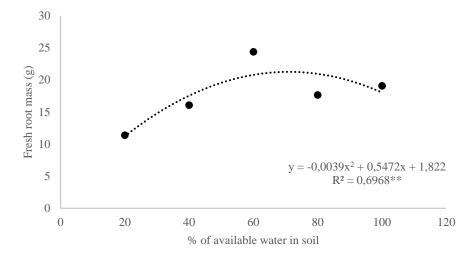
SV	FD	FMA	DAM	FRM	RDM	LAP	LR
Grow crops	1	0.35 <sup>ns</sup>	1.64 <sup>ns</sup>	1.97 <sup>ns</sup>	12.62 **	2.87 <sup>ns</sup>	0.28 <sup>ns</sup>
% water	4	2.24 <sup>ns</sup>	2.47 <sup>ns</sup>	5.32**	8.27 **	0.93 <sup>ns</sup>	5.06 **

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Grow crops x % water	4	6.81 **	7.42 **	1.24 <sup>ns</sup>	1.51 <sup>ns</sup>	3.26 **	1.72 <sup>ns</sup>
Block	3	0.81 <sup>ns</sup>	0.79 <sup>ns</sup>	0.19 <sup>ns</sup>	0.97 <sup>ns</sup>	0.39 <sup>ns</sup>	$0.47 \ ^{ns}$
Error	27	-	-	-	-	-	-
CV (%)	-	33.65	34.86	32.69	53.92	18.2	22.28

SV: Source of variation; CV: coefficient of variation; FD: freedom degree; FMA: fresh aerial mass part; FRM: fresh root mass; DAM: dry aerial mass part; RDM: dry root mass; LAP: length of aerial part; LR: length root. <sup>ns</sup>: not significant, \*\* e \*, significant at 1% e 5%, respectively, of probability by the F test.

The effect of radish cultivars was perceived only for the RDM characteristic, with the 'Cometo' cultivar having the best result for this characteristic, 3.07g, whereas the 'Crimson' cultivar had a root mass about 50% lower than First, 1.64g, regardless of the percentage of water replenished. The interaction between the treatment factors studied was perceptible only for the aerial part response variables: FMA, DAM and LAP. However, an isolated effect of the percentage of water replenishment was observed for the root characteristics: FRM, RDM and LR, according to Table 1.



**Figure 1.** Fresh root mass of radish cultivars cultivated in protected environment under percentages of available water in the soil.

Figure 1 shows the quadratic adjustment equation for the effect of the percentage of available water in the soil under the FRM of radish cultivars cultivated in protected environment. It should be noted that the adjustment of the equation in relation to the observed data, given by the coefficient of determination was 0.6968, and the coefficients of the quadratic equation was significant at the

probability Evaluating 1% level. the equation, it be seen that the can percentage of available water that provided the greatest accumulation of fresh root mass was 71.04%, which represents a root of 21.25 g. Similar behavior was observed for the root dry mass, in which the blade that provided the highest DRM was 62.31%, representing 3.456 g, according to Figure 2.

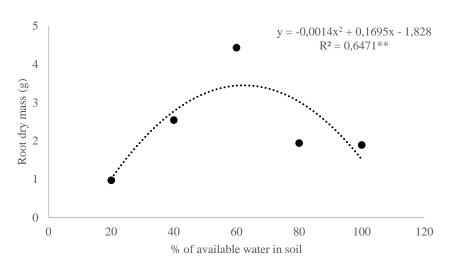


Figure 2. Root dry mass of radish cultivars cultivated in protected environment under percentages of available water in the soil.

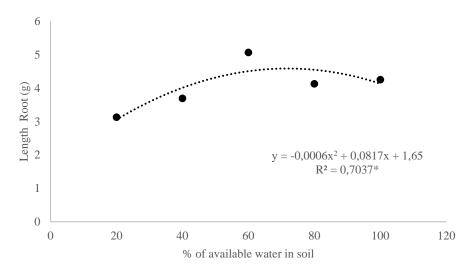


Figure 3. Root length of radish cultivars cultivated in protected environment under percentages of available water in the soil.

Klar et al. (2015) & Lacerda et al. (2017) Evaluating irrigation slides as a function of the evapotranspiration on the green radish root biomass, found a linear adjustment, so that the green root mass production increased with the availability of water. According to Mousinho (2012), the plant responds positively to the increase of the applied water depth, increasing production until reaching a maximum its value, from which there is a drop in its yield, which was perceived in the present study. However, Rodrigues et al. (2012) observed that the level of soil water replenishment of less than 80% of the available water in the soil implies a reduction of the aerial mass and root,

both fresh and dry, as well as root diameter. In the present study, according to figure 3, the root length was larger, 4.58 cm, for the replacement percentage of 71.79% of soil water.

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#### CONCLUSION

variables, the analyzed Among the effect significant for root leaf was length, fresh and dry mass, and 71.79%, 62.31%, respectively, were 71.04% and optimal blades. The effect of cultivars was observed for a variable dry mass of root, being a cultivar Cometo the one that presented better performance.

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