

## GROWTH AND YIELD OF LOCAL CELERY LINES IN RESPONSE TO FOLIAR APPLICATION OF YEAST AND SALICYLIC ACID

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**ABSTRACT:** The present study was carried out in two successive seasons of 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 at the experimental farm of Mansoura Horticultural Research Station, Dakahlia governorate, Egypt to study the effect of yeast (1500 and 3000 ppm) as well as salicylic acid (10 and 20 ppm) on vegetative growth, essential oil percentage and oil yield of six celery local breed lines plants. Results revealed that foliar application with yeast and salicylic acid increased significantly the vegetative growth characters i.e plant height, number of lateral branches, number of leaves as well as plant fresh and dry weights were responded positively in all celery lines to the foliar application treatments of yeast and salicylic acid. Regardless the foliar application treatments, lines number 5 and 6 recorded the highest values of vegetative growth characters, while lines 1 and 2 gave the lowest values. Foliar application of salicylic acid or yeast improved fruit yield, essential oil percentage and oil yield recording values higher compared with control plants. Lines number 5 and 6 had higher yields in comparison to other used lines. Generally, it could be concluded that, the highest fruit and essential oil yields were found by foliar spraying line 6 with the highest concentration of yeast (3000 ppm).

**Key words:** Celery, yeast, salicylic acid, essential oil, fruit yield.

### INTRODUCTION

Celery (*Apium graveolens*, L.) belonging to family Apiaceae (Umbelliferae) is an annual spicy herb and vegetable crop. The leaves are used fresh as salad or cooked with soup while, the fruits are used as spice and for medicinal purposes. It is known to increase the elimination of uric acid and is useful for gout, neuralgia and rheumatoid arthritis. It is antioxidative, antirheumatic antiseptic (urinary), antispasmodic, aperitif, depurative, digestive, diuretic, carminative, nervine, sedative (nervous), stimulant (urine), stomachic, tonic (Lawless, 1992). Celery involved in the prevention of cardiovascular disease, lowering blood glucose in diabetic, lowering blood pressure

and strengthening the heart (Momin and Nair, 2001 and Mencherini *et al.*, 2007). Also, celery fruit is consumed as a diuretic, it is also used to treat symptoms of kidney, rheumatoid, and arthritis diseases. It is believed that celery seed tea gives relaxation and improves sleep. Celery fruits contain 2 to 3% essential oil. Its oil contains mostly limonene (usually 60 percent), selinene (10%), furocoumarin and furocoumarin glycosides and their flavonoids.

Recently, great attention has been focused on the possibility of using natural and safety substituents for human and environment in order to improve the vegetative growth and yield of medicinal and aromatic plants. Salicylic acid and yeast are considered among these safe substances.

Salicylic acid (SA) is an endogenous plant growth regulator, acting as non enzymatic antioxidant and has a regulatory effect on some physiological and biochemical processes, such as nutrients uptake, membrane stability, water relations, stomatal regulation, photosynthesis, growth and inhibition of ethylene biosynthesis (Khan *et al.*, 2003 and Stevens *et al.*, 2006) and induces flowering, increases flower life, retards senescence and increases cell metabolic rate (Metwally *et al.*, 2003). Moreover, increased essential oil percentage and seed yield on coriander (Hesami *et al.*, 2012 and 2013 and Said-Al Ahl *et al.*, 2014).

Yeasts have been reported to be rich source of phytohormones (especially cytokinins), vitamins, enzymes, amino acids and minerals (Khedr and Farid, 2000). It was reported about its stimulatory effects on cell division and enlargement, protein and nucleic acid synthesis and chlorophyll formation (Castelfranco and Beale, 1983). Improving growth and productivity of medicinal and aromatic plants by application of active yeast extract were recorded by (El-Sayed, 1985 on *Achillia millifolium*; Haridi, 1987 on *Salvia officinalis*; Refaat and Naguib, 1998 on peppermint; Ahmed, 1998; on marjoram; Naguib, 2002 on lemongrass; Heikal, 2005 on thyme; Seleim, 2005 on *Mentha viridis* and *Salvia officinalis*; Abd El-Latif, 2006 on *Salvia officinalis*; Ismail *et al.*, 2007 on black cumin; Mady, 2009 on *Majorana hortensis* and *Salvia officinalis*; Ezz EL-Din and Hendawy, 2010 on borage and Ahmed *et al.*, 2014 on basil).

Therefore, the present investigation was designed to disclose the influence of different levels from active yeast extract and salicylic acid on the growth, essential oil percentage and its yield of six lines of celery plants.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present study was carried out at El-Baramoon Research Farm, Mansoura Horticulture Research Station, HRI, ARC., Egypt through the two successive growing

winter seasons of 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 to study the effect of foliar sprays with active yeast extract (1500 and 3000 ppm) and salicylic acid (10 and 20 ppm) on the growth, essential oil percentage and its yield of six lines of celery plants (resulted from breeding program at Horticulture Research Institute). The fruits of celery used in this research were secured from Cucurbits and Cross-Pollinated Vegetable Crops Research Department, Horticulture Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt. Experimental design was laid in a split plot arrangement in completely randomized block design with three replications, and celery lines (6 lines) considered the main plots, spray treatments were assigned as sub plots. The fruits were sown in nursery in the first week of October in the two seasons and seedlings were transplanted in the permanent field in the first of December in both seasons on ridges 75 cm width at 30 cm apart. Each experimental plot was 2.25 x 5 m and contained 3 ridges. The required agricultural practices for growing celery were followed as recommended. Soil sample was taken from the soil surface (0-30 cm), air dried, sieved by 2 mm sieve and analyzed for physical and chemical properties of soil according to Jackson, (1967) and the analysis results are presented in Table (1).

Spraying was performed using plastic atomizer after adding Tween 20 (0.5%) as surfactant and plants were sprayed 5 times with Salicylic acid at 10 and 20 ppm and Yeast extract at 1500 and 3000 ppm, untreated plants were left as a control and sprayed with distilled water, the first spraying was applied after 45 days from transplanting, the second after 2 weeks from the first and the last three sprays were after three cuts. After 75 days from transplanting during each growing season 5 plants/replicate, were randomly selected to determine plant height (cm), branch number/plant, number of leaves per plant and fresh and dry weights (g/plant). In addition, three cuts were taken to determine the leaf yield per plant and per feddan. At harvest stage (when the secondary umbels

**Table 1. Physical and chemical properties of the experimental site during the two growing seasons.**

| Some physical properties | Values                 |                        | Some chemical Properties | Values                 |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> season |                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> season |
| Sand (%)                 | 28.1                   | 27.9                   | pH* value (1:25)         | 8.0                    | 7.9                    |
| Silt (%)                 | 31.8                   | 31.6                   | EC dSm <sup>-1</sup>     | 0.9                    | 0.9                    |
| Clay (%)                 | 40.1                   | 40.5                   | Total N (%)              | 0.03                   | 0.04                   |
| Texture class            | Clay-loam              | Clay-loam              | Available N (ppm)        |                        |                        |
|                          |                        |                        | NH <sub>4</sub> -N       | 23.37                  | 23.00                  |
|                          |                        |                        | NO <sub>2</sub> -N       | 0.162                  | 0.126                  |
| CaCO <sub>3</sub> (%)    | 3.2                    | 3.0                    | NO <sub>3</sub> -N       | 13.21                  | 13.12                  |
| Organic matter (%)       | 1.8                    | 1.6                    | Available P (ppm)        | 13.3                   | 12.6                   |
|                          |                        |                        | Available K (ppm)        | 304                    | 302                    |

color was changed to green yellow), fruit yield per plant and per feddan were recorded. The volatile oil percentage was determined in the air dried fruits using a modified Clevenger apparatus according to Guenther, (1961) and oil yield per plant and per feddan were calculated.

**Statistical analysis:** All the collected data were tabulated and statistically analyzed by Statistical Analysis of variance using MSTAT-C version 4 (1987) software and the treatment means were compared using the LSD test according to Gomez and Gomez, (1984).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 1- Vegetative growth:

Data presented in Table (2) show that there are significant differences between different celery lines in vegetative growth characters in terms of plant height, number of branches per plant, number of leaves per plant and plant fresh and dry weights. Line No. 6 exhibited the highest values of all studied characters followed by line No. 5, line No. 3, line No. 4, line No. 1 and finally line No. 2. It was obvious from data that celery lines could be classified into 3 groups according to their growing vigor, Lines No. 5 and 6 are vigorous lines, lines No. 3 and 4 are moderate in growth while lines No.1 and 2 are weak in their growth. The same Table clearly shows that different sprayed treatments i.e. yeast concentrations (1500

and 3000 ppm) and salicylic acid at (10 and 20 ppm) in most cases significantly increased the estimated vegetative growth characteristics of celery in comparison to control. The best growth was obtained as a result of using yeast at 3000 ppm and salicylic acid at 10 ppm. Concerning the interaction between lines and application treatments, it is clear that the best interaction in both seasons, was achieved when plants of line 6 were sprayed with yeast at 3000 ppm, followed by salicylic acid at 10 ppm with the same line. However, the lowest values were obtained with line 2 or line 1 with control treatment (Table 3).

With regard to the stimulatory effect of yeast extract on celery growth characters, it could be attributed to the effect of yeast extract upon the endogenous phytohormones specially the growth promoters i.e. auxins, gibberellins and cytokinins (Nagodawithana, 1991). Also, the increase in the release of carbon dioxide through fermentation process effectively stimulates photosynthesis and accelerates the biosynthesis of carbohydrates. The beneficial effect of yeast on plant growth was supported by the results of Muller and Leopold (1966). It increases synthesis of plant growth promoters especially GA<sub>3</sub>, IAA and cytokinins which lead to improving cell division and cell enlargement (Moor, 1979). Improving growth characters of plant crops by application of active yeast extract were

**Table 2. Vegetative growth characters of different celery lines in response to yeast and salicylic acid foliar application during 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 seasons.**

| Lines                        | Treatments<br>Foliar application | Plant height (cm)      |                        | Number of branches/plant |                        | Number of leaves/plant |                        | Plant f.w. (g)         |                        | Plant d.w. (g)         |                        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                              |                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season |
| <b>A: Lines</b>              |                                  |                        |                        |                          |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| Line 1                       |                                  | 30.5                   | 32.3                   | 14.3                     | 15.2                   | 19.9                   | 21.9                   | 21.4                   | 23.1                   | 2.58                   | 2.78                   |
| Line 2                       |                                  | 27.8                   | 29.1                   | 14.1                     | 15.5                   | 19.1                   | 20.3                   | 18.7                   | 20.4                   | 2.25                   | 2.47                   |
| Line 3                       |                                  | 32.7                   | 34.1                   | 19.5                     | 22.1                   | 22.0                   | 23.9                   | 26.3                   | 29.1                   | 3.16                   | 3.53                   |
| Line 4                       |                                  | 32.5                   | 34.6                   | 16.3                     | 17.2                   | 21.2                   | 22.8                   | 24.7                   | 26.3                   | 2.97                   | 3.17                   |
| Line 5                       |                                  | 33.8                   | 35.8                   | 19.0                     | 20.9                   | 24.8                   | 26.1                   | 29.2                   | 32.0                   | 3.49                   | 3.85                   |
| Line 6                       |                                  | 37.0                   | 39.8                   | 20.5                     | 22.9                   | 26.9                   | 28.4                   | 30.3                   | 32.9                   | 3.65                   | 3.99                   |
| LSD 5%                       |                                  | 1.65                   | 1.60                   | 0.85                     | 1.00                   | 0.58                   | 0.47                   | 0.92                   | 1.10                   | 0.11                   | 0.08                   |
| <b>B: Foliar application</b> |                                  |                        |                        |                          |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                              | Control                          | 28.8                   | 30.8                   | 14.0                     | 16.2                   | 19.0                   | 20.7                   | 21.6                   | 23.9                   | 2.61                   | 2.90                   |
|                              | SA 10 ppm                        | 33.9                   | 35.7                   | 18.4                     | 19.9                   | 23.5                   | 24.7                   | 26.5                   | 28.5                   | 3.23                   | 3.50                   |
|                              | SA 20 ppm                        | 31.3                   | 33.1                   | 16.4                     | 17.9                   | 21.1                   | 22.8                   | 23.8                   | 26.1                   | 2.78                   | 3.04                   |
|                              | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 32.8                   | 34.5                   | 17.4                     | 18.8                   | 22.7                   | 24.3                   | 25.3                   | 27.5                   | 3.05                   | 3.35                   |
|                              | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 35.2                   | 37.4                   | 20.2                     | 21.9                   | 25.3                   | 26.8                   | 28.4                   | 30.6                   | 3.42                   | 3.70                   |
|                              | LSD 5%                           | 0.97                   | 0.90                   | 0.70                     | 0.89                   | 0.68                   | 0.81                   | 0.97                   | 0.95                   | 0.14                   | 0.09                   |

recorded by Ahmed *et al.* (2014) on basil, Ismail *et al.* (2007) on black cumin, Naguib, (2002) on lemongrass, Naguib & Khalil (2002) on black cumin, Ahmed *et al.* (1998) on roselle and Ahmed (1998) on marjoram.

Regarding salicylic acid, the promotive effects of salicylic acid on vegetative growth could be attributed to its bioregulator effects on physiological and biochemical processes in plants such as ions uptake, cell elongation, cell division, cell differentiation, sink/source regulation, enzymatic activities, protein synthesis and photosynthetic activity as well as increasing the antioxidant capacity of plants (El-Tayeb, 2005) as well as enhancing rooting of plants (Sandoval-Yapiz, 2004), which plays a key role in enhancing the growth and productivity of plants. Moreover, the increase in plant height was due to the increase in number of internodes, while the increase in the fresh

and dry weights of celery might be attributed to an increase in number of branches and leaves. Our results are in harmony with those of Said-Al Ahl *et al.* (2014); Hesami *et al.* (2012 and 2013) on coriander ; Rahimi *et al.* (2013) on cumin; Idrees *et al.* (2010) on lemongrass and Gharib (2006) on sweet basil and marjoram.

## 2- Leaf and fruit yield:

Data in Table (4) show clearly that leaf yield per plant and per feddan from the three cuts as well as fruit yield per plant and feddan were significantly affected by the different celery lines. The highest increments were the lines No. 6 and 5 in leaf yield 274 and 283 g/ plant and 265 and 271 g/ plant as well as fruit yield 881 and 902 kg/ fed and 817 and 885 kg/ fed for the first and second seasons, respectively. While, Line No. 2 was the lowest line, it gave 233.5 g/plant and

**Table 3. Effect of the interaction between celery lines and foliar application treatments on vegetative growth characters during 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 seasons.**

| Lines  | Treatments<br>Foliar application | Plant height (cm)      |                        | Number of branches/plant |                        | Number of leaves/plant |                        | Plant f.w. (g)         |                        | Plant d.w. (g)         |                        |
|--------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|        |                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season |
| Line 1 | Control                          | 26.6                   | 27.6                   | 12.7                     | 13.3                   | 17.0                   | 19.7                   | 17.8                   | 20.2                   | 2.16                   | 2.45                   |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 32.0                   | 33.4                   | 14.3                     | 16.3                   | 21.0                   | 22.7                   | 22.6                   | 23.8                   | 2.76                   | 2.90                   |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 29.3                   | 31.7                   | 13.3                     | 13.6                   | 18.7                   | 20.0                   | 20.7                   | 22.2                   | 2.41                   | 2.59                   |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 30.0                   | 32.0                   | 13.6                     | 14.0                   | 19.7                   | 21.6                   | 21.3                   | 22.6                   | 2.57                   | 2.73                   |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 34.7                   | 36.6                   | 17.6                     | 18.6                   | 23.0                   | 25.3                   | 24.7                   | 26.8                   | 2.98                   | 3.24                   |
| Line 2 | Control                          | 23.0                   | 24.8                   | 11.0                     | 12.7                   | 15.7                   | 17.0                   | 15.7                   | 17.6                   | 1.90                   | 2.14                   |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 29.3                   | 29.7                   | 15.3                     | 16.0                   | 20.7                   | 21.7                   | 20.7                   | 22.2                   | 2.52                   | 2.71                   |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 28.0                   | 29.0                   | 13.3                     | 15.0                   | 17.3                   | 18.0                   | 17.0                   | 18.8                   | 1.99                   | 2.19                   |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 29.0                   | 29.5                   | 14.7                     | 16.3                   | 20.0                   | 21.0                   | 18.8                   | 20.2                   | 2.28                   | 2.44                   |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 30.3                   | 32.6                   | 16.0                     | 17.3                   | 22.0                   | 24.0                   | 21.2                   | 23.8                   | 2.57                   | 2.87                   |
| Line 3 | Control                          | 29.3                   | 31.0                   | 14.0                     | 17.0                   | 18.3                   | 20.0                   | 23.0                   | 25.8                   | 2.79                   | 3.13                   |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 34.0                   | 35.0                   | 21.3                     | 23.3                   | 23.0                   | 24.0                   | 27.4                   | 30.1                   | 3.34                   | 3.67                   |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 32.0                   | 33.6                   | 20.0                     | 22.7                   | 21.0                   | 23.7                   | 25.1                   | 28.2                   | 2.93                   | 3.29                   |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 33.3                   | 35.0                   | 20.3                     | 22.7                   | 22.7                   | 25.0                   | 26.3                   | 29.9                   | 3.17                   | 3.61                   |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 35.0                   | 36.1                   | 22.0                     | 24.6                   | 25.0                   | 26.7                   | 29.5                   | 31.5                   | 3.56                   | 3.81                   |
| Line 4 | Control                          | 28.3                   | 31.9                   | 13.3                     | 14.3                   | 17.7                   | 19.0                   | 20.3                   | 22.4                   | 2.46                   | 2.72                   |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 34.1                   | 37.0                   | 18.0                     | 19.0                   | 22.3                   | 23.7                   | 26.1                   | 27.4                   | 3.19                   | 3.34                   |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 31.6                   | 33.0                   | 15.3                     | 16.0                   | 20.0                   | 22.0                   | 23.4                   | 25.3                   | 2.73                   | 2.95                   |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 33.0                   | 34.3                   | 16.0                     | 16.6                   | 21.6                   | 24.0                   | 25.8                   | 27.0                   | 3.12                   | 3.26                   |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 35.0                   | 37.0                   | 19.0                     | 20.0                   | 24.0                   | 25.3                   | 27.8                   | 29.6                   | 3.37                   | 3.58                   |
| Line 5 | Control                          | 31.7                   | 32.7                   | 16.0                     | 18.0                   | 21.0                   | 22.7                   | 25.2                   | 27.1                   | 3.05                   | 3.29                   |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 35.4                   | 37.7                   | 19.3                     | 21.7                   | 26.0                   | 27.0                   | 30.5                   | 33.6                   | 3.71                   | 4.10                   |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 32.0                   | 33.7                   | 17.0                     | 19.0                   | 24.0                   | 25.7                   | 27.3                   | 30.6                   | 3.18                   | 3.57                   |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 33.5                   | 36.0                   | 20.3                     | 21.0                   | 25.3                   | 26.3                   | 29.2                   | 32.8                   | 3.53                   | 3.96                   |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 36.6                   | 39.0                   | 22.3                     | 24.7                   | 27.7                   | 28.7                   | 32.8                   | 35.9                   | 3.97                   | 4.34                   |
| Line 6 | Control                          | 34.1                   | 37.0                   | 18.3                     | 21.6                   | 24.0                   | 26.0                   | 27.3                   | 30.2                   | 3.32                   | 3.66                   |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 38.7                   | 41.6                   | 22.0                     | 23.3                   | 28.0                   | 29.3                   | 31.4                   | 33.8                   | 3.83                   | 4.13                   |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 35.0                   | 37.3                   | 19.3                     | 21.3                   | 25.7                   | 27.6                   | 29.3                   | 31.4                   | 3.41                   | 3.67                   |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 37.7                   | 40.0                   | 19.6                     | 22.0                   | 27.0                   | 28.0                   | 30.1                   | 33.0                   | 3.64                   | 3.99                   |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 39.3                   | 43.0                   | 24.6                     | 26.3                   | 29.7                   | 31.0                   | 33.6                   | 36.2                   | 4.06                   | 4.38                   |
| LSD 5% |                                  | 2.39                   | 2.20                   | 1.71                     | 2.19                   | 1.66                   | 1.99                   | 2.37                   | 2.33                   | 0.35                   | 0.22                   |

**Table 4. Effect of yeast and salicylic acid foliar application treatments on leaf and fruit yield of celery lines during 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 seasons.**

| Lines                        | Treatments<br>Foliar application | Leaf yield/plant (g)   |                        | Leaf yield/fed (ton)   |                        | Fruit yield/plant (g)  |                        | Fruit yield/fed (kg)   |                        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                              |                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season |
| <b>A: Lines</b>              |                                  |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| Line 1                       |                                  | 241                    | 248                    | 4.264                  | 4.392                  | 35.6                   | 38.3                   | 630                    | 677                    |
| Line 2                       |                                  | 233                    | 234                    | 4.123                  | 4.147                  | 33.0                   | 34.8                   | 584                    | 615                    |
| Line 3                       |                                  | 253                    | 260                    | 4.480                  | 4.595                  | 41.3                   | 43.3                   | 732                    | 767                    |
| Line 4                       |                                  | 248                    | 254                    | 4.394                  | 4.490                  | 39.6                   | 41.1                   | 700                    | 728                    |
| Line 5                       |                                  | 265                    | 271                    | 4.682                  | 4.802                  | 46.2                   | 50.0                   | 817                    | 885                    |
| Line 6                       |                                  | 274                    | 283                    | 4.853                  | 5.012                  | 49.8                   | 51.0                   | 881                    | 902                    |
| LSD 5%                       |                                  | <b>9.9</b>             | <b>5.0</b>             | <b>0.176</b>           | <b>0.090</b>           | <b>1.48</b>            | <b>0.85</b>            | <b>26.1</b>            | <b>15.0</b>            |
| <b>B: Foliar application</b> |                                  |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                              | Control                          | 225                    | 233                    | 3.986                  | 4.128                  | 30.3                   | 32.5                   | 535                    | 576                    |
|                              | SA 10 ppm                        | 269                    | 271                    | 4.768                  | 4.791                  | 44.3                   | 46.6                   | 784                    | 825                    |
|                              | SA 20 ppm                        | 237                    | 243                    | 4.196                  | 4.298                  | 34.8                   | 37.4                   | 616                    | 662                    |
|                              | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 256                    | 263                    | 4.532                  | 4.652                  | 40.0                   | 42.3                   | 708                    | 748                    |
|                              | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 274                    | 282                    | 4.847                  | 4.997                  | 55.2                   | 56.5                   | 977                    | 1000                   |
|                              | LSD 5%                           | 5.8                    | 4.1                    | 0.104                  | 0.074                  | 1.00                   | 0.71                   | 17.7                   | 12.6                   |

4.135 ton/fed for leaf yield as well as 33.9 g/plant and 599.5 kg/fed for fruit yield (average both seasons). Moreover, yeast at 3000 ppm was the superior treatment and gave 247 and 282 g/plant for leaf yield per plant and 4.853 and 5.012 ton/fed for leaf yield per feddan, 55.2 and 56.5 g/plant for fruit yield per plant and 977 and 1000 kg/fed for fruit yield per feddan for the first and second seasons, respectively. Salicylic acid at 10 ppm came in the second rank without significant difference between it and yeast at 3000 ppm. On the contrary, control plants exhibited the lowest values of all leaf and fruit yield.

The interaction between celery lines and foliar application treatments showed significant differences in leaf and fruit yield per plant and per feddan as presented in Table (5). The high values of yield and its attributes were recorded when applying yeast

at 3000 ppm or salicylic acid at 10 ppm to lines No. 6 or 5 plants. Spraying celery plants of line No. 6 with yeast at 3000 ppm increased the leaf yield per plant by 46% over control plants in line 2. Also increased the fruit yield per feddan by 146% as an average of the two seasons.

The positive effects of active dry yeast to plants attributed to their own contents of different nutrients, high protein and larger amount of vitamin B and natural plant growth regulators such as cytokinins which play a role in orientation and translocation of metabolites from leaves to the reproductive organs (Idso *et al.*, 1995). Moreover, it might play a role in the synthesis of protein degradation which might lead to the improvement of yield and its quality (El-Ghamriny *et al.*, 1999). Improving growth and productivity of horticultural plants by application of active yeast extract were

**Table 5. Effect of the interaction between celery lines and foliar application of yeast as well as salicylic acid on leaf and fruit yield during 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 seasons.**

| Lines         | Treatments<br>Foliar application | Leaf yield/plant<br>(g) |                 | Leaf yield/fed<br>(ton) |                 | Fruit yield/plant<br>(g) |                 | Fruit yield/fed<br>(kg) |                 |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
|               |                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup>         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup>         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup>          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup>         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|               |                                  | Season                  | Season          | Season                  | Season          | Season                   | Season          | Season                  | Season          |
| Line 1        | Control                          | 210                     | 217             | 3.721                   | 3.843           | 25.4                     | 28.8            | 450                     | 510             |
|               | SA 10 ppm                        | 258                     | 265             | 4.568                   | 4.694           | 38.4                     | 41.0            | 680                     | 725             |
|               | SA 20 ppm                        | 220                     | 229             | 3.894                   | 4.053           | 29.3                     | 32.0            | 519                     | 567             |
|               | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 253                     | 259             | 4.469                   | 4.579           | 33.5                     | 34.8            | 593                     | 616             |
|               | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 264                     | 271             | 4.669                   | 4.793           | 51.1                     | 54.7            | 904                     | 969             |
| Line 2        | Control                          | 204                     | 208             | 3.611                   | 3.676           | 23.8                     | 25.9            | 422                     | 458             |
|               | SA 10 ppm                        | 244                     | 253             | 4.313                   | 4.476           | 33.5                     | 36.2            | 593                     | 640             |
|               | SA 20 ppm                        | 211                     | 216             | 3.726                   | 3.823           | 26.8                     | 28.1            | 474                     | 497             |
|               | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 226                     | 234             | 3.993                   | 4.133           | 30.8                     | 33.3            | 545                     | 590             |
|               | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 256                     | 261             | 4.528                   | 4.625           | 50.0                     | 50.4            | 884                     | 891             |
| Line 3        | Control                          | 225                     | 233             | 3.983                   | 4.124           | 29.3                     | 32.4            | 519                     | 574             |
|               | SA 10 ppm                        | 268                     | 271             | 4.744                   | 4.797           | 44.5                     | 44.8            | 787                     | 792             |
|               | SA 20 ppm                        | 241                     | 246             | 4.257                   | 4.352           | 36.5                     | 38.2            | 646                     | 676             |
|               | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 260                     | 267             | 4.602                   | 4.729           | 40.2                     | 42.7            | 712                     | 756             |
|               | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 272                     | 281             | 4.814                   | 4.974           | 57.5                     | 58.5            | 1018                    | 1035            |
| Line 4        | Control                          | 215                     | 220             | 3.813                   | 3.894           | 28.9                     | 31.3            | 511                     | 554             |
|               | SA 10 ppm                        | 263                     | 267             | 4.653                   | 4.719           | 42.7                     | 43.9            | 756                     | 777             |
|               | SA 20 ppm                        | 235                     | 239             | 4.156                   | 4.237           | 34.0                     | 36.1            | 602                     | 640             |
|               | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 257                     | 263             | 4.554                   | 4.652           | 39.7                     | 40.2            | 703                     | 712             |
|               | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 271                     | 280             | 4.795                   | 4.951           | 53.0                     | 54.0            | 938                     | 956             |
| Line 5        | Control                          | 240                     | 251             | 4.248                   | 4.443           | 35.9                     | 37.6            | 636                     | 665             |
|               | SA 10 ppm                        | 275                     | 277             | 4.868                   | 4.903           | 50.6                     | 56.9            | 896                     | 1007            |
|               | SA 20 ppm                        | 254                     | 259             | 4.490                   | 4.575           | 39.0                     | 45.0            | 690                     | 796             |
|               | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 267                     | 275             | 4.726                   | 4.866           | 46.2                     | 50.4            | 817                     | 892             |
|               | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 287                     | 295             | 5.076                   | 5.222           | 59.4                     | 60.1            | 1051                    | 1064            |
| Line 6        | Control                          | 257                     | 271             | 4.542                   | 4.788           | 38.1                     | 39.2            | 675                     | 693             |
|               | SA 10 ppm                        | 284                     | 291             | 5.020                   | 5.156           | 56.2                     | 57.1            | 994                     | 1011            |
|               | SA 20 ppm                        | 263                     | 268             | 4.653                   | 4.744           | 43.2                     | 45.2            | 764                     | 799             |
|               | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 274                     | 280             | 4.850                   | 4.956           | 50.6                     | 52.1            | 895                     | 922             |
|               | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 294                     | 306             | 5.200                   | 5.416           | 60.8                     | 61.4            | 1077                    | 1086            |
| <b>LSD 5%</b> |                                  | 14.3                    | 10.2            | 0.255                   | 0.181           | 2.4                      | 1.75            | 43.4                    | 39.9            |

recorded by Ahmed *et al.* (2014) on basil, Ismail *et al.* (2007) on black cumin, Naguib (2002) on lemongrass, Ahmed (1998) on marjoram and Ahmed *et al.* (1998) on rosella. Moreover, salicylic acid has roles in improving vegetative growth which affect positively on increasing the seed yield. There are promising results obtained when plants of *Carica papaya* were treated with salicylic acid which showed significantly higher fruit setting and subsequently increased the yield (Herrera-Tuz, 2004 and Martin-Mex *et al.*, 2005). The present results are generally in agreement with those recorded by Said-Al Ahl *et al.* (2014); Hesami *et al.* (2012 and 2013) on coriander and Rahimi *et al.* (2013) on cumin.

### 3- Essential oil percentage and yield:

It is clear from Tables (6 and 7) that all tested concentrations of different foliar

application treatments and the effect of celery lines as well as their interaction had significant effects on the percentage of essential oil and oil yield per plant (ml/plant) and per feddan (l/fed). It is clear that line No. 5, followed by line No. 6 and line 3 had the highest significant differences of essential oil percentages compared with other lines. On the contrary, line No. 2 had the lowest essential oil percentage. The same trend of essential oil percentage between lines was attained for essential oil yield per plant (ml/plant) and per feddan (l/fed) as essential oil yield function to fruit yield and essential oil percentages.

Thus, as fruit yield and essential oil percentage increased subsequently essential oil yield was increased.

**Table 6. Effect of different celery lines and foliar application treatments on celery essential oil percentage and oil yield during 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 seasons.**

| Lines                        | Treatments<br>Foliar application | Essential oil (%)      |                        | Essential oil yield/ plant (ml) |                        | Essential oil yield/fed (l) |                        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
|                              |                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season |
| <b>A: Lines</b>              |                                  |                        |                        |                                 |                        |                             |                        |
| Line 1                       |                                  | 1.23                   | 1.27                   | 0.447                           | 0.492                  | 7.909                       | 8.709                  |
| Line 2                       |                                  | 1.13                   | 1.16                   | 0.382                           | 0.413                  | 6.754                       | 7.306                  |
| Line 3                       |                                  | 1.35                   | 1.38                   | 0.565                           | 0.603                  | 9.989                       | 10.670                 |
| Line 4                       |                                  | 1.30                   | 1.33                   | 0.519                           | 0.551                  | 9.184                       | 9.760                  |
| Line 5                       |                                  | 1.41                   | 1.45                   | 0.655                           | 0.728                  | 11.596                      | 12.886                 |
| Line 6                       |                                  | 1.5                    | 1.53                   | 0.752                           | 0.784                  | 13.317                      | 13.882                 |
| LSD 5%                       |                                  | 0.05                   | 0.02                   | 0.023                           | 0.016                  | 0.410                       | 0.280                  |
| <b>B: Foliar application</b> |                                  |                        |                        |                                 |                        |                             |                        |
|                              | Control                          | 1.20                   | 1.25                   | 0.369                           | 0.410                  | 6.531                       | 7.253                  |
|                              | SA 10 ppm                        | 1.38                   | 1.41                   | 0.621                           | 0.665                  | 10.991                      | 11.764                 |
|                              | SA 20 ppm                        | 1.28                   | 1.31                   | 0.452                           | 0.496                  | 8.007                       | 8.785                  |
|                              | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 1.30                   | 1.33                   | 0.528                           | 0.572                  | 9.354                       | 10.127                 |
|                              | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 1.44                   | 1.47                   | 0.796                           | 0.833                  | 14.083                      | 14.749                 |
|                              | LSD 5%                           | 0.03                   | 0.01                   | 0.011                           | 0.011                  | 0.337                       | 0.199                  |



**Table 7. Essential oil percentage and oil yield as affected by the interaction between celery lines and yeast and salicylic acid foliar application during 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 seasons.**

| Lines  | Treatments<br>Foliar application | Essential oil (%)      |                        | Essential oil yield/plant (ml) |                        | Essential oil yield/fed (l) |                        |
|--------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
|        |                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season | 1 <sup>st</sup> Season      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season |
| Line 1 | Control                          | 1.10                   | 1.17                   | 0.280                          | 0.337                  | 4.953                       | 5.964                  |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 1.29                   | 1.30                   | 0.496                          | 0.533                  | 8.775                       | 9.427                  |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 1.20                   | 1.23                   | 0.352                          | 0.394                  | 6.228                       | 6.973                  |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 1.22                   | 1.25                   | 0.409                          | 0.435                  | 7.232                       | 7.706                  |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 1.36                   | 1.39                   | 0.695                          | 0.761                  | 12.294                      | 13.465                 |
| Line 2 | Control                          | 1.01                   | 1.05                   | 0.241                          | 0.272                  | 4.260                       | 4.808                  |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 1.21                   | 1.26                   | 0.405                          | 0.456                  | 7.177                       | 8.069                  |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 1.06                   | 1.09                   | 0.284                          | 0.306                  | 5.021                       | 5.416                  |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 1.08                   | 1.10                   | 0.333                          | 0.367                  | 5.886                       | 6.489                  |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 1.30                   | 1.32                   | 0.649                          | 0.665                  | 11.496                      | 11.766                 |
| Line 3 | Control                          | 1.23                   | 1.27                   | 0.361                          | 0.412                  | 6.381                       | 7.290                  |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 1.43                   | 1.44                   | 0.636                          | 0.645                  | 11.253                      | 11.411                 |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 1.32                   | 1.34                   | 0.481                          | 0.512                  | 8.521                       | 9.060                  |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 1.33                   | 1.36                   | 0.535                          | 0.581                  | 9.463                       | 10.279                 |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 1.45                   | 1.48                   | 0.834                          | 0.865                  | 14.765                      | 15.314                 |
| Line 4 | Control                          | 1.21                   | 1.24                   | 0.350                          | 0.388                  | 6.187                       | 6.870                  |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 1.37                   | 1.39                   | 0.585                          | 0.610                  | 10.352                      | 10.801                 |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 1.24                   | 1.27                   | 0.421                          | 0.459                  | 7.460                       | 8.122                  |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 1.27                   | 1.30                   | 0.504                          | 0.523                  | 8.924                       | 9.250                  |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 1.40                   | 1.44                   | 0.742                          | 0.778                  | 13.133                      | 13.764                 |
| Line 5 | Control                          | 1.30                   | 1.35                   | 0.467                          | 0.507                  | 8.263                       | 8.973                  |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 1.45                   | 1.48                   | 0.734                          | 0.842                  | 12.992                      | 14.900                 |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 1.39                   | 1.41                   | 0.542                          | 0.634                  | 9.595                       | 11.221                 |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 1.40                   | 1.44                   | 0.646                          | 0.725                  | 11.438                      | 12.841                 |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 1.50                   | 1.55                   | 0.891                          | 0.932                  | 15.765                      | 16.491                 |
| Line 6 | Control                          | 1.36                   | 1.39                   | 0.519                          | 0.544                  | 9.181                       | 9.635                  |
|        | SA 10 ppm                        | 1.55                   | 1.58                   | 0.870                          | 0.902                  | 15.405                      | 15.974                 |
|        | SA 20 ppm                        | 1.47                   | 1.49                   | 0.635                          | 0.673                  | 11.238                      | 11.907                 |
|        | Yeast 1500 ppm                   | 1.51                   | 1.54                   | 0.764                          | 0.802                  | 13.519                      | 14.196                 |
|        | Yeast 3000 ppm                   | 1.60                   | 1.63                   | 0.973                          | 1.000                  | 17.227                      | 17.703                 |
| LSD 5% |                                  | 0.08                   | 0.08                   | 0.047                          | 0.042                  | 0.830                       | 0.690                  |

It could be pointed out that exogenous application of yeast and salicylic acid had a marked role and positive effects on the essential oil percentage and yield in celery plants. Yeast at 3000 ppm was the best treatment for increasing essential oil percentage and its yield followed by salicylic acid at 10 ppm, yeast at 1500 ppm and salicylic acid at 20 ppm. In addition, application of yeast at 3000 ppm doubled the essential oil yield per plant when compared with control plants (0.796 and 0.833 ml/plant versus 0.369 and 0.410 ml/plant) for the first and second seasons, respectively.

As regard to the interaction between different celery lines and foliar application treatments and their effects on essential oil percentage and yield, data presented in Table (7) indicated that cultivation of lines No. 6 or 5 and spraying them with yeast at 3000 ppm or salicylic acid at 10 ppm increased essential oil percentage and yield. The highest values of essential oil percentage and yield were obtained from plants of the interaction between line No. 6 with yeast at 3000 ppm, followed by plants of line 5 with yeast at 3000 ppm, plants of line 6 with salicylic acid at 10 ppm and then plants of line 5 with salicylic acid at 10 ppm. On the other hand, control plants of line 2 gave the lowest values for essential oil percentage and oil yield per plant and per feddan.

Concerning the promotive effect of yeast on essential oil percentage and oil yield, Subba Rao (1984) and Dewic (2000) mentioned that these results may be due to the stimulatory effect of yeast which acts as co-enzymes in photosynthesis and metabolism of carbohydrates and other metabolites. Our results on yeast agreed with those obtained earlier by Ahmed *et al.* (2014) on basil, Heikal (2005) on thyme, Selim (2005) on *Mentha viridis* and *Salvia officinalis*, Naguib (2002) on lemongrass, Ahmed *et al.* (1998) on roselle, Ahmed (1998) on marjoram, Refaat and Naguib (1998) on peppermint and Haridi (1987) on *Salvia officinalis*. The positive effects of salicylic acid on essential oil yield and

components may be due to its role in increasing cell metabolism, affecting plastid and pathways of secondary metabolites and enhancing the synthesis of phenolic compounds (Gorni and Pacheco 2016 and Talaat *et al.*, 2013). Idrees *et al.* (2010) stated that the improvement in essential oil content by foliar application of SA might be due to the increase in cycle growth, nutrients uptake or changes in leaf oil gland population and monoterpenes biosynthesis. Improvement of essential oil percentage and yield per plant in response to SA application has been reported in other plant species (Gharib 2006; Idrees *et al.* 2010). The obtained results of salicylic acid were in the same line with those of Arzandi (2014) and Said-Al Ahl *et al.* (2014) on coriander and Rahimi *et al.* (2013) on *Cuminum cyminum*.

## CONCLUSION

It was observed from this study that, using foliar application of yeast at 3000 ppm and or salicylic acid at 10 ppm stimulated most of vegetative growth characters led to producing higher total yield and essential oil content in celery plants.

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أجريت هذه الدراسة في موسمين متتاليين خلال الموسم الشتوي لعامي ٢٠١٣/٢٠١٤ و ٢٠١٤/٢٠١٥ بمزرعة محطة بحوث البساتين بالمنصورة - محافظة الدقهلية - مصر و ذلك لدراسة تأثير الرش الورقي بكلا من الخميرة (١٥٠٠ و ٣٠٠٠ جزء في المليون) او حامض الساليسيليك (١٠ و ٢٠ جزء في المليون) على النمو الخضري والثماري، والنسبة المئوية للزيت ومحصول الزيت لسنة سلالات محلية من الكرفس (نتيجة من برنامج تربية بالمعهد) و أظهرت النتائج أن الرش الورقي بكلا من الخميرة او حامض الساليسيليك يؤدي إلى زيادة في قيم صفات النمو الخضري المتمثلة في طول النبات و عدد كلا من الافرع و الأوراق على النبات و كذلك الوزن الطازج و الجاف للنبات لجميع سلالات الكرفس . كما أعطت السلالتان الخامسة و السادسة أعلى القيم لصفات النمو و على العكس أعطت السلالتان الأولى و الثانية أقل قيم لصفات النمو الخضري. كما أوضحت النتائج تحسن محصول الثمار و نسبة الزيت الطيار في ثمار الكرفس نتيجة الرش بالخميرة أو حامض الساليسيليك و كانت الخميرة بتركيز ٣٠٠٠ جزء في المليون هي أحسن المعاملات يليها حامض الساليسيليك ١٠ جزء في المليون. و أعطت السلالتان الخامسة و السادسة أعلى القيم للمحصول البذري و نسبة الزيت الطيار في الثمار. وقد اعطت السلالة السادسة بالرش بالخميرة بتركيز ٣٠٠٠ جزء في المليون أعلى القيم لصفات النمو الخضري و الثمري و نسبة و محصول الزيت الطيار في حين سجل عدم رش السلالة الثانية أقل القيم. و مما سبق فإنه يوصى بزراعة سلالة الكرفس السادسة و رشها بالخميرة بتركيز ٣٠٠٠ جزء في المليون كأفضل معاملة يليها معاملة الرش بحامض الساليسيليك بتركيز ١٠ جزء في المليون و ذلك للحصول على أعلى محصول من الكرفس.





