

Growth, development, photosynthetic potential, productivity and adaptability of tomato varieties on slightly saline soils of the Bukhara region

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Abstract. The article presents the results of a study of a collection of local and introduced early, mid-early and mid-ripening tomato hybrid varieties in terms of growth rate, development, formation of leaf surface area, tops, root system, photosynthetic potential, fruit formation, productivity indicators, total and marketable yield by harvest, coefficient adaptability. On their basis, tomato hybrid varieties were isolated from the early-ripening group; from other studied groups, they were tall, branched, with a high leaf surface area, powerful tops, root system and productivity. The hybrid varieties Tomsk F1, Bobcat F1, Pinyun F1, Seraj F1 were especially distinguished by these indicators, in which the plant height was 71.3-80.2 cm, leaf surface area 0.67-0.70 m², root weight 124-144 g, tops 473-574 g, fruit yield per bush 1734.1-2579.5 g. It was revealed that the greatest photosynthetic potential in crops was observed in the hybrid varieties Tomsk F1 (1675.6 thousand m²/ha x day), Bobcat F1 (1644.0 thousand m²/ha x day), Seraj F1 (1693.2 thousand m²/ha x day), Red stone (1941.2 thousand m²/ha x day), Wolverine F1 (1841.8 thousand m²/ha x day), Taracota F1 (1726.1 thousand m²/ha x day), Pink trind F1 (2252.3 thousand m²/ha x day). The highest adaptability coefficient was in the hybrid varieties Tomsk F1 (1.49), Bobcat F1 (1.28), Seraj F1 (1.22), Red stone (1.40), Pink trind F1 (1.16), in which the yield was 44.0-109.8 t/ha.

1 Introduction

Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.) is one of the most important fruit vegetables and cash crops in the world. Tomato is used either directly as fresh vegetable or in the form of various processed products including paste, whole peeled, diced, juices and soups (Grandillo et al., 1999). According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), more than ??? million metric tons of tomatoes were produced globally in ... (FAO, 2021). The average yield of tomato ranges from about 10 t to more than 200 ton per hectare across the world. In Uzbekistan, about ? hectares are under the cultivation of tomato and the average yield is about 36 ton per hectare (FAO, 2021). The Bukhara region in the republic is characterized by peculiar soil and climatic conditions, a low level of provision of the population with tomato production, and the yield does not exceed 21-22 tons per hectare.

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Plant growth is adversely affected by soil salinity stress causing 7% decrease in crop yield all over the world (Latef and Chaoxing, 2011; Maggio et al., 2004). Due to the arid climate with annual evaporation rates of approximately 2000 mm, large areas of the Bukhara region are covered by the Kyzyl Kum desert, and only 4.7% of the lands are used for agriculture (Alihanov, 2008; Kulmatove et al., 2015). While the percentage of agricultural land is low, it is of great importance for the regional economy. A total of 274,900 ha of agricultural lands in Bukhara region are intensively irrigated to allow the production of cotton and wheat. The combination of the high salinity of the irrigation water and the generous application of fertilizers leads to a widespread soil salinization in this region (Kulmatove et al., 2015).

Discuss about meadow alluvial soils of Bukhara region especially on:

An increase in tomato yields in the region largely depends on the correct selection of highly productive, adaptive, resistant varieties to soil salinity, diseases and pests and other extreme factors (references!?). Other affecting factors include the organization of scientifically based local primary and elite seed production, the development and widespread implementation of basic elements of agricultural cultivation technology, such as timing of planting seedlings, planting pattern and standing density, irrigation regime, fertilizer application rates etc. It is relevant that although tomato is the leading vegetable crop in the republic, the need has not yet been satisfied. The main reasons for this, taking into account each soil-climatic region, are that the collection of different tomato hybrid varieties has not been assessed for growth, formation of leaf surface area, photosynthetic potential, yield and adaptability coefficient, that is, adaptive, highly productive hybrid varieties have not been identified, the lack of high-quality varietal seeds [1,2,3,4].

The purpose of the study is to conduct a comprehensive study of a collection of local and introduced early, mid-early and mid-ripening tomato hybrid varieties in terms of early maturity, growth, development, formation of leaf surface area, tops, root system, photosynthetic potential, fruit formation, productivity indicators, general and commercial yields based on harvests and, on their basis, the selection of promising, high-yielding, adaptive hybrid varieties for slightly saline meadow alluvial soils.

2 Materials and Methods

2.1 The study area and soil characteristics

Field experiments were carried out in the conditions of irrigated meadow alluvial soils of the Khamrov Khalil Bozorovich farm in the Zhandar district of the Bukhara region (Fig. 1).

The Bukhara region, located on the southwest of the Republic of Uzbekistan, covers 40320 km² and has a population of 1.7 million people. The climate is continental, with cold winters (monthly average: 1.6°C in January) and hot summers (monthly average: 29.4°C in July). The mean annual air temperature and precipitation are 15.6°C and 142 mm, respectively. Most of the rainfall occurs during the winter months and in early spring (20.7 mm in December, 19.5 mm in January, 18.3 mm in February 28.8 mm in March) while the summer months are very dry (Kulmatove et al., 2015).

The soils of the experimental plot are characterized by a organic carbon content of 1.0-1.1%, gross nitrogen - 0.10-0.12%, phosphorus 17-19 mg kg⁻¹, and potassium 190-200 mg kg⁻¹, reaction in aqueous extract pH=7.2-7.3, low chloride salinity (0.310-0.412% chlorine ion).

2.2 The experimental design and plantation

We studied 18 varieties and heterotic hybrids of tomato which were three groups of early (6 varieties), mid-early (8 varieties) and mid-season (4 varieties) hybrid varieties. The experiment was laid out in a randomized complete block design (RCBD) with three

replications. The experimental plots were laid out in one contour of the field, and the area of each plot was 36 m² (? × ? m). Seedlings were planted with 5-7 true leaves according to a 90x25 cm pattern on April 5-12, year?. Soil moisture during the growing season of plants was maintained at pre-irrigation moisture content not lower than 75-85-85% PIMC, that is, watered 16 times according to the 2-4-10 scheme (“planting seedlings-flowering” 2 times, “flowering-fruit formation” 4 times and “fruit formation-harvesting” 10 waterings) with an irrigation rate of 500-600 m³ ha⁻¹ and an interval every 5-11 days. The electrical conductivity (EC) of the irrigation water was The annual rate of application of organomineral fertilizers is 20 t ha⁻¹ of manure + N₂₀₀ P₁₆₀ K₁₀₀ kg ha⁻¹, all were applied before the seedling, but the N fertilizer which was split and applied during the growing season.

2.3 Measurements and data analysis

All records, observations, calculations and analyzes on the experimental plot were carried out according to generally accepted methods and agricultural recommendations [5-21].

Adaptability coefficient of tomato varieties (hybrids) in the conditions of the Bukhara region was calculated by?

Photosynthetic potential of the tomato varieties (hybrids) was calculated as?

Water use efficiency (WUE) was calculated according to the following formula:

$$WUE \text{ (kg m}^{-3}\text{)} = \text{Total fruit yield (kg ha}^{-1}\text{)} / \text{applied water (m}^3\text{ ha}^{-1}\text{)}$$

A one-way ANOVA analysis was performed using the general linear model univariate procedure with SPSS 13.0 software (SPSS, Chicago, IL). The mean values of the measured physiological and morphological characteristics of the tomato varieties were compared using Duncan’s multiple range test when significant differences were detected. The significant level was $P < 0.05$.

3 Results and Discussion

The studied tomato hybrid varieties differed significantly ($P < 0.01$ or 0.05 ?) in germination, growth, development, formation of leaf surface area, tops, roots and productivity indicators (Table 1).

Table 1. Growth, development and productivity of tomato varieties and hybrids in slightly saline soils of the Bukhara region (2022-2023).

№	Name and origin of the variety (hybrids)	Field germination, %	Length of periods in days			Growing season, in days	Plant height, cm	Leaf surface area (m ²)			Weight from 1 bush, g		
			planting seedlings-flowering	flowering-fruiting	fruiting-ripening			flowering	fruiting	ripening	roots in layer 0-20 cm	tops	fruit harvest
In early hybrid varieties													
1.	Mustakillik - 28(UZ)-st.	95	15	14	28	57	66,0	0,29	0,51	0,57	105	460	897,7
2.	Ogastin (DE)	97	13	14	29	56	69,3	0,32	0,52	0,60	116	479	993,2
3.	Lojain F ₁ (NL)	95	12	10	28	50	71,3	0,47	0,67	0,72	124	473	1734,1
4.	Tomck F ₁ (NL)	98	12	12	28	52	80,2	0,53	0,75	0,80	144	574	2579,5

5.	Bobcat F ₁ (NL)	97	14	12	28	54	75,7	0,51	0,72	0,76	130	510	2213,6
6.	Seraj F ₁ (NL)	98	12	12	30	54	77,2	0,50	0,73	0,78	135	546	2113,6
In mid-early hybrid varieties													
7.	Rio-grande (NL)-st.	85	19	15	28	62	54,6	0,26	0,50	0,55	104	466	972,7
8.	Volgogradsky 5/95(RU)	93	17	18	30	65	63,5	0,28	0,48	0,51	112	450	600,0
9.	Red stone (USA)	98	21	17	26	64	66,0	0,44	0,61	0,65	126	490	1081,8
10.	Yusupov (UZ)	94	20	17	26	63	56,0	0,30	0,52	0,58	130	516	1786,4
11.	Vostok (UZ)	80	20	16	29	65	56,2	0,28	0,50	0,54	103	464	650,0
12.	BT 1019 F ₁ (TR)	94	18	11	32	61	68,2	0,34	0,58	0,61	107	475	311,7
13.	Terra cotta F ₁ (NL)	90	18	12	31	61	69,9	0,39	0,70	0,74	127	507	820,5
14.	Wolverine F ₁ (NL)	93	21	12	31	64	70,7	0,42	0,71	0,76	128	510	956,5
In mid-season hybrid varieties													
15.	Floradade (US)-st.	84	18	14	41	73	67,2	0,37	0,58	0,65	114	486	915,9
16.	Campbell (DE)	89	19	14	36	69	65,9	0,38	0,60	0,67	117	485	859,1
17.	H2274 F ₁ (TR.)	89	23	15	37	75	66,0	0,41	0,61	0,65	120	490	752,3
18.	Pink trind F ₁ (NL)	96	21	17	36	74	72,0	0,50	0,72	0,76	134	545	1034,1

The weight of 1000 seeds according to varieties and hybrids ranged from 2.3 (Lojain F₁, Tomsk F₁) to 3.2 g (Volgogradsky 5/95, Yusupov), and field germination of seeds from 80 (Vostok) to 98% (Tomsk F₁, Seraj F₁, Red Stone). Over 95% of seed germination was noted in the varieties (hybrids) Mustakillik-8, Augustin, Lojain F₁, Tomsk F₁, Bobcat F₁, Seraj F₁, Red stone, Pink trind F₁. The lowest field germination (80-85%) was found in varieties (hybrids) - Vostok, Floradade, Rio-grande.

The data showed that the duration of interphase periods for hybrid varieties changed significantly and in the group of early varieties the period of “planting seedlings-flowering” was 12-15 days, the period of “flowering-fruiting” was 10-14 days, the period of “fruiting-ripening” was 28-30 days. The group of mid-early varieties has, respectively, 17-21; 11-17; 26-32 days, and for the group of mid-season varieties - 18-23; 14-17; 36-41 days. The growing season, that is, the period from planting seedlings to the first harvest, for the group of early hybrid varieties was 50-57 days, for the group of mid-early hybrid varieties it was 61-65 days, and for mid-season hybrids it was 69-75 days. In the group of early ripening hybrid varieties, all hybrid varieties differed from the standard Mustakillik-28 variety by ripening fruits 1-7 days earlier; in the group of mid-early hybrid varieties, only the hybrid Terra Cotta F₁, BT1019 F₁ had a growing season of 61 days, and in the other studied varieties - For hybrids, the growing season was 1-4 days longer. In the group of mid-season varieties, the duration of the growing season was 69-75 days, only the Campbell variety was 4 days shorter, and the H2274 F₁ hybrid was 2 days longer.

In compare with other groups of hybrid varieties, the group of early ripening hybrid varieties were relatively tall, branched, with a high leaf surface area, powerful tops, root system and fruit yield. The tomato hybrid varieties Tomsk F₁, Bobcat F₁, Lojain F₁, Seraj F₁ were especially distinguished by these indicators. At the same time, the height of the plants was 71.3-80.2 cm, the leaf surface area was 0.67-0.75 m², the mass of roots was 124-144 g, the tops were 473-574 g, the fruit yield per bush was 1734.1-2579.5 g, where the ratio of fruits and tops differed 1:3.6-4.1. Relatively high growth and productivity indicators were observed in the mid-early variety Red stone, mid-season variety Floradade,

hybrid Pink trind F1, where the fruit yield per bush was 1034.1-1081.8 g, the ratio of fruits and tops was 1: 1.8-2, 1. In the studied tomato hybrid varieties, the average weight of fruits varied significantly; the largest fruits (147-308 g) were obtained from the hybrids Seraj F1, Tomsk F1, Bobcat F1, Pink trink F1. For the Floradade variety, the average fruit weight was 56 g, and for the Red stone variety, 103 g.

The formation of leaf surface area (1000 m² per 1 hectare) and photosynthetic potential in crops of tomato hybrid varieties showed that in the studied varieties (hybrids) these indicators vary greatly according to the phases of plant development (Figure 1).

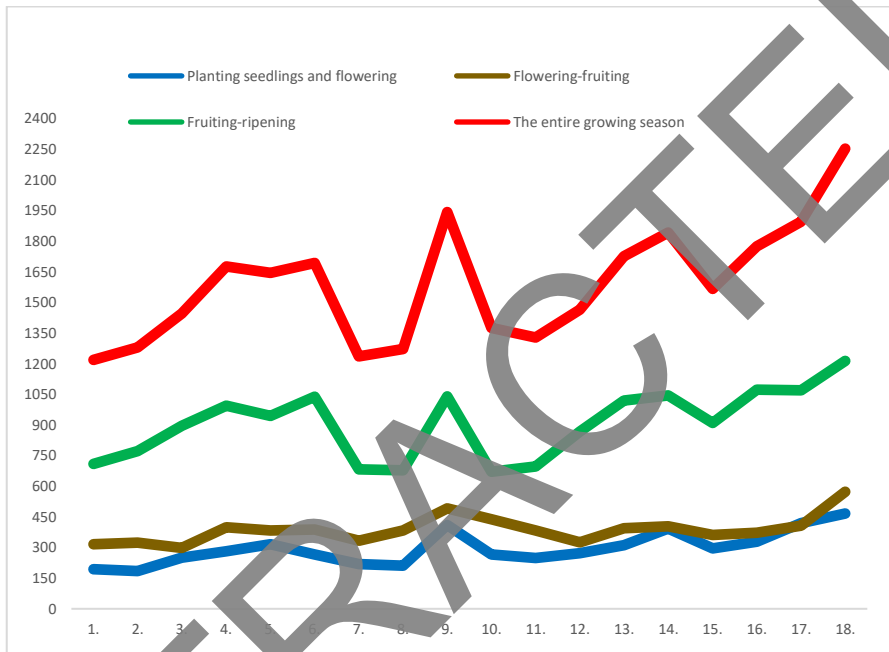


Fig. 1. Formation of photosynthetic potential in crops of tomato varieties (hybrids) on slightly saline soils

The leaf surface area during the period of “planting seedlings-flowering” ranged from 11.5 (Rio-grande) to 33.5 thousand m² ha⁻¹ (Tomsk F1) for hybrid varieties; during the period of “flowering-fruiting” - 22.2 -33.3 thousand m²/ha, and during the period of “fruiting-ripening” - 24.4-35.5 thousand m²/ha. The highest leaf surface area was formed in the hybrid varieties Lojain F1, Tomsk F1, Bobcat F1, Seraj F1, Terra cotta F1, Wolverine F1, Pink trind F1 (32.0-35.5 thousand m²/ha).

Similar patterns were observed for photosynthetic potential in crops of tomato hybrid varieties (Fig. 1). The data showed that during the period of “planting seedlings-flowering” the photosynthetic potential of the studied hybrid varieties was 184.6-466.2, during the period of “flowering-fruiting” - 298.0-572.9, and during the period of “fruiting- ripening” - 670.8-1213.2 thousand m²/ha x day.

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thousand $m^2/ha \times day$). The lowest photosynthetic potential in crops was observed in the varieties Mustakillik-28, Augustin, Rio-grande, Volgogradsky 5/95.

One of the important complex characteristics that determine the capabilities of tomato varieties (hybrids) is the level of potential yield. Productivity as a valuable economic indicator of any variety determines its resistance to an unfavorable external environment (drought, heat, winter hardiness, soil salinity), diseases and pests. The size of the harvest is a product closely linked between productivity and resistance to unfavorable environmental factors, one of the reasons establishing the stagnant (crisis) state of agriculture, the constant existence of non-adaptation (Figure 2).

According to the results of a number of studies (L.A. Zhivotkov et al., 1998, V.A. Semikin et al., 2007, T.E. Ostonakulov, V.I. Zuev, O.K. Kodyrkhodzhaev, 2019) it was established that the average yield in advanced farming conditions is 35-40 t/ha, and in many cases 18-25 t/ha. The big difference between the actual and potential yield is due to the fact that farms cultivated "popular" varieties, that is, the adaptability to the specific soil and climatic conditions of a given variety is not taken into account. Therefore, we studied collections of tomato hybrid varieties on slightly saline soils of the Bukhara region in terms of potential yield and adaptability coefficient (Figure 3).

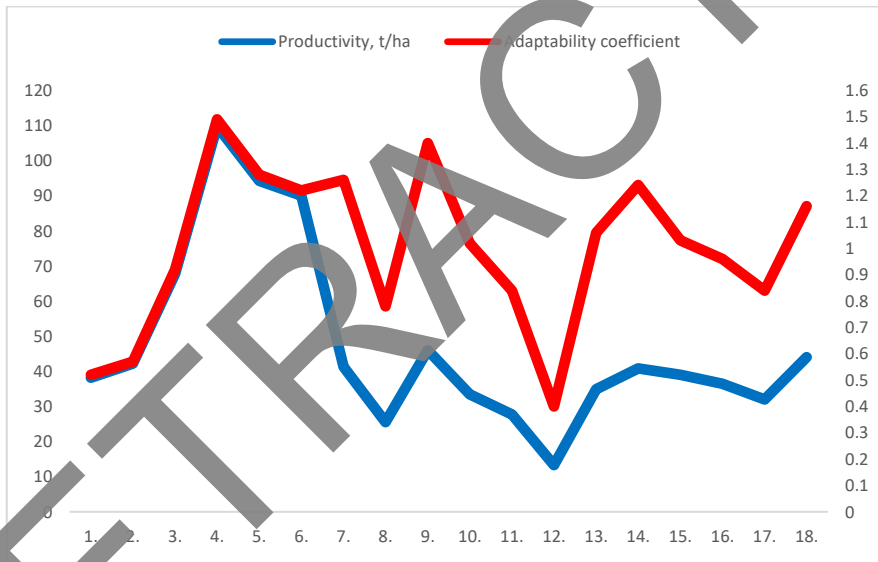


Fig. 2. Productivity and adaptability coefficient of tomato varieties (hybrids) in the conditions of the Bukhara region

It was established that the yield of early hybrid varieties was 38.2-109.8 per hectare, for mid-early varieties - 13.3-46.0, for mid-season - 32.0-44.0 tons, and the adaptability coefficient, respectively, 0.52-1.49, 0.78-1.40 and 0.84-1.16. The highest adaptability coefficient was observed in the hybrid varieties Tomsk F1 (1.49), Bobcat F1 (1.28), Seraj F1 (1.22), Red stone (1.40), Pink trind F1 (1.16), the yield of these hybrid varieties was 44.0-109.8 t/ha. The lowest adaptability coefficient was observed in the hybrid varieties BT-1019 F1 (0.40), Mustakillik-28 (0.52), Augustin (0.57), H2274 F1 (0.84).

In general, the adaptability coefficient of the studied varieties from the early group was 3, from the mid-early groups - 5, and from mid-ripening varieties (hybrids) - 2; a total of 10 varieties were 1.0 or higher.

4 Conclusion

1. The group of early-ripening hybrid varieties from other studied groups were relatively tall, branched, with a high leaf surface area, powerful tops, root system and fruit yield. The tomato hybrid varieties Tomsk F1, Bobcat F1, Lojain F1, Seraj F1 were especially distinguished by these indicators, in which the plant height was 71.3-80.2 cm, the leaf surface area was 0.67-0.75 m², and the root weight was 124 -144 g, tops - 473-574 g, fruit yield per bush 1734.1-2579.5 g, where the ratio of fruits and tops differed 1: 3.0-4.1. Relatively high growth and productivity indicators were observed in the mid-early variety Red stone, mid-season variety Floradade, hybrid Pink teind F1, where the fruit yield per bush was 1034.1-1081.8 g, the ratio of fruits and tops was 1: 1.8-2, 1. The average fruit weight of the hybrids Seraj F1, Tomsk F1, Bobcat F1, Pink trink F1 was the largest (147-308 g), the Floradade variety was 56 g, and the Red stone variety was 103 g.

2. The formation of leaf surface area per hectare and photosynthetic potential in crops of tomato hybrid varieties change sharply according to the phases of plant development. It was revealed that during the period of "planting seedlings-flowering" the photosynthetic potential of the studied varieties (hybrids) was 184.6-466.2, during the period of "flowering-fruiting" - 298.0-572.9, and during the period of "fruiting- ripening" - 670.8-1213.2 thousand m²/ha x day. And during the growing season of plants, the photosynthetic potential of the crop varieties (hybrids) ranged from 1218.3 (Mustakillik-28) to 2252.3 thousand m²/ha x day (Pink trind F1). The greatest photosynthetic potential in crops was observed in the hybrid varieties Tomsk F1 (1675.6 thousand m²/ha x day), Bobcat F1 (1644.0 thousand m²/ha x day), Seraj F1 (1693.2 thousand m²/ha x day), Red stone (1941.2 thousand m²/ha x day), Peracotta F1 (1726.1 thousand m²/ha x day), Wolverine F1 (1841.8 thousand m²/ha x day), Pink trind F1 (2252.3 thousand m²/ha x day).

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