

Table S1. Name, code, pedigree and origin of the used parents and check cultivars in the breeding program.

| Genotype | Code | Use | Pedigree | Year of release | Origin |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| Giza-168 | P1 | Parent | MIL/BUC//Seri CM 93046-8M-04-0M-2Y-0B-062 | 1999 | Egypt |
| Acsad-903 | P2 | Parent | ACSAD52914/C18224/C1683/3/Cno*2/7c//TopA cs-W-8024-20IZ-3IZ-4IZ-0IZ | 2008 | ACSAD |
| Acsad-949 | P3 | Parent | SNB,S,ASAD30SATS-W-8083-3IZ-5IZ-3IZ-0IZ | 2008 | ACSAD |
| Line1 | P4 | Parent | TEVEE-I/SHUHA-C6 | 2006 | ICARDA |
| Line63 | P5 | Parent | CHAM-4/GRU90-202579 | 2006 | ICARDA |
| Cham-6 | P6 | Parent | CM39992-2M-7Y-0M-OAP | 2006 | ICARDA |
| V-4 | P7 | Parent | Azeghar-2/3/Mrf2//Bcr/Gro1 | 2007 | ICARDA |
| V-11 | P8 | Parent | Bcr/Gro1//Mgnl1 | 2007 | ICARDA |
| V-12 | P9 | Parent | Geromtel-1/Icasyr-1 | 2007 | ICARDA |
| Gemaiza-7 | P10 | Parent | CMH74 A. 630/5x//Seri 82/3/Agent CGM 4611- 2GM-3GM-1GM-0GM | 1999 | Egypt |
| Sakha-94 | C1 | Check | Opata/Rayon//KauzCMBW90Y3180-0T0PM-3Y- 010M-010Y-10M-015Y-0AP-0S OASIS/KAUZ//4*BCN/3/2*PASTOP | 2004 | CIMMYT |
| Misr-1 | C2 | Check | CMss00Y01881T-050M-030Y-030M-030WGY- 33M-0Y-0S. | 2010 | CIMMYT |
| Gemmiza-7 | C3 | Check | CMH74 A. 630/5x//Seri 82/3/Agent CGM 4611- 2GM-3GM-1GM-0GM | 2000 | Egypt |
| Gemmiza-9 | C4 | Check | Ald"S"/Huac"S"/CMH74A.630/5Xcgm4583- 5GM-1GM-0GM | 2000 | Egypt |
| Gemmiza-11 | C5 | Check | Bow"s"/Kvz"s"/7c/seri82/3/Giza168/Sakha61CG M7892-2GM-1GM-2GM-1GM-0GM | 2010 | Egypt |

Table 2. Monthly average minimum temperature (Tmin, °C), maximum temperature (Tmax, °C), growing degree days (GDD, °C) and precipitation (Prec., mm) in the three growing seasons and 38 years' monthly averages (1983-2020).

| Month | 2017-2018 | | | | 2018-2019 | | | | 2019-2020 | | | | 38 years average | | |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|------|-----|------|------------------|------|------|
| | Tmin | Tmax | GDD* | Prec | Tmin | Tmax | GDD* | Prec | Tmin | Tmax | GDD | Prec | Tmin | Tmax | Prec |
| November | 14.6 | 26.9 | 433 | 5.7 | 14.7 | 25.0 | 582 | 6.4 | 15.1 | 26.1 | 418 | 4.2 | 13.4 | 23.9 | 7.4 |
| December | 10.3 | 20.7 | 416 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 18.5 | 326 | 8.5 | 9.9 | 19.1 | 439 | 8.4 | 9.4 | 19.0 | 8.1 |
| January | 7.9 | 17.5 | 384 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 17.4 | 468 | 1.7 | 7.0 | 16.8 | 347 | 2.8 | 7.6 | 17.4 | 7.7 |
| February | 9.3 | 19.8 | 483 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 18.9 | 499 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 18.6 | 399 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 18.9 | 6.7 |
| March | 10.5 | 22.3 | 491 | 8.2 | 9.7 | 21.8 | 559 | 7.2 | 10.2 | 22.4 | 476 | 6.9 | 9.9 | 22.4 | 7.2 |
| April | 12.1 | 27.5 | 524 | 2.7 | 12.5 | 25.4 | 664 | 2.1 | 13.1 | 26.1 | 594 | 3.7 | 13.1 | 27.0 | 3.7 |

* Average monthly growing degree days was calculated based on a 0 °C baseline.

Table 3. Chemical properties of soil and irrigation water at the experimental site.

| Characteristics | Soil | Water |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Soil particles distribution | | |
| Sand (%) | 86.95 | |
| Silt (%) | 8.75 | |
| Clay (%) | 4.30 | |
| Textural class | Sandy loam | |
| Calcium carbonate (CaCO ₃ %) | 57.99 | |
| pH | 8.15 | 7.96 |
| Electrical conductivity (dS m ⁻¹) | 7.74 | 8.35 |
| Saturation soluble extract cations and anions (mg 100g⁻¹) | | |
| Calcium (Ca ²⁺) | 25.2 | 23.5 |
| Magnesium (Mg ²⁺) | 5.7 | 14.5 |
| Sodium (Na ⁺) | 57.8 | 66.1 |
| Carbonate (CO ₃ ⁻) | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Bicarbonate (HCO ₃ ⁻) | 6.2 | 6.50 |
| Chloride (Cl ⁻) | 61.9 | 57.66 |
| Sulphate (SO ₄ ⁻) | 26.4 | 29.23 |