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(KClO ₃)
2x3 factorial in CRD
90
(GA ₃) (zeatin)

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ABSTRACT

THE EFFECTS OF LIGHT INTENSITY WATERING RATE ON FLOWERING

INDUCTION, AND THE QUANTITATIVE CHANGES OF GIBBERELLIN AND ZEATIN

IN THE SHOOT APICES OF LONGAN CV. E-DAW PRIOR TO AND AFTER NATURAL

FLOWERING AND AFTER THE TREATMENT OF POTASSIUM CHLORATE

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The effects of shading and watering rates on KClO₂ treated pot-grown longan trees,

were investigated. KClO₃ was applied to trees at the beginning of the experiment, at the rate of

one gram per pot. The experimental design employed was a 2x3 factorial in CRD. The first

factor was the level of watering; sufficient (replaced the amount lost by evapo-transpiration) and

high (3 times the amount lost by evapo - transpiration). The second factor was the level of

shading; 0, 50 and 90%. The results of this study showed that longan trees which received

sufficient watering flowered 1.75 times more than those with high watering rate. The non-

shaded and the 50%-shaded trees flowered 4.50 and 5.50 times more than the 90%-shaded ones.

Furthermore, 90%-shading delayed flowering the most. There was no interaction between the

two factors studied. On the physiological aspect, the level of watering had no effects on leaf

water potential, chlorophyll content and photosynthetic rate. However, 90% shading reduced

photosynthetic rate significantly.

The changes of gibberellin and zeatin contents in the shoot apices of longan cv.

E-Daw were studied both under natural (in season) and artificially induced flowering

(off -season) by applying KClO₃. Under natural cool flowering induction, gibberellin reached its

minimum level 1-2 weeks before flower bud emerged and increased during flower bud

elongation. Zeatin level was increasing, and reached the highest level around the time the flower emerged, and decreasing afterwards. In an off-season flowering induction, gibberellin content remained relatively unchanged. Zeatin increased gradually before flower bud emerged and reached its peak at the period when flower bud emerged, 18-24 days after the treatment of $KCIO_3$.

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