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Abstract

Light absorption and light extinction can importantly affect crop growth and yield production. Accordingly, two field (split plot) experiments were conducted to investigate: 1) the most optimum plant spacing (S) and density (D), which result in the highest rate of corn yield and yield components as affected by light absorption (L) and extinction (K), 2) the most efficient corn genotype (G) and the most optimum N fertilization rate (N), which effectively increase corn yield and yield components by affecting corn light properties. D and N were devoted to the main plots and S and G were used as the sub treatments. Light absorption was measured using a light meter and the coefficients of light extinction (K) were calculated. D, N and G as well as their interactions were the most effective factors on corn light properties, growth and yield. The crop density of 10-12 significantly affected corn growth and yield production. D12 resulted in the highest LAI (4.40), L (16.00%), and biological yields (20623.8 kg/ha). However, the highest K (0.79), grain yield (2398.8 kg/ha), and harvest index (14.36) were related to D6.

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