

DETERMINATION OF SOME AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF SOYBEAN GENOTYPES

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Abstract

This study aims to determine the yield and quality parameters of soybean genotypes that are cultivable under the main crop conditions. The experiments were conducted in Diyarbakir province according to Randomized Complete Block Design in 2017 and 2019 years. The result of mean of two years showed that the highest grain yield was obtained from KA-08-09-1 (4361 kg ha⁻¹) however, the lowest grain yield was obtained from KA-08-09-2 lines (3023 kg ha⁻¹). Additionally, the lowest oil ratio was obtained from the Blaze cultivar (22.4%), while the highest oil ratio was obtained from KA-08-09-2 line (24.0%). According to GGE biplot analysis of traits and genotypes, the advanced line KA-08-09-1 and Blaze cultivar had the largest values for grain yield, number of pods and thousand grain weight. As conclusion, the result of two years of the study indicated that the candidate line (KA-08-09-1) had good results, therefore application for registration was made to the Seed Registration and Certification Directorate in 2021.

Key words: GGE biplot, Diyarbakır, Quality, Türkiye.

Introduction

Soybean (*Glycine max L.*) is the world's foremost provider of high-quality protein and edible oil for both humans and animals (Morsy *et al.*, 2015). The soybean cultivation area was 127 million hectares, production was 353 million tons and the yield was 2784 kg ha⁻¹ in the world in 2020 (Anon., 2022). Besides, in Türkiye, the soybean cultivation was 35134 ha, production was 155225 tons and the yield was 4420 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020. Moreover, in Diyarbakır, the soybean cultivation was 169 ha, production was 755 tons and the yield was 4480 kg ha⁻¹ in 2020 (Anon., 2021). Although it has high production and consumption in the world, soybean production did not reached to desired levels in Türkiye, where large acreage potential as the first and second crop exists. Whenever these areas are cultivated with appropriate soybean varieties, it may contribute to closing our quality feed and vegetable oil gap.

Soybean consumption in Türkiye has reached 1.8 million tons recently. However, only 9% of the consumption is met by local production (Yilmaz *et al.*, 2019). The production of soybean, which may play a key role in the development of the agricultural industry, thus it should be increased its production.

Soybean production is affected by the biotic and abiotic environments. Thus, the adaptability and stability of a genotype grown should be known (Kocaturk *et al.*, 2019). Genotype × feature biplots provide an easy way to visualize the relation between features and germplasm accessions. Thus, this is a good tool to help breeders rapidly select the desired genotypes based on features (Kuo *et al.*, 2021). The GGE biplot could be used to interpret the relationships among genotypes, traits, and groups of traits (Kendal *et al.*, 2016; Karaman, 2020). The use of established multivariate statistical algorithms is an important strategy for classifying germplasm, ordering variability for a large number of accessions, or analyzing genetic relationships among traits in any breeding material (Iqbal *et al.*, 2008).

Domestic soybean production in Türkiye is at a very low level and thus most of the demand is compensated by importation. Expanding soybean cultivation in Türkiye is of great importance. Due to this deficiency, it is important to develop high yielding soybean varieties in Türkiye. In addition, determining the relation between seed yield and yield components can guide breeding studies. Aim of this study was to develop high yielding new soybean cultivars suitable for the main crop conditions.

Material and Methods

The research was conducted in 2017 and 2019, with Randomized Complete Block Design in the trial field of 'GAP International Agricultural Research and Training Center' in Diyarbakır/Türkiye. The experiments were arranged according to Randomized Complete Block Design with three replications in 2017 and four replications in 2019. The study area was located on the 37°56' Northern Latitudes and 40°15' Eastern Longitudes. The information on the genotypes used in the study is given in Table 1 and the meteorological results of the place where the study was carried out are given in Table 2. The soil samples were taken from 0-30 cm depth of trial field and they were analyzed for some chemical and physical properties. The trial soil was in clay loamy structure, lightly alkali (pH 7.65), medium limy (11.72% CaCO₃), slightly salty (0.144%), poor in phosphorus ratio (33 kg ha⁻¹) and contains low organic material (1.0%) (Table 3).

Soybean seeds were sown with a seeder as taking place 50 plants per square meter on dates 12.05.2017 and 21.05.2019. Each plot consisted of 4 rows and 5 m long. Inter-row spacing was 70 cm and inter-row spacing was 4 cm. Lines of each plot were harvested mechanically for the grain yields on date of 17.10.2017 and 08.10.2019.

Seeds were not inoculated with *Rhizobium japonicum* bacteria and total base fertilizer application per hectare in pure forms were 127 kg nitrogen (N) and 100 kg phosphorus (P₂O₅). 27 kg per hectare of the nitrogen and the whole of the phosphorous were applied to the trial field before planting in DAP (Di ammonium phosphate)

which contains 18% N and 46% P₂O₅ form. The remaining 100 kg ha⁻¹ pure nitrogen was applied when plants were 30 cm tall. The irrigation was performed with sprinkler system until the plants were 30 cm tall, and after, the furrow irrigation method was started to be used. Irrigation was made 8 times in both years. In the study, protein ratio and oil ratio were determined by using NIT (Near-Infrared Transmittance) device, because of gives results soon by reading quality data directly from grain. Approximately 700 grams of unground sample taken from each plot was filled into the NIT container and analyzed. Analysis of variance across was calculated for each trait and LSD (Least significant difference) test was applied to match the variations (Steel & Torrie, 1980).

Results and Discussion

Significant differences among the genotypes were determined in terms of the plant height, the grain yield, the oil ratio and the thousand-grain weight (Tables 3, 4 and 5). There were no significant differences among the genotypes in terms of the first pod height in 2017 and in a two-year mean (Tables 3 and 5) whereas significant differences between the genotypes were determined in 2019 (Table 4). There were no significant differences among the genotypes in terms of the pods number per

plant in 2017 and 2019 (Tables 3 and 4) whereas in a two-year mean, significant differences among the genotypes were determined (Table 5). Significant differences among the genotypes were determined in terms of the protein ratio in 2019 and in a two-year mean (Tables 4 and 5) whereas no significant differences between the genotypes were determined in 2017 (Table 3).

The lowest plant height was obtained from KA-08-09-1 line (111.7 cm) while the highest was obtained from UMUT-2002 cultivar (155.5 cm) in 2017 (Table 4). The lowest plant height was obtained from Samsoy (89.5 cm) while the highest was obtained from SA-88 cultivars (112.5 cm) in 2019 (Table 5). In a two-year mean, the lowest plant height was obtained from KA-08-09-1 line (103.3 cm) while the highest was obtained from SA-88 cultivar (126.3 cm) (Table 6). Moreover, Bakal *et al.*, (2017) reported that plant height ranged from 103.3 cm to 135.80 cm in Adana province. Besides, our results have also showed similarity with their findings.

The lowest first pod height was obtained from Samsoy cultivar (7.5 cm) while the highest was obtained from KA-08-09-2 line (15.7 cm) in 2019 (Table 5). Karaaslan *et al.*, (2011) reported first pod height ranged from 12.0 cm to 19.3 cm in the main crop conditions in Diyarbakir province.

Table 1. Soybean lines and cultivars studied.

Line codes	Pedigree	Breeding organization/variety owner	Genotypes were cultivated
KA-08-03-1	(Sprite 87 x Apollo) x Charleston	GAP International Agricultural Research and Training Center	in both years
KA-08-09-1	(Macon x Apollo) x Atakişi		
KA-08-09-2	(Macon x Apollo) x Atakişi		
KA04-03-05	(NE3297 x Apollo)	Black Sea Agricultural Research Institute	in the second year
SO2-14-11	(Macon x Defrance)		
Registered varieties: Arisoy, Blaze, Bravo, SA-88			in both years
Registered varieties: Umut-2002, Gapsoy-16, May 5312			in the first year
Registered variety: Samsoy			in the second year

Table 2. Long-term and 2017-2019 climatic data of Diyarbakır province (Anon., 2019).

	Years	Months						
		April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Average temperature (°C)	2017	12.8	18.8	26.9	32.3	31.1	26.8	17.2
	2019	11.8	20.2	28.3	30.4	31.0	25.2	19.1
	Long Term	13.8	19.3	26.3	31.2	30.3	24.8	17.2
Average max. temperature (°C)	2017	19.5	26.3	35.0	40.7	39.9	36.4	24.8
	2019	17.8	28.3	37.0	37.9	38.9	33.4	27.7
	Long Term	20.2	26.5	33.7	38.4	38.1	33.2	25.2
Precipitation (mm)	2017	98.8	30.6	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.0
	2019	152.6	45.8	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	52.0
	Long Term	68.7	41.3	7.9	0.5	0.4	4.1	34.7
Average humidity (%)	2017	68.5	57.6	30.0	19.4	22.8	22.3	39.2
	2019	78.3	58.0	32.0	24.8	25.2	27.9	50.9
	Long Term	63.0	56.0	31.0	27.0	28.0	32.0	48.0

Table 3. Soil properties of trial areas.

Structure	Total salty (%)	pH	Lime CaCo3 (%)	Organic matter (%)	Phosphor (P2O5) (kg ha ⁻¹)
Clay loamy	0.144	7.65	11.72	1.00	33

Table 4. Average values and groups of soybean genotypes at 2017 growing seasons.

Genotypes	Plant height (cm)	First pod height (cm)	Number of pods per plant	Grain yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	Oil ratio (%)	Protein ratio (%)	Thousand grain weight (g)
KA-08-09-1	111.7 e	11.1	72.3	3936 a	23.8 ab	37.9	148.4 bc
KA-08-03-1	130.8 bcd	9.2	69.3	3254 bc	23.2 b	37.8	139.9 cd
KA-08-09-2	137.5 bc	11.7	59.8	2818 c	24.6 a	36.3	126.2 e
Arisoy	132.5 bcd	12.8	64.4	3714 ab	23.9 ab	37.4	137.5 cde
Blaze	117.5 de	13.3	72.0	3885 ab	23.3 b	37.8	147.8 bc
Bravo	122.3 cde	11.1	61.5	3517 ab	23.5 b	38.8	141.6 cd
Gapsoy-16	139.5 ab	7.8	70.9	3778 ab	23.3 b	37.2	168.4 a
May 5312	116.0 de	12.2	74.8	4006 a	24.7 a	36.9	149.5 bc
SA-88	140.0 ab	9.9	65.5	3433 abc	23.4 b	36.9	131.4 de
UMUT-2002	155.5 a	11.7	59.4	3246 bc	23.9 ab	36.9	156.3 ab
Avergae	130.3	11.1	66.9	3559	23.8	37.4	144.7
CV	7.51	18.6	9.61	10.5	2.3	2.8	5.1
LSD	16.79 **	ns	ns	64.06 *	0.93 *	ns	12.65 **

ns: None significant, * Significant at 0.05 level, **: Significant at 0.01 level

Table 5. Average values and groups of soybean genotypes at 2019 growing seasons.

Genotypes	Plant height (cm)	First pod height (cm)	Number of pods per plant	Grain yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	Oil ratio (%)	Protein ratio (%)	Thousand grain weight (g)
KA-08-09-1	95.0 cd	11.0 bcd	60.7	4787 a	22.3 d	36.5 ab	154.6 a
KA-08-03-1	100.3 bc	11.0 bcd	61.3	3933 bc	22.5 d	36.6 ab	133.7 cde
KA-08-09-2	108.3 ab	15.7 a	58.0	3227 cd	23.3 ab	35.3 bc	126.6 de
KA04-03-05	111.0 a	13.8 ab	55.5	3481 bcd	23.1 bc	34.1 c	144.8 abc
SO2-14-11	90.3 cd	12.5 abc	55.5	3088 d	23.8 a	35.4 abc	150.6 ab
Arisoy	109.5 ab	9.5 cd	57.1	4263 ab	22.6 cd	37.0 a	139.6 bcd
Blaze	94.3 cd	11.3 bcd	61.6	4302 ab	21.5 e	36.6 ab	145.6 abc
Bravo	99.5 bcd	9.9 cd	54.1	2948 d	22.8 bcd	35.7 ab	130.4 de
SA-88	112.5 a	13.0 abc	56.9	4141 ab	22.4 d	35.9 ab	125.7 e
Samsoy	89.5 d	7.5 d	54.9	2768 d	22.8 bcd	35.8 ab	137.2 cde
Avergae	101.0	11.5	57.5	3694	22.7	35.9	138.8
CV	7.1	22.5	9.3	15.6	1.90	3.03	6.5
LSD	10.4 **	3.75 **	ns	83.7 **	0.64 **	1.57 *	13.1 **

ns: None significant, * Significant at 0.05 level, **: Significant at 0.01 level

In a two-year mean, the highest pods per plant was obtained from Blaze cultivar (66.8) and KA-08-09-1 line (66.5) whereas the lowest pods per plant Bravo cultivar (57.8) (Table 6). On the other hand, Mert & Ilker (2016) reported that lower pods number per plant ranged from 36.33 to 48.33 in the main crop growing conditions in Aksaray province. Moreover, Kahraman *et al.*, (2014) reported that pods number per plant ranged from 49.58 to 64.40 in the main crop growing conditions in Diyarbakir province.

The highest average grain yield was obtained from May 5312 cultivar (4006 kg ha⁻¹) and KA-08-09-1 (3936 kg ha⁻¹) whereas the lowest was obtained from KA-08-09-2 line (2818 kg ha⁻¹) in 2017 (Table 4). The highest average yield was obtained from KA-08-09-1 line (4787 kg ha⁻¹) while the lowest average yield was obtained from Samsoy cultivar (2768 kg ha⁻¹) in 2019 (Table 5). In a two-year mean, the highest average yield was obtained from KA-08-09-1 (4361 kg ha⁻¹) while the lowest average yield was obtained from KA-08-09-2 lines (3023 kg ha⁻¹) (Table 6). Bakal *et al.*, (2017) reported that higher yield ranged from 4288 kg ha⁻¹ to 5377 kg ha⁻¹. Sincik *et al.*, (2008) reported that lower yield ranged from 2100 kg ha⁻¹ to 2483 kg ha⁻¹ in Bursa province. Kahraman *et al.*, (2014) reported that lower yield ranged from 2514.3 to 3781.8 kg ha⁻¹ in Diyarbakir province. Arslan *et al.*, (2018) reported grain yield ranged from 2044.3 kg ha⁻¹ to 2950.0 kg ha⁻¹ (in 2012) and ranged from 2892.9 kg ha⁻¹ to 4464.3 kg ha⁻¹ (in 2013) in main crop conditions in Sanliurfa province. Karaaslan *et al.*, (2011) reported that

lower yield ranged from 2130 kg ha⁻¹ to 3438 kg ha⁻¹ in Diyarbakir province. Tayyar & Gul (2007) reported that lower yield ranged from 1890 kg ha⁻¹ to 3302 kg ha⁻¹ in Biga. Mert & Ilker (2016) reported that yield ranged from 2810 kg ha⁻¹ to 4980 kg ha⁻¹ in Aksaray province. Besides, our results have also showed partly similarity with their findings. In addition, the average and average maximum temperatures during the growing season of 2017 (July, August and September) were higher than those of 2019 (Table 2) and the higher temperatures may have resulted lower grain yields of the genotypes (except the bravo variety) in 2017.

The lowest oil ratio was obtained from KA-08-03-1 line (23.2%) while the highest oil ratio was obtained from May 5312 cultivar (24.7%) in 2017 (Table 4). The lowest oil ratio was obtained from Blaze cultivar (21.5%) while the highest oil ratio was obtained from SO2-14-11 line (23.8%) in 2019 (Table 5). In a two-year mean, the lowest oil ratio was obtained from Blaze cultivar (22.4%) while the highest oil ratio was obtained from KA-08-09-2 line (24.0%) (Table 6). On the other hand, Kahraman *et al.*, (2014) reported that oil content ranged from 20.10% to 22.15% in the main crop conditions in Diyarbakir province. Karaaslan *et al.*, (2011) reported that oil ratio ranged from 19.57% to 22.61% in the main crop conditions in Diyarbakir. Demir (2021) reported that oil content ranged from 21.45% to 26.6% in a semi-arid region crop conditions. Differences may be due to environmental conditions, different genotypes used, from the oil analysis method and applications.

Table 6. Average values and groups of soybean genotypes in two-year mean growing seasons.

Genotypes	Plant height (cm)	First pod height (cm)	Number of pods per plant	Grain yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	Oil ratio (%)	Protein ratio (%)	Thousand grain weight (g)
KA-08-09-1	103.3 d	11.0	66.5 a	4361 a	23.1 b	37.2 a	151.5 a
KA-08-03-1	115.5 bc	10.2	65.3 ab	3594 cd	22.8 bc	37.2 a	136.8 cd
KA-08-09-2	122.9 ab	13.9	58.9 bc	3023 e	24.0 a	35.8 b	126.4 e
Arisoy	121.0 ab	10.9	60.8 abc	3989 abc	23.2 b	37.2 a	138.5 bc
Blaze	105.9 cd	12.1	66.8 a	4093 ab	22.4 c	37.2 a	146.7 ab
Bravo	110.9 cd	10.4	57.8 c	3232 de	23.2 b	37.3 a	136.0 cd
SA-88	126.3 a	11.7	61.2 abc	3787 bc	22.9 bc	36.4 ab	128.6 de
Average	115.1	11.5	62.5	3726	23.1	36.9	137.8
CV	7.80	20.5	8.56	11.80	1.90	2.57	5.59
LSD	9.90 **	ns	6.75 *	48.49 **	0.48 **	1.05 *	8.49 **

ns: None significant, * Significant at 0.05 level, **: Significant at 0.01 level

Table 7. Correlation coefficients among the inspected features in two-year mean.

	Grain yield	Plant height	First pod height	Number of pod per plant	1000 grain weight	Oil ratio
Plant height	-0.288*					
First pod height	0.1617	0.1345				
Number of pod per plant	0.0712	0.2202	-0.0832			
1000 grain weight	0.637**	-0.1432	0.0633	0.2687		
Oil ratio	-0.585**	0.588**	0.0449	0.2066	-0.349*	
Protein ratio	0.324*	0.2724	-0.0400	0.438**	0.576*	-0.0615

*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level, **Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level

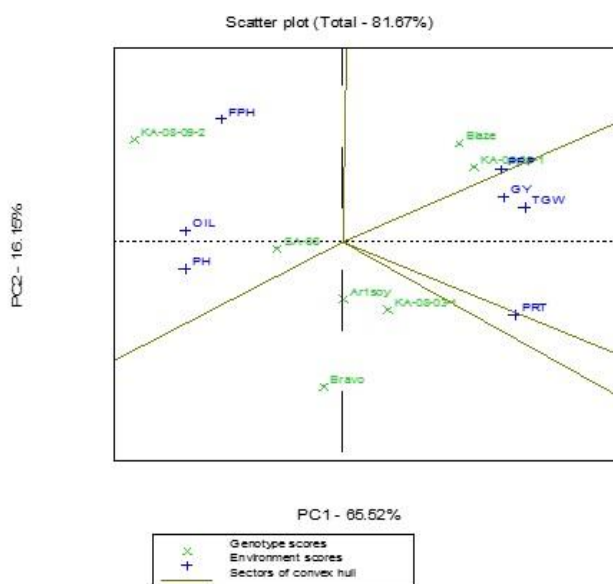


Fig. 1. The GGE biplot graph showing among the genotypes and the inspected features (in two-year mean).

Many researchers have stated that there is a positive relationship between the vectors of two traits as the angle value ($>0^\circ$ – $<90^\circ$) gets narrower, and a negative relationship as the angle value (90° – $<180^\circ$) increases (Mohammadi & Amri, 2011). As in all research, many statistical models and programs are used to evaluate the data obtained from agricultural research (Kendal, 2019).

The lowest protein ratio was obtained from KA04-03-05 line (34.1%) while the highest protein ratio was obtained from Arisoy cultivar (37.0%) in 2019 (Table 5). In a two-year mean, the lowest protein ratio was obtained from KA-08-09-2 line (35.8%) while the highest protein

ratio was obtained from Bravo cultivar (37.3%) (Table 6). Moreover, Bakal *et al.* (2017) reported that the protein ratio ranged from 35.0% to 37.6% in the main crop growing in Adana province. Sincik *et al.*, (2008) reported that the protein ratio ranged from 35.5% to 39.2% in the main crop conditions in Bursa province. Besides, our results have also showed similarity with their findings.

The lowest thousand-grain weight was obtained from KA-08-09-2 (126.2 g) while the highest was obtained from Gapsoy-16 cultivar (168.4 g) (Table 4). The lowest thousand-grain weight was obtained from SA-88 cultivar (125.7 g) while the highest was obtained from KA-08-09-1 line (154.6 g) in 2019 (Table 5). In a two-year mean, the lowest thousand grain weight was obtained from KA-08-09-2 (126.4 g) while the highest was obtained from KA-08-09-1 lines (151.5 g) (Table 6). On the other hand, Mert & Ilker (2016) reported that lower thousand grain weight ranged from 106.89 g to 144.58 g in the main crop conditions in Aksaray province. Sincik *et al.*, (2008) reported that higher thousand grain weight ranged from 135.5 g to 162.7 g. in conditions in Bursa province.

A correlation analysis was conducted to determine the relationship among the yield of soybean genotypes and all other parameters (Table 7). It was determined that there were positive and significant relationships among the grain yield and the thousand grain weight and the protein ratio whereas there were negative and significant relationships among the grain yield and the plant height and the oil ratio. Moreover, there were positive and significant relationships among the oil ratio and the plant height while there were negative and significant relationships among the oil ratio and the thousand grain weight. Ozkan *et al.*, (2019) reported that statistically significant positive relationships was found between the grain yield and the thousand grain weight.

As can be seen in the Figure 1, the traits that are positively related to each other are gathered in a sector. Grain yield (GY), number of pod (PPP) and thousand grain weight (TGW) which had a positive relationship, in the same sector. KA-08-09-1 line and Blaze cultivar in the same sector came to the forefront in terms of these traits by being located within the sector. Moreover, positive correlation was found between protein ratio (PRT) and grain yield (GY), number of pod (PPP) and thousand grain weight (TGW). KA-08-09-1, KA-08-03-1 lines Blaze, Bravo and Arisoy cultivars had higher protein ratio (PRT) than other genotypes. Additionally, among the traits, such as plant height (PH), oil ratio (OIL) and first pod height (FPH) formed in a sector where these three traits are positively related. KA-08-09-2 line had higher oil ratio (OIL) and first capsule height (FPH) than other genotypes. SA-88 and Arisoy varieties located in the center of Figure 1, therefore they had to the close average of traits.

Conclusion

Domestic soybean production in Türkiye is at a very low level and thus most of the demand is compensated by importation. For this purpose, in this study, the KA-08-09-1 line had high values in terms of grain yield, protein ratio, number of pods and thousand-grain weight. Therefore, the result of two years of study indicated that the candidate line (KA-08-09-1) had significant results, therefore application for registration was made to the Seed Registration and Certification Directorate in 2021.

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