

## **Effect of carbon dioxide concentration and irrigation level on evapotranspiration and yield of red bean**

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### **Abstract**

Increasing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration affects plant activities directly. In order to investigate the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, an experiment was conducted at Research Greenhouse of College of Agriculture, Shiraz University, Shiraz, Iran. In this research, the effects of increasing CO<sub>2</sub> concentration from 350 to 750 mg/L were studied on growth and yield of red bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*, cv. Naz) at four irrigation levels (1.2 FC, FC, 0.8 FC and 0.6 FC). In order to control CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, at the onset of the 4-leaf stage, pots were moved to wooden chambers covered with plastic. The results showed an average 15% decrease in evapotranspiration due to increasing the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration. Also the results indicated an increasing effect of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration on growth and yield of bean plants. Reducing the irrigation level to 0.6 FC caused the elevated CO<sub>2</sub> concentration not to have any significant effect ( $P < 0.05$ ) on growth and yield of the red bean. By increasing the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, number of seeds/plant at FC and 0.8 FC irrigation treatments increased by 13 and 11%, respectively. Moreover, increasing CO<sub>2</sub> concentration caused 20% increase in total seed yield. Total dry matter increased about 15% at higher CO<sub>2</sub> level. The conclusion of this research was that increasing CO<sub>2</sub> concentration has significant effect on yield and reduction of evapotranspiration of red bean.

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