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THE SPREAD OF AEGILOPS IN THE FERGANA VALLEY AND BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCES CONTAINED IN SPECIES

Abstract: The article describes the distribution of species belonging to the *Aegilops* family in the Fergana Valley and the amount of protein and carbohydrates in the species.

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Introduction

Representatives of the genus *Aegilops* L. are ephemeral plants widely distributed in the Fergana Valley. Our research is aimed at morphobiological study of *Aegilops* representatives distributed in the Fergana Valley. One of our tasks is to identify priority species by comprehensively assessing their morphological characters in the valley and studying their geographical distribution.

Literature review.

Due to the great practical importance of representatives of this group, extensive scientific research is being conducted by leading scientific research centers around the world. In particular, modern scientific materials have been collected based on genetic (J.B.Wang, 2021; A. Kumar, 2021) [9, 4], molecular biological (J.B.Wang, 2000; Z.Tulpova 2019; X. Haiou, 2022) [9, 8, 11], cytogenetic (Е.Д. Бадаева, 1998, 2002; J. Dvorak, 2013; Li et al., 2019) [13, 1, 10], biochemical (A.I. Abugalieva, T.V. Savin 2018) [12], and taxonomic (P.Л. Богуславский, 2004; H.H. Цвелёв, 2005) [14, 15] data on

representatives of *Aegilops* L. Reproductive biology and ontogenesis features were covered by A.A. Imirsinova (2019) [3, 5].

The microelements in the composition of representatives of this genus were studied by A.I. Abugalieva (2018). In this work, it was found that *Ae. ovata* and *Ae. triuncialis* have high levels of all microelements. He also based the ratio of microelements on the following: *Ae. triuncialis* > *Ae. ovata* (K, P, Mg, Fe, Zn) > *Ae. cylindrica* (Fe, Mn) > *Ae. triaristata* (S) > *Ae. squarrosa* (Ca) [12].

H.H. Цвелёв (1976) also noted that *Aegilops cylindrica*, *Aegilops tauschii* and *Aegilops crassa* are good pasture forage plants for all types of livestock [16].

Research methodology.

The amount of reducing sugars was determined colorimetrically according to the method of Shomodi and Nelson (1952) [7]. This method works on the basis of the reduction of Cu^{2+} ions of sugars to Cu^+ . Shomodi reagent (Na_2CO_3 , $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, NaHCO_3) and Nelson reagent (a mixture of ammonium

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molybdate and sodium arsenate) were prepared for the reaction. After treatment with the reagents, the samples were incubated in a water bath, and then the formed colored complexes were evaluated spectrophotometrically at a wavelength of 610 nm. Measurements were performed on a Shimadzu UV-1800 spectrophotometer. Quantitative calculations were performed using a standard calibration graph based on glucose.

The protein content was determined according to the Lowry method [6]. For this, solutions A, B and C were prepared. Solution C was prepared by mixing solutions A and B in a ratio of 49:1. 400 µl of the sample was mixed with 2 ml of solution C and incubated for 10 minutes. Then 200 µl of Folin's reagent (diluted 1:1 with water) was added and the reaction was terminated by keeping it at room temperature for 30 minutes.

After the reaction, the optical density was measured using a spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 750 nm. The protein content was calculated according to a standard formula. This method is characterized by high sensitivity and accuracy and is

widely used to estimate the protein content in biological samples.

Research results and their analysis

During our field research and samples from the National Herbarium of Uzbekistan (NHU), we can observe that the representatives of the genus are unevenly distributed in different parts of the valley. Most of the representatives of the genus are limited to the mountainous zone and are not found in pastures.

During the research conducted in the Fergana Valley, some species-rich regions were clearly identified. The research objects were found in the Imam Ota hillforts and Karnaychi village of the Khojaabad district of Andijan region; in the hillforts of the Teshiktash village of the Jalaquduk district.

In Fergana region, it was found in the Yukoro Vodil village of Fergana district and the Yukori Chimyon foothills. In Namangan region, the species was observed to be distributed in the foothills of Chust district and the foothills of Pop district, namely the Rezaksoy, Kyzylsuv, and Kamchiksoy foothills (Figure 1).

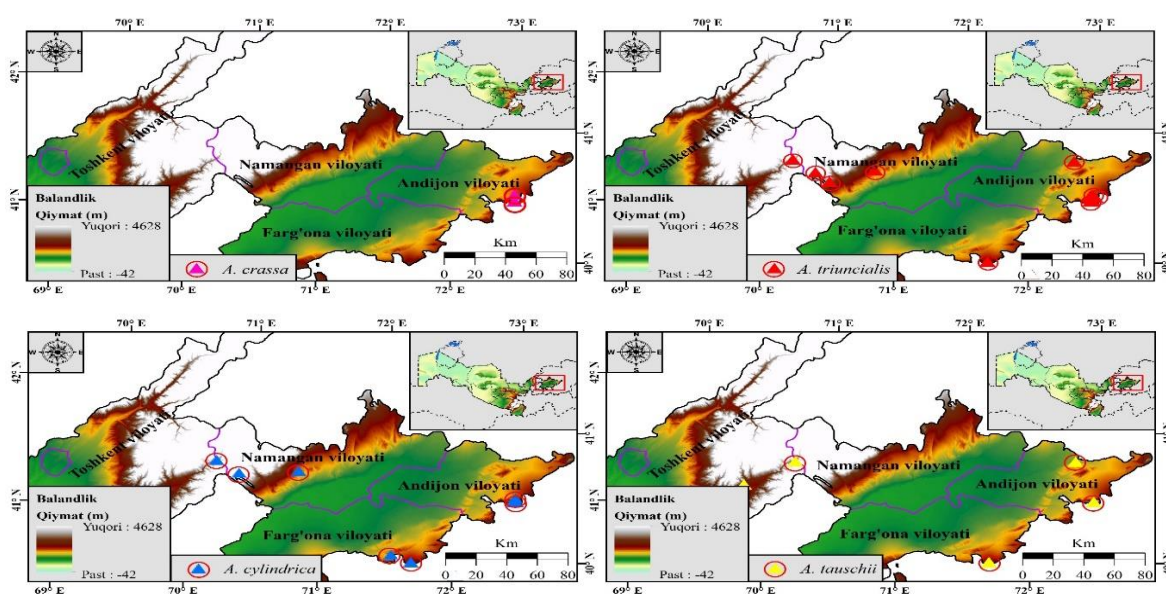


Figure 1. Maps of some studied species of *Aegilops* L. in the Fergana Valley based on the ArGIS program

Table 1. Distribution of species of the genus *Aegilops* in different regions of the Fergana Valley

№	Species name	Place name	Width	Length	Height above sea level (m)
1	<i>A. trinucalis</i>	Khojaabad	40°32 ¹	72°36 ¹	780-790
2	<i>A. trinucalis</i>	Yukori Vodil	40°10 ¹	71°43 ¹	450
3	<i>A. trinucalis</i>	Kamchiqsoy	41°08 ¹	70°23 ¹	1160
4	<i>A. cylindrica</i>	Khojaabad	40°32 ¹	72°37 ¹	847
5	<i>A. cylindrica</i>	Yuqori Vodil	40°10 ¹	71°43 ¹	467
6	<i>A. cylindrica</i>	Kamchiqsoy	41°08 ¹	70°23 ¹	1160

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7	<i>A. tauschii</i>	Khojaabad	40 ⁰ 32 ¹	72 ⁰ 37 ¹	857
8	<i>A. tauschii</i>	Yukori Vodil	40 ⁰ 10 ¹	71 ⁰ 43 ¹	409
9	<i>A. tauschii</i>	Kamchiqsoy	41 ⁰ 08 ¹	70 ⁰ 26 ¹	1140
10	<i>A. crassa</i>	Khojaabad	40 ⁰ 32 ¹	72 ⁰ 36 ¹	807

Aegilops L. species are found in the natural flora of various parts of the Fergana Valley. Until now, these species have not been evaluated as fodder. The rapid hardening of the spikelets in representatives of the genus can injure the mouths of livestock. Therefore, we conducted this study, recommending that their seeds and species can be used as fodder during the virgin period, and the value of the feed quality for livestock was determined in the composition of the plants.

For the research, plant samples were collected in 200 g in 3 replicates.

The study determined the amount of crude protein and carbohydrates. The presence of protein in plants helps to provide animals with complete nutrients. The amount of reducing sugars in forage plants plays an important role in the nutrition and digestion of animals. These sugars are an easily

digestible source of energy and help increase animal growth, milk and meat productivity. The spikelets of *Aegilops* species can damage the mouths of animals when they produce spikes, but they can be useful as fodder for animals when they do not produce spikes. Therefore, in our experiment, we determined the amount of protein and carbohydrates in their virginal period.

In the experiments, we can see that the differences in the protein content of the grasses were determined at the level of 9.4% to 12.6%, and the differences in the carbohydrate content were determined at the level of 13.6% to 21.0% (Table 1). These differences differed depending on the species and their distribution areas. The superiority of the protein content and carbohydrate content in the grasses was observed in the grasses of *A. crassa* collected from Khojaabad.

Table 2. Protein and carbohydrate content of the virginal wet biomass of some species of the genus *Aegilops*

Plant sprouts (mg/raw)					
Species name	Place name	Average protein content	V, %	Carbohydrate content	V, %
<i>A. crassa</i>	Khojaabad	155,3±0,07	12,6	41,7±0,1	21,0
<i>A. triunsialis</i>	Yukori Vodil	137,2±0,07	12,4	9,4±0,1	17,0
<i>A. triunsialis</i>	Kamchiqsoy	135,5±0,06	11,5	8,7±0,08	14,3
<i>A. triunsialis</i>	Khojaabad	137,2±0,08	14,1	9,4±0,1	16,3
<i>A. tauschii</i>	Yukori Vodil	144,3±0,07	12,4	21,8±0,1	14,4
<i>A. tauschii</i>	Kamchiqsoy	142,3±0,06	10,3	21,1±0,08	15,1
<i>A. tauschii</i>	Khojaabad	144,0±0,08	14,3	21,5±0,1	18
<i>A. clyndrica</i>	Yukori Vodil	125,4±0,06	11,3	6,1±0,1	14,8
<i>A. clyndrica</i>	Kamchiqsoy	124,7±0,05	9,4	6,0±0,07	13,6
<i>A. clyndrica</i>	Khojaabad	125,1±0,07	12,4	6,0±0,09	17,9

The amount of protein depends on factors such as the amount of nitrogen in the soil and the availability of moisture. Nitrogen increases protein, while excess moisture reduces it. Proteins that are insoluble in water are called gluten. Gluten is the protein substance remaining after washing starch and other compounds from the dough. The amount of crude gluten in wheat is 16 - 50%, in rye - 3.1 - 9.5%, and in barley - 2 - 19% [2].

The content of protein and carbohydrates in the seeds of the studied species is important for breeding

and the food industry. According to the results of the research, the protein content of the seeds ranges from 14.1 to 21.6%, and the carbohydrate content ranges from 18.6 to 25%. A high protein content was observed in the grain of *A. triuncialis* collected from Kamchiksoy and *A. tauschii* from Khojaabad, while the carbohydrate content was also observed in the grain of *A. tauschii* collected from the Kamchiksoy region.

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Table 3. Protein and carbohydrate content in seeds of *Aegilops* species

Plant seeds (mg/raw)					
Species name	Place name	Average protein content	V, %	Carbohydrate content	V, %
<i>A.crassa</i>	Khojaabad	184,8±0,1	17,5	138,4±0,1	21,6
<i>A.triunsialis</i>	Yukori Vodil	202,0±0,1	18,4	149,8±0,1	24,9
<i>A.triunsialis</i>	Kamchiksoy	202,1±0,1	17,0	149,4±0,1	21,6
<i>A.triunsialis</i>	Khojaabad	202,0±0,1	21,6	149,8±0,1	24,4
<i>A.tauschii</i>	Yukori Vodil	220,6±0,1	21,6	138,1±0,1	24,5
<i>A.tauschii</i>	Kamchiksoy	219,9±0,1	16,3	137,3±0,1	18,6
<i>A.tauschii</i>	Khojaabad	219,7±0,1	20,5	138,2±0,1	25,0
<i>A.clyndrica</i>	Yukori Vodil	173,3±0,1	17	110,8±0,1	20,9
<i>A.clyndrica</i>	Kamchiksoy	173,0±0,1	14,1	110,5±0,1	19,0
<i>A.clyndrica</i>	Khojaabad	173,0±0,1	17	110,6±0,1	21,6

In conclusion, it can be said that the chemical composition of the grass of the *Aegilops* genus is a nutritious food until the seeding stage. After the seeds ripen, the plant becomes much tougher, so its edibility and nutritional value decrease significantly. Their chemical composition is also affected by the ecological factors of the region. In our experiments, the content of protein and carbohydrates was high in the Khojaabad and Kamchiksoy regions.

The accumulation of food reserves in ephemeral pastures is directly related to the hydrothermal regime of the meadow and is highly variable over the years [3]. In the years studied, it was found that the total vegetation period of *Aegilops* species in the Kamchiksoy region was +5554.3 °C- +5739.4 °C, the

development index was 1.7-I>1, in the Yukori Vodil region the total positive temperatures were +5554.3 °C- +4561.9 °C, the development index was 1.6-I>1, and in the Khojaabad district it was +5329.7 °C- +5034.9 °C, the development index was 1.4-I>1. As the temperature increases, the metabolic processes of plants accelerate. This affects the synthesis and decomposition of reserve substances. At moderate temperatures, more reserve substances accumulate, since the photosynthesis process is active. For the studied species, the sum of positive temperatures was +5554.3°C ... + 5739.4°C and +5329.7°C ... +5034.9°C, respectively. The reserve organic substances had a high indicator.

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