



**EFFECT OF BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS ON
MORPHOLOGY, YIELD AND LAND EQUIVALENT RATIO IN MIXED
CROPPING OF ALFALFA AND FENNEL**

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To investigate the effect of fertilizer and cultivation alfalfa and fennel in mixed cropping, an experiment was designed in split plot based on randomized complete block with three replications at the Research Field of Shahed University. Fertilizer as the main plot in two levels: (Triple superphosphate) and biofertilizer (nitroxin+ Barvar-2) +50% chemical fertilizer recommendation (Triple superphosphate) and cultivation as sub-plot consisted of four levels: sole alfalfa (100% alfalfa), sole fennel (100% fennel), alfalfa 100%+ fennel 50%, alfalfa 100%+ fennel 100%. The results showed that the maximum height of fennel was obtained in sole fennel (100% fennel). Maximum height, number of umbel and branches was obtained in biofertilizer +50% chemical fertilizer. The interaction of fertilizer and cultivation, maximum branches and number of nodes were in alfalfa 100%+ fennel 50% by applying biofertilizer +50% chemical fertilizer and alfalfa 100% + fennel 100% by applying chemical fertilizer, respectively. Also, the maximum yield of fennel was observed in sole fennel (100% fennel) by applying biofertilizer +50% chemical fertilizer and in maximum land equivalent ratio (LER) was obtained in alfalfa 100% + fennel 100% by applying biofertilizer +50% chemical fertilizer in mixed cropping.

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