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Effects of Zinc Application on Some Important Yield and Quality Characteristics of Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.)

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ABSTRACT

In this study, the effects of zinc application on the yield and quality characteristics of coriander were investigated. The experiments were conducted in randomized blocks split plots experimental design with 4 replications. In the experiment, coriander cultivars (Arslan and Gürbüz) were placed in the main plots and zinc doses (Control, 200, 400, 800 g da⁻¹) were placed in the subplots. In the study, cultivar x zinc interaction was significant in the number of umbels per plant and essential oil content; zinc treatments were found to be significant in the number of branches per plant, biological and fruit yield, essential and crude oil contents; cultivars were significant in thousand fruit weight and harvest index. In this study, fruit yield varied between 120-185 kg da⁻¹, essential oil content varied between 0.40-0.55% and crude oil content varied between 10.8-14.6%. In essential oil composition analysis, linalool was the main component, while in fatty acid composition analysis petroselinic acid was determined as the main component. At the end of the study, it was determined that 800 g da⁻¹ zinc dose of Arslan cultivar was appropriate in terms of fruit yield. Also, the 200 g da⁻¹ zinc dose of Gürbüz cultivar and the 800 g da⁻¹ zinc dose of Arslan cultivar had the highest values in terms of linalool and petroselinic acid ratios respectively.

Keywords: Coriander, zinc, fruit yield, fatty acid composition, essential oil composition

Çinko Uygulamasının Kişnişin (*Coriandrum sativum* L.) Bazı Önemli Verim ve Kalite Özelliklerine Etkileri

ÖZ

Bu çalışmada, çinko uygulamasının kişniş bitkisinin verim ve kalite özelliklerine etkisi araştırılmıştır. Deneme, tesadüf blokları bölünmüş parseller deneme desenine göre 4 tekerrürlü olarak yürütülmüştür. Denemede kişniş çeşitleri (Arslan ve Gürbüz) ana parsellere, çinko dozları (Kontrol, 200, 400, 800 g da⁻¹) ise alt parsellere yerleştirilmiştir. Araştırmada çeşit x çinko etkileşimi bakımından bitki başına düşen şemsiye sayısı ve uçucu yağ oranlarının; çinko uygulamaları bakımından bitki başına dal sayısı, biyolojik ve meyve verimi, uçucu ve ham yağ oranlarının ve çeşitler bakımından ise bin meyve ağırlığı ve hasat indeksinin istatistiki olarak önemli olduğu bulunmuştur. Bu çalışmada meyve verimi 120-185 kg da⁻¹, uçucu yağ içeriği % 0.40-0.55 arasında, sabit yağ içeriği ise % 10.8-14.6 arasında değişmiştir. Uçucu yağ bileşenleri analizinde ana bileşen linalol, yağ asidi kompozisyonu analizinde ise ana bileşen petroselinik asit olarak ortaya çıkmıştır. Araştırma sonucunda Arslan çeşidinin 800 g da⁻¹ çinko dozunun meyve verimi açısından uygun olduğu belirlenmiştir. Ayrıca linalool oranı için Gürbüz çeşidinde 200 g da⁻¹ çinko dozu ve petroselinik asit oranı için ise Arslan çeşidinde 800 g da⁻¹ çinko dozu en yüksek değerlere sahip olmuştur.

Anahtar kelimeler: Kişniş, çinko, meyve verimi, yağ asidi kompozisyonu, uçucu yağ bileşenleri

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Introduction

Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.) is a spice plant known by names such as ‘‘Kişniş, Aşotu, Kuzbere’’ in Turkey (Baytop, 1984). In addition, this plant is a valuable and annual plant with white flowers (Ghasemi Pirbalouti et al., 2017). It comes from the Mediterranean countries and is now grown mostly in Morocco, Italy, India, Eastern European countries (Ramadan and Mörsel, 2002).

Coriander is a herbaceous plant belonging to *Umbelliferae* family and contains antibacterial, antifungal and antioxidant activities (Mandal and Mandal, 2015). Both the green leaves and fruits of the plant are used (Tunçtürk, 2011) and they are generally produced for their fruits (Zoubiri and Baaliouamer, 2010). Herbal parts of coriander are evaluated as a flavoring agent in food products, perfumes and cosmetic products and have economic value (Msaada et al., 2007). In addition, this plant has been used in folk medicine for many years due to its digestive carminative and appetizing properties (Tunçtürk, 2011).

Coriander fruits contain essential oil content between 0.3-1.2% (Khodadadi et al., 2016), crude oil content between 17.80-19.15% (Ulutaş Deniz et al., 2018), crude protein content between 11.5-21.3%, crude fiber between 28.4-29.1% and crude ash between 4.9-6.0% (Ulutaş Deniz et al., 2018). Its essential oil is rich in terms of linalool content and its crude oil is rich in terms of petroselinic acid (C18: 1 n12) content (Sriti et al., 2012). Linalool content in essential oil is between 60-70% (Khodadadi et al., 2016), and petroselinic acid content in crude oil is between 55-80% (Kaya et al., 2000).

Zinc is a micronutrient element and important for both humans and plants. Zinc element has important roles in growth and development, reproductive health and immune system. It also plays a role in protein, fat metabolism and DNA replication (Deshpande et al., 2017;

Maret, 2013). In this study, the effects of zinc application on the yield and quality characteristics of coriander were investigated.

Material and methods

Material and chemicals

Arslan and Gürbüz coriander cultivars registered in Ankara University Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Field Crops were used as plant material in this study. In addition, the zinc fertilizer used in the study (water-soluble zinc 13%, zinc chelated with ETA 10.4% and pH range of stable EDTA chelate: 3-7 for zinc) was obtained from Doğatech company. Standards (Sigma-Aldrich, Milan, Italy) for the determination of fatty acid composition and α -pinene, myrcene, limonene, γ -terpinene, camphor, linalool, terpinen-4-ol, α -terpineol, geranyl acetate and geraniol standards for the determination of essential oil composition (Sigma-Aldrich, Milan, Italy) were used in this study.

Establishing the experiment

This study was carried out in Erciyes University Agricultural Research and Application Center experimental fields as a summer season in the 2019 year. Experiments were conducted in randomized blocks split plots experimental design with 4 replications. In the experiment, coriander cultivars (Arslan and Gürbüz) were placed in the main plots and zinc treatments (Control, 200, 400 and 800 g da⁻¹) were placed in the subplots. In the study, sowing was done on 20 March 2019 with six rows and with 40 cm inter row space per parcel. The meteorological data and soil characteristics of the experimental field were given in Table 1.

Zinc application and harvesting processes

Foliar zinc application was applied in two parts in selected doses and one half of doses was used at plants reached to 10 cm height. Accordingly, the first application was made on 8 May 2019 and the second application on 15 May 2019. In the experimental area, base fertilization (50 kg of nitrogen and 50 kg of phosphorus per hectare as pure), weed control and plant irrigation were performed. The harvest was made by hand on 16 July 2019. In the harvest, first and last rows in each parcel were left as edge effects. The measurements, weighing and calculations were made in the middle four rows after the edge effects were removed.

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Table 1. Meteorological data and soil properties of experimental field

Meteorological data			
Months	average temperature (°C)	average relative humidity (%)	total precipitation (mm)
March	5.6	59.3	29.3
April	9.2	66.4	41.1
May	17.4	50.2	25.7
June	21.3	55.8	54.0
July	21.6	49.1	35.3
Soil properties			
pH		7.62	
EC (mmhos cm ⁻¹)		0.06	
Lime (%)		3.15	
Organic matter (%)		1.25	
Phosphorus (kg da ⁻¹)		1.60	
Texture		Loam	

After harvest, measurements of plant height, first branch height, the number of branches per plant, the number of umbels per plant, the number of fruits per umbel were made on ten plants randomly selected from each plot. For thousand fruit weight, 4 x 100 fruit groups from each plot were counted and weight, then the average of the weights was multiplied by ten. Biological yield was found by weighing all the plants harvested in each plot. Fruit yield was found by weighing the harvested fruits. While calculating the essential oil content, the fruits (100 g) from each plot were distilled (3 hours and in 1 L water) using the Clevenger apparatus. The essential oil content was given in dry matter and in %. While determining the crude oil content, the fruits obtained from each plot (4 g) were analysed with petroleum ether in the oil analyser according to the Soxhlet method. The crude oil content was given in dry matter and in %. Essential oil compositions were determined in % by comparison with standards in gas chromatography device (Schimadzu, GC 2010 plus). Fatty acid compositions were determined using gas chromatography device (Schimadzu, GC 2010 plus), flame ionization detector (FID) and column (60 m, 0.53 mm, RTX-200). The standards containing fatty acids were used to determine the fatty acid compositions. Fatty acid compositions were given in %.

Statistical analysis

Data obtained on yield and yield components were subjected to variance analysis in the MSTAT-C package program and Duncan's multiple range test was applied to determine the significance levels of the differences between applications. The significance of the differences obtained in terms of cultivars was determined by t-test (Düzgüneş et al., 1987).

Results and Discussion

Yield and yield components

According to coriander cultivars and zinc treatments, plant height varied between 54.8-64.3 cm, first branch height varied between 32.3-37.2 cm, the number of branches per plant varied between 3.15-4.15, the number of umbels per plant varied between 4.95-8.00, the number of fruits per umbel varied between 12.6-17.6, thousand fruit weight varied between 9.47-12.37 g, biological yield varied between 524-781 kg da⁻¹, fruit yield varied between 120-185 kg da⁻¹, harvest index varied between 19.2-26.0%, essential oil content varied between 0.40-0.55%, and crude oil content varied between 10.8-14.6%. In the analysis of variance, cultivar x zinc interaction was found to be significant in the number of umbels per plant (p<0.05) and essential oil content (p<0.01). The highest number of umbels per plant was obtained from the 800 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Arslan cultivar and the lowest was obtained from the 800 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Gürbüz cultivar. The highest and lowest essential oil contents were obtained

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from 400 g da⁻¹ and 200 g da⁻¹ zinc treatments in the Arslan cultivar, respectively (Table 2).

Variance analysis revealed that zinc treatment was significant for the number of branches per plant ($p < 0.05$), biological yield ($p < 0.05$), fruit yield ($p < 0.05$), essential oil content ($p < 0.01$) and crude oil content ($p < 0.01$); was not significant for plant height, first branch height, the number of umbels per plant, the number of fruits per umbel, thousand fruit weight and harvest index. The cultivars were significant for thousand fruit weight ($p < 0.01$) and harvest index ($p < 0.01$). In zinc treatment averages, the highest number of branches per plant (4.03), biological yield (753 kg da⁻¹) and fruit yield (168 kg da⁻¹) were obtained from 800 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment. The highest essential oil content (0.52%) obtained from 400 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment and, the highest crude oil content (14.6%) obtained from the parcels without zinc. In cultivars averages, the highest thousand fruit weight (11.70 g) and harvest index (24.0%) were obtained from Arslan cultivar (Table 2).

In previous studies about coriander plant; Kan (2007) reported plant height as between 46.7–49.7 cm; Katar (2015) as 53.5 cm in Gürbüz cultivar, as 48.8 cm in Arslan cultivar; Kaya et al. (2000) as between 34.2–74.0 cm in the first year (2017), as between 40.0–82.0 cm in the second year (2018). Beyzi et al. (2017a) reported first branch height as between 5.48–6.10 cm in Arslan cultivar and as between 6.23–6.90 cm in Gürbüz cultivar; Erdoğan (2012) as between 6.50–13.70 cm. Kan (2007) reported the number of branches per plant as between 4.33–4.39; Kaya et al. (2000) as between 3.7–6.1 in the first

year (2017) and as between 3.7–7.7 in the second year (2018).

Katar (2015) reported the number of umbels per plant as between 7.07–13.00; Tunçtürk (2006) as between 15.35–16.86. Tunçtürk (2006) reported the number of fruits per umbel as between 21.7–28.0 in the first year and as between 22.1–32.0 in the second year; Kızıl and İpek (2004) as between 34.1–39.4. Kan (2007) reported thousand fruit weight as between 9.17–10.55 g; Kızıl and İpek (2004) as between 13.02–13.16 g; Tunçtürk (2006) as between 10.73–11.86 g.

Gökdoğan and Telci (2018) reported biological yield as between 184–450 kg da⁻¹; Gücük (2014) as between 690–860 kg da⁻¹. Kan (2007) reported fruit yield as between 53.2–59.1 kg da⁻¹; Gökdoğan and Telci (2018) as between 48–113 kg da⁻¹; Kızıl and İpek (2004) as between 98.5–181 kg da⁻¹; Tunçtürk (2006) as between 93.6–126 kg da⁻¹. Beyzi et al. (2017a) reported harvest index as between 28.9–39.3% in Arslan cultivar and as between 22.0–35.9% in Gürbüz cultivar; Erdoğan (2012) as between 23.50–39.10%.

Kan (2007) reported essential oil content as between 0.21–0.22%; Beyzi and Gürbüz (2014) as between 0.23–0.34%. Beyzi et al. (2017a) reported crude oil content as between 6.47–7.45% in Arslan cultivar and as between 5.23–6.75% in Gürbüz cultivar.

Essential oil and fatty acid compositions

According to coriander cultivars and different zinc treatments, 10 essential oil components were examined in the fruit. The major component was linalool and followed by geraniol and camphor respectively.

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Table 2. Changes in some yield and quality characteristics of coriander cultivars according to zinc treatment

Applications		PH	FBH	NB	NU	NF	TFW	BY	SY	HI	EO	CO
Arslan	0	56.3	32.3	3.15	6.70 ^{AB}	16.4	11.61	524	120	22.9	0.45 ^{bc}	14.6
	200 g da ⁻¹	56.0	36.0	3.25	5.33 ^{BC}	12.6	12.37	719	152	21.6	0.40 ^c	13.9
	400 g da ⁻¹	59.3	36.2	3.85	6.20 ^{BC}	15.1	11.72	596	154	26.0	0.55 ^a	13.1
	800 g da ⁻¹	64.3	34.8	4.13	8.00 ^A	17.6	11.11	726	185	25.5	0.51 ^{ab}	12.7
Gürbüz	0	56.2	33.6	3.78	5.13 ^C	15.3	9.51	631	121	19.2	0.53 ^a	14.6
	200 g da ⁻¹	61.7	37.2	4.15	5.63 ^{BC}	13.5	9.76	684	142	20.7	0.51 ^{ab}	13.4
	400 g da ⁻¹	58.5	34.3	4.10	5.35 ^{BC}	15.3	9.47	635	121	19.2	0.49 ^{ab}	12.6
	800 g da ⁻¹	54.8	33.9	3.93	4.95 ^C	13.5	9.79	781	152	19.6	0.49 ^{ab}	10.8
Mean		58.4	34.8	3.79	5.91	14.9	10.67	662	143.4	21.8	0.49	13.2
Arslan		59.0	34.8	3.59	6.56	15.4	11.70 ^a	641	153	24.0 ^a	0.48	13.6
Gürbüz		57.8	34.8	3.99	5.26	14.4	9.63 ^b	683	134	19.7 ^b	0.50	12.8
	0	56.3	33.0	3.46 ^B	5.91	15.9	10.56	578 ^C	121 ^B	21.0	0.49 ^{ab}	14.6 ^a
	200 g da ⁻¹	58.8	36.6	3.70 ^{AB}	5.48	13.1	11.06	702 ^{AB}	147 ^{AB}	21.1	0.45 ^b	13.6 ^{ab}
	400 g da ⁻¹	58.9	35.3	3.98 ^A	5.78	15.2	10.59	615 ^{BC}	138 ^B	22.6	0.52 ^a	12.9 ^{bc}
	800 g da ⁻¹	59.6	34.4	4.03 ^A	6.48	15.5	10.45	753 ^A	168 ^A	22.5	0.50 ^{ab}	11.7 ^c

PH: plant height; FBH: first branch height, NB: number of branches; NU: number of umbels per plant; NF: number of fruits per umbel; TFW: thousand fruit weight; BY: biological yield; FY: fruit yield; HI: harvest index; EO: essential oil content; CO: crude oil content; capital letters show different groups at 5 % level; small letters show different groups at 1 % level

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Linalool content varied between 82.9-86.6%. The highest linalool content was obtained from 200 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Gürbüz cultivar and the lowest was obtained from the 800 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Arslan cultivar. Geraniol content varied between 2.85-3.67%. The highest geraniol content was obtained from 400 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Arslan cultivar and the lowest was obtained from the 200 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Gürbüz cultivar. Camphor content varied between 0.17-3.06%. The highest camphor content was obtained from 800 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Arslan cultivar and the lowest was obtained from control plots without zinc in Arslan cultivar. α -pinene content varied between 0.23-0.82%, myrcene content varied between 0.09-0.21%, limonene content varied between 0.27-0.53%, γ -terpinene content varied between 1.60-2.94%, terpinen-4-ol content varied between 0.17-0.21%, α -terpineol content varied between 0.28-0.33%, and geranyl acetate content varied between 1.53-2.78% (Table 3).

In previous studies about coriander plant; Beyzi and Güneş (2017) reported linalool content as between 83.8-91.4%; Özel et al. (2010) as between 69.5-85.6% in the first year and as between 75.8-82.8% in the second year, Beyzi and Güneş (2017) reported geraniol content as between 1.67-3.16%; Özel et al. (2010) 0.14-0.30% in the first year and as between 0.15-0.46% in the second year, Beyzi and Güneş (2017) reported camphor content as between 2.21-3.67%; Özel et al. (2010) 1.69-3.13% in the first year and as between 2.56-3.44% in the second year.

In the study, 9 fatty acid composition were identified. The major component was

petroselinic acid (C18:1 n12) and it was respectively followed by linoleic acid (C18:2) and oleic acid (C18:1 n9). Petroselinic acid (C18:1 n12) content varied between 72.2-79.6%. The highest petroselinic acid content was obtained from 800 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Arslan cultivar and the lowest was obtained from control plots without zinc in Arslan cultivar. Linoleic acid (C18:2) content varied between 11.6-13.8%. The highest linoleic acid content was obtained from control plots without zinc in Arslan cultivar and the lowest was obtained from 400 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Arslan cultivar. Oleic acid (C18:1 n9) content varied between 3.50-6.71%. The highest oleic acid content was obtained from 200 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Arslan cultivar and the lowest was obtained from 800 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment in Arslan cultivar. Palmitic acid (C16:0) content varied between 3.05-5.48%, palmitoleic acid (C16:1) content varied between 0.19-1.13%, stearic acid (C18:0) content varied between 0.72-1.77%, linolenic acid (C18:3) content varied between 0.16-0.69%, arachidic acid (C20:0) content varied between 0.10-0.56%, and eicosenoic acid (C20:1) content varied between 0.21-0.47% (Table 4).

In previous studies about coriander plant; Keskin (2015) reported petroselinic acid content as 79.6%; Beyzi et al. (2017b) as 79.8% in Arslan cultivar and as 81.5% in Gürbüz cultivar, Keskin (2015) reported linoleic acid content as 13.7%; Beyzi et al. (2017b) as 14.7% in Arslan cultivar and as 14.0% in Gürbüz cultivar, Keskin (2015) reported oleic acid content as 0.90%

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Table 3. Changes in essential oil compositions of coriander cultivars according to zinc treatment

Applications		AP	MY	LM	GT	CM	LL	TP	AT	GA	GR
Arslan	0	0.49	0.16	0.42	2.17	0.17	85.4	0.20	0.30	1.78	3.06
	200 g da ⁻¹	0.74	0.20	0.49	2.28	2.75	83.6	0.20	0.31	1.75	3.12
	400 g da ⁻¹	0.23	0.09	0.27	1.60	2.61	85.9	0.21	0.33	1.53	3.67
	800 g da ⁻¹	0.82	0.21	0.53	2.94	3.06	82.9	0.20	0.31	2.78	3.03
Gürbüz	0	0.78	0.17	0.40	2.35	2.60	86.3	0.18	0.29	1.97	3.16
	200 g da ⁻¹	0.33	0.13	0.33	2.08	2.57	86.6	0.19	0.31	2.64	2.85
	400 g da ⁻¹	0.68	0.19	0.45	2.70	2.65	86.0	0.17	0.28	1.61	3.44
	800 g da ⁻¹	0.57	0.18	0.45	2.74	2.68	86.0	0.17	0.28	1.76	3.29
Mean		0.58	0.17	0.42	2.36	2.39	85.3	0.19	0.30	1.98	3.20
Arslan		0.57	0.17	0.43	2.25	2.15	84.4	0.20	0.31	1.96	3.22
Gürbüz		0.59	0.17	0.41	2.47	2.63	86.2	0.18	0.29	2.00	3.19
	0	0.64	0.17	0.41	2.26	1.39	85.8	0.19	0.30	1.88	3.11
	200 g da ⁻¹	0.54	0.17	0.41	2.18	2.66	85.1	0.20	0.31	2.20	2.99
	400 g da ⁻¹	0.46	0.14	0.36	2.15	2.63	86.0	0.19	0.31	1.57	3.56
	800 g da ⁻¹	0.70	0.20	0.49	2.84	2.87	84.5	0.19	0.30	2.27	3.16

AP: α -pinene; MY: myrcene; LM: limonene; GT: γ -terpinene; CM: camphor; LL: linalool; TP: terpinen-4-ol; AT: α -terpineol; GA: geranyl acetate; GR: geraniol

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Table 4. Changes in fatty acid compositions of coriander cultivars according to zinc treatment

Applications		C16:0	C16:1	C18:0	C18:1 n12	C18:1 n9	C18:2	C18:3	C20:0	C20:1
Arslan	0	4.83	0.38	1.36	72.2	5.90	13.8	0.69	0.56	0.30
	200 g da ⁻¹	4.86	0.28	1.44	73.5	6.71	12.3	0.36	0.29	0.27
	400 g da ⁻¹	3.09	0.19	0.75	78.4	5.36	11.6	0.20	0.21	0.27
	800 g da ⁻¹	3.05	0.20	0.85	79.6	3.50	12.4	0.16	0.14	0.21
Gürbüz	0	3.21	0.44	0.72	78.6	3.72	12.5	0.27	0.18	0.32
	200 g da ⁻¹	3.98	1.13	0.72	77.4	3.53	12.3	0.20	0.21	0.47
	400 g da ⁻¹	3.54	0.69	0.89	77.9	3.91	12.6	0.16	0.10	0.23
	800 g da ⁻¹	5.48	0.64	1.77	75.5	3.92	11.8	0.20	0.20	0.42
Mean		4.01	0.49	1.06	76.6	4.57	12.4	0.28	0.24	0.31
Arslan		3.96	0.26	1.10	75.9	5.37	12.5	0.35	0.30	0.26
Gürbüz		4.05	0.73	1.03	77.4	3.77	12.3	0.21	0.17	0.36
0		4.02	0.41	1.04	75.4	4.81	13.2	0.48	0.37	0.31
200 g da ⁻¹		4.42	0.71	1.08	75.5	5.12	12.3	0.28	0.25	0.37
400 g da ⁻¹		3.32	0.44	0.82	78.1	4.64	12.1	0.18	0.16	0.25
800 g da ⁻¹		4.27	0.42	1.31	77.6	3.71	12.1	0.18	0.17	0.32

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Conclusion

In this study, the effects of zinc application on the yield and quality characteristics of coriander were investigated. In the study, cultivar x zinc interaction was significant in the number of umbels per plant and essential oil content; zinc treatments were found to be significant in the number of branches per plant, biological and fruit yield, essential and crude oil contents; cultivars were significant in thousand fruit weight and harvest index. At the end of the study, fruit yield varied between 120-185 kg da⁻¹, essential oil content varied between 0.40-0.55%, crude oil content varied between 10.8-14.6%. Linalool in essential oil component analysis and petroselinic acid in fatty acid composition analysis were determined as the main components. Linalool content varied between 82.9-86.6% and petroselinic acid (C18:1 n12) content varied between 72.2-79.6%. The highest average values in linalool and petroselinic acid components were obtained from Gürbüz cultivar and 400 g da⁻¹ zinc treatment. At the end of the study, it was determined that 800 kg da⁻¹ zinc dose of Arslan cultivar was appropriate in terms of fruit yield. Also, the 200 kg da⁻¹ zinc dose of Gürbüz cultivar and the 800 kg da⁻¹ zinc dose of Arslan cultivar had the highest values in terms of linalool and petroselinic acid ratios respectively.

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