

## DETERMINATION OF SOME AGRONOMIC AND QUALITY TRAITS OF PEANUT VARIETIES WITH DIFFERENT POD CHARACTERISTICS AT DIFFERENT HARVESTING TIMES IN MAIN CROP GROWING SEASON

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### ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to determine the agronomic and quality traits of peanut varieties having different pod characteristics at different harvesting times in the main crop growing season. This study was conducted in the experimental area of the Cukurova University Faculty of Agriculture Department of Field Crops as a main crop in 2015 and 2016. The experimental design was a split plots with three replications. Five peanut varieties, Halisbey, NC-7, G.Green, Florispan and G.Red, belonging to four different market types, were used as plant material. Based on two year average, the differences between the varieties were significant for the investigated traits harvested at different times in the main crop growing season. The results indicated that the means of pod number and pod weight per plant, 100 seed weight, shelling percentage, pod and kernel (seed) yield per hectare, oil percentage and crude oil yield per hectare were increased except protein content of seed when the harvesting was delayed,

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### INTRODUCTION

Peanut seed is an important source of edible oil and protein for human nutrition due to containing 35-56% oil, 25-30% protein and 9.5-19.0% carbohydrate. In addition, it is a good source of mineral and vitamins (Gulluoglu, 2011; Arioglu et al., 2014; Chamberlin et al., 2014; Chowdhury et al., 2015). At present, peanut is cultivated more than 40 countries in the world. The annual peanut production is around 30.1 million tons and it contributes 5.2% of the total oil seeds production in the world in 2017/2018 growing period (Anonymous, 2018). The peanut seed has several uses. 53% of the world peanut production uses for the oil production, 32% for the peanut butter, confectionary and roasted and the remaining 15% seedcake after oil extraction is used as feed for livestock. (Liao ve Holbrook, 2007). For these reason, Peanut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.) is an important oilseed crop for vegetable oil production in the world. Peanut production is getting important crop by year to year. Peanut production was 166.383 ton in Turkey in 2018 and all of them are used for the human nutrition (roasted peanut).

Ketring et al. (1982) and Gulluoglu et al. (2017) indicated that the temperature plays a critical role in the growth and development of peanut plants and it appears that optima are different depending on the phase (reproductive and vegetative) of development. Peanut plant has indeterminate growth habit and the plants

produced many flowers during the growing period, but only 15-20% of flowers produced mature pods (Lim and Hamdan, 1984; Ishag, 2000; Jordan et al., 2008; Kaba et al., 2014 and Arioglu, 2014). Duncan et al. (1978) and Williams (2000) suggested that the length of the filling period and the rate of pod establishment best explain the variation in peanut yield.

Canavar and Kaynak (2013), Gulluoglu et al. (2016) and Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that total pod production continually increased with growth period, but that harvested yield reached a peak and then declined due to increased field losses at delayed the harvesting date. They also reported that pod number and pod yield per plant, 100-seed weight, shelling percentage, oil content and pod yield per hectare were increased by delaying the harvesting time. Oil and protein content is an important quality characteristic in peanut seed. These two characteristics of peanut seed influence by genotypic variation, growing conditions and maturity. The oil content of peanut varieties was increased by delaying the harvesting times (Lu et al., 1997; Canavar and Kaynak, 2013). Gulluoglu et al. (2016) and Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that the protein content of the peanut seed was decreased by the harvesting time delayed. Mortley et al. (2004) findings suggested that vegetative and reproductive growth, as well as oil content of peanut in controlled environments are best at warmer temperatures of 28/24 °C

to 32/28°C than at cooler temperature of 20/16°C to 24/20°C.

Wright and Porter (1991) indicated that harvesting peanut too early can reduce yield by 15% and economic value by 21%. For this reason, it is very important to harvest the peanut plant at an appropriate time in order to reduce yield losses. Mixon and Branch (1985) and Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that pod yields of peanut varieties increased when the harvest date delayed. The objective of this study was to determine the agronomic and quality properties of peanut varieties having different pod characteristics at different harvesting times in the main crop growing season in Mediterranean Region of Turkey. Text of the introduction.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Material

This experiment was conducted at the Research Farm of Cukurova University, Adana Turkey in the Southern Turkey, 36°59' N, 35°18' E and 23 m elevation, as a main crop in 2015 and 2016. Halisbey (Virginia), NC-7 (Virginia), G.Green (Runner), Florispan (Spanish) and G.Red (Valencia) peanut varieties belonging to different market types were used as a plant material.

The soil texture was clay loam. The soil tests indicated that pH of 7.7 with high concentrations of K<sub>2</sub>O and low concentrations of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. In addition, the organic matter and nitrogen content of the soil were very low. The lime content was 20.1% in the soil.

In the region, winters are mild and rainy, whereas summers are dry and warm, which is a typical of a Mediterranean climate. The climate data during the 2015-2016 growing period and long term (LT) average (1982-2015) was shown in Table 1.

**Table 1.** The climate data during the growing period in 2015, 2016 and long term (LT) average (1982-2015) (Anonymous, 2017)

Months	Average temperature (°C)			Precipitation (mm)			Relative humidity (%)		
	2015	2016	LT	2015	2016	LT	2015	2016	LT
April	16.9	20.5	17.5	21.5	1.8	51.3	61.2	59.2	67.6
May	22.5	22.6	21.7	65.7	87.9	47.3	64.8	69.3	67.3
June	25.0	27.1	25.6	4.8	45.6	20.4	69.6	66.1	68.0
July	28.4	29.5	28.2	0.4	0.2	6.3	69.8	67.5	71.4
August	30.0	30.9	28.7	10.9	0.0	5.6	63.4	69.0	70.8
September	28.4	26.3	26.1	13.0	34.8	17.8	64.8	61.8	63.2
October	23.4	23.1	21.6	32.1	0.0	42.1	63.7	56.4	59.5

The mean monthly air temperature during the research period (April-October) was varied between 16.9 and 30.0 °C in 2015, whereas it was 20.5 and 30.9 °C in 2016. The average air temperature was the higher during the research period in both years than long term average temperature. The total rainfall was 148.4 mm and 170.3 mm during the growing period in 2015 and 2016, respectively. The average relative humidity was ranged from 61.2% to 69.8% in 2015 and 56.4% to 69.3% in 2016. The differences between the years and long term for the climate data were not found very significant (Table 1).

### Method

The field trial was arranged in a split plot design (harvesting times as main plots and varieties as subplots) with three replications. 300 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> of Di-ammonium phosphate (54 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> N, 138 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) fertilizer was applied and incorporated to soil before planting. Ammonium nitrate (33%N) at the rates of 400 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> was applied two times; before first (beginning of flowering) and second (pod formation) irrigation (200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> + 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) in each years. Individual plots consisted of 4 rows 5.0 m long and 70 cm apart. The seeds were sown in line manually by hand on first week of April (5 April) and with 70x15 cm distance in both years. During the growing period, recommended pesticides and fungicides were applied to control insects and diseases. The remaining cultural practices were applied during the growing period. The plants were harvested by hand at five different times with ten days intervals after sowing (130 DAS, 140 DAS,

150 DAS, 160 DAS and 170 DAS) at the beginning of September in 2015 and 2016.

Data collection and analysis: The data belonging to agronomic and quality characteristics such as pod number and pod weight per plant, shelling percentage, 100-seed weight, pod and kernel yield per hectare, oil and protein content were recorded in each harvesting time with ten days intervals using 20 plants (Arioglu et al., 2018).

The data collected the characteristics measured were analyzed by applying standard procedures of analysis of variance to control the significance of mean squares by the F-test using JMP 8.1.0 package program with split plot design. The significant means were compared by the LSD test as described by Steel and Torrie (1980).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The significance of F values of the variation for traits are shown in Table 2.

It could be seen in Table 2 that harvest time, variety and harvest time x variety interaction source of variation had highly significant F values. Year x Harvest Time and Year x variety interaction had insignificant F values. For that reason means over two years will be used in presenting the results.

The means of characteristics of peanut varieties at different harvesting times were presented in Tables 3 and 4.

**Table 2.** Significance of F values of the variation for traits based on the combined analysis of variance over two years

Trait	Harvest Time (HT)	Variety (V)	HT x V	Year x HT	Year x V
<b>Pod number</b>	**	**	**	ns	ns
<b>Pod weight</b>	**	**	**	ns	ns
<b>100-Seed weight</b>	**	**	**	ns	ns
<b>Shelling percentage</b>	**	**	**	ns	ns
<b>Pod yield</b>	**	**	**	ns	ns
<b>Kernel yield</b>	**	**	**	ns	ns
<b>Oil Content</b>	**	**	**	ns	ns
<b>Protein content</b>	**	**	**	ns	ns

\*\* : significant at the 0.01 probability level, ns: not significant

**Table 3.** The average pod number and pod weight per plant, 100-seed weight, shelling percentage and maturity index values of some peanut varieties at different harvesting times

Harvesting Times (A)	Pod number (no plant <sup>-1</sup> )	Pod weight (g plant <sup>-1</sup> )	100-Seed weight (g)	Shelling percentage (%)
130 DAS	30.6	45.5	88.6	64.33
140 DAS	32.4	50.0	89.8	65.99
150 DAS	33.7	54.2	91.2	67.63
160 DAS	35.9	59.9	93.9	69.86
170 DAS	37.9	65.6	95.7	71.69
LSD (%5 <sub>A</sub> )	0.86	1.46	1.37	0.401
<b>Varieties (B)</b>				
Halisbey	33.8	79.3	131.2	59.79
NC-7	24.4	48.1	123.7	69.55
G.Green	54.4	54.6	62.4	74.27
Florispán	29.2	42.2	49.1	69.94
G.Red	28.7	51.1	92.7	65.93
LSD (%5 <sub>B</sub> )	0.90	1.50	1.21	0.290
LSD (%5 <sub>AxB</sub> )	2.00	3.35	2.51	0.649

It can be seen in Table 3 that differences between the harvesting times for the pod number per plant were statistically significant. While the pod number was 30.6 pods plant<sup>-1</sup> when the plants harvested at the 130 DAS, it was increased to 37.9 pods plant<sup>-1</sup> plants harvested at the 170 DAS in a two-year average. Peanut plant has indeterminate growth habit and the plants produced many flowers and pods during the growing period (Ishag, 2000); Jordan et al., 2008; Kaba et al., 2014). For this reason, the pod number was increased when the harvesting delayed. Young et al. (1982) reported that total pod production continually increased with growth period. Canavar and Kaynak (2013), Gulluoglu et al. (2016) and Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that pod production was increased by delaying the harvesting time. Arioglu et al. (2018) findings suggested that according to a two-year average the highest pod number per plant (21.0 pods plant<sup>-1</sup>) was obtained when the plants were harvested at 170 DAS in Mediterranean region.

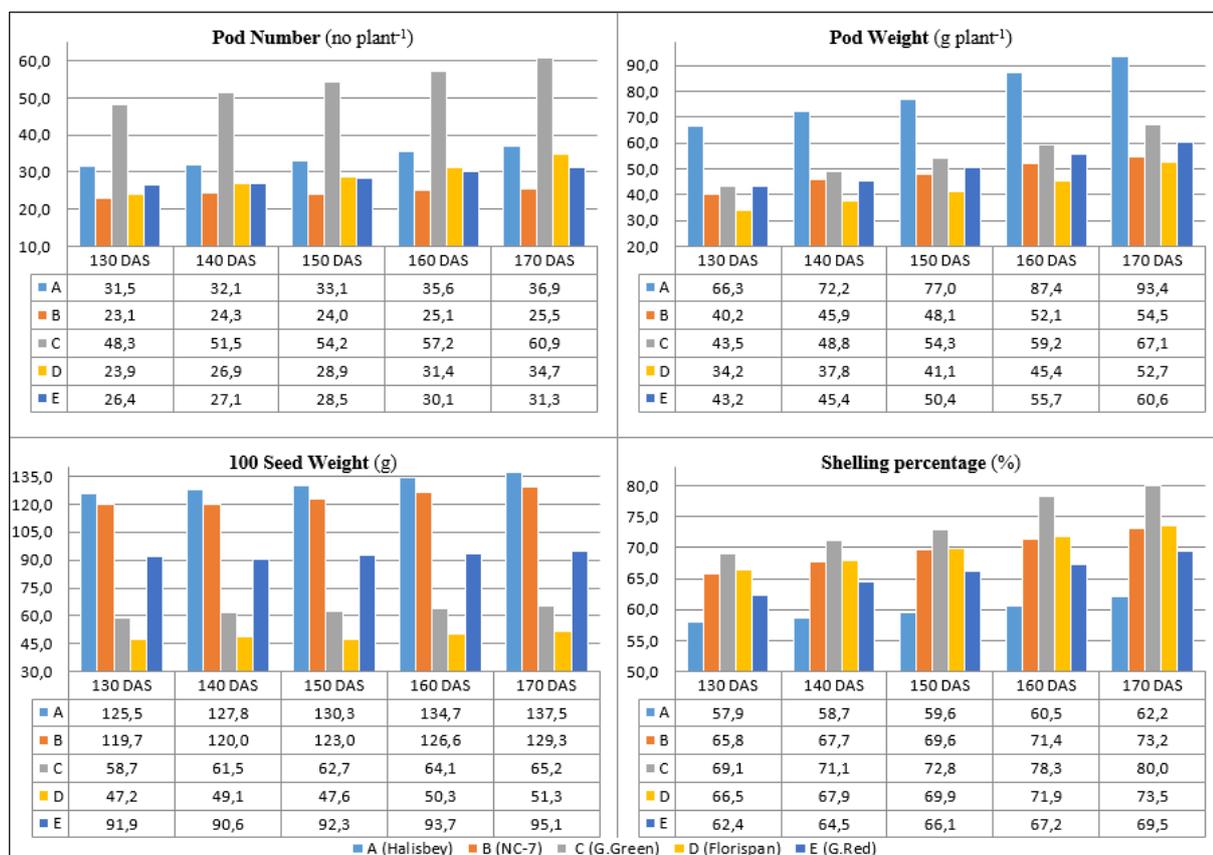
The pod number per plant of peanut varieties varied between 24.4-54.4 pods plant<sup>-1</sup> in a two-year average. As it can be seen in Table 3, there are big differences between the pod numbers of the peanut varieties. These differences between the varieties were found statistically significant. Among the peanut varieties, the highest pod number was obtained from G.Green (54.4 pods plant<sup>-1</sup>) and the lowest

from NC-7 (24.4 pods plant<sup>-1</sup>) varieties in a two-year average (Table 3). The number of pods of peanut varieties depends on their growing characteristics (Erect, Semi-spreading and Spreading). The pod number of the runner type peanut varieties was higher than the other market types. Arioglu et al. (2018) found that the pod number of peanut was the highest in runner type varieties. Interaction between the harvesting times and varieties for the pod number were significant in both years. Pod number of the varieties ranged from 23.1 to 60.9 no plant<sup>-1</sup>. The highest pod number value (60.9 no plant<sup>-1</sup>) was obtained from the harvest of G.green variety made at the 170 DAS in a two-year average (Figure 1). These results are in agreement with the findings of Arslan (2005); Caliskan et al. (2008a); Canavar ve Kaynak (2008); Canavar and Kaynak (2010); Sarkees (2015); Gulluoglu et al. (2016); Hatipoglu et al. (2017); Kumar et al. (2017) and Arioglu et al. (2018).

According to a two-year average, the differences between the harvesting times and peanut varieties were statistically significant for the pod weight per plant. The pod weight per plant values varied between 45.5-65.6 g plant<sup>-1</sup> in a two-year average. The pod weight of the peanut varieties was increased when the harvesting time delayed. Pod number and 100-seed weight is important factors for the pod weight per plant. It can be seen in

Table 3, pod number per plant and 100 seed weight was increased when the harvesting time delayed. For this reason, the pod weight per plant was increased by delaying the harvesting time (Young et al., 1982; Arioglu, 2014; Gulluoglu et al., 2016; Arioglu et al., 2017). While the pod weight was 45.5 g plant<sup>-1</sup> when the plants harvested at 130 DAS, it increased to 65.6 g plant<sup>-1</sup> when the harvesting delayed to 170 DAS. Duncan et al. (1978) and Williams (2000) suggested that the length of the filling period and the rate of pod establishment best

explain the variation in peanut pod weight and yield. Gulluoglu et al. (2016) and Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that the pod weight per plant was increased by delaying the harvesting time. Young et al. (1982) reported that total pod production continually increased with growth period. Canavar and Kaynak (2013) reported that, pod number and pod yield per plant, 100-seed weight, shelling percentage, pod yield, oil and protein content were increased by delaying the harvesting time.



**Figure 1.** Interaction between the harvesting times and varieties for the pod number and weight, 100 seed weight and shelling percentage values in two years average

Based on two-year average, pod weight per plant of peanut varieties varied between 42.2-79.3 g plant<sup>-1</sup>. The pod weight was the highest for Halisbey (79.3 g plant<sup>-1</sup>) and the lowest in Florispán (42.2 g plant<sup>-1</sup>) varieties (Table 3). Halisbey, Virginia market type has large seeds and Florispán, Spanish market type, has small seeds. For this reason, pod weight per plant was higher in Halisbey than the others varieties. The differences for the pod weight per plant among peanut cultivars were attributed to based genetic variation of the genotypes. Interaction between the harvesting times and varieties for the pod weight were significant in both years. Pod weight of the varieties ranged from 34.1 to 93.4 g plant<sup>-1</sup>. The highest pod number value (93.4 g plant<sup>-1</sup>) was obtained from the harvest of Halisbey variety made at the 170 DAS in a two-year average (Figure 1). Gulluoglu et al. (2017) finding suggested that the pod weight of the peanut varieties varied between 40.50-95.55 g plant<sup>-1</sup> in main crop

growing period in Cukurova region. Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that the pod weight per plant value varied between 31.6-74.7 g plant<sup>-1</sup> in main crop growing period in Mediterranean region. Similar results was found by some researchers (Canavar and Kaynak, 2008; Rahmianna et al., 2009; Kaba et al., 2014; Gulluoglu et al., 2016; Gulluoglu et al., 2017 and Arioglu et al., 2018).

There was statistically significant difference in 100-seed weights between the harvesting times in a two-year average. According to two-year average, the 100-seed weight values varied between 88.6-95.7 g. The 100-seed weight of the peanut varieties was increased to 95.7 g when the harvesting time delayed to 170 DAS from 130 DAS (Table 3). Duncan et al. (1978) reported that the length of pod filling period correlated with the 100-seed weight. When the harvesting time was delayed, the 100-seed weight was increased due to pod filling period was

increased. Canavar and Kaynak (2013), Gulluoglu et al. (2016) and Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that 100-seed weight of the peanut varieties was increased when the pod filling period extended by delaying the harvesting time in peanut production. Arioglu et al. (2018) findings suggested that the 100-seed weight of peanut varieties was 119.5 g when the harvesting was 149 DAS and it increased to 128 g at the harvesting was delayed to 170 DAS in main crop growing season.

According to a two-year average, 100-seed weight of peanut varieties varied between 49.1-131.2 g. The 100-seed weight was the highest in Halisbey (131.2 g) and the lowest in Florispan (49.1 g) varieties (Table 3). The seeds are smaller in Runner, Spanish and Valencia market type peanut varieties than in Virginia type varieties. Halisbey and NC-7 varieties belong to Virginia groups. For this reason, 100-seed weight was the highest in these two varieties. The other varieties such as G.Green, Florispan and G.Red belong to Runner, Spanish and Valencia market type. The differences for the 100-seed weight among the peanut varieties were attributed due to variation of the genotypes. Interaction between the harvesting times and varieties for the 100-seed weight were significant in both years. 100-seed weight of the varieties ranged from 47.2 to 137.5 g. The highest pod number value (137.5 g) was obtained from the harvest of Halisbey variety made at the 170 DAS in a two-year average (Figure 1). Arioglu et al. (2018) found that the 100-seed weight of peanut varieties (Virginia market type) varied between 108.1-135.7 g in main crop growing conditions in Mediterranean region. Gulluoglu et al. (2017) reported that the 100-seed weight of peanut varieties was affected by the environment conditions during the growing period and genetic background. They suggested that while the 100-seed weight of the varieties were 114.08 g in main crop growing season it was increased to 115.20 g in double crop growing season in a two-year average. These results were obtained in this research are in agreement with the findings of Wang et al. (2013), Sharma et al. (2013), Sarkees et al. (2015), Gulluoglu et al. (2016), Gulluoglu et al. (2017), Hatipoglu et al. (2017) and Arioglu et al. (2018).

As it can be seen in Table 3, the shelling percentage of peanut varieties was ranged from 64.33% to 71.69 at different harvesting times in a two-year average. The differences between the harvesting times and varieties were statistically significant for the shelling percentage. Shelling percentage of peanut varieties was increased by delaying the harvesting time. Shelling percentage of the varieties was increased from 64.33% for the first harvesting time (130 DAS), to 71.69% for the last harvesting time (170 DAS) in a two-year average. When the harvesting time was delayed, the pod filling period extended and the pods fully matured. For this reason, the shelling percentage was increased when the harvesting time delayed. Gulluoglu et al. (2016) and Arioglu et al. (2018) findings suggested that the shelling percentage of the peanut varieties was increased when the harvesting time delayed.

Based on a two-year average, the shelling percentage of the peanut varieties varied between 59.79-74.27%. The shelling percentage was the highest in G.Green (74.27%) and the lowest in Halisbey (59.77%) varieties (Table 3). Generally, the shelling percentage was the lower in Virginia market type varieties compared to other market types. Gulluoglu et al. (2017) found that the shelling percentage of the peanut varieties was the 68.82% in main crop growing conditions in Cukurova region. The differences between the varieties for the shelling percentage value originated from their genotypic background. Interaction between the harvesting times and varieties for the shelling percentage were significant in both years. Shelling percentage of the varieties ranged from 57.9 to 80.0%. The highest shelling percentage value (80.0%) was obtained from the harvest of G.Green variety made at the 170 DAS in a two-year average (Figure 1). Similar result reported by some other researches (Canavar and Kaynak, 2008; Canavar and Kaynak, 2010; Halder and Panda, 2014; Canavar and Kaynak, 2013; Gulluoglu et al., 2016; Gulluoglu et al., 2017; Kumar et al., 2017; Zuza et al., 2017 and Arioglu et al., 2018).

Based on average of two years, the differences between the harvesting times were statistically significant for the pod yield per hectare. The pod yield per hectare value varied between 3257-5151 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> in a two-year average. The pod yield of the varieties was increased when the harvesting time delayed. The pod yield was 3257 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> when the plants harvested at the 130 DAS, it increased to 5151 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> at the harvesting delayed to 170 DAS in a two-year average (Table 4). The total pod yield was increased 58.2% when the harvesting delayed 40 days after first harvesting time (130 DAS). Peanut plant has indeterminate growth habit and the plants produced many flowers and pods during the growing period (Lim and Hamdan, 1984; Ishag, 2000; Jordan et al., 2008 and Kaba et al., 2014). Flowering and pod formation continues as a long time during the growing period in peanut plants. For this reason, pod yield was increased by delaying the harvesting time. Duncan et al. (1978) and Williams (2000) suggested that the length of the filling period and the rate of pod establishment best explain the variation in peanut yield. Canavar and Kaynak (2013), Gulluoglu et al. (2016) and Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that total pod production continually increased with growth period, but that harvested yield reached a peak and then declined due to increased field losses at delayed the harvesting date. They also reported that pod number and pod yield per plant, 100-seed weight, shelling percentage, oil content and pod yield per hectare were increased by delaying the harvesting time. Park and Oh (1992) found that the pod yield was positively correlated to pod number, matured seed percent and 100 seed weight. Rahmianna et al. (2009) reported that harvesting timed significantly affected weight of pods and shelling percentage. They also reported that the yield was increased 14.3% when the harvest delayed 10 days. Court et al. (1984) indicated that the pod yield increased (48.2%) when the harvest delayed from 2 September to 12 October. Gulluoglu et al. (2016) reported that, the pod yield was increased 31.0% when the

harvesting time delayed from 148 DAP to 180 DAP. Arioglu et al. (2018) finding suggested that, the pod yield was increased 35.8% when the harvesting time delayed from 149 DAS to 170 DAS. Court et al. (1984), Williams et al. (1981), Knauff et al. (1986), Timmannavar et al.

(2003), Arslan (2005), Caliskan et al. (2008b), Sharma et al. (2013) and Zuza et al. (2017) reported that the pod yield was increased when the harvesting delayed in peanut production.

**Table 4.** The average pod and kernel weight per hectare, oil and protein content values of some peanut varieties at different harvesting times

Harvesting Times (A)	Pod yield (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Kernel yield (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Oil Content (%)	Protein content (%)
130 DAS	3257	2096	45.80	26.61
140 DAS	3585	2367	46.49	25.90
150 DAS	4075	2757	47.08	25.59
160 DAS	4688	3275	47.69	25.04
170 DAS	5151	3693	48.98	24.67
LSD (% 5 <sub>A</sub> )	96.9	46.0	0.137	0.126
<b>Varieties (B)</b>				
Halisbey	5866	3508	47.72	26.24
NC-7	4383	3049	46.56	24.97
G.Green	4185	3109	49.25	26.60
Florispan	2379	1664	48.60	26.48
G.Red	3942	2600	43.91	23.78
LSD (% 5 <sub>B</sub> )	71.9	33.1	0.122	0.123
LSD (% 5 <sub>AxB</sub> )	160.7	74.0	0.273	0.275

Pod yield of the varieties ranged from 2379 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> to 5866 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> in a two-year average. According to a two-year average, the highest pod yield was obtained from Halisbey (5866 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and the lowest from Florispan (2379 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) among the varieties (Table 3). The difference between the peanut varieties was statistically significant for the pod yield per hectare. Duncan et al. (1978) suggested that the length of the pod filling period and the rate of pod establishment is the best explain the variation in peanut yield. The differences between the varieties for the pod yield originated from their genotypic background. Interaction between the harvesting times and varieties for the pod yield were significant in both years. Pod yield of the varieties ranged from 3376 to 7532 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. The highest pod yield value (7532 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) was obtained from the harvest of Halisbey variety made at the 170 DAS in a two-year average (Figure 2). Gulluoglu et al. (2017) and Arioglu et al. (2018) indicated that the pod yield per hectare of peanut varieties were ranged from 3666 to 8796 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and from 3062 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> to 7615 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively in main crop growing conditions in Cukurova region. Both of them reported that the highest pod yield was obtained from Halisbey (8796 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 7615 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) variety. This variety belongs to Virginia market type. The pod yield is higher in Virginia groups. For this the highest pod yield was obtained from Halisbey variety. The similar result was obtained by some other researchers (Arioglu and Isler, 1990a; Arioglu and Isler, 1990b; Asibuo et al., 2008; Canavar and Kaynak, 2008; Abouzienna et al., 2013; Sarkees, 2015 and Sogut et al., 2016).

Kernel (seed) yield is more important than pod yield in peanut production. Kernel yield (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) calculated by the pod yield (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) x shelling percentage (%). As it can be seen in Table 3 and 4, pod yield per hectare and shelling

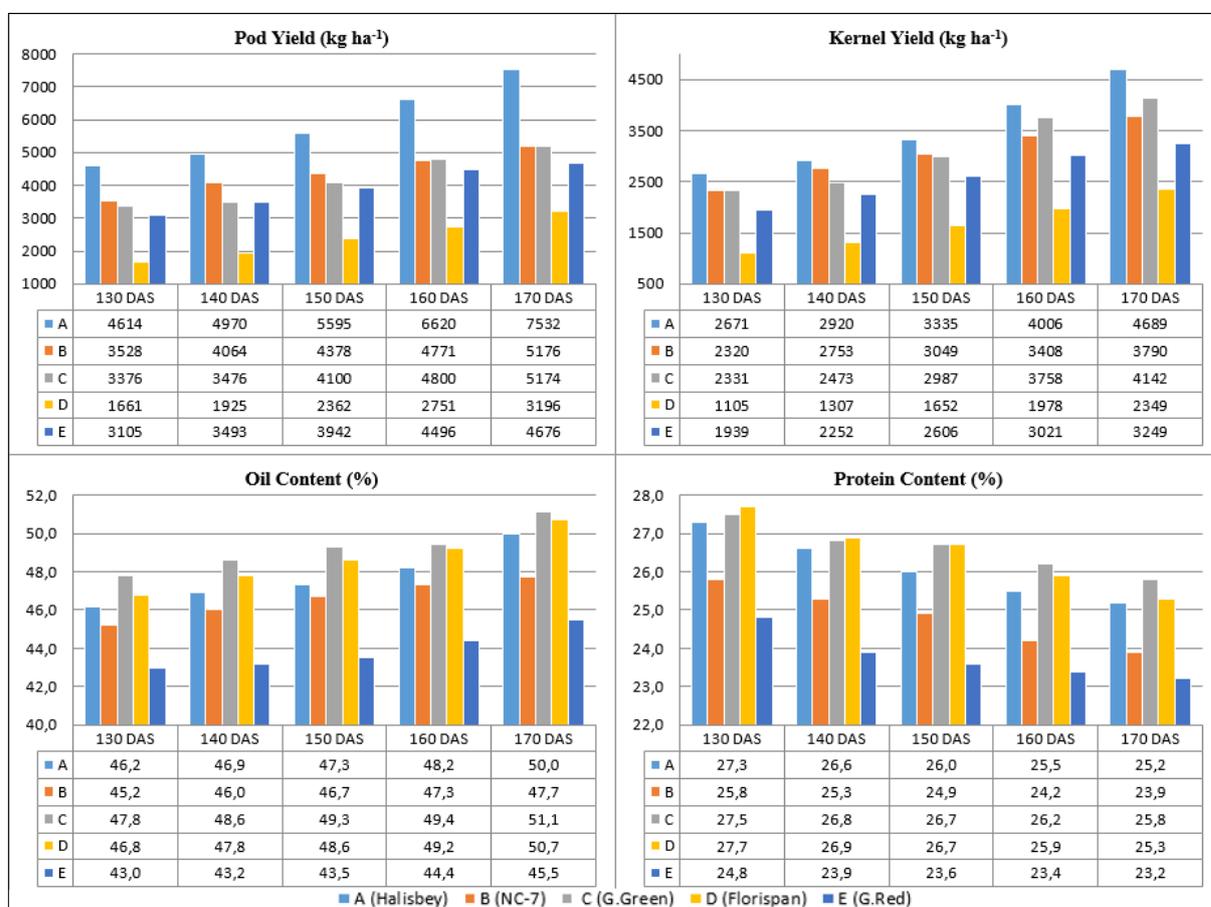
percentage was increased when the harvesting time delayed. According to a two-year average, the kernel yield per hectare varied between 2096 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 3693 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. The kernel yield was increased to 3693 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> from 2096 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, when the harvesting time delayed from 130 DAS to 170 DAS. The differences between the harvesting times were statistically significant for the kernel yield in a two-year average. Gulluoglu et al. (2017) found that the kernel yield was 4202 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> in main crop growing season, it was decreased to 3729 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> in double crop growing season in Cukurova region. These results are in agreement with the findings of Hadler and Panda (2014), Sarkees (2015), Meena et al. (2015), Hatipoglu et al. (2017) and Zuza et al. (2017).

The differences between the varieties were statistically significant for the kernel yield per hectare. The kernel yield values of the peanut varieties varied between 1664 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 3508 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> in a two-year average. The highest kernel yield was obtained from Halisbey (3508 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and the lowest from Florispan (1664 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>). Interaction between the harvesting times and varieties for the kernel yield were significant in both years. Kernel yield of the varieties ranged from 1105 to 4689 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. The highest kernel yield value (4689 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) was obtained from the harvest of Halisbey variety made at the 170 DAS in a two-year average (Figure 2). The shelling percentage was found higher in Florispan, G. Green and G.Red than Halisbey, but due to lower pod yield, the kernel yield was lower in these varieties. The similar results were found by the Sharma et al. (2013), Sarkees (2015) and Gulluoglu et al. (2017).

As it can be seen in Table 4, the differences between the varieties and harvesting times were statistically

significant for the oil and protein content. Oil and protein content are important quality characteristics in peanut seed. The oil content of the varieties was increased to 48.98% from 45.80% when the harvesting time delayed to 170 DAS from 130 DAS. The oil content of peanut seed influences by genotypic variation, growing conditions and maturity. Court et al. (1984) reported that the oil content was 45.8% in 2 September it was increased to 47.8% in 12 October. Sattayarak (1997), Lu et al. (1997), Canavar and

Kaynak (2013), Gulluoglu et al. (2016) and Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that oil content was increased by delaying the harvesting times in peanut seeds. Mortley et al. (2004) findings suggested that vegetative and reproductive growth, as well as oil content of peanut in controlled environments are best at warmer temperatures of 28/24°C to 32/28°C than at cooler temperature of 20/16°C to 24/20°C.



**Figure 2.** Interaction between the harvesting times and varieties for the pod and kernel weight per hectare, oil and protein content values in two years average

The protein content of the peanut varieties varied between 24.67% and 26.61% in a two-year average at different harvesting times. The protein content of the varieties was decreased when the harvesting delayed (Table 4). Gulluoglu et al. (2016) and Arioglu et al. (2018) found that the protein percentage was decreased from 25.60% to 24.65% and 25.68% to 23.02%, when the harvesting time delayed from 148 DAP to 188 DAP and 149 DAS to 170 DAS, respectively in main crop growing conditions.

The oil content of the peanut varieties varied between 43.91% and 49.25% in a two-year average. The oil content was the highest in G.Green and the lowest in G.Red varieties (Table 4). Hassan et al. (2005) and Gulluoglu et al. (2017) reported that the oil percentage of peanut seed varies between 35% and 56% depending on

genotype and growing conditions and the oil content of peanut varieties influence by genotype, seed maturity, climatic conditions, geographical location, growing season and growing conditions. Arioglu et al. (2018) found that the oil content of the peanut varieties varied between 45.6 and 50.0% in main crop growing season in Virginia market type varieties. Similar results were reported by some other researchers (Court et al., 1984; Sattayarak, 1997; Lu et al., 1997; Canavar and Kaynak, 2013 and Arioglu et al., 2017).

It can be seen in Table 4, the protein percentage of peanut varieties values varied between 23.78% and 26.60% in a two years average. The highest protein percentage was obtained from G.Green (26.60%) and the lowest from G.Red (23.78%) varieties. The protein content of peanut varieties is influence by genotype, seed

maturity, climatic conditions, geographical location and growing season. Arioglu et al. (2018) reported that the protein percentage of peanut varieties varied between 23.13 and 25.41% in main crop growing season. These results are in agreement with the findings of Court et al. (1984), Sarkees (2015), Arioglu et al. (2017) and Gulluoglu et al. (2017).

Interaction between the harvesting times and varieties for the oil and protein content were significant in both years. Oil content of the varieties ranged from 43.0 to 51.1%. The highest oil content value (51.1%) was obtained from the harvest of G.Green variety made at the 170 DAS in a two-year average. Protein content of the varieties ranged from 23.2 to 27.7%. The highest protein content value (27.7%) was obtained from the harvest of Florispan variety made at 130 DAS in a two-year average (Figure 2).

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