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Application of photovoltaic system to modify energy use, environmental damages and cumulative exergy demand of two irrigation systems-A case study: barley production of Iran

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49 **Abstract**

50 Irrigation is one of energy-intensive operations in agriculture, which consumes great part of
51 energy inputs and has harmful environmental effects. Thus, the goal of this study is to simulate
52 application of photovoltaic (PV) system as an alternative clean energy supplier to achieve
53 energy-environmental sustainability under two irrigation methods, namely, surface irrigation
54 (SFI) and sprinkler irrigation (SPI) in barley cultivation. Data are collected during the growing
55 season of 2018–2019 from a 100-hectare farm located in central region of Hamedan province,
56 Iran. Moreover, applying PV system to SFI and SPI scenarios, which are simulated by using
57 TRNSYS software, generate SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios, respectively. After that,
58 environmental damages for all scenarios are evaluated by ReCiPe2016 method of life cycle
59 assessment. Results indicate energy use efficiencies are 2.85 and 2.80 in SFI and SPI,
60 respectively. On-Farm emissions in all scenarios, electricity in SFI and SPI and PV panels SFI-
61 PV and SPI-PV are the hotspots of environmental damages. Cumulative exergy demand (CExD)
62 findings show that shares of Non-renewable, fossil for barley production mainly result from
63 electricity and diesel fuel. It is concluded that energy and environmental damage indices can
64 be enhanced remarkably via using renewable energy technologies.

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66 **Keywords:** Barley, Energy, Environmental damage, Exergy, Irrigation system, Photovoltaic.
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71 **1. Introduction**

72 Barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) is one of the most adaptable and common cereals produced in arid
73 and semi-arid climates. The global harvest of barley in 2017 was about 147 million ton (t) [1].

74 Barley, as important sources of energy, protein, dietary fiber, mineral elements and vitamins, is
75 popular and important food for humans and livestock [2]. In Iran, due to its low water
76 requirement, barley is ranked second in cultivated area after wheat and about 3 million t of
77 barley are produced annually [3].

78 Today, energy sources consumption in production systems such as agriculture is very high and
79 intensive, leading to environmental burdens such as resources depletion, global warming, and
80 human health risks. One of the important challenges for energy use in agricultural sector is to
81 reduce its environmental damages. Developing applications of renewable energy sources, like
82 geothermal, wind, and solar types, will be one of fundamental and sustainable ways to meet
83 this challenge [4][5][6].

84 Energy and water as essential inputs of irrigation system are key and vital elements for social
85 and economic development [7]. Literature review shows that a main part of energy utilized for
86 agricultural crops production is for irrigation systems including water extraction from wells
87 and pumping stations [8][9][10][11]. Applications of modern methods of irrigation in
88 agriculture can be considered from different aspects. Many studies on energy and water uses
89 of irrigation systems indicated that although the use of sprinkler irrigation (SPI) increased water
90 use efficiency, it also increased energy consumption [7][12][13]. Excessive energy use leads
91 to environmental burdens, so effective and efficient usage of energy source is considered as
92 fundamental requirements of sustainable agriculture. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is a
93 structural and comprehensive approach to evaluate environmental impacts in various systems
94 [14], which can also be applied to compare various options' environmental impacts and to
95 select an optimum option [15].

96 Renewable energy sources (also known as green energy), such as sunlight, geothermal and
97 wind power, are considered as clean and sustainable sources of energy, which are naturally
98 renewable and have much lower environmental pollution than fossil energy sources
99 [16][17][18]. Among different sources of renewable energy, solar energy is one of the most
100 important and sustainable sources that can be harnessed via applying different technologies
101 [19]. In agriculture, the application of photovoltaic cells for water pumping is considered as a
102 modern and sustainable technology in most countries [20]. Solar photovoltaic (PV) irrigation
103 technology can be investigated from various aspects, including economic feasibility, energy
104 efficiency and environmental effects. Researchers have been studying on solar PV irrigation
105 technology for a long time and they sometimes studied a single topic without regard to other
106 aspects. On the other hand, environmental effects of solar systems were often ignored.

107 Cumulative exergy demand (CExD) approach is a remarkable analysis tool, which denotes
108 anticipated energy use from production methods. In fact, CExD was considered as one of the
109 best methods to reduce exergy [21].

110 As mentioned, several researches have been conducted on energy consumption, its
111 environmental effects and applications of solar technologies for the production of different
112 agricultural crops. Table 1 lists a summary of these works. It can be seen that, in some studies,
113 solar PV cells application for irrigation systems were investigated from a single aspect.

114 **Table 1**

115 Although the mentioned studies in Table 1 were noteworthy, the use of solar technology in
116 irrigating systems was denied. In several papers, solar systems were only surveyed partially
117 from a single aspect, such as irrigations. Moreover, environmental emissions resulting from the
118 application of solar systems were not considered at all. Thus, a comprehensive investigation of
119 energy, environmental life cycle assessment (LCA) and cumulative exergy demand in two
120 irrigation systems by using PV systems approach is considered as a main novelty in this study.

121 On the other hand, based on the solar radiation availability and climatic conditions in Hamedan
122 province of Iran, and lack of research about energy-LCA of barley cultivation in this area, a
123 comprehensive study about different aspects of photovoltaic irrigation systems can be
124 considered as the first step of clean energy application in the agriculture sector.

125 With respect to the above background, the main goals of the current study are:

- 126 ➤ Analysis of energy consumption of barley cultivation under the surface irrigation (SFI)
127 and SPI systems.
- 128 ➤ Simulation of PV systems as an alternative for supplying clean energy in barley
129 production under the prescribed systems.
- 130 ➤ Definition of the existing scenario for barley production to evaluate environmental
131 impacts by ReCiPe2016 method of LCA and CExD.
- 132 ➤ Comparative study of energy, LCA and CExD in barley cultivation under the prescribed
133 scenarios.
- 134 ➤ Discussion of results and introduction of optimum scenario in barley cultivation from
135 energy and environmental points of view.

136 **2. Methodology**

137 *2.1. Case study*

138 This study is executed during the growing season of 2018–2019, in a 100-hectare (ha) farm
139 located in the central region of Hamedan Province at 49° 0' E, 35° 1' N (Fig. 1). This region
140 has an average annual temperature of 11 °C and an annual rainfall of 323 mm. The experimental
141 site with semi-arid climate is 1618 meter (m) above sea level and barley, wheat and alfalfa are
142 its main productions [3]. Two different irrigation systems, namely, SFI and SPI, are used in
143 this farm. The utilized inputs for barley production, including total direct and indirect inputs,
144 are recorded during the growing season. Some required inputs for barley cultivation consist of
145 diesel fuel, fertilizers, human labor, agricultural machinery, seed, pesticides, and electricity. Its

146 outputs are barley grain yield (BGY) and straw. Electricity consumption is for lifting water
147 from well and diesel fuel is for agricultural machinery. Besides, in SPI, another pumping
148 system is applied to pressurize water into the irrigation system, which is powered by diesel
149 engine.

150 **Fig. 1**

151 *2.2. Computation of input-output energy*

152 Physical inputs applied in barley cultivation are determined and then energy equivalences are
153 computed by using energy coefficients. Table 2 presents energy coefficients of inputs/outputs
154 for a variety of barley production operations.

155 **Table 2**

156 The following equation expresses direct electricity energy utilization for extracting the required
157 amount of water for the crop [58]:

$$158 \quad DE = \frac{\delta \times g \times H \times Q}{\eta_1 \times \eta_0} \quad (1)$$

159 where H is total dynamic head of pumping system based on m, g is gravitational acceleration
160 equal to 9.8 gram (gr) per second (s)⁻², δ is water density equal to 1000 kg m⁻³, DE is direct
161 energy based on joule (J), Q is overall rate of water based on cubic meter (m³) ha⁻¹, η_0 is power
162 device overall efficiency between 18% to 22% and η_1 is efficiency of the pump between 70%
163 to 90%.

163 The energy equivalent of equipment (machinery, pumps, etc.) is measured in MJ kg⁻¹; so, the
164 following formula is used to estimate the equipment energy, [59]:

$$165 \quad TW = \frac{G \times W}{T} \quad (2)$$

166 where T is the economic lifetime of equipment (in h), W_h is the time that the equipment uses
167 per hectare (in h ha⁻¹), G is the total weight of equipment (in kg) and TW is the depreciated
168 equipment weight (in kg ha⁻¹).

168 In SPI systems, total diesel fuel used by diesel engine and total amortized weight of machinery
169 (including diesel engine and wheel-move system) are considered as indirect energy
170 consumption of the irrigation system.

171 According to inputs/outputs as well as their energy equivalents, energy indices including
172 energy use efficiency (EUE), specific energy (SE), net energy gain (NEG) and energy
173 productivity (EP) , are computed as below [9][51][60]:

$$EUE = \frac{TOE}{TIE} \quad (3)$$

$$EP = \frac{BGY}{TIE} \quad (4)$$

$$SE = \frac{TIE}{BGY} \quad (5)$$

$$NEG = TOE - TIE \quad (6)$$

174 where *NEG* is net energy gain based on MJ ha⁻¹, *SE* is specific energy based on MJ kg⁻¹, *EP* is
175 energy productivity based on kg MJ⁻¹, *BGY* is based on kg ha⁻¹, *TIE* is total input energy based
176 on MJ ha⁻¹, *TOE* is total output energy (TOE) based on MJ ha⁻¹ and *EUE* denotes energy use
177 efficiency that is dimensionless.

178 2.3. Design of PV system

179 In the studied region, electricity generation is supplied by fossil resource's combustion in a
180 thermal power station. Owing to limited supply and high pollution of fossil fuels, replacing
181 thermal power station with PV power station is one of the running projects in the studied region.
182 Previous studies on energy use in agriculture have revealed that energy consumption in the
183 irrigation sector accounted for a remarkable section of the input energy [9][10][11]. As such,
184 one of the goals in the current study is to simulate PV system to supply renewable electricity
185 for usage in irrigation systems of the studied farm. As mentioned, two different irrigation
186 systems are used in the studied farm. In SFI system, diesel fuel (for machinery) and electricity
187 consumption (for extraction of water from well) are convertible inputs into renewable
188 electricity. In SPI system, electricity consumption and diesel fuel (used for machinery and

189 pressurizing water into irrigation system) are considered as convertible inputs into renewable
190 electricity. Diesel fuel energy, using coefficients showed in Table 2, is transformed to
191 electricity (kWh). Finally, the total computed electricity is supported by PV technology.

192 The main factor affecting the photovoltaic output power is the absorbed solar radiation on the
193 panel surface, which depends on incidence angle air mass and incident solar radiation.
194 Incidence angle information and horizontal data can be used to estimate the absorbed solar
195 radiation on the panel surface. For a PV system, ground-reflected components, diffuse and
196 beam constitute the effective absorbed solar radiation [61].

197 Transient System Simulation (TRNSYS) is a software package tailored for dynamic transient
198 analysis of solar energy systems and simulation of dynamic systems [62]. It is a versatile energy
199 simulation tool, which can be applied to simulate transient system's manner [63]. TRNSYS
200 comprises two parts, namely, (i) an engine (kernel) for designing system variables, determining
201 convergence, solving the system, and reading and processing the input file; (ii) a vast library
202 of components for simulating the performance of a sub-section of the system [15].

203 Solar panels are selected as type 94a in the software library for the simulated orbit of the
204 investigated field. Based on the manufacturer's catalog, the panel area, the panels closure, and
205 the number of panels are specified via clicking on a parameter module. Furthermore,
206 Meteonorm software is used to simulate climatic conditions of the studied area for a ten-year
207 duration. By using this software, some determined meteorological data, such as direct and
208 diffuse components of solar radiation, hours of sunshine, cloudy times and total energy
209 transmitted from the sun, are computed for every hour.

210 Meteorological data of Hamedan province, including solar radiation on horizontal surface
211 (diffuse and beam), sunshine distribution, air temperature, wind speed, latitude, etc., are taken
212 from Meteonorm software and used for modelling in TRNSYS software. Fig. 2 shows sunshine
213 distribution of Hamedan province in different months. Type 65d of the library is chosen for

214 entering the network in the subsequent step. Finally, a printer choosing type 25c library is
215 required in order to have this information available. The optimal energy supply circuit and the
216 number of panels (PV power) are simulated by using TRNSYS software, after having
217 considered all irrigation's and machineries' energy demands. Fig. 3 presents schematically PV
218 circuit to supply clean energy in different irrigation systems. According to the solar panel
219 manufacturer catalog, data regarding solar panels for TRNSYS software are determined and
220 sharp Solar Panel Model ND AH325, 325 W is applied in PV systems.

221 **Fig. 2**

222 **Fig. 3**

223 *2.4. LCA*

224 LCA is expressed as analysis and evaluation of total outputs, inputs, and entire environmental
225 impacts relevant to all steps of a product's life cycle [64]. In fact, it is an environmental
226 management approach applying to assess environmental damages of production services or
227 systems during its entire life cycle [15]. Generally LCA consists of four stages or phases, which
228 are as follows [40][65]:

- 229 - Description of the scope and goal
- 230 - Analysis of the Life Cycle Inventory (LCI)
- 231 - Implementation of Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA)
- 232 - Result interpretation

233 *2.4.1. Scope and goal definition*

234 Description of scope and goal is considered as the first step of LCA [66], in which system
235 boundary and functional unit (FU) determination are main steps [40]. In the current study, two
236 methods of barley production with different irrigation systems (SFI and SPI) are considered
237 for LCA. These systems are investigated assuming potential applications of PV technology for
238 supplying energy required in irrigation systems. In other words, 4 scenarios are investigated in

239 this study from environmental impact point of view. Scenarios SFI and SPI are for barley
240 production without applying PV technology in the studied region. Scenarios SFI-PV and SPI-
241 PV include the first and second scenarios, yet with potential application of PV technology to
242 provide renewable energy resources for extraction of water from well and use in tractors,
243 respectively.

244 In this research work, FU is determined as 1 t of barley product and the system boundary covers
245 total farm operations and applied inputs of barley cultivation in all scenarios [67]. Fig. 4 shows
246 system boundaries for different scenarios.

247 **Fig. 4**

248 *2.4.2. Inventory analysis*

249 Inventory analysis, being the second stage of LCA, computes amounts of all inputs and outputs
250 [68][69]. Inputs comprise actual farm practice and resource usage recorded during the growing
251 season and outputs are barley grain and straw yield. On-Farm emissions are categorized into
252 five parts, comprising emissions attributed to biocides, diesel fuel, human labor, chemical
253 fertilizers, and residue [70]. Emissions due to biocides, human labor, chemical fertilizers and
254 residue are related to different scenarios. However, emissions due to diesel fuel are solely
255 associated with SFI and SPI since, in SFI-PV and SPI-PV, renewable energy is applied rather
256 than diesel fuel. Table 3 shows direct emissions to air related to combustion of 1 MJ of diesel
257 fuel.

258 **Table 3**

259 Direct emission coefficients to air, water and soil related to inputs (including emissions from
260 fertilizers, human labor and residual) in barley production are illustrated in Table 4.

261 **Table 4**

262 Chemical fertilizers and FYM can also cause environmental pollution because of the presence
263 of heavy metals. In this study, coefficients illustrated in Table 5 are used to compute direct
264 emissions of heavy metals.

265 **Table 5**

266 *2.4.3. Impact assessment*

267 This is the third step of LCA, whose goal is to gauge different environmental effects on various
268 protection areas (human health, ecosystems, resources, etc.) [40]. LCIA can be further
269 categorized into 4 steps: (i) the selection of impact classification; (ii) normalization; (iii) their
270 pertinent taxonomy and (iv) weighting [15]. Various methods of environmental impact
271 assessment have been used in previous studies [36][38][68][69][75]. This research work is
272 conducted based on ReCiPe2016 method. The mentioned impact categories has an effect on
273 ecosystems, human health, resources, etc. [38]. The midpoints content of each endpoint in
274 ReCiPe2016 method are shown in Fig. 5.

275 **Fig. 5**

276 *2.4.4. Energy form analysis by CExD*

277 CExD denotes the summation of total resources energy required for the estimation of a
278 product's extra energy demand. It demonstrates sensitivity of natural resources to all pertinent
279 networks throughout the process [68]. Exergy is used to all real production activities, both for
280 energy carriers and non-energy materials, which is proportional to the entropy created. Exergy
281 analysis, as a main component of the LCA approach, employs resource utilization method in
282 LCIA. Energy form categories of CExD are demonstrated in Fig. 6.

283 **Fig. 6**

284 In this study, barley outputs and inputs data are analyzed by using Excel 2019 software. In
285 addition, TRNSYS V.16 is used in the solar system design. At last, LCA evaluation is
286 performed by applying SimaPro V9.0.0 software.

287 3. Results and discussion

288 3.1. Input-output energy analysis in two irrigation systems

289 Table 6 shows the total energy inputs employed in barley production as well as output energy
290 for the present conditions of two irrigation systems computed by using energy coefficients of
291 inputs and outputs. As it can be seen, average human labor consumed by SFI and SPI in barley
292 production are 85.8 and 41.1 respectively. In SFI, human labor is mainly for irrigation
293 operations. Average water consumed by SFI and SPI for barley cultivation are 3629 m³ ha⁻¹
294 and 2333 m³ ha⁻¹, respectively; indicating that SPI system consumes 35.7% less water than SFI
295 system. Total energy consumed for barley production in SFI and SPI are 35490.73 MJ ha⁻¹ and
296 39331.82 MJ ha⁻¹, respectively. Results demonstrate that although the application of SPI
297 system decreases water consumption, it increases energy consumption. This is in agreement
298 with results reported by some previous studies [7][12][13]. TOE in SFI and SPI are calculated
299 as 101060 MJ ha⁻¹ and 110100 MJ ha⁻¹, respectively. Average BGY are 5300 and 5600 kg
300 ha⁻¹ in SFI and SPI, respectively.

301 A comparison between the two systems indicates that SPI produces about 6% grain yield more
302 than SFI. This can be due to adequate and sufficient water supply in this method. Nasseri [39]
303 studied energy consumption pattern for wheat production in northwest of Iran under different
304 tillage and irrigation systems. Results indicated that conservation tillage with SPI system could
305 increase wheat grain yield compared to conventional tillage with SFI system. According to
306 Table 6, pesticides and human labor are the minimum demanding energy input of barley
307 cultivation in the two investigated systems.

308 Table 6

309 Fig. 7 presents the share of each input for barley production under the two studied systems. In
310 SFI system, electricity used for extraction of water consumes 49.8% of the entire energy inputs,
311 which is followed by diesel fuel (16.1%). In this system, diesel fuel is remarkably consumed

312 by tractors as a result of different operations. In SPI system, 40.4% of the entire energy inputs
313 are consumed by diesel fuel, which is followed by electricity (28.9%). According to results, it
314 can be concluded that barley cultivation in the investigated field is highly dependent on non-
315 renewable energy sources. A substantial part of diesel fuel in SPI system is used by diesel
316 engine to pressurize water into the irrigation system. Karimi et al. [10] pointed out that around
317 2 billion l of diesel fuel and 20.5 billion kWh of electricity were used yearly in Iran as a result
318 of groundwater pumping in irrigation system. In order to decrease electricity and diesel fuel
319 consumption, the use of renewable energy source with less environment pollution, such as PV
320 systems, was recommended.

321 **Fig. 7**

322 Energy indices of barley cultivation are computed by using Eqs. (3)-(6) and results are
323 illustrated in Table 7. These indices are useful tools to compare EUE in different systems. EUE
324 in SFI system is computed as 2.85, while the corresponding value in SPI system is 2.80.
325 Regarding other agricultural crops, EUE were reported as 3.02 for canola [76], 2.86 for barley
326 [54], 6.5 for wheat [77] and 1.28 for paddy [35]. NEGs of barley production in SFI and SPI are
327 about 65569 and 70768 MJ ha⁻¹, respectively. Thus, energy is gained in barley production.

328 **Table 7**

329 Results show that although the yield of SPI is greater than that of SFI, energy indices (EUE
330 and EP) of SPI are lower than those of SFI. This is due to the high consumption of diesel fuel
331 in SPI to pressurize water into irrigation system. In order to improve energy indices in SPI, it
332 is necessary to reduce input consumption, especially diesel fuel. The capacity of engine used
333 in SPI system is greater than power required to pressurize water. As such, in order to reduce
334 diesel fuel consumption, the use of a smaller but high performing diesel engine is suggested.
335 This leads to decrease in both energy and water consumptions in barley cultivation. Nitrogen
336 fertilizer is another input that has high energy consumption in barley cultivation. The use of

337 SPI system allows proper timing and uniform distribution of fertilizers in barley cultivation.
338 This leads to substantial savings in N fertilizer and energy usage.

339 3.2. *Simulated PV system for two irrigation systems*

340 According to Table 6, the total use of diesel fuel in SFI and SPI are in 5698.57 and 15890.68
341 MJ ha⁻¹, respectively. Thus, by dividing the total diesel fuel's energy use to electricity's energy
342 equivalent, renewable energy for diesel fuel replacement is determined. These amounts are
343 computed as about 478 and 1332 kWh for SFI and SPI, respectively. The total electricity
344 needed, which should be provided by the PV system, is computed by adding these amounts to
345 electricity uses in irrigation systems. These amounts are computed as about 1959 and 2285
346 kWh for SFI and SPI, respectively. According to the barley cultivation period in the surveyed
347 area, these estimated amounts should be divided by 4 months. The average numbers of solar
348 panels (PV power) in SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios are then computed.

349 Results of simulation solar systems via TRNSYS in SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios are
350 presented in Table 8. According to this table, the mean PV power for SFI-PV and SPI-PV
351 systems are estimated as 3.90 and 4.22 kW, respectively. This means that on average 529.24
352 and 633.89 kWh electricity is required for each month in barley production period in SFI-PV
353 and SPI-PV scenarios, respectively. Nevertheless, they cannot furnish the needed electricity
354 for all barley cultivation periods in the surveyed area. For solving this problem and providing
355 sustainable electricity production, the maximum panel's power in each scenario has to be
356 considered. According to Table 8, the maximum electricity needed, which should be provided
357 by the PV system is 529.24 and 633.89 kWh in SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios, respectively. In
358 other words, the maximum PV power required to supply electricity are 4.55 and 5.20 kW in
359 SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios, respectively. Hosseini-Fashami et al. [15] applied TRNSYS
360 Software for modelling solar technologies for replacing diesel and electricity with renewable
361 energy, which were needed in strawberry greenhouse in Alborz province, Iran. Results showed

362 that numbers of required solar panels to supply sustainable energy were 150 and 147 in
363 photovoltaic and photovoltaic/thermal systems respectively.

364 **Table 8**

365 *3.3. Exergoenvironmental analysis of two irrigation systems*

366 As mentioned previously, 4 defined scenarios are investigated from environmental impact
367 point of view. Scenarios SFI and SPI are for barley production without applying PV technology.
368 Scenarios SFI-PV and SPI-PV include the first and second scenarios, yet with potential
369 application of PV technology, respectively.

370 Table 9 shows LCI of various scenarios for 1 ha of barley cultivation in the studied farm.
371 Results show that amounts of CO₂ emission owing to diesel fuel usage in barley production are
372 424.54 and 1183.86 kg ha⁻¹ in SFI and SPI, respectively. Results indicate that SPI system
373 increases barley yield and improves water use efficiency. It also improves irrigation systems
374 management and working conditions of farmers, but increases energy consumption, which
375 leads to increased environmental impacts and GHG emission. This is because of high
376 consumption of diesel fuel by pumping stations in the studied farm.

377 **Table 9**

378 Tarjuelo et al. [7] reported that energy consumption by pumping stations generated significant
379 GHG emissions, which then contributed to climate change. Ghasemi-Mobtaker et al. [79]
380 reported that CO₂ emission's amount from diesel fuel's consumption in wheat production was
381 around 427 kg ha⁻¹.

382 CO₂ emissions by human labor to air are estimated as 60.06 and 28.77 kg ha⁻¹ in SFI and
383 SPI, respectively, indicating that the use of SFI can reduce this index by 52%. Besides, nitrate
384 and phosphate emissions to water in both systems are computed as 13.90 and 1.32 kg ha⁻¹,
385 respectively. Mousavi-Avval et al. [67] reported that annual CO₂ emission from urea
386 fertilizer's usage in oilseed production was about 155 kg ha⁻¹.

387 *3.3.1. Exergoenvironmental analysis without PV system*

388 Endpoints results by using LCA method in SFI and SPI scenarios for production of 1 t of BGY
389 are presented in Table 10. In SFI and SPI, human health damage categories generated are
390 1.67E-03 and 1.87E-03 Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALY)per 1 t of BGY , respectively.
391 This indicates that SPI increase human health damage by 11.98%. Furthermore, resources
392 damage categories are 24.38 and 25.23 USD2013 in SFI and SPI, respectively, indicating that
393 SPI increase this index by 3.49%.

394 **Table 10**

395 The share of different inputs to endpoints of barley production in SFI and SPI scenarios are
396 presented in Fig. 8. According to Fig. 8a, in SFI scenario, On-Farm emissions constitute the
397 greatest effects in human health damage categories. On the other hand, electricity has the
398 highest impact in ecosystems and resources. This indicates that in SFI, electricity use for barley
399 production causes high damage on environment and its consumption should be reduced.
400 Managing water consumption can lead to reduced electricity consumption. Nitrogen fertilizer
401 is another input which has high impact on all damage categories. As mentioned, proper timing
402 and uniform distribution of fertilizers can reduce N fertilizer consumption in barley cultivation.
403 In a similar study, Ghasemi-Mobtaker et al. [79] investigated environmental performance of
404 wheat farm in Hamedan province and reported that electricity was a main hotspot in FE, ADF,
405 PO, OLD and GWP impact categories.

406 **Fig. 8**

407 According to Fig. 8b, in SPI scenario, the greatest effects in human health and ecosystems
408 damage categories are from On-Farm emissions. Furthermore, in resources damage categories,
409 the greatest effects are from diesel fuel and electricity. As mentioned previously, a large part
410 of diesel fuel in this scenario is related to the pumping station, which results in high GHG

411 emissions compared to other scenarios. The use of a proper engine in the pumping station can
412 reduce fuel consumption in this scenario.

413 Table 11 shows energy analysis's results based on CExD in SFI and SPI scenarios of barley
414 production. It can be observed that the largest energy consuming form of two scenarios is Non-
415 renewable, fossil fuel. Their values are 6135.21 and 6248.52 MJ per 1 t of BGY in SFI and SPI,
416 respectively. Results demonstrate that amounts of Non-renewable, fossil; Non-renewable,
417 metal;s Renewable, solar and Renewable, kinetic in SPI are greater than those of SFI. As
418 mentioned, in SPI system, fossil fuel consumption is high, which leads to high amount of Non-
419 renewable, fossil in this system. Kaab et al. [40] reported that in planted and ratoon farms of
420 sugarcane, Non-renewable, fossil rates amounted to 85.96 and 48.44 GJ ha⁻¹, respectively.

421 **Table 11**

422 Shares of inputs in energies for SFI and SPI scenarios in CExD analysis are presented in Fig.
423 9. Results show that, in SFI, electricity shares the largest portion in Non-renewable, fossil
424 (about 65%) and Renewable, potential (about 70%) form. Moreover, in many forms such as
425 Non-renewable, meals; Renewable, solar, Non-renewable, primary and Renewable, kinetic
426 nitrogen has high energy consumption among inputs. This indicates that a proper use of
427 nitrogen fertilizer can result in a large reduction in energies for barley cultivation.

428 According to Fig. 9b, in SPI scenario, electricity and diesel fuel have the largest shares in Non-
429 renewable, fossil. Besides, in Non-renewable, primary, Renewable, solar and Non-renewable,
430 meals, nitrogen has high energy consumption among inputs. According to Table 11, a great
431 portion of CExD is occupied by Non-renewable, fossil. Moreover, according to Fig. 9,
432 electricity and diesel fuel are major components of Non-renewable, fossil. Thus, a proper
433 management of diesel fuel and electricity can be an efficient way to lower CExD.

434 **Fig. 9**

435 3.3.2. *Exergoenvironmental analysis with PV system*

436 Endpoints results by using LCA method in SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios for production of 1 t
437 of BGY are presented in Table 12. Results demonstrate that applying PV technology reduce all
438 impact categories in both SFI-PV and SPI-PV systems. In other words, compared to SPI, the
439 SPI-PV scenario reduces human health damage and resources by 14.44% and 36.82%,
440 respectively. Human health damage categories produced per 1 t of BGY are 1.54E-03 and
441 1.60E-03 Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALY) in SFI-PV and SPI-PV, respectively.
442 Furthermore, resources damage categories are 14.27 and 15.94 USD₂₀₁₃ in SFI-PV and SPI-
443 PV, respectively. Hosseini-Fashami et al. [15] studied energy-environmental indices of
444 greenhouse strawberry cultivation by applying solar technologies scenario and reported that
445 applying PV system for supplying energy resources could decrease all impact categories in
446 strawberry production processes.

447 **Table 12**

448 Shares of different inputs to endpoints of barley production in SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios
449 are presented in Fig. 10. As can be seen from Fig. 10a, in SFI-PV scenario, the greatest effects
450 in human health damage categories are from PV panels and On-Farm emissions. Moreover, PV
451 panels impose the greatest impact in ecosystems and resources. Results show that PV panels
452 have high impact on all damage categories. In other words, electricity generation, whether
453 through thermal power station or through renewable sources, has a significant detrimental
454 effect on the environment and, in order to reduce these damages, its use in barley production
455 should be managed.

456 **Fig. 10**

457 In SPI-PV scenario, the main portion of resource damage, ecosystems and human health,
458 categories are from the application of PV panels. Besides, On-Farm emissions are another
459 factor, which has a high impact in human health damage categories. Comparison of results of

460 scenarios SPI and SPI-PV show that the application of PV panels systems is able to mitigate
461 On-Farm emissions in barley cultivation.

462 Table 13 shows energy analysis results based on CExD in SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios of
463 barley production. In SFI-PV scenario, it is assumed that fossil fuel and electricity are replaced
464 by PV system. Findings show that the application of PV panels, instead of diesel fuel and
465 electricity, leads to changes in energy forms in SFI-PV. In other words, compared with SFI,
466 SFI-PV scenario increases all energy form except Non-renewable, fossil and Renewable, solar.
467 As can be seen from Tables 11 and 13, SFI-PV reduces Non-renewable, fossil form by 43.68%.
468 This is due to a high share of fossil fuel and electricity in SFI, which has been replaced by PV
469 panels in SFI-PV. Results also indicate that SFI-PV increases Renewable, potential form by
470 172.08 MJ. Results also demonstrate that, compared with SPI, SPI-PV scenario increases all
471 energy form except Non-renewable, fossil. The Non-renewable, fossil reduction value is about
472 40%. Similarly, Hosseini-Fashami et al. [15] reported that the application of PV system for
473 supplying energy resources in greenhouse strawberry cultivation was able to reduce Non-
474 renewable, fossil form by 52.04%.

475 **Table 13**

476 Shares of inputs in energy forms of CExD analysis for SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios are
477 presented in Fig. 11. As can be seen from Fig. 11a in SFI-PV scenario, the largest shares of
478 Non-renewable, metals; Renewable, kinetic; Non-renewable, fossil and Renewable, potential
479 energy forms depend on PV panels. Furthermore, in Non-renewable, primary and Renewable,
480 solar, nitrogen has high energy consumption among inputs. Production process of phosphate
481 constitutes the greatest energy-consumption share in Non-renewable minerals. Findings also
482 show that the application of PV panels, rather than diesel fuel and electricity, leads to energy
483 form changes in SPI-PV. In SPI-PV scenario, the largest shares of Non-renewable, metals;
484 Renewable, kinetic; Non-renewable, fossil and Renewable, potential energy forms are

485 dependent on PV panels. Besides, in Renewable, solar and Non-renewable, primary nitrogen
486 has high energy consumption among inputs. Production process of phosphate constitutes the
487 largest energy consumption portion in Non-renewable minerals.

488 **Fig. 11**

489 *3.4. Selection of energy-environmental friendly scenario*

490 In the last part of the study, damage categories amongst various scenarios are compared.
491 Results of comparisons for different scenarios of barley production based on weighted
492 endpoints are presented in Fig. 12. Results indicate that, in all damage categories, amounts of
493 emissions are reduced by applying PV panels for both SFI and SPI scenarios. In other words,
494 SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios can decrease the total damage by about 17% and 20%,
495 respectively.

496 Results indicate that, compared with SFI and SPI scenarios, SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios can
497 decrease human health index by about 7% and 14%, respectively. In human health damage
498 categories, emissions rate is the least for SFI-PV. In this scenario, diesel fuel and electricity
499 consumptions, which are basically generated by non-renewable fossils resources, are replaced
500 with PV panels. This leads to the reduction of On-Farm emission. Hence, in SFI scenario,
501 human health becomes better through PV panels. SPI-PV scenario enhances this damage
502 category in comparison with SFI-PV scenario. The use of some additional equipment in
503 pumping stations increases On-Farm emission and carcinogens in SPI-PV and thus renders
504 human health's worse situation.

505 In the case of ecosystems, approximately stable trends are observed in the four investigated
506 scenarios. The main cause of this is the low dependence of ecosystems to diesel fuel and
507 electricity consumptions. In resources damage category, non-renewable fossil energy and
508 mineral extraction are two main midpoints. Since diesel fuel and electricity are basically
509 generated by non-renewable fossils resources, it can be concluded that resources damage

510 category mainly depends on diesel fuel and electricity. Therefore, SFI-PV and SPI-PV
511 scenarios can decrease resources damage category by about 42% and 37%, respectively.

512 **Fig. 12**

513 A comparison of different scenarios of barley production based on total CExD is shown in Fig.
514 13. According to Fig. 13, about 37% and 33% of CExD can be saved by SFI-PV and SPI-PV,
515 respectively. According to results of this study, diesel fuel and electricity consume a large share
516 of input energy. Due to low efficiency of thermal power stations, the generation of electricity
517 is very energy consuming; thus, the use of PV panels to produce clean energy can reduce
518 environmental damage and sustain natural resources.

519 According to results of this study, SFI-PV is the best system from environmental point of view.
520 It is because damage categories and CExD in this scenario are lower than other scenarios. The
521 utilization of PV panels decreases many energy environmental damages of barley production,
522 but the share of PV panels is considerable in many indices. Therefore, despite the advantages
523 of SPI-PV (namely, less water and human labor use), this scenario is not selected as an
524 environmental-friendliness scenario.

525 **Fig. 13**

526 Water scarcity is one of the main issues in the studied region. As such, results of this study can
527 also be considered from a water consumption perspective. From this point of view, SPI-PV,
528 despite the high environmental impact, has the lowest water consumption among different
529 scenarios. The reason for high environmental indices in SPI-PV relative to the SFI-PV is due
530 to the inefficient use of diesel fuel in the irrigation system. In the investigated farm, Perkins
531 A4.318 engine (4-cylinder) is used to pressurize water into irrigation system, which can be
532 replaced by a smaller engine with less fuel consumption. Nitrogen fertilizer is another input
533 with high energy consumption and high environmental damage in barley cultivation. The
534 application of SPI-PV system allows proper timing and uniform distribution of fertilizers in

535 barley cultivation. This can reduce diesel fuel and nitrogen consumption in SPI-PV, which can
536 be developed as an environmentally friendly system.

537 **4. Conclusions**

538 The aim of this research work is to evaluate energy consumption pattern as well as
539 environmental analysis of two irrigation systems (SFI and SPI) in barley cultivation with an
540 integration of PV technology for supplying energy consumed in irrigation systems of Hamedan
541 province, Iran. TRNSYS software is applied in order to simulate solar technologies as
542 renewable energy to replace diesel and electricity. Then LCA and CExD analysis are used to
543 assess environmental damages of different scenarios. According to findings of this research
544 work, the following conclusions are drawn:

- 545 1. Total energy consumptions of SFI and SPI are computed as 35490.73 and 39331.82 MJ
546 ha^{-1} , respectively. In SFI, electricity (49.81%) has the highest share of energy inputs.
547 In SPI, diesel (40.40%) has the highest portion within total energy inputs.
- 548 2. EUE of SFI is found to be higher than that of SPI, indicating that although SPI consumes
549 35.7% less water than the SFI, its energy indices is not better than SFI.
- 550 3. Results of simulation solar systems by TRNSYS show that the maximum PV power
551 needed, which should be provided by the PV system are 4.55 and 5.20 kW in SFI-PV
552 and SPI-PV scenarios, respectively.
- 553 4. On-Farm emissions results demonstrate that the amount of CO_2 emissions from diesel
554 fuel in barley production are 424.54 and 1183.86 kg ha^{-1} in SFI and SPI, respectively.
555 High consumption of diesel fuel by pumping stations is the reason of high CO_2 emission
556 in SPI system.
- 557 5. Under SFI and SPI systems, shares of diesel fuel, electricity, nitrogen and On-Farms
558 emissions are main factors in all categories. In SFI-PV and SPI-PV systems, shares of
559 PV panels, nitrogen and On-Farms emissions are main factors in all categories.

- 560 6. Results of CExD analysis indicate that the application of PV panels cause changes in
561 energy forms in SFI-PV and SPI-PV and reduce environmental impacts of these
562 systems. In SFI and SPI systems, electricity and diesel fuel have a great share in Non-
563 renewable, fossil form, while in SFI-PV and SPI-PV systems, PV panels have a
564 significant portion in Non-renewable, fossil form.
- 565 7. SFI-PV scenario is the best system from environmental point of view because damage
566 categories and CExD in this scenario are lower than those of other scenarios.
- 567 8. This study provides valuable information, which can be used for the design and
568 evaluation of photovoltaic irrigation in other regions and for other crops.
- 569 9. Finally, it is suggested that input consumptions are investigated in the studied farm to
570 provide solutions for reduction of their consumptions. This will reduce environmental
571 impacts of barley cultivation.

572 **Highlights**

- 573 • Energy-Life cycle-Exergy of different irrigation systems are examined for barley.
- 574 • Photolytic systems are simulated to supply energy in SFI and SPI scenarios.
- 575 • Energy use efficiencies are 2.85 and 2.80 in SFI and SPI, respectively.
- 576 • Non-renewable, fossils are 6135 and 6249 MJ/1t of BGY in SFI and SPI, respectively.
- 577 • SFI-PV is the best scenario in energy-environmental friendly perspective.

578 **Fig. 1.** Hamedan province location in the west of Iran [3].

579 **Fig. 2.** Sunshine distributions of Hamedan province of Iran in different months [3].

580 **Fig. 3.** Designed PV circuit to supply clean energy in SFI and SPI systems of barley production
581 [15].

582 **Fig. 4.** System boundaries of barley production based on different irrigation systems.

583 **Fig. 5.** Midpoint content of each endpoint in ReCiPe2016 method of LCA.

- 584 **Fig. 6.** Schematic diagram of energy forms based on CExD.
- 585 **Fig. 7.** Contribution of each inputs for barley production under SFI and SPI systems.
- 586 **Fig. 8.** Distribution of each endpoint based on inputs in SFI and SPI scenarios.
- 587 **Fig. 9.** Share of each input in energy forms of CExD analysis for SFI and SPI scenarios.
- 588 **Fig. 10.** Distribution of each endpoint based on inputs in SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios.
- 589 **Fig. 11.** Share of each input in energy forms of CExD analysis for SFI-PV and SPI-PV
590 scenarios.
- 591 **Fig. 12.** Comparison of different scenarios of barley production based on weighted endpoints.
- 592 **Fig. 13.** Comparison of different scenarios of barley production based on total CExD.

Table 1
Summary of samples research with energy, LCA, PV systems and CExD approaches in agricultural production process.

Investigated researches	Case study location	Crop	Energy analysis	LCA	LCA method	PV systems	CExD
Zangeneh et al. [22]	Iran	Potato	Complete coverage	-	-	-	-
Knudsen et al. [23]	Denmark	Orange	Input-Output	Greenhouse gas (GHG)	CML2 Baseline 2000	Applying for pump	-
Boulard et al. [24]	France	Tomato	Energy indices	Partial coverage	IMPACT 2002+	Applying for whole system	Yes
Mobtaker et al.[25]	Iran	Alfalfa	Input-Output	-	-	-	-
Page et al. [26]	Australia	Tomato	Complete coverage	Complete coverage	CML1	Applying for pump	-
Senol [27]	Turkey	Apple	-	-	-	Applying for pump	-
Vázquez -Rowe et al. [28]	Spain	Grape	Input-Output	Partial coverage	-	-	-
Alhaji Ali [29]	Italy	Wheat	Complete coverage	-	-	-	-
Mohammadi et al. [30]	Iran	Rice paddy	Input-Output	Partial coverage	-	-	-
Houshyar and Grundmann [31]	Iran	Wheat	Complete coverage	Complete coverage	CML 2 baseline 2000	-	-
Raheli et al. [32]	Iran	Tomato	Complete coverage	-	-	-	-
Rubio-Aliaga et al. [33]	Spain	-	Energy deficiency	-	-	Applying for irrigation	-
Yu et al. [34]	China	Cassava	-	-	-	Applying for irrigation	-
Nabavi-Pelesaraei et al. [35]	Iran	Paddy	Complete coverage	Complete coverage	CML	-	Yes
Fathollahi et al. [36]	Iran	Forage	Complete coverage	Complete coverage	CML-IA baseline	-	-
Yildizhan and Taki [37]	Turkey	Tomato	Input-Output	-	-	-	Yes
Taki et al. [38]	Iran	Wheat	Input-Output	Complete coverage	CML-IA baseline	-	-
Nasseri [39]	Iran	Wheat	Complete coverage	-	-	-	-
Kaab et al. [40]	Iran	Sugarcane	Complete coverage	Complete coverage	CML 2 baseline 2000	-	Yes
Mérida García [41]	Spain	-	-	Complete coverage	CML	Applying for irrigation	-
Parvaresh-Rizi et al. [42]	Iran	Citrus and vineyard	-	-	-	Applying for irrigation	-
Rubio-Aliaga et al. [43]	Spain	-	-	-	-	Applying for irrigation	-
Rubio-Aliaga et al. [44]	Spain	-	Complete coverage	GHG	-	Applying for irrigation	-
Todde et al. [45]	Mediterranean region	Olive	Complete coverage	GHG	Carbon payback times	Applying for irrigation	-
Pardo et al. [46]	Spain	-	Storage in battery	Environmental cost	-	Applying for irrigation	-
Meerida García et al. [47]	Spain	-	Energy efficiency	Complete coverage	CML-IA baseline	Applying for irrigation	-
Nikzad et al. [48]	Iran	Rice	-	GHG	-	Applying for irrigation	-
Carrêlo et al. [49]	Mediterranean region	-	-	-	-	Applying for irrigation	-
Present study	Iran (Hamedan)	Barley	Complete coverage	Complete coverage	ReCiPe2016	Applying for whole system	Yes

Table 2

Energy coefficients of inputs/output in different operations of barley production.

Item	Input									Output	
	Human labor	Agricultural machinery	Diesel fuel	Chemical fertilizers		Farmyard manure (FYM)	Pesticides	Electricity	Seed	Barley	Straw
				Nitrogen	Phosphate						
Unit	Hour (h)	Kilogram (kg)	Liter (l)	kg	kg	kg	kg	Kilowatt hour (kWh)	kg	kg	kg
Energy equivalent*	1.96	142.7	56.31	66.14	12.44	0.3	199	11.93	14.7	14.7	9.26
References	[50][51]	[52]	[53][54]	[52][55]	[52]	[54]	[56]	[9][22]	[57]	[57]	[50]

* This amount is based on Megajoule (MJ) per unit.

Table 3

EcoInvent database coefficient of direct emissions to air related to burning 1 MJ of diesel fuel [35].

Emission	Amount (gr MJ ⁻¹ diesel)
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	74.5
Sulfur dioxide (SO ₂)	2.41E-02
Methane (CH ₄)	3.08E-03
Benzene	1.74E-04
Cadmium (Cd)	2.39E-07
Chromium (Cr)	1.19E-06
Copper (Cu)	4.06E-05
Dinitrogen monoxide (N ₂ O)	2.86E-03
Nickel (Ni)	1.67E-06
Zinc (Zn)	2.39E-05
Benzo (a) pyrene	7.16E-07
Ammonia (NH ₃)	4.77E-04
Selenium (Se)	2.39E-07
Polycyclic hydrocarbons (PAH)	7.85E-05
Hydro carbons (HC), as Non-methane volatile organic compound (NMVOC)	6.80E-02
Nitrogen oxides (NO _x)	1.06
Carbon monoxide (CO)	1.50E-01
Particulates (b2.5 micrometer (µm))	1.07E-01

Table 4

On-Farm emissions related to use of chemical fertilizers, FYM, human labors, pesticides and residue management in barley production.

Emission	Unit	Cause	Coefficient (Reference)
<i>A. Emissions to air</i>			
1. N ₂ O	kg N ₂ O equivalent (eq.)	Nitrogen content of chemical fertilizers and FYM	0.01 [71]
2. NH ₃	kg NH ₃ eq.	Nitrogen content of FYM	0.2 [71]
3. NH ₃	kg NH ₃ eq.	Nitrogen content of chemical fertilizers	0.1 [71]
4. N ₂ O	kg N ₂ O eq.	Atmospheric deposition of nitrogen in chemical fertilizers	0.001 [71]
5. N ₂ O	kg N ₂ O eq.	Atmospheric deposition of nitrogen in FYM	0.003 [71]
6. NO _x	kg NO _x eq.	N ₂ O content of fertilizers and soil	0.21 [71]
7. CO ₂	kg CO ₂ eq.	CO ₂ derived from human activity per h	0.7 [72]
8. Effective material of pesticides	kg effective material eq.	Pure content of effective material in pesticides	0.1 [73]
<i>B. Emissions to water</i>			
1. Nitrate (NO ₃ ⁻)	kg NO ₃ ⁻ eq.	Nitrogen content of chemical fertilizers and FYM	0.1 [71]
2. Phosphate	kg phosphate eq.	Phosphate content of chemical fertilizers and FYM	0.02 [71]
<i>C. Emissions to soil</i>			
1. Effective material of pesticides	kg effective material eq.	Pure content of effective material in pesticides	0.85 [73]
2. Residue incorporating	kg N ₂ O eq.	Mixing of residue to soil	0.01 [72]

Table 5

Emissions to soil coefficients of heavy metals related to using chemical fertilizers and FYM in barley farms [74].

Heavy metal	Miligram (mg) per kg of applied nitrogen fertilizer	mg per kg of applied phophate fertilizer	mg per kg of applied FYM dry matter	
			Cattle	Poultry
1. Cd	6	39.5	0.64	1.52
2. Cu	26	90.5	452.25	99
3. Zn	203	839	1018	469
4. Lead (Pb)	5409	67	13.55	16.2
5. Ni	20.9	88.3	17.43	19.05
6. Cr	77.9	543	13.23	8.7
7. Mercury (Hg)	0.1	0.3	0.08	0.09

Table 6

Content of energy use and output energy in two present conditions of irrigation systems in barley production of Hamedan province, Iran.

Item	Scenario	Input (unit)										Output (unit)		
		Human labor (h)	Agricultural machinery (kg)	Diesel fuel (l)	Chemical fertilizers (kg)		FYM (kg)	Pesticides (kg)	Electricity (kWh)	Seed (kg)	Total energy use (MJ)	Barley (kg)	Straw (kg)	Total energy output (MJ)
Unit per ha	SFI	85.8	11.56	101.20	69	45.5	5000	0.7	1481.76	240	-	5300	2500	-
	SPI	41.1	11.91	282.20	69	45.5	5000	0.7	952.56	240	-	5600	3000	-
Energy content*	SFI	168.17	1649.61	5698.57	4563.66	566.02	1500	139.30	17677.40	3528	35490.73	77910	23150	101060
	SPI	80.56	1699.56	15890.68	4563.66	566.02	1500	139.30	11364.04	3528	39331.82	82320	27780	110100

* The amount is MJ per ha

Table 7

Energy indices of barley production in Hamedan province, Iran.

Scenario	EUE (-)	EP (kg MJ ⁻¹)	SE (MJ kg ⁻¹)	NEG (MJ ha ⁻¹)
SFI	2.85	0.15	6.70	65569.27
SPI	2.80	0.14	7.02	70768.18

Table 8

Results of simulation PV systems by TRNSYS in different irrigation methods of barley production.

Item	Optimal slop (Degree) [78]	PV power (kW)		Electricity power (kWh)	
		SFI-PV	SPI-PV	SFI-PV	SPI-PV
<i>A. Production period</i>					
1. 23 September - 22 October	41.4	3.25	3.57	522.95	581.06
2. 23 October - 21 November	53.4	4.55	5.20	529.24	610.66
3. 21 March – 20 April	24.1	3.90	4.23	527.99	575.99
4. 21 April – 21 May	6.3	2.93	3.57	507.11	633.89
<i>B. Statistics indices</i>					
1. Average	31.3	3.90	4.23	521.82	600.40
2. Standard deviation	20.55	0.72	0.77	10.18	27.06
3. Minimum	6.3	2.93	3.57	507.11	575.99
4. Maximum	53.4	4.55	5.20	529.24	633.89

Table 9

LCI of different scenarios for 1 ha of barley production in Hamedan province of Iran.

Item (unit)	Scenarios			
	SFI	SFI-PV	SPI	SPI-PV
<i>A. Off-Farm</i>				
1. Agricultural machinery (kg)	11.56	11.56	11.91	11.91
2. Chemical fertilizers (kg)				
(a). Nitrogen	69	69	69	69
(b). Phosphate	45.5	45.5	45.5	45.5
3. FYM (kg)	5000	5000	5000	5000
4. Pesticides (kg)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
5. Diesel (kg)	87.03	-	242.69	-
6. Electricity (kWh)	1481.76	-	952.56	-
7. PV panels (m ²)	-	24.78	-	28.32
<i>B. On-Farm</i>				
1. Emissions by diesel fuel to air (kg)				
(a). CO ₂	424.54	-	1183.86	-
(b). SO ₂	0.14	-	0.38	-
(c). CH ₄	0.02	-	0.05	-
(d). Benzene	9.92E-04	-	2.76E-03	-
(e). Cd	1.36E-06	-	3.80E-06	-
(f). Cr	6.78E-06	-	1.89E-05	-
(g). Cu	2.31E-04	-	6.45E-04	-
(h). N ₂ O	0.02	-	0.05	-
(i). Ni	9.52E-06	-	2.65E-05	-
(j). Zn	1.36E-04	-	3.80E-04	-
(k). Benzo (a) pyrene	4.08E-06	-	1.14E-05	-
(l). NH ₃	2.72E-03	-	7.58E-03	-
(m). Se	1.36E-06	-	3.80E-06	-
(n). PAH	4.47E-04	-	1.25E-03	-
(o). HC, as NMVOC	0.39	-	1.08	-
(p). NO _x	6.04	-	16.84	-
(q). CO	0.85	-	2.38	-

(r). Particulates (b2.5 μm)	0.61	-	1.70	-
2. Emissions by fertilizers to air (kg)				
(a). N ₂ O	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64
(b). NH ₃ by FYM	8.66	8.66	8.66	8.66
(c). NH ₃ by chemical fertilizers	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.38
3. Emission by atmospheric deposition of fertilizers to air (kg)				
(a). N ₂ O by chemical fertilizers	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
(b). N ₂ O by FYM	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
4. Emissions by fertilizers to water (kg)				
(a). Nitrate	13.90	13.90	13.90	13.90
(b). Phosphate	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32
5. Emission by N ₂ O of fertilizers and soil to air (kg)				
(a). NO _x	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39
6. Emission by human labor to air (kg)				
(a). CO ₂	60.06	60.06	28.77	28.77
7. Emission by heavy metals of fertilizers to soil (mg)				
(a). Cd	3947.03	3947.03	3947.03	3947.03
(b). Cu	448896.25	448896.25	448896.25	448896.25
(c). Zn	1247134.70	1247134.70	1247134.70	1247134.70
(d). Pb	400176.60	400176.60	400176.60	400176.60
(e). Ni	34771.06	34771.06	34771.06	34771.06
(f). Cr	47700.53	47700.53	47700.53	47700.53
(f). Hg	151.14	151.14	151.14	151.14
8. Emissions by pesticides to air (kg)				
(a). Deltamethrin	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
9. Emissions by biocides to soil (kg)				
(a). Deltamethrin	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
10. Emissions by residue incorporating to soil (kg)				
(a). N ₂ O	0.18	0.18	0.54	0.54
<i>C. Yield</i>				
1. Barley (kg)	5300	5300	5600	5600

Table 10

Endpoint results of ReCiPe2016 method in SFI and SPI scenarios for 1 t production of barley.

Endpoint	Unit	Scenarios	
		SFI	SPI
Human health	DALY ^a	1.67E-03	1.87E-03
Ecosystems	species.yr ^b	5.71E-06	6.23E-06
Resources	USD2013 ^c	24.38	25.23

^a Damage of 1 is tantamount to: lack of 1 life year of 1 individual, or 1 person travels 4 years from a disability with a weight of 0.25.

^b The unit for ecosystems is the local species loss integrated over time.

^c The United States dollars rate for 2013.

Table 11

Energy forms of CExD analysis in SFI and SPI scenarios for 1t production of barley.

Energy form	Unit	Scenarios	
		SFI	SPI
Non-renewable, fossil	MJ	6135.21	6248.52
Renewable, kinetic	MJ	7.40	7.59
Renewable, solar	MJ	0.04	0.04
Renewable, potential	MJ	112.52	91.42
Non-renewable, primary	MJ	1.22	1.20
Non-renewable, metals	MJ	89.62	107.28
Non-renewable, minerals	MJ	84	79.94

Table 12

Endpoint results of ReCiPe2016 method in SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios for 1 t production of barley.

Endpoint	Unit	Scenarios	
		SFI-PV	SPI-PV
Human health	DALY	1.54E-03	1.60E-03
Ecosystems	species.yr	4.86E-06	5.15E-06
Resources	USD2013	14.27	15.94

Table 13

Energy forms of CExD analysis of SFI-PV and SPI-PV scenarios for 1t production of barley.

Energy form	Unit	Scenarios	
		SFI-PV	SPI-PV
Non-renewable, fossil	MJ	3455.57	3753.85
Renewable, kinetic	MJ	9.55	10.70
Renewable, solar	MJ	0.03	0.04
Renewable, potential	MJ	306.14	335.47
Non-renewable, primary	MJ	1.26	1.24
Non-renewable, metals	MJ	170.49	198.47
Non-renewable, minerals	MJ	84.65	80.66

