

EVALUATION OF RUBBER (Hevea brasiliensis Muell Arg.) Clones  
FOR DROUGHT RESISTENCE. II. REFORMANCE OF SOME CLONES UNDER  
CYCLIC WATER DEFICIT CONDITIONS

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The objective of the work was to analyse the effects of cyclic water deficits on photosynthesis, transpiration, stomatic resistance and leaf water potential in young plants of six clones growing in the greenhouse. Water deficit caused a significant reduction in the restoration of net photosynthetic rate and transpiration rate, respectively up to the second and first water deficit cycles in some clones thereafter followed by a general recovery in these parameters with the acumulation of the stress cycles. The leaf water potential of the clones decreased with the cycles of deficit but 48 hours following re-irrigation, its average values were fully restored to the pre-stress conditions. The stomatic resistance showed a differential recovery among the clones,

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