

## البحث الرابع

مشترك - منشور بمجلة دولية ((غير مستخلص من رسالة))

### عنوان البحث:

Comprehensive analysis and experimental study on the novel intermittent solar-electric onion drying technology

تحليل شامل ودراسة تجريبية لتقنية التجفيف الشمسي-الكهربائي المتقطع المبتكرة للبصل

### Abstract:

The thermal performances and quality attributes of dried onion using stationary solar-electric drying (SED), intermittent solar-electric drying (ISED), and intermittent solar-electric drying with sensible storage medium (ISEDs) were compared. The tempering in processing time by 60 min elevated the drying time and reduced the diffusivity from  $3.67 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  using SED to  $2.06 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $2.11 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  using the ISED and ISEDs, respectively. The obtained drying efficiency was 21.05 %, 35.69 %, and 35.39 %, respectively, for the SED, ISED, and ISEDs. The average *SEC* values were found at 0.76 and 0.66 kWh/kg using ISED and ISEDs, respectively. The sustainability index ( $S_i$ ) and waste exergy ratio (*WER*) values were  $S_i = 1.99, 1.45, \text{ and } 1.51$  and  $WER = 0.49, 0.63, \text{ and } 0.61$ , respectively for SED, ISED, and ISEDs. The improvement potential (*IP*) of 1.69, 1.84, and 1.74 W were obtained using SED, ISED, and ISEDs, respectively. For SED, ISED, and ISEDs, the payback period ( $P_b$ ) values were estimated at 1.08, 0.75, and 0.70 years, with the highest annual savings ( $S_j$ ) obtained using the ISEDs at 16203.3 CNY. Better visual quality was observed for ISEDs. Compared to stationary drying processes using high-extensive energy dryers, intermittent solar drying is a promising technique for preserving agri-food products.

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