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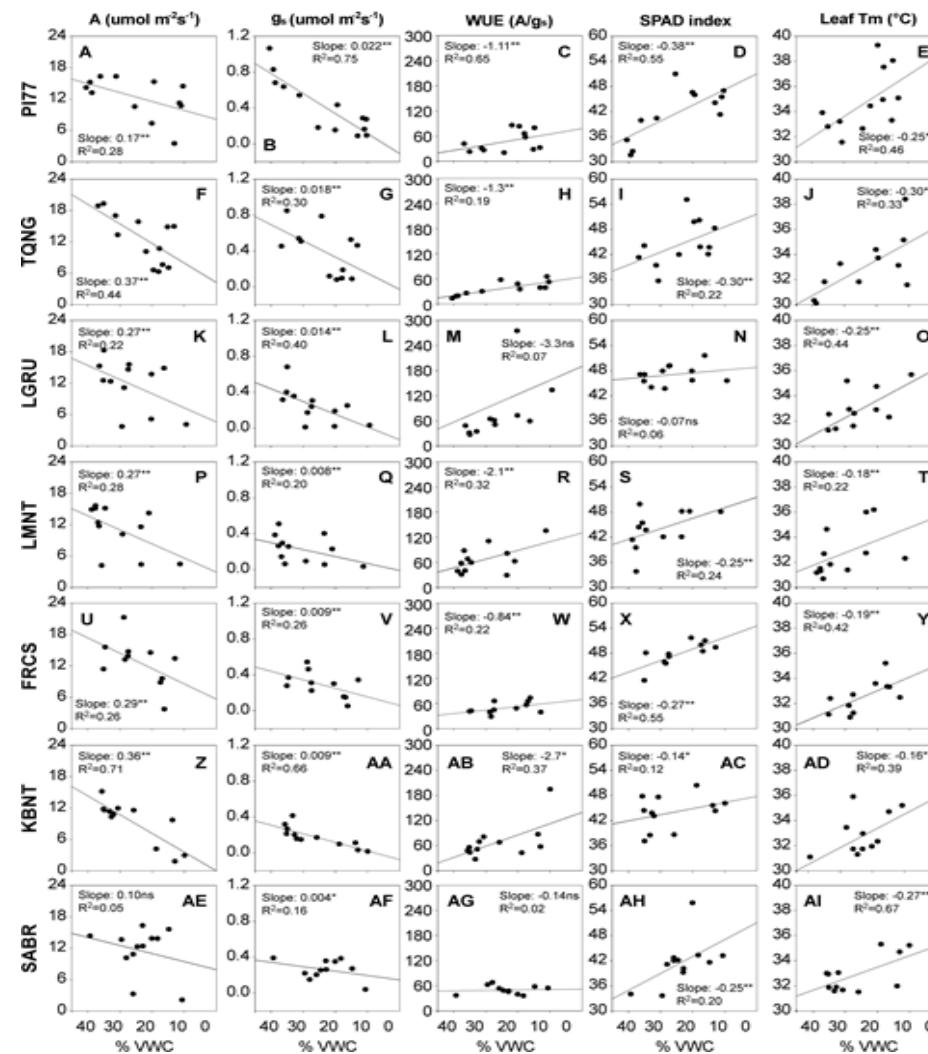


Figure S1. Physiological responses to different levels of irrigation as measured by volumetric water content (horizontal axis) of seven cultivars. The y-axis shows values of A , g_s , WUE (A/g_s), SPAD index, and leaf Tm. Other details are as in Figure 1.

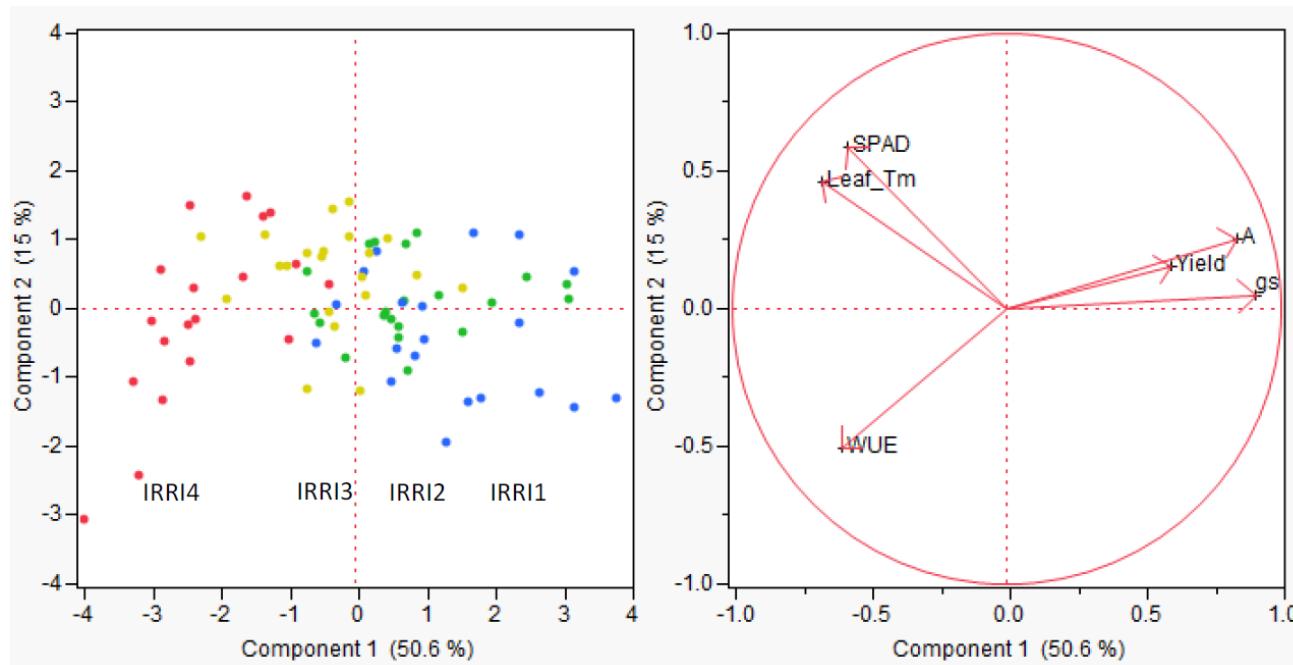


Figure S2. Principal component analysis of physiological parameters, A , g_s , WUE (A/g_s), SPAD index, and leaf Tm among seven cultivars in response to four different levels of water stress (IRRI_1 to 4) (A), and eigenvector values of PC1 and PC2. Blue, green, yellow, and red dots represent IRRI_1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

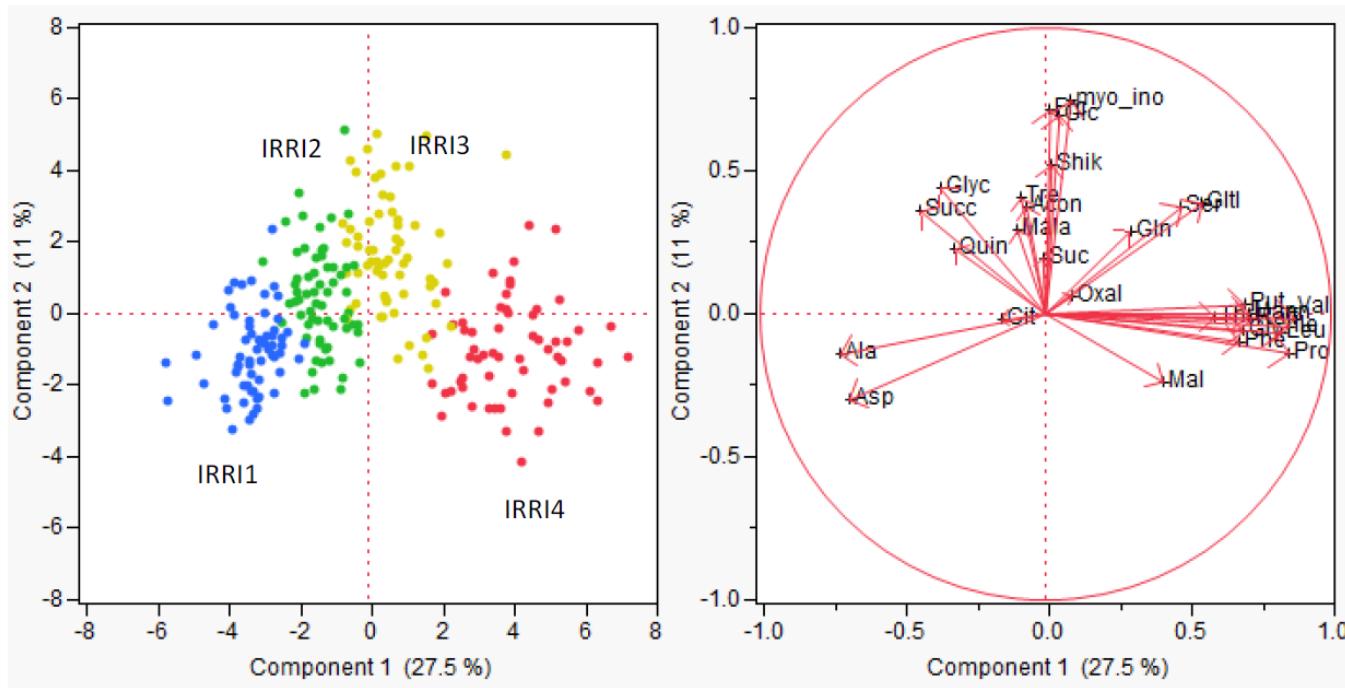


Figure S3. Principal component analysis of 26 metabolites among seven cultivars in response to four different levels of water stress (IRRI_1 to 4) (A), and eigenvector values of PC1 and PC2. Other details are as in Figure S2.

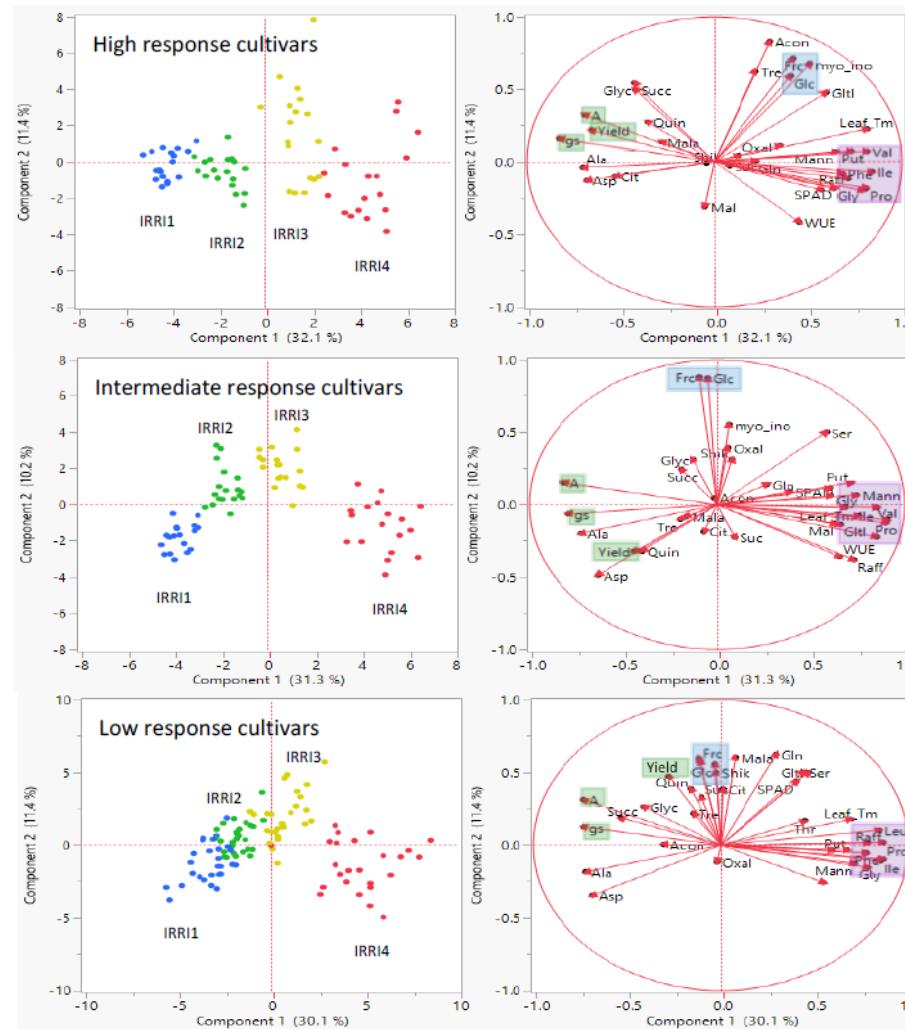


Figure S4. Principal component analysis of physiological and metabolic traits among seven cultivars in response to four different levels of water stress (IRRI_1 to 4) (A), and eigenvector values of PC1 and PC2. Other details are as in Figure S2.

Table S1A. Means and SE of yield (grain weight per plant (g)) of 7 rice cultivars under 4 different irrigation levels (IRRI_1 to 4).

Yield response category	Cultivars	Year	IRRI_1		IRRI_2		IRRI_3		IRRI_4	
			Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE
High response	TQNG	2014	38.77	4.97	36.97	5.91	26.43	4.10	3.27	1.48
		2015	55.80	8.05	61.57	5.32	NA	NA	20.90	9.88
		2016	47.00	2.78	56.00	4.91	36.67	12.48	28.50	0.58
	PI77	2014	31.60	6.13	13.47	2.69	16.90	8.07	3.73	2.14
		2015	37.30	8.99	28.47	5.82	NA	NA	20.83	2.40
		2016	47.00	3.51	36.33	7.49	26.33	5.67	20.67	5.49
Intermediate response	LGRU	2014	25.00	1.67	19.60	4.10	18.90	0.15	7.80	4.18
		2015	13.60	0.40	19.80	4.40	NA	NA	13.15	2.45
		2016	26.50	1.04	18.83	4.41	13.50	5.62	9.33	4.48
	LMNT	2014	16.93	0.73	16.70	4.27	9.97	3.78	4.93	3.10
		2015	15.43	3.91	6.20	NA	NA	NA	13.23	9.23
		2016	17.33	2.77	19.17	1.17	16.83	4.21	4.03	2.15
Non- or low response	FRCS	2014	38.03	1.68	17.60	8.74	27.00	12.16	20.60	7.55
		2015	31.13	5.40	48.00	4.10	NA	NA	26.80	3.55
		2016	37.67	6.89	34.83	0.93	46.00	5.84	29.33	3.71
	KBNT	2014	16.03	6.53	10.73	4.71	18.47	10.09	4.57	1.73
		2015	13.10	3.41	8.95	1.75	NA	NA	5.13	1.68
		2016	14.17	5.13	16.17	2.46	19.33	2.80	15.00	4.54
	SABR	2014	30.63	3.54	31.67	3.02	23.20	6.94	20.93	4.06
		2015	19.00	3.06	23.97	2.09	NA	NA	18.43	2.07
		2016	24.50	0.76	24.33	1.74	23.33	4.85	21.17	2.35

Table S1. Analysis of variance of seven cultivars (C) evaluated across four irrigation levels (I) in each of three years for grain weight per plant (g). ** and ns indicate $p < 0.01$ and $p > 0.01$, respectively.

Year	Source of Variation	Prob. > F
2014	Cultivar (C)	**
	Irrigation (I)	**
	C x I	ns
2015	Cultivar (C)	**
	Irrigation (I)	**
	C x I	ns
2016	Cultivar (C)	**
	Irrigation (I)	**
	C x I	ns

Table S2. Average daily air temperature, soil temperature and total daily solar radiation during vegetative stage (DOE 1 to 103) and reproductive stage (DOE 104 to 154) at Stuttgart, Arkansas from 2014 to 2016. The stage of vegetation/reproduction and grain fill was decided based on heading date in 2016 (Suppl. Table 9).

	Average air temperature (°C)			Average soil temperature (°C)			Total Solar flux (MJ/m ²)		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Vegetative/reproductive stage (DOE 1-103)	25.3	21.4	27.8	25.8	22.7	27.7	27.2	23.8	29.1
Grain fill stage (DOE 104-154)	20.8	17.0	22.9	25.0	17.7	26.8	18.6	13.6	21.4

Table 3. Summary of amount of irrigation applied for IRRI 1 to 4 in each of three years.

Treatment		Water applied (cm ha ⁻¹)		
		2014	2015	2016
IRRI1	30% VWC	40.64	78.97	87.33
IRRI2	24% VWC	44.63	59.03	75.64
IRRI3	20% VWC	37.92	57.02	62.97
IRRI4	14% VWC	25.30	40.13	43.59

Table S4A. Mean and SE of physiological traits of 7 rice cultivars under 4 different irrigation levels (IRRI_1 to 4) in 2016.

Cultivars	Traits	IRRI_1		IRRI_2		IRRI_3		IRRI_4	
		Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE
FRCS	A	15.50	1.48	14.06	0.38	12.93	0.84	6.27	1.14
	Gs	0.38	0.04	0.39	0.02	0.22	0.02	0.11	0.02
	WUE (A/g _s)	41.65	0.81	36.66	2.07	59.65	2.83	64.97	3.73
	SPAD	45.07	0.93	47.70	0.56	49.13	0.67	50.50	0.22
	Leaf Tm	89.43	0.41	89.53	0.46	90.97	0.67	93.70	0.76
	Seed weight per plant (g)	37.67	6.89	34.83	0.93	46.00	5.84	29.33	3.71
KBNT	A	11.25	0.24	11.34	0.17	10.30	1.62	4.82	1.23
	Gs	0.23	0.01	0.24	0.04	0.20	0.03	0.05	0.01
	WUE (A/g _s)	50.14	1.75	59.11	8.14	52.84	3.83	112.99	20.83
	SPAD	41.77	1.17	43.07	1.31	45.60	1.79	45.33	0.27
	Leaf Tm	89.87	0.31	89.60	0.43	91.73	0.99	92.97	0.90
	Seed weight per plant (g)	14.17	5.13	16.17	2.46	19.33	2.80	15.00	4.54
LGRU	A	15.15	0.84	14.40	0.52	13.24	0.55	4.32	0.21
	Gs	0.44	0.06	0.33	0.01	0.20	0.01	0.02	0.00
	WUE (A/g _s)	39.81	5.38	44.68	2.52	65.47	1.97	258.41	33.87
	SPAD	47.23	0.52	46.77	0.76	47.00	1.19	47.13	0.38
	Leaf Tm	89.27	0.34	88.20	0.77	92.03	0.66	94.30	0.79
	Seed weight per plant (g)	26.50	1.04	18.83	4.41	13.50	5.62	9.33	4.48
LMNT	A	15.20	0.11	13.04	0.54	8.69	1.15	7.68	1.63
	Gs	0.38	0.04	0.27	0.04	0.15	0.04	0.10	0.03
	WUE (A/g _s)	42.39	3.99	58.58	8.48	72.73	10.27	92.90	10.89
	SPAD	38.23	1.14	43.40	0.34	45.80	1.13	48.17	0.02
	Leaf Tm	88.33	0.07	89.10	0.53	91.17	0.86	94.63	1.13
	Seed weight per plant (g)	17.33	2.77	19.17	1.17	16.83	4.21	4.03	2.15
PI77	A	14.20	0.29	14.06	0.89	12.71	1.36	8.47	1.24
	Gs	0.86	0.06	0.42	0.07	0.32	0.06	0.15	0.04
	WUE (A/g _s)	17.02	0.94	39.62	4.78	43.61	3.44	160.40	54.22
	SPAD	33.10	0.54	45.63	1.60	44.67	1.07	43.63	0.62
	Leaf Tm	86.30	0.09	90.33	0.57	91.47	0.73	95.97	1.38
	Seed weight per plant (g)	47.00	3.51	36.33	7.49	26.33	5.67	20.67	5.49
SABR	A	13.44	0.28	14.13	0.59	13.20	0.81	5.38	1.37

	Gs	0.29	0.03	0.33	0.02	0.26	0.03	0.12	0.04
	WUE (A/g _s)	48.83	3.71	43.39	1.91	55.07	4.14	53.92	0.20
	SPAD	35.90	1.05	41.53	0.61	46.17	2.41	42.63	0.17
	Leaf Tm	88.33	0.80	89.13	0.26	91.97	0.72	93.67	1.16
	Seed weight per plant (g)	24.50	0.76	24.33	1.74	23.33	4.85	21.17	2.35
TQNG	A	16.57	0.87	16.54	0.61	11.95	0.76	6.67	0.11
	Gs	0.63	0.05	0.59	0.05	0.26	0.05	0.06	0.01
	WUE (A/g _s)	26.89	1.27	30.04	3.14	58.55	7.72	274.31	96.34
	SPAD	39.73	1.22	41.80	0.13	49.07	1.64	47.90	1.05
	Leaf Tm	86.90	0.44	88.27	0.33	92.60	0.84	95.77	1.16
	Seed weight per plant (g)	47.00	2.78	56.00	4.91	36.67	12.48	28.50	0.58

Table S4B. Summary ANOVAs and C, I, C x I effects for five physiological traits evaluated at four irrigation (I) levels of seven varieties (C) during 2016. ** indicates $p < 0.01$.

	Cultivar (C)	Irrigation (I)	C x I
A	**	**	**
Gs	**	**	**
WUE (A/g _s)	**	**	**
Leaf Tm	ns	**	**
SPAD	**	**	**
Seed Weight	**	**	*

Table S5A. Means and SE of metabolites of 7 rice cultivars under 4 different irrigation levels (IRRI_1 to 4) during 2016.

Cultivars	Metabolite	IRRI 1		IRRI 2		IRRI 3		IRRI 4	
		Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE
FRCS	Val	18.07	2.23	54.18	6.19	84.76	8.29	156.17	19.54
	Phe	10.27	1.03	28.49	3.10	38.31	7.83	103.13	14.28
	Ser	188.97	15.46	261.27	32.84	564.36	51.31	489.48	83.43
	Gln	3694.49	1013.19	4037.87	630.12	8902.52	1214.89	6563.92	563.87
	Ala	762.80	54.89	766.54	60.07	506.08	59.01	291.75	32.08
	Asp	1311.58	94.35	655.58	51.48	282.99	37.88	108.08	11.05

	Pro	9.23	0.02	12.11	1.55	43.99	1.73	88.85	10.44
	Thr	77.67	9.13	198.33	49.87	214.30	62.71	283.15	74.21
	Frc	4344.14	645.19	10842.47	1035.88	10311.68	1061.73	5286.02	521.39
	Glc	3758.99	591.89	11144.64	1590.30	12367.92	1313.53	5025.83	467.88
	myo-ino	387.00	80.20	727.59	65.34	833.30	106.39	549.92	55.74
	Gltl	23.50	4.09	68.50	16.18	62.87	15.57	85.82	12.67
	Suc	57873.13	3423.69	74035.12	2664.20	72152.64	2502.75	56110.88	3304.07
	Mann	9.21	0.03	10.20	1.06	20.24	5.17	34.20	4.43
	Tre	30.66	5.91	34.81	4.10	27.41	5.25	38.25	6.78
	Raff	247.80	32.66	470.06	45.42	1226.39	140.23	3089.25	478.71
	Mal	22.54	2.24	19.37	2.82	23.53	1.60	49.77	5.74
	Succ	47.05	3.67	46.86	6.59	52.71	4.62	39.79	5.62
	Cit	481.04	201.79	263.22	120.93	880.94	235.28	735.78	228.87
	Oxal	154.33	32.26	431.00	157.87	278.88	109.49	446.18	110.37
	Glyc	262.16	37.64	269.55	42.88	414.33	51.42	201.22	24.74
	Mala	555.04	209.97	382.57	110.54	1872.35	254.64	771.46	287.42
	Acon	207.19	24.86	164.75	27.87	57.99	7.73	47.85	12.08
	Quin	125.75	35.98	108.15	34.12	203.66	66.57	61.67	7.41
	Shik	207.00	30.61	224.43	74.13	404.49	77.07	169.82	28.70
	Put	12.12	1.56	19.49	2.46	22.31	2.17	32.65	2.04
KBNT	Val	13.36	2.24	29.79	3.34	70.78	5.04	114.03	8.02
	Phe	9.28	0.01	19.37	3.25	46.66	4.18	145.03	32.68
	Ser	236.39	25.89	443.62	69.98	317.68	44.24	363.32	84.73
	Gln	4001.43	514.92	4817.82	422.51	6634.58	740.58	4472.39	1035.13
	Ala	788.13	107.57	495.34	58.99	397.82	39.05	232.41	31.08
	Asp	1590.16	172.85	513.62	39.54	213.76	35.25	175.96	31.11
	Pro	8.47	0.81	20.32	2.49	34.18	3.43	72.14	9.78
	Thr	98.26	14.94	137.04	29.21	108.00	13.58	151.32	17.89

	Frc	2736.39	503.35	6964.94	568.55	7319.36	719.02	3637.07	409.66
	Glc	2724.64	399.09	10991.46	4291.00	8968.89	821.42	4065.20	569.77
	myo-ino	609.21	118.11	837.36	70.35	832.40	57.37	407.32	85.78
	Gltl	46.48	18.97	45.42	9.97	81.52	16.99	73.61	15.16
	Suc	66965.93	4319.29	63609.42	3061.11	66844.36	3297.09	62377.41	4504.40
	Mann	10.34	1.03	13.42	1.62	20.57	2.06	39.27	5.30
	Tre	26.89	2.44	42.36	4.16	38.71	4.76	18.41	3.13
	Raff	170.16	12.12	437.97	72.32	2016.40	522.90	3303.93	279.19
	Mal	12.39	2.19	18.64	2.21	15.32	1.53	35.81	6.83
	Succ	66.16	4.26	77.55	10.65	47.85	4.58	22.52	3.16
	Cit	227.98	57.89	568.03	145.58	290.06	78.42	204.30	52.82
	Oxal	195.54	40.35	476.54	196.86	453.01	99.33	331.89	32.89
	Glyc	469.27	43.40	552.23	81.12	381.32	82.99	186.42	24.69
	Mala	1255.14	339.00	754.54	163.37	1196.38	244.96	583.44	257.69
	Acon	115.71	26.28	93.70	11.07	130.17	17.97	119.06	29.90
	Quin	311.65	77.24	164.63	36.64	395.82	139.81	33.81	9.41
	Shik	220.30	38.30	235.48	57.92	527.17	81.00	168.28	22.80
	Put	13.37	1.66	13.36	2.25	21.71	1.57	33.04	2.81
LGRU	Val	21.53	4.61	28.43	4.04	51.43	2.76	130.04	15.59
	Phe	9.26	0.02	9.36	0.02	60.58	14.78	97.04	30.39
	Ser	153.61	11.34	230.26	30.11	562.09	41.11	399.32	61.27
	Gln	1785.48	299.20	4232.98	423.16	6171.72	1127.71	6555.10	760.52
	Ala	905.02	75.37	503.27	27.75	573.31	49.42	265.73	33.94
	Asp	1781.12	295.31	356.71	42.66	200.44	36.36	163.02	28.39
	Pro	9.30	0.03	13.47	1.62	45.48	5.39	89.80	5.53
	Thr	58.30	14.22	73.00	20.92	198.06	34.20	248.46	55.11
	Frc	2789.82	410.41	10111.79	1670.41	11362.23	965.35	2394.74	411.07
	Glc	2646.02	522.51	12154.40	2100.81	13334.64	976.60	2834.54	420.57

	myo-ino	417.97	90.43	628.87	81.71	740.61	93.41	423.41	65.72
	Gltl	17.47	3.63	19.49	2.89	24.67	3.41	93.18	24.03
	Suc	65927.88	2809.36	61772.83	2700.26	56661.61	3716.80	67092.01	3855.31
	Mann	12.33	1.54	15.43	2.21	23.90	3.52	36.46	4.46
	Tre	49.46	8.49	33.80	5.72	29.93	6.21	30.69	4.73
	Raff	300.17	11.35	323.37	28.28	379.18	44.79	4188.19	700.27
	Mal	12.38	2.26	18.70	2.78	21.70	2.29	43.77	4.48
	Succ	34.87	6.24	63.53	5.95	54.53	6.53	50.98	8.85
	Cit	331.64	107.35	635.46	73.61	274.92	44.90	557.33	125.32
	Oxal	190.21	35.29	630.59	257.26	581.89	190.77	307.59	61.43
	Glyc	286.14	41.29	355.62	45.44	501.12	77.21	322.88	73.13
	Mala	792.60	290.30	821.28	100.73	1070.39	186.71	935.36	228.52
	Acon	140.45	41.79	117.23	16.65	35.93	9.79	84.17	12.48
	Quin	724.37	206.01	80.98	10.16	122.35	36.88	83.71	24.51
	Shik	166.16	30.59	185.40	20.78	220.15	44.08	215.16	43.72
	Put	10.31	1.06	16.57	3.05	21.78	4.40	29.04	4.55
LMNT	Val	17.34	2.37	30.66	4.95	75.04	5.17	159.99	11.60
	Phe	9.23	0.02	13.16	1.60	27.23	2.63	75.32	16.36
	Ser	202.48	26.16	309.21	40.30	462.67	42.04	444.51	44.28
	Gln	6110.24	1027.15	5584.34	576.96	5716.14	937.43	4846.67	639.37
	Ala	987.61	126.17	660.02	54.47	425.34	44.43	348.57	49.32
	Asp	1968.46	232.61	384.77	66.08	157.34	15.79	159.86	33.67
	Pro	14.30	3.53	21.71	3.48	37.36	2.24	86.79	11.23
	Thr	117.41	44.13	115.24	16.20	240.46	41.83	273.54	43.95
	Frc	2895.71	368.78	5753.56	721.56	8733.07	770.04	4226.47	795.38
	Glc	3170.41	371.15	5703.28	771.30	10311.91	1451.26	4909.32	897.93
	myo-ino	502.93	57.21	842.08	61.95	881.26	119.80	698.24	63.47
	Gltl	32.97	6.39	45.86	8.71	71.78	9.00	107.52	11.77

PI77	Suc	63218.04	2702.43	60020.26	3278.24	69092.00	4156.21	65074.44	4359.91
	Mann	11.36	1.39	28.89	3.83	26.86	2.48	42.74	4.52
	Tre	36.94	4.88	40.81	7.16	42.88	9.65	31.71	2.68
	Raff	481.17	40.87	575.51	51.84	1429.83	202.45	2726.70	572.32
	Mal	14.27	1.63	17.41	1.86	18.41	2.19	23.69	3.46
	Succ	63.87	4.22	74.42	12.40	53.15	6.71	39.95	7.01
	Cit	566.15	205.06	485.87	76.64	333.64	62.82	317.38	71.55
	Oxal	259.85	99.15	763.27	305.36	726.71	209.97	407.79	116.05
	Glyc	416.67	48.54	385.63	59.96	427.43	83.16	254.79	54.45
	Mala	1486.04	378.89	1137.60	212.69	747.14	144.83	718.10	209.05
	Acon	96.74	19.40	142.22	31.03	148.83	38.63	155.51	36.37
	Quin	336.04	85.65	139.88	32.45	253.63	40.00	102.19	39.09
	Shik	255.79	54.80	343.49	59.53	603.02	71.29	267.79	83.52
	Put	11.29	1.34	15.30	2.20	30.96	2.19	44.69	4.91
PI77	Val	17.20	2.38	30.11	4.23	91.36	10.85	124.82	20.57
	Phe	11.33	1.39	17.50	2.43	59.01	15.34	127.96	5.98
	Ser	243.02	46.30	301.38	30.34	426.61	65.83	346.86	52.55
	Gln	3920.24	773.49	6030.20	788.29	6534.31	541.83	4342.12	437.83
	Ala	722.16	52.90	528.00	47.73	355.67	45.03	262.13	29.12
	Asp	1551.57	115.27	619.80	85.19	324.37	55.27	194.66	32.03
	Pro	12.40	1.55	20.70	2.08	27.91	2.17	90.83	10.05
	Thr	86.57	25.18	123.22	21.66	195.96	42.32	317.94	76.35
	Frc	2216.07	388.42	2692.67	194.99	6916.41	1688.08	4652.79	584.46
	Glc	2335.77	295.25	2970.37	227.20	7155.20	1778.23	4357.96	457.07
	myo-ino	215.13	32.06	340.43	50.42	728.97	114.01	542.57	106.86
	Gltl	24.78	5.84	12.37	1.56	65.69	15.19	82.69	23.49
	Suc	58987.82	3891.80	65382.66	4773.03	67060.22	3921.35	59584.06	1411.42
	Mann	14.76	1.76	18.58	2.70	24.18	3.42	44.73	4.59

	Tre	24.71	2.64	21.48	3.94	41.82	8.56	35.86	5.80
	Raff	233.37	36.65	400.88	59.43	727.13	77.55	2267.04	313.50
	Mal	31.29	4.09	32.91	4.40	16.51	2.09	21.89	6.10
	Succ	67.08	8.37	47.23	3.52	58.51	7.52	35.74	5.29
	Cit	1145.01	175.11	536.79	86.40	347.27	33.60	95.51	13.48
	Oxal	545.90	198.95	299.38	176.02	770.56	222.23	379.67	81.78
	Glyc	371.98	72.32	431.65	55.57	419.26	58.35	213.15	21.65
	Mala	1526.20	173.27	841.12	280.41	1029.74	279.22	105.31	11.43
	Acon	76.23	8.53	52.22	11.49	164.26	43.47	148.00	39.22
	Quin	322.94	79.90	70.12	44.80	118.03	52.41	39.91	5.87
	Shik	245.56	43.35	394.67	34.47	250.19	45.34	128.62	13.04
	Put	10.23	0.97	15.57	3.13	24.13	2.26	39.48	4.45
SABR	Val	14.38	2.28	23.77	4.44	40.83	4.90	94.76	11.07
	Phe	9.24	0.03	21.62	2.67	71.07	15.75	87.94	14.07
	Ser	167.24	21.09	313.28	44.94	295.97	53.28	280.63	26.77
	Gln	3396.18	723.62	4969.00	477.72	6848.40	1261.85	4573.56	440.96
	Ala	1078.78	123.03	612.86	31.15	356.00	43.02	380.81	34.46
	Asp	2864.47	337.29	946.52	209.19	305.70	55.71	194.76	31.87
	Pro	9.30	0.03	19.38	2.76	41.04	2.81	87.69	8.59
	Thr	66.99	16.69	118.60	21.41	97.36	21.82	219.29	41.88
	Frc	2750.99	283.00	7866.80	1151.60	8942.77	1980.82	1968.79	272.00
	Glc	2032.26	398.69	7621.39	1122.87	10985.32	1901.39	2500.83	450.86
	myo-ino	544.71	63.91	688.14	59.51	876.34	113.53	405.86	47.17
	Gltl	20.52	4.57	51.40	12.30	66.74	7.77	76.69	14.51
	Suc	66592.66	3403.44	65764.01	3366.98	67971.33	3876.21	62139.28	3761.55
	Mann	11.27	1.30	14.56	2.27	27.99	4.12	33.43	4.55
	Tre	36.02	4.55	33.66	5.14	33.93	4.69	28.67	1.83
	Raff	349.57	41.68	671.74	97.45	1295.21	287.40	3107.40	634.71

TQNG	Mal	13.32	1.67	16.39	2.50	20.44	2.53	25.68	3.02
	Succ	94.47	11.09	78.10	11.45	53.32	8.70	37.86	3.20
	Cit	456.34	113.19	567.66	130.17	556.78	127.67	506.03	135.56
	Oxal	810.26	263.94	497.69	172.02	591.41	165.17	478.93	109.36
	Glyc	513.04	44.96	369.95	50.80	341.26	45.12	271.85	32.05
	Mala	1009.00	253.01	986.52	211.57	1290.18	306.92	1120.56	373.55
	Acon	132.06	27.50	111.12	19.30	132.37	54.74	73.05	11.21
	Quin	166.62	29.77	77.38	16.90	157.41	38.02	68.51	11.47
	Shik	233.00	37.45	171.02	18.69	264.70	48.89	189.96	32.32
	Put	13.30	2.24	17.51	2.44	27.92	3.83	35.20	3.72
	Val	21.54	5.09	37.20	4.27	91.94	8.84	105.20	6.14
	Phe	9.18	0.03	47.61	17.37	59.73	9.80	73.82	15.21
	Ser	169.12	23.43	352.81	57.94	488.09	41.65	270.78	35.14
	Gln	2449.03	209.38	7514.02	1202.56	5079.52	557.46	6296.48	1252.83
	Ala	609.68	81.50	506.94	37.41	368.27	24.21	412.54	41.75
	Asp	1660.68	415.37	323.24	46.52	302.59	37.56	156.04	26.24
	Pro	10.19	1.04	13.36	2.27	32.48	4.70	50.12	6.97
	Thr	36.93	8.20	193.91	50.56	247.60	44.60	236.63	47.32
	Frc	1836.74	348.84	2553.46	457.85	6379.89	480.83	3449.59	420.27
	Glc	1502.21	356.54	2829.20	530.50	8026.53	617.01	3871.60	361.28
	myo-ino	277.80	32.78	322.79	33.71	734.00	68.59	454.96	44.60
	Gltl	14.30	1.62	36.02	9.63	64.82	13.51	70.41	8.27
	Suc	66725.58	2422.03	66522.28	3355.69	64749.16	4479.54	68542.93	4247.13
	Mann	11.14	1.29	11.23	1.34	14.38	1.60	22.70	3.78
	Tre	29.69	3.30	19.53	2.43	25.73	4.60	24.51	2.12
	Raff	222.51	24.31	229.89	29.70	626.97	142.49	2876.76	669.96
	Mal	9.21	0.04	19.61	2.42	24.68	3.45	20.56	3.01
	Succ	62.48	5.26	46.13	5.11	53.27	8.06	35.73	4.11

	Cit	698.68	161.46	423.19	70.22	543.30	128.91	454.13	75.60
	Oxal	164.70	42.64	593.12	186.52	656.58	140.39	692.29	168.70
	Glyc	445.00	48.06	371.70	48.59	329.38	81.52	192.02	31.40
	Mala	599.50	138.04	1097.61	310.63	474.43	111.58	973.58	279.99
	Acon	72.15	10.30	93.47	10.88	128.76	37.99	82.79	10.23
	Quin	156.75	52.62	32.35	3.47	99.77	34.36	71.42	29.11
	Shik	149.42	15.67	124.32	13.24	188.06	39.42	298.50	52.31
	Put	11.23	1.32	13.24	1.58	15.39	1.53	26.89	2.47

Table S5B. Summary of C, I, C x I of metabolites. *p*-value were calculated for each effect using seven cultivars (C), four irrigations (I), and their interaction (C x I). ** and ns indicate *p* < 0.01 and *p* > 0.01, respectively.

Metabolite	C	I	C x I
Ala	**	**	**
Asp	**	**	**
Leu	**	**	**
Pro	**	**	**
Val	**	**	**
Ser	*	**	**
Frc	**	**	**
Glc	**	**	**
Mal	**	**	**
myo-ino	**	**	**
Quin	**	**	**
Shik	**	**	**
Succ	**	**	**
Gln	ns	**	**
Glyc	ns	**	*
Phe	ns	**	*
Mala	ns	*	**
Raff	ns	**	**
Tre	*	ns	**
Acon	ns	ns	**

Cit	ns	ns	**
Suc	ns	ns	*
Gly	ns	**	ns
Ile	ns	**	ns
Oxal	ns	*	ns
Gltl	*	**	ns
Mann	**	**	ns
Put	**	**	ns
Thr	*	**	ns

Table S6. Summary of correlation between grain yield and 5 physiological traits. Correlation coefficients and *p*-value were calculated by using data from all four irrigation levels to include the effects of water stress. ** indicates *p* < 0.01.

	Var 1	Var 2	Correlation coefficient	<i>p</i> -value
Yield	A	0.43	**	
	g_s	0.53	**	
	WUE (A/ g_s)	-0.24	**	
	Leaf Tm	-0.17	**	
	SPAD	-0.27	**	

Table S7. Summary of visible stress symptoms in response to IRRI_1 to IRRI_4 were recorded on the same date when metabolic samples and physiological data (84 DOE) were collected in 2016.

Yield performance	Cultivar	IRRI_1	IRRI_2	IRRI3	IRRI_4
High response	TQNG	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms
	PI77	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms
Intermediate response	LGRU	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms	Wilting, leaf curling
	LMNT	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms	Wilting, leaf curling
Non- or low response	KBNT	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms	Wilting, leaf curling
	SABR	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms	Wilting, leaf curling
	FRCS	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms	No symptoms

Table S8. Bivariate fit of metabolites as a function of % volumetric water content (VWC) as determined by irrigation treatment. Polynomial fits of high, intermediate, and low response cultivars were calculated respectively. H, I, L represent high, intermediate, and low response cultivars. **, * and ns indicate $p < 0.01$, $p < 0.05$ and $p > 0.05$, respectively.

	IRRI. Treat	Metabolites	Yield response category	RSquare Adj	Prob > F		Intercept (Prob> t)		IRRI. Treat (Prob> t)	(IRRI. Treat-25.1084)^2 (Prob> t)		
Cluster 1	% VWC	Frc	H	0.22	7.78E-05	**	5.23E-12	**	0.000273	**	0.226394198	ns
			I	0.42	1.97E-09	**	2.8E-10	**	0.767263	ns	1.11348E-09	**
			L	0.42	2.28E-13	**	9.14E-13	**	0.166561	ns	7.32196E-14	**
	% VWC	Glc	H	0.25	1.58E-05	**	1.81E-12	**	0.000268	**	0.063695663	ns
			I	0.39	1.67E-08	**	1.2E-09	**	0.902967	ns	1.49332E-08	**
			L	0.33	7.14E-10	**	3.39E-09	**	0.593863	ns	4.30194E-10	**
	% VWC	myo_ino	H	0.29	3.21E-06	**	2.51E-15	**	1.6E-05	**	0.205069504	ns
			I	0.19	0.000265	**	5.5E-12	**	0.583292	ns	0.000262993	**
			L	0.23	4.56E-07	**	2.74E-13	**	0.156212	ns	8.49195E-08	**
	% VWC	Acon	H	0.06	0.047557	*	4.92E-07	**	0.019272	*	0.956049211	ns
			I	-0.03	0.896684	ns	0.008473	**	0.665935	ns	0.984488018	ns
			L	0.06	0.012902	*	0.172911	ns	0.005409	**	0.926705213	ns
Cluster 2	% VWC	Tre	H	0.02	0.169578	ns	8.03E-08	**	0.076006	ns	0.23591081	ns
			I	0.02	0.221332	ns	0.003407	**	0.101841	ns	0.99232508	ns
			L	0.04	0.03847	*	1.3E-08	**	0.083946	ns	0.017304063	*
	% VWC	Ala	H	0.44	7.5E-10	**	0.495443	ns	1.86E-09	**	0.507436696	ns
	% VWC	Asp	I	0.55	4.09E-13	**	0.06441	ns	3.4E-12	**	0.248021391	ns
			L	0.51	4.11E-17	**	0.032211	*	3.35E-16	**	0.720581818	ns
	% VWC	Asp	H	0.58	3.29E-14	**	1.95E-07	**	1.71E-10	**	0.000319085	**

			I	0.75	5.28E-22	**	2.2E-13	**	3.13E-15	**	4.4111E-09	**
			L	0.64	1.35E-23	**	9.97E-13	**	3.76E-18	**	8.86342E-05	**
% VWC	Succ	H	0.13	0.002552	**	0.002731	**	0.001216	**	0.934578064	ns	
		I	0.10	0.011786	*	2.29E-06	**	0.079587	ns	0.004180568	**	
		L	0.25	1.41E-07	**	0.117438	ns	2.2E-08	**	0.013816656	*	
% VWC	Glyc	H	0.17	0.000719	**	0.032305	*	0.000231	**	0.028110616	*	
		I	0.01	0.251053	ns	7.77E-06	**	0.526012	ns	0.097988731	ns	
		L	0.12	0.000429	**	0.004182	**	0.000111	**	0.033384457	*	
% VWC	Suc	H	-0.01	0.616676	ns	3.59E-23	**	0.926646	ns	0.373898191	ns	
		I	0.01	0.311873	ns	1.37E-23	**	0.376776	ns	0.143009782	ns	
		L	0.05	0.029774	*	3.05E-33	**	0.216916	ns	0.008553823	**	
% VWC	Quin	H	0.17	0.000604	**	0.159313	ns	0.015485	*	0.03072927	*	
		I	0.26	1.4E-05	**	0.022188	*	0.001341	**	0.012685533	*	
		L	0.00	0.334438	ns	0.20731	ns	0.143479	ns	0.47284016	ns	
% VWC	Shik	H	-0.01	0.447283	ns	4.75E-05	**	0.769145	ns	0.208867967	ns	
		I	0.04	0.086346	ns	2.83E-06	**	0.368869	ns	0.105009159	ns	
		L	0.02	0.103725	ns	2.8E-07	**	0.635934	ns	0.076974001	ns	
Cluster 3	% VWC	Oxal	H	0.02	0.189189	ns	6.33E-05	**	0.156076	ns	0.53871716	ns
		I	0.10	0.009727	**	0.000994	**	0.954124	ns	0.003901113	**	
		L	-0.01	0.783397	ns	0.002269	**	0.984921	ns	0.511396522	ns	
Cluster 3	% VWC	Ser	H	0.21	0.000106	**	1.78E-13	**	0.02599	*	0.003933901	**
		I	0.44	7.76E-10	**	1.9E-21	**	4.53E-09	**	0.263230398	ns	
		L	0.16	3.85E-05	**	9.65E-17	**	0.001983	**	0.034760545	*	
Cluster 3	% VWC	Gln	H	0.19	0.000226	**	3.19E-11	**	0.292582	ns	0.00053809	**

			I	0.06	0.046984	*	2.95E-10	**	0.03648	*	0.572363212	ns
			L	0.13	0.000292	**	7.19E-16	**	0.005985	**	0.060160695	ns
Cluster 4	% VWC	Mal	H	-0.01	0.460714	ns	5.84E-05	**	0.570085	ns	0.218797347	ns
			I	0.33	4.51E-07	**	5.4E-16	**	7.2E-08	**	0.035840911	*
			L	0.27	2.94E-08	**	2.51E-19	**	6.61E-09	**	0.001243058	**
	% VWC	Cit	H	0.29	3.16E-06	**	0.13907	ns	1.83E-05	**	0.181416141	ns
			I	-0.01	0.552456	ns	0.019907	*	0.28353	ns	0.60387314	ns
			L	0.00	0.434252	ns	8.13E-05	**	0.535196	ns	0.404847082	ns
	% VWC	Mala	H	0.05	0.072476	ns	0.476919	ns	0.022742	*	0.53144537	ns
			I	0.00	0.39965	ns	0.041675	*	0.217512	ns	0.913673094	ns
			L	-0.01	0.591566	ns	1.88E-05	**	0.377768	ns	0.869093575	ns
Cluster 4	% VWC	Val	H	0.66	3.21E-17	**	1.6E-25	**	5.14E-18	**	0.011118307	*
			I	0.76	1.35E-22	**	4.1E-28	**	2.22E-23	**	3.3385E-09	**
			L	0.66	5.11E-25	**	1.2E-35	**	5.67E-26	**	4.24188E-05	**
	% VWC	Pro	H	0.58	2.68E-14	**	2.22E-19	**	4.65E-15	**	2.11418E-05	**
			I	0.76	8.53E-23	**	1.58E-28	**	1.27E-23	**	6.6528E-09	**
			L	0.76	3.94E-33	**	6.35E-42	**	3.78E-34	**	4.86579E-11	**
	% VWC	Put	H	0.49	3.28E-11	**	3.94E-20	**	4.47E-12	**	0.002905115	**
			I	0.47	1.33E-10	**	1.96E-19	**	2.04E-11	**	0.04545614	*
			L	0.51	5.23E-17	**	2E-33	**	6.45E-18	**	0.002434947	**
	% VWC	Raff	H	0.52	4.6E-12	**	5.17E-14	**	1.67E-12	**	8.32829E-06	**
			I	0.51	6.88E-12	**	8.57E-14	**	3.07E-12	**	5.3091E-06	**
			L	0.62	2.68E-22	**	8.97E-29	**	2.9E-23	**	6.61417E-07	**
	% VWC	Ile	H	0.75	9.88E-22	**	5.78E-29	**	1.1E-22	**	2.12464E-06	**

		I	0.69	9.96E-19	**	9.76E-25	**	1.2E-19	**	7.95756E-06	**
		L	0.59	7.88E-21	**	1.05E-28	**	9.03E-22	**	1.28145E-06	**
% VWC	Leu	H	0.67	1.49E-17	**	1.48E-24	**	1.79E-18	**	3.53604E-05	**
		I	0.70	4.43E-19	**	4.3E-24	**	8.73E-20	**	6.05624E-08	**
		L	0.60	2.5E-21	**	1.02E-29	**	2.59E-22	**	3.79591E-06	**
% VWC	Gly	H	0.33	4.49E-07	**	7.97E-14	**	7.71E-08	**	0.123341665	ns
		I	0.36	8.67E-08	**	9.89E-16	**	1.56E-08	**	0.145404235	ns
		L	0.55	6.24E-19	**	5.67E-35	**	9.02E-20	**	0.00373693	**
% VWC	Phe	H	0.47	1.08E-10	**	1.1E-16	**	1.72E-11	**	0.056278786	ns
		I	0.37	4.53E-08	**	4.9E-11	**	8.04E-09	**	0.005345737	**
		L	0.49	4.05E-16	**	3.79E-22	**	4.6E-17	**	0.000133516	**
% VWC	Thr	H	0.26	1.44E-05	**	6.04E-12	**	9.09E-06	**	0.905256471	ns
		I	0.31	9.97E-07	**	3.84E-13	**	1.64E-07	**	0.086081168	ns
		L	0.11	0.001294	**	1.82E-11	**	0.000716	**	0.945510317	ns
% VWC	Gltl	H	0.31	1.22E-06	**	3.36E-12	**	2.18E-07	**	0.15142417	ns
		I	0.37	3.4E-08	**	2.9E-13	**	6.53E-09	**	0.0032021	**
		L	0.17	3.04E-05	**	1.32E-14	**	5.25E-05	**	0.543741527	ns
% VWC	Mann	H	0.34	2.28E-07	**	1.43E-14	**	4.55E-08	**	0.005578526	**
		I	0.44	7.64E-10	**	4.71E-20	**	1.82E-10	**	0.236516341	ns
		L	0.52	3.03E-17	**	1.19E-28	**	3.29E-18	**	0.000117546	**

Table S9. Summary of the % yield, g_s , and A reduction at each irrigation level compared to IRRI_1 in 2016.

	Yield		g_s		A

	IRRI 1 (g)	% change IRRI 1 - IRRI 2	% change IRRI 1 - IRRI 3	% change IRRI 1 - IRRI 4	IRRI 1	% change IRRI 1 - IRRI 2	% change IRRI 1 - IRRI 3	% change IRRI 1 - IRRI 4	IRRI 1	% change IRRI 1 - IRRI 2	% change IRRI 1 - IRRI 3	% change IRRI 1 - IRRI 4
PI77	47.0	-23	-44	-56	0.86	-51	-63	-83	14.2	-1	-10	-40
TQNG	47.0	19	-22	-39	0.63	-6	-59	-90	16.6	0	-28	-60
FRCS	37.7	-8	22	-22	0.38	3	-42	-71	15.5	-9	-17	-60
LGRU	26.5	-29	-49	-65	0.44	-25	-55	-95	15.2	-5	-13	-71
SABR	24.5	-1	-5	-14	0.29	14	-10	-59	13.4	5	-2	-60
LMNT	17.3	11	-3	-77	0.38	-29	-61	-74	15.2	-14	-43	-49
KBNT	14.2	14	36	6	0.23	4	-13	-78	11.3	1	-8	-57

Table S10. Means and SE of heading dates of 7 rice cultivars under 4 different irrigation levels (IRRI_1 to 4).

Year	Cultivars	IRRI. Treat	Days to Heading	
			Mean	SE
2016	FRCS	1	95	0.30
		2	94.6	0.63
		3	95.6	1.72
		4	97.7	1.45
	KBNT	1	104.5	1.76
		2	102.55	0.40
		3	100.3	0.72
		4	105.3	0.69
	LGRU	1	107.1	1.10
		2	105	0.55
		3	108.7	2.22
		4	108.6	2.23
	LMNT	1	100.8	1.08
		2	103.6	0.17
		3	103.3	0.92
		4	108	0.40
	PI77	1	95	0.61
		2	104.5	1.73
		3	106.6	1.23

		4	107.3	0.88
SABR	1	96.8	1.01	
	2	105	2.12	
	3	103.8	0.72	
	4	102	0.81	
TQNG	1	103.8	0.72	
	2	102.8	1.33	
	3	107	1.33	
	4	109	0	