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Two field experiments were carried out at the experimental farm of the Faculty of Agriculture, Fayoum University, Egypt during 2013 and 2014 summer seasons to study the effect of microelements foliar application and nitrogen fertilization levels on growth, yield and yield components of two sesame (*Sesamum indicum* L.) varieties, i.e., V₁: Shandaweel 3 and V₂: Sohag 1. A split split-plot arrangement in complete block design with four replications was used in both seasons. Two nitrogen fertilization levels, i.e., F₁: 40 and F₂: 60 kg N fed⁻¹ allocated in the sub-plots and with three microelement rates, i.e., M₁: 200, M₂: 300 and M₃: 400 g fed⁻¹ (were dissolved in 200L water fed⁻¹) distributed in the sub sub-plot, while varieties occupied the main plots. The microelement were added in form of EDTA (Fe 7.5%, Mn 3.5%, Zn 0.70%, Cu 0.28%, B 0.65% and Mo 0.30% w/w). The obtained results showed that Sohag 1 significantly surpassed Shandaweel 3 in growth parameters (i.e., plant height, stem diameter and number of capsules plant⁻¹) as well as yield and yield components (i.e., capsules weight plant⁻¹, seed yield plant⁻¹, seed, oil, biological yields fed⁻¹, harvest index and oil %). The N rate of 60 kg fed⁻¹ significantly exceed the rate of 40 kg fed⁻¹ over the two seasons. Microelement foliar application at 400 g fed⁻¹ gave significantly the highest values for all parameters over the two seasons as compared to 200 and 300 g fed⁻¹.