**Supplementary Tables and Figures**

**Supplementary Table 1**

Monthly meteorological parameters recorded during crop growing period of 2021-22 and 2022-23

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| Crop growing period | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| Tmax | Tmin | RHmax | RHmin | Total Rainfall | OPE\* | Tmax | Tmin | RHmax | RHmin | Total Rainfall | OPE |
| (°C) | (°C) | (%) | (%) | (mm) | (mm) | (°C) | (°C) | (%) | (%) | (mm) | (mm) |
| November | 30.4 | 18.8 | 83.7 | 52.7 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 30.5 | 14.8 | 81.8 | 34.1 | 0.0 | 4.6 |
| December | 28.2 | 14.8 | 91.6 | 51.0 | 5.0 | 2.7 | 30.4 | 15.2 | 85.0 | 39.6 | 1.4 | 3.8 |
| January | 27.8 | 12.8 | 89.2 | 43.1 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 30.3 | 13.0 | 85.7 | 33.7 | 0.4 | 4.3 |
| February | 31.9 | 13.5 | 82.0 | 28.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 32.9 | 12.8 | 74.0 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 5.8 |
| March | 35.9 | 18.7 | 73.6 | 20.4 | 0.4 | 7.0 | 33.3 | 15.4 | 73.0 | 23.3 | 6.0 | 6.6 |
| Mean/Total | 30.8 | 15.7 | 84.0 | 39.0 | 8.2 | 23.0 | 31.5 | 14.3 | 79.9 | 30.4 | 7.8 | 25.1 |

\*OPE indicates USWB (United States Weather Bureau) Open Pan Evaporation

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**Supplementary Figure 1**

Field layout of the experiment (D1: 1st November; D2: 15th November; D3: 1st December, D4: 15th December) in main plots, two irrigation practices (I1: 40% ETc; I2: 80% ETc) in sub plots, and three nitrogen doses (N1: 100 kg N ha-1; N2: 150 kg N ha-1; N3: 200 kg N ha-1) in sub-sub plots with three replications (R1, R2 and R3).



**Supplementary Figure 2**

Field view of the experiment

**Supplementary Table 2**

Effect of date of sowing on amount of water applied through irrigation (average for two years)

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| **Date of sowing** | **Amount of irrigation water applied (mm)** |
| 40% ETc | 80% ETc |
| 1st November | 109 | 218 |
| 15th November | 125 | 250 |
| 1st December | 133 | 266 |
| 15th December | 140 | 280 |

**Supplementary Figure 3**

**Source-wise contribution to carbon input (%) in response to date of sowing (D), irrigation (I) and nitrogen levels (N) (Average data of two cropping seasons)** (D1: 1st November; D2: 15th November; D3: 1st December, D4: 15th December, I1: 40% ETc, I2: 80% ETc, N1: 100 kg N ha-1, N2: 150 kg N ha-1, N3: 200 kg N ha-1).

**Supplementary Table 3**

Carbon emission factors of agricultural inputs used in the study

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| Sl No. | Particulars | Units | Equivalent carbon emission (kg CE unit-1)  | References |
| 1. | Farm machinery | h | 0.89 | Lal et al., 2020 |
| 2.  | Diesel | L | 0.94 | Lal et al., 2020 |
| 3. | Irrigation water | m3 | 0.17 | Lal, 2004 |
| 4. | Seed | kg | 0.32 | Wang et al., 2015 |
| 5. | Human labour | Man day (8 h) | 0.23 | Lal et al., 2020 |
| 6. | Fertilizers |  |  |  |
| a. | Nitrogen (N) | kg | 1.30 | Lal, 2004 |
| b. | Phosphorous (P2O5) | kg | 0.20 | Lal, 2004 |
| c. | Potassium (K2O) | kg | 0.15 | Lal, 2004 |
| 7. | Plant Protection chemicals (fungicides) | Kg a.i. | 3.9 | Lal, 2004 |

**Supplementary Table 4**

Effect of date of sowing, irrigation and nitrogen levels on quinoa seed protein content (%).

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| Treatments | Seed protein content (%) |
| Date of sowing (D) |
| D1:1st November | 15.7 |
| D2:15th November | 15.2 |
| D3:1st December | 15.3 |
| D4:15th December | 15.4 |
| LSD (p < 0.05) | NS |
| Irrigation levels (I) |
| I1:40% ETc | 15.5. |
| I2:80% ETc | 15.2 |
| LSD (p < 0.05) | NS |
| Nitrogen levels (N) |
| N1:100 Kg ha-1 | 15.9 |
| N2:150 Kg ha-1 | 16.3 |
| N3:200 Kg ha-1 | 16.8 |
| LSD (p < 0.05) | NS |

**Supplementary Figure 4**

Effect of date of sowing, irrigation and nitrogen levels on protein yield (kg ha-1). Vertical bars represent mean ± SE of the observed values. Values followed by different lowercase letter are significantly different at p < 0.05 within the treatment levels according to LSD test.

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