

ROOTKNOT NEMATODES

Meloidogyne incognita

Cause: *Meloidogyne incognita*

Symptoms: Small galls or knots on roots. Reduced plant growth, fewer and smaller yellowish leaves which wilt in warm weather. Reduction in blossoms and fruits or of poor quality. Plants usually linger through the growing season and are seldom killed.

Demographics: Frequently found in sandy soils in warm or hot climates with short mild winters.

Importance: Reduces in yield, and lowers the quality and marketability of fruits

Control: Steam sterilization and soil fumigate in greenhouses. In the field soil fumigation, and nematicides. Use resistant plant varieties.



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