EFFECT OF AMMONIA ON THE POPULATION OF PLANT PARASITIC NEMATODES AND GROWTH OF SOME VEGETABLES

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Abstract

Soil application of ammonia gas (NH_3) significantly controlled the stunt nematode, *Tylenchorhynchus brassicae* and other nematodes on highly susceptible hosts like cabbage, cauliflower and knolkhol. There was direct correlation between the increase in the dose of NH_3 and increase in plant growth and nematode control. Use of NH_3 (0.05, 0.25 and 0.5g per kg soil) were not phytotoxic.