

## **RICE ROOT-KNOT NEMATODE *MELOIDOGYNE GRAMINICOLA* GOLDEN & BIRCHFIELD, 1965 FROM RICE IN PAKISTAN**

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### **Abstract**

Rice root-knot nematode *Meloidogyne graminicola* Golden & Birchfield, 1965 can cause economic yield loss in upland, lowland and deepwater rice. In upland rice, there is an estimated reduction of 2.6 % in grain yield for every 1000 nematodes present around young seedlings. The population levels which cause 10 % loss in yield of upland rice are 120, 250 and 600 eggs/plant at 10, 30 and 60 days age of plants in direct seeded crops (Rao *et al.*, 1986).