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**NEW NON-CROP HOSTS OF *MELOIDOGYNE*  
*JAVANICA* AND *MELOIDOGYNE INCOGNITA* IN INDIA**

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**Abstract**

Root-knot nematodes, particularly *Meloidogyne incognita* (Kofoid & White) Chitwood and *Meloidogyne javanica* (Trueb) Chitwood are of major economic importance and have extensively wide host ranges each infesting more than 700 host species or varieties (Goodey et al., 1965), including many non-crop hosts. Due to poor management practices the vegetable fields in Western Uttar Pradesh in India have heavy weed infestations. The weed hosts which may maintain populations of root-knot nematodes in the absence of crop hosts have been investigated in a survey undertaken in 1985-86.