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## **ASSESSMENT OF LOSSES DUE TO ROOT-KNOT NEMATODES IN WHEAT**

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### **Abstract**

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) is reported to be affected by several biotic and abiotic factors. Of the biotic factors, plant parasitic nematodes are most dreadful, affecting quality as well as quantity of wheat crop. Root-knot nematodes (*Meloidogyne* spp.) attack wheat (Abdel Hamid *et al.*, 1981, Patel *et al.*, 1986), causing significant damage to the plant. York (1980) estimated 50% loss in yield at a population density of 150 *M. naasi* juveniles/100 g soil in spring barley.