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EFFECTS OF *MELOIDOGYNE INCOGNITA* ON CHICKPEA IN RELATION TO PLANT AGE AT INOCULATION

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Abstract

Individual chickpea seedling ranging in age from 10 to 30 days of age were inoculated with second stage juveniles of *Meloidogyne incognita* to study the influence of host plant age at inoculation on root galling and plant height and fresh weight. Plants which were inoculated at 10 or 20 days of age exhibited a higher degree of root galling and lower height and fresh weight than plants which were inoculated at either 30 or 40 days of age.