Abstract

The prickly pear nopal (Opuntia spp.) is cultivated throughout the entire country, but 35% of the national production is found only within State of Mexico. Opuntia ficus-indica L. (Miller) is the predominant species for obtaining prickly pears, but there is not any information available that would taxonomically identify some plagues particular to this crop, such as the case of red bug (Hemiptera, Miridae). Some of these insects were gathered from prickly pear nopal (Opuntia spp.) in different municipalities of State of Mexico in 2008 and 20 new cases of Hesperolabops nigriceps Reuter were found.

Keywords

Opuntia spp., cactus, red bug, nopal, native plagues.