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Abstract

Tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill.) crop, bell pepper (*Capsicum annuum* L.), cucumber (*Cucumis sativus* L.), and eggplant (*Solanum melongena* L.) are frequently affected by root knot nematode (*Meloidogyne* spp.) in Sinaloa, Mexico. The most common species worldwide and in Mexico are *Meloidogyne incognita*, *M. arenaria*, *M. javanica*, and *M. hapla*. This work provides information about the identification, geographical distribution, as well as the frequency of the different species in the State of Sinaloa. Diseased plants were collected in the horticultural valleys of Cruz de Elota, Culiacán, Navolato, and Guasave. In each sample site the tridimensional georeference was recorded obtaining the longitude, latitude, and altitude. Nematodes collected were identified at the species level by perineal patterns in adult females and by observation of the anterior part of males; besides the use of differential hosts for the four species. Out of the 24 sampled locations, a total of 40 different *Meloidogyne* populations were obtained in which *M. incognita* had a 82.5% frequency, 12.5% for *M. arenaria* and 5.0% for *M. javanica*. A mixture of species was found in four sample sites; *M. incognita*, *M. arenaria*, and *M. javanica* were present in two, while in the other two only *M. incognita* and *M. arenaria* were found

Keywords

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eggplant, *Solanum melongena*, perineal pattern

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