

EFFECT OF THRIPS POPULATION ON MANAGEMENT OF BUD NECROSIS VIRUS INFECTING TOMATO *LYCOPERSICON ESCULENTUM* MILL IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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Abstract: The closer the spacing resulted the lower was the thrips incidence. The thrips population was increased from 30 DAP to 50 DAP and then declined from 60 DAP. The thrips population was lowest in early planted crop and highest in late planted crop and medium in normal planted crop in *kharif* and *Rabi* seasons. The thrips population was highest in *kharif* followed by *Rabi* season. The thrips populations has a significant relationship with the stage of the crop.

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