

## SCREENING COTTON GENOTYPES AGAINST *BEMISIA TABACI* IN SOUTH WESTERN PUNJAB

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**Abstract:** Field evaluation of 47 genotypes was carried out for screening against whitefly (*Bemisia tabaci*) in South-western region of Punjab. The population of whitefly was recorded on each genotype after 60, 90, 120 days of sowing during 2015 and 2016. Damage index was calculated and these genotypes were categorized into 6 categories - most resistant, resistant, moderately resistant, susceptible, moderately susceptible and highly susceptible. The genotypes with highest damage index were categorized highly susceptible whereas the genotypes with lowest damage index were categorized as most resistant. During the present study, some of the genotypes were found resistant. In relation to climate, population of whitefly was reported highest during the month of August-September.

**Keywords:** Cotton, Genotypes, Whitefly, *Bemisia tabaci*, Damage index

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