

EFFECT OF SALINITY ON SEEDLING GROWTH OF CITRUS ROOTSTOCKS

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Abstract: The experiment was carried out at screen house of the Department of Horticulture, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar for the two consecutive years during the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 to extrapolate the effect of rootstock and salinity on seedling parameters of nine different citrus rootstocks. Seedling height, stem diameter, number of leaves per plant and number of seedlings emerged per seed were adversely affected when subjected to soil salt stress from control (0.07 dS/m) to 7 dS m⁻¹. Among all rootstocks, Rangpur lime, followed by Volkamer lemon and Cleopatra mandarin were found better with relatively less reduction at 7 dS m⁻¹ over control, whereas Pectinifera, followed by NRCC-4 and Alemow were found inferior which showed relatively high reduction at 7 dS m⁻¹ over control in respect of seedling height, stem diameter and number of leaves per plant at seedling stage.

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