

Special Issue

Management of the Tomato Russet Mite, *Aculops lycopersici*

Message from the Guest Editors

The tomato russet mite *Aculops lycopersici* (Acari: Eriophyidae) is currently widespread in many areas of the world. It causes severe damage to tomato crops, especially in hot and dry climates. It feeds on the epidermis of the plant, and the affected organs acquire a bronze appearance and dry up. Its minute size does not allow its visualization with the naked eye, which makes monitoring for decision making very difficult. Very few active ingredients are currently available to control the pest, with a high risk of developing resistance. Furthermore, no effective biological control agents are ready to use. In this Special Issue we review the most up-to-date research developed for the control of this pest.

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