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Effect of Potassium Damping-off (Pythium sp and Rhizoctonia solani) and Cold Tolerance on Tobacco Seedlings

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Abstract: Effect of Potassium on damping off tobacco caused by Pythium sp and Rhizoctonia solani were investigated by giving 10, 20, 30 kg/da (5, 10, 15 ppm)  $\rm K_2SO_4$  as  $\rm K_2O$  base and pathogen inoculum at the same time at green house experiments. Potassium application did not present disease development at all three rates, but at the rate of 20 kg/da  $\rm K_2O$  there were a slight seedling cover of 13,75% and 3,75% for Pythium sp. and R.solani especially. Potassium at the rate of 10 kg/da prevented cold shock of tobacco seedlings at 3-5°C but at higher rates this effect was not obsenced Potassium did nat protect the at seedlings against low temperatures 1-5-(-9) °C.

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