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ABSTRACT

Owing to the importance of cucurbits as an important part of vegetable production in Egypt, the present work dealt with the survey, population dynamics of the common species of pests and associated predator(s) on squash and cucumber crops. Various treatments with mineral oil and insecticide were achieved for evaluation and improvement of insecticide recommendation for controlling these insects in the field. The study included also the biology of an important predator to precise its role as nature enemy.

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