Bibliography of Estimated Crop Losses in the United States Due to Plant-parasitic Nematodes¹

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Abstract: Recent published estimates of crop losses due to plant-parasitic nematodes are summarized by crop and state. Estimates are systematically reported from major producing states for cotton, peanut, tobacco, and soybean. Only scattered reports were available for nematode losses to other field crops or to vegetables and ornamentals. Among the states, North Carolina and Michigan were most consistent in reporting loss estimates from the widest range of crops.

Key words: crop loss assessment, corn, cotton, field crop, ornamental, peanut, soybean, tobacco, vegetables.

Reliable crop loss estimates are important for establishing research, extension, and budget priorities (6). Unfortunately, obtaining such estimates is difficult (5,8). Only one compilation of nematode loss estimates for the United States has been published (7), and since its publication 15 years ago, little or no nematode crop loss information has been compiled at the national level. At the state level, progress has been variable. For example, there are annual updates on nematode losses for all crops in North Carolina (16,17) and a recent update in Michigan (3), but in other states there are only regional annual estimates for groups of nematodes on such major crops as cotton (12), peanut (30,31), soybean (21,22), and tobacco (1). For many states, there is no new information. The original compilation of nematode losses within the United States (7) relied heavily on the opinions of unidentified experts, and the results of a new, similar survey soliciting expert opinion will be published soon (29). The purpose of this bibliography is to document losses more fully using current, publicly available literature on nematode-induced crop loss estimates.

To assemble this bibliography, members

of the Crop Loss Assessment Committee for the Society of Nematologists contacted one or more scientists in all 50 states, with up to 30 contacts made in some states. Because of the extent to which the data sources cited differ, caution is advised in their comparison and interpretation. In many cases, the original literature describes the methods by which estimates were derived; however, methods vary and so does reliability. Origins of the estimates range from educated guesses to expert opinion (3) to detailed surveys (2,26). In one instance, detailed quarantine records are believed to provide a highly accurate estimate (4), and among estimates from North Carolina, a level of reliability is specified for each entry (16,17). The estimates reported here are usually expressed as percentage loss in production for the year of estimation. No consideration is given to costs of chemical control; however, the sources themselves (2,16,17) sometimes do provide information on control costs as an additional component of crop loss. When estimates are provided annually by the same source, only the most recent estimate is usually included; multiple estimates for the same state are included only when they were obtained from different sources. In most instances, figures were published in the original sources using the English system for weights and measurements. These were converted to the metric system using appropriate conversion factors.

Recent loss estimates for cotton, peanut, tobacco, and soybean are summarized (Tables 1–4) and, for the most part, are com-

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TABLE 1. Estimated production losses in major cotton-producing states due to nematode damage.

State	Production (bales)	Esti- mated loss (%)	Date of estimate	Refer-
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Alabama	549,451	2.0	1985	12
Arizona	1,252,222	Trace	1985	12
Arkansas	708,995	0.5	1985	12
California	3,380,589	1.3	1985	12
Georgia	456,675	3.5	1985	12
Louisiana	947,368	5.0	1985	12
Mississippi	1,954,023	1.8	1985	12
Missouri	194,942	Trace	1985	12
New Mexico	94,163	3.0	1985	12
North Carolina	118,435	1.1†	1985	12,16
Oklahoma	273,396	0.5	1985	12
South Carolina	200,000	2.5	1985	12
Tennessee	412,148	0.2	1985	12
Texas	4,591,729	1.9	1985	12
Texas‡	839,800	10.2	1984	26
Texas§	1,800,000	9.8	1984	26
U.S. Total	15,981,136	1.6	1985	12

[†] Estimated 1.0% loss due to Meloidogyne incognita and 0.1% to Hoplolaimus columbus (16).

posed of annual estimates from the corresponding commodity groups, mostly from southern states (1,12,22,31). Ranges in estimated losses for nematicide and nonnematicide scenarios from pesticide impact assessment studies (34–38) are summarized

for corn and soybean (Table 5), although estimates from these studies generally appear somewhat higher than those recently reported by the individual states for soybean (Table 4) and corn (Table 6). Loss estimates for other field crops were available from only a few states (Table 6). Although nematicide trials alone are insufficient to generalize losses on a statewide basis, results from such tests in Kansas (15) and Iowa (25) are included because of the relatively large number of test sites in each state. Estimated nematode losses in vegetables (Table 7) are composed mainly of results from North Carolina and Michigan but are absent from a majority of vegetable-producing states. Information on fruit crops and ornamentals (Table 8) was sparse in most cases.

In addition to the tabular data, losses in terms of dollar value of production have been estimated from Michigan (3) as 5% in bedding flowers, cut flowers, and potted flowers; 2% in vegetable transplants; and 1% in forest trees. Estimated losses in ornamental production from North Carolina (16) are 0.50% in azalea from Tylenchorhynchus claytoni, 20.0% in American boxwood from Pratylenchus vulnus, 1.0% in Japanese boxwood from Meloidogyne spp., 1.0% in rhododendron from T. claytoni, and 6.0%

TABLE 2. Estimated production losses in major peanut-producing states for several nematode species.

State			Estimated loss by nematode species (%)†						
	Hectares harvested	Production (million kg)	BL	MA	МН	P	Combina- tion	Date of estimate	Reference
Alabama	93,100	302.6		5.4		0.1	5.5	1984	31
Arkansas	1,170	2.6		1.0		_	1.0	1984	31
Florida	22,700	72.6	_	_			5.0	1983	6,30
Georgia	257,000	980.9		2.7	0.3		3.0	1984	31
Louisiana	355	0.9	_	_			5.0	1983	30
North Carolina	62,700	204.1		_	0.25	0.5	$1.25 \pm$	1984	17,31
North Carolina	62,300	205.0	0.38		4.70	0.25	5.58§	1985	16
Oklahoma	34,600	77.1	0.25	0.5	2.50	_	3.25	1984	31
South Carolina	5,670	11.4				_	3.0	1984	31
Texas	90,200	154.2		3.0		2.0	5.0	1984	9,31
Virginia	39,000	168.3	0.5		2.5	Tr	3.0	1984	31
U.S. Total	556,000	1.494.8					<u> </u>	1983	39

[†] BL = Belonolaimus longicaudatus. MA = Meloidogyne arenaria. MH = M. hapla. P = Pratylenchus spp. Dashes (---) indicate no data reported.

[‡] Survey of six counties in southern high plains of Texas. § Projected for region of 16 counties in southern high plains of Texas.

[‡] Includes estimated 0.5% loss to Criconemella ornata.

[§] Includes estimated 0.25% loss to C. ornata.

TABLE 3. Estimated production losses in major tobacco producing states for several nematode species.

			Estimated loss by nematode species (%)†					
State	Tobacco type	Hectares	GS/GT	М	P	Combi- nation	Date of estimate	Reference
Connecticut	Broadleaf	364	0.30		0.10	0.40	1984	1
Connecticut	Cigar shade	380	0.30	_	_	0.30	1984	1
Florida	Flue-cured	3,040	_	2.0	_	2.0	1984	1
Florida	Flue-cured	_		3.0	_	3.0	1983	6
Georgia	Flue-cured	16,000		—		4.5	1984	1
Georgia	Flue-cured			3.5	0.04	3.54	1985	13
Maryland	Maryland	9,710	_	0.10	Trace	0.10	1984	1
Massachusetts	Cigar shade	111	0.30		_	0.30	1984	1
Massachusetts	Havana seed	61	_		0.10	0.10	1984	1
North Carolina	Burley	4,010		0.18	_	0.18	1984	1,17
North Carolina	Burley	3,520	_	0.10	_	0.10	1985	16
North Carolina	Flue-cured	114,000	_	1.0	_	1.03	1984	1,17
North Carolina	Flue-cured	97,900		0.88	_	0.91	1985	16
South Carolina	Flue-cured	19,800		1.27	0.04	1.32	1984	1
Tennessee	Burley	24,300	_	0.05	0.05	0.10	1984	1
Virginia	Dark flue-cured	2,020	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	1984	1
Virginia	Flue-cured	15,400	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.11	1984	1
West Virginia	Burley	1,300		Trace	Trace	Trace	1984	1
U.S. Total	All types	319,531		_	_	0.91	1984	1,39

 $[\]dagger$ GS = Globodera solanacearum. GT = G. tabacum. M = Meloidogyne spp. P = Pratylenchus spp. Dashes (—) indicate no data reported.

Table 4. Estimated production losses for soybean due to nematode damage.

	Hectares harvested	Production .		ed loss by species (%)†	Date of		
State	(millions)	(million hl)	HG	0	estimate	Reference	
Alabama	0.54	10.7	4.0	3.5	1985	22	
Arkansas	1.84	41.6	6.7	1.5	1985	22	
Delaware	0.11	2.8	3.0	0.5	1985	22	
Florida	0.17	3.8	5.5	5.1	1985	22	
Florida		3.6	1.0	16.0‡	1983	6	
Georgia	0.79	17.2	1.8	4.8	1985	22	
Illinois	3.60	2.5§	6.0		1983	24	
Illinois		_	5.0		1983	28	
Illinois (southern)		_	15.0		1983	28	
Kentucky	0.60	16.6	2.5	0.0	1985	22	
Louisiana	1.10	18.2	3.0	3.0	1985	22	
Maryland	0.17	4.8	2.0	1.0	1985	22	
Michigan	0.44	11.6		4.0	1986	3	
Mississippi	1.27	29.4	1.1	0.3	1985	22	
Missouri (S.E. 8 counties)	0.41	11.6	4.0	0.0	1985	22	
North Carolina	0.69	13.8	6.0	2.3∥	1985	16,22	
Oklahoma	0.07	1.4	0.5	0.0	1985	22	
South Carolina	0.75	15.0	7.0	8.0	1985	22	
Tennessee	0.68	18.3	2.5	0.5	1985	22	
Texas	0.16	3.5	0.0	0.01	1985	22	
Virginia	0.30	7.4	4.0	1.0	1985	22	
U.S. Total	24.92	739.5	5.8	2.2	1985	22	

[†] HG = Heterodera glycines. O = other nematodes (mostly Meloidogyne spp.) or combination of all species (Michigan). Dashes (—) indicate no data reported.

[‡] Estimated 15% loss to Meloidogyne spp. and 1% to other genera.

[§] Metric tons (millions).

[#]Estimated 1.5% loss to Meloidogyne spp., 0.50% to Pratylenchus spp., 0.20% to Belonolaimus longicaudatus, and 0.10% to Hoplolaimus columbus.

	Esti	Estimated loss in production due to nematodes (%)†						
		Corn	Soy					
State	Current, with nemati- cide usage	Anticipated, without nemati- cide usage	Current, with nemati- cide usage	Anticipated, without nemati- cide usage	Reference			
Alabama	0.2	0.5	9.6	10.9	35			
Arkansas	0.5	5.0	6.9	8.0	38			
Georgia	7.0	7.8	6.9	11.0	35			
Illinois			1.7	1.7	37			
Indiana	1.1	2.3	8.9	14.0	37			
Iowa	4.2	5.5	_	_	37			
Kentucky	1.3	10.3	8.0	8.4	38			
Louisiana	_	_	6.0	15.0	38			
Maryland & Delaware	_	_	1.4	1.9	36			
Mississippi	2.8	3.3		_	38			
New Jersey	0.0	< 0.1	0.0	< 0.1	36			
North Carolina	5.1	7.8	5.5	12.3	35			
South Carolina	7.0	22.8	2.7	7.0	35			
Tennessee	0.7	3.3	3.3	4.3	38			
Virginia	1.3	6.5	2.1	8.0	36			
Wisconsin	1.2	1.5	_		34			

[†] Current estimates represent estimated losses with current (1985) utilization of nematicides; anticipated estimates indicate anticipated losses if management practices were removed. Dashes (—) indicate no data reported.

in Japanese holly (2.0% from *Criconemella* xenoplax, 1.0% from *Meloidogyne* spp., and 3.0% from *T. claytoni*). Losses of 5% due to nematodes are estimated for home gardens in North Carolina (16). Across the southern United States, there are an esti-

mated 3.5 million home gardens; formerly, an estimated 250,000 of these were treated with DBCP (33).

Losses resulting from quarantines for nematodes are probably also considerable and are in addition to those incurred dur-

Table 6. Estimated production losses due to nematodes on selected field crops.

Crop	State	Hectares harvested	Production	Estimated loss (%)	Nema- todes†	Date of estimate	Refer- ence
Alfalfa	California	437,000	6,370,000 mt	2.0-3.0		1975	18
	North Carolina	18,200	106,000 mt	1.0	M	1985	16
	Wyoming		· —	2.5-36.3‡	DD	1980	14
Clover, white	North Carolina	194,000	689,000 mt	5.0	M	1985	16
Corn, field	Kansas	608,000		0.08	_	1980	15
	Iowa	· —	_	21.0		1973-76	25
	Michigan	1,010,000	79,300,000 hl	5.0		1986	3
	North Carolina	658,000	45,200,000 hl	2.5		1985	16
Dry bean	Michigan	202,000	272,000 mt	8.0		1986	3
Hay	Michigan	708,000	4,920,000 mt	1.0	_	1986	3
Mint	Michigan	1,540	55 mt	20.0		1986	3
Oats	Michigan	14,200	678,000 hl	4.0	_	1986	3
Rye	Michigan	56,600	1,430,000 hl	3.0	_	1986	3
Sugarbeet	Michigan	40,500	1,720,000 mt	5.0	_	1986	3
Wheat	Michigan	324,000	14,100,000 hl	4.0	_	1986	3

[†] M = Meloidogyne spp. DD = Ditylenchus dipsaci. Dashes (---) indicate no data reported or nematode species not given.

[‡] Range in % hectarage infested.

[§] No losses found in nematicide tests in western Kansas.

[#] Average yield increase from 16 nematicide tests in 12 locations.

TABLE 7. Estimated production losses due to nematodes on vegetable crops.

		Hectares			Estimated loss	Nema-	Date of	Refer-
Crop	State	harvested	Produc	tion	(%)	todes†	estimate	ence
Asparagus	Michigan	8,090	10,200	mt	0.0	_	1986	3
Bean, lima	North Carolina	607	63,400		7.0	M	1985	16
Bean, snap	Michigan	6,070	36,300	mt	4.0	_	1986	3
	North Carolina	2,830	9,520	mt	7.5	M	1985	16
	North Carolina	_	_		0.2	HG	1985	16
Cabbage	North Carolina	4,710	141,000	mt	0.05	_	1985	16
Cantaloupe	North Carolina	1,280	6,919,115	melons	10.5	M	1985	16
Carrot	Michigan	2,910	81,600	mt	15.0		1986	3
	North Carolina	28	962	mt	2.5	M	1985	16
Cauliflower	Michigan	607	3,860	mt	1.0	_	1986	3
Celery	Michigan	1,420	68,000	mt	6.0		1986	3
Corn, sweet	Michigan	5,260	36,300	mt	6.0	_	1986	3
	North Carolina	4,640	2,116,717	crates	2.0	PM	1985	16
Cucumber‡	Michigan	7,280	90,700	mt	1.0		1986	3
•	North Carolina	14,000	2,620,000	hl	12.0	M	1985	16
Eggplant	North Carolina	247	64,600	hl	3.5	M	1985	16
Greens, leafy	North Carolina	1,580	18,300		2.0	M	1985	16
Lettuce	Michigan	486	11,300	mt	10.0		1986	3
Mushrooms	Michigan	46	9,070	mt	5.0	_	1986	3
Okra	North Carolina	263	35,300	hl	5.2	M	1985	16
Onion	Michigan	3,440	113,000	mt	5.0		1986	3
	North Carolina	121	· —		0.2		1985	16
Pea, green	North Carolina	40	113	mt	0.5	_	1985	16
Pea, southern	North Carolina	1,170	114,000	hl	3.5	M	1985	16
Pepper, green	North Carolina	4,490	599,000	hl	7.0	M	1985	16
Potato	Michigan	22,200	624,000	mt	12.0	_	1986	3
	Michigan	· —	· —		4.0		1982	2
	North Carolina	6,600	117,000	mt	1.2	PP	1985	16
Pumpkin	North Carolina	1,210	7,500,000	melons	5.2	M	1985	16
Squash	North Carolina	1,970	381,000	hl	3.5	M	1985	16
Sweetpotato	North Carolina	16,200	254,000	mt	5.2	M	1985	16
Tomato, fresh mkt.	Michigan	1,380	18,100	mt	2.0	_	1986	3
,	North Carolina	664	2,050,000		2.0	M	1985	16
Tomato, greenhouse	North Carolina	4	651		3.0	M	1985	16
Tomato, processing	Michigan	3,440	159,000		2.0		1986	3
, r	North Carolina	202	5,220		2.0	M	1985	16
Tomato, transplants	Georgia	1,140		•	2.3		1985	4
Watermelon	North Carolina	4,170	6,030,010	melons	10.0	M	1985	16

[†] M = Meloidogyne spp. HG = Heterodera glycines. PM = Paratrichodorus minor. PP = Pratylenchus penetrans. Dashes (—) indicate data not reported or nematode species not given.

‡ Fresh market plus processing.

ing production. Losses of tomato transplants in Georgia have been documented (4), and presumably, losses of this kind would occur whenever shipping quarantines are imposed between states. On a national level, substantial losses were incurred by European rejection of shipments of pine wood chips from the United States because of contamination with *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (23).

Better loss estimates are needed for most

crops, but good estimates are costly in time and money. Detailed surveys and accurate damage threshold relationships are essential for strengthening expert opinion for generating loss estimates, which is currently the most feasible way to approach this vast and complex topic. Costs of nematode management practices (2,16) and quarantine and regulatory penalties also should be included more often in generating loss information in the future.

							
Стор	State	Hectares harvested	Production	Estimated loss (%)	Nema- todes†	Date of estimate	Refer- ence
Apples	Michigan	18,200	340,000 mt	8.0	_	1986	3
Cherries	Michigan	15,200	90,700 mt	10.0	_	1986	3
Grapes	California	32,400	862,000,000 mt	20.0		1986	27
-	Michigan	5,060	45,400 mt	12.0		1986	3
Grapefruit	Texas	17,800	406,000 mt	54.0	TS	1982	10,32
Peaches	Michigan	1,820	20,400 mt	12.0		1986	3
	North Carolina	20	7,050 hl	0.01	M	1985	16
	South Carolina	40,020	_	5.8	$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}$	1981-84	19,20
Pear	Michigan	648	9,070 mt	3.0		1986	3
Plum/prunes	Michigan	1,130	10,900 mt	10.0		1986	3
Strawberry	Michigan		_	15.0	_	1986	3
Rose bushes	Texas		14,000,000 plants	0 - 10		1984	11
Turf, golf course	North Carolina	16,200		1.00	BL	1985	16
Turf, lawn	North Carolina	115,000		0.50	BL	1985	16
Turf, other	North Carolina	152,000	Name of the last o	0.50	BL	1985	16

TABLE 8. Estimated production losses due to nematodes on fruits, roses, and turf.

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