

BUILDING FUNGICIDAL PROTECTION OF POTATO WITH MINIMUM IMPACT ON THE PHOTOSYNTHETIC APPARATUS OF CULTURE

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Obtaining virus-free seed material of potatoes is possible only in the absence of sucking insects, carriers of viral diseases. The foothills of the Caucasus are the best place for growing virus-free potatoes. However, in these conditions, the culture can be negatively affected by natural environmental factors. Low positive temperatures during the growing season, high solar insolation, winds - all this leads to the fact that many plants are on the verge of their functionality. Therefore, one of the objectives of the breeder is to reduce the impact of biotic stress caused by various diseases and to reduce the pesticide load.

The most significant diseases of potatoes in the conditions of the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic include late blight. The disease is successfully suppressed by fungicidal treatments. According to the Internet resource EcoPlant Agro (URL: <http://www.ecoplantagro.ru>), 38 active substances have been registered on potatoes in the Russian Federation, exhibiting fungicidal properties from 22 chemical classes. Despite the diversity of the choice of fungicides, copper-containing preparations are widely used in the practice of protecting potatoes. However, copper ions can have a negative effect on the physiological mechanisms of plants, especially photosynthesis, which leads to a reduction in the synthesis of photoassimilates. The aim of this work was to study the effect of copper-containing fungicides on potato plants grown in the foothills of the Caucasus to determine the minimum pesticide effect on the photosynthetic apparatus of potatoes.

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