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Population dynamics of *Aphis gossypii* Glover on coriander in relation to biotic and abiotic factors

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ABSTRACT

Field experiment was conducted on population dynamics of *Aphis gossypii* Glover on coriander (Gujarat coriander 2) in relation to biotic and abiotic factors during winter season of 2011-12 and 2012-13. Incidence of aphid on coriander started from 3rd week of December (51st SMW) and continued till 1st week of March (10th SMW) with a peak level during 5th week of January (5th SMW). Minimum and mean temperature had highly significant negative association with aphid incidence during first year, whereas non-significant negative correlation with the pest activity during second year. The morning vapour pressure had significant negative relationship with *A. gossypii* during first year and non-significant negative association during second year. Remaining all the tested meteorological parameters showed non-significant relationship with aphid population on coriander crop during both the years. The biotic factors, *viz.*, coccinellids and syrphids as well as their cumulative numbers showed highly significant positive correlation during both the years.

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