

First report of white tip nematode (*Aphelenchoides besseyi*) on rice in Shimoga and Davanagere districts of Karnataka

Severe incidence of white tip nematode on rice was noticed in Chickudli village of Badhravathi taluk (Shimoga district). The following symptoms were observed viz., whitening of the top 3.5 cm of the leaf, necrosis of the leaf, distortion of the flag leaf that encloses the panicle. Stunted plants with lack vigor and small panicles with high sterility, distorted glumes and small distorted kernels. This was confirmed by eminent Nematologists like, Dr. D.J. Patel, Dr. Mukesh Sehgal, Dr. R.K. Jain and Dr. N.G. Ravichandra. Literature scanning revealed that there are no such reports from Karnataka.

