

SOME PRELIMINARY RESEARCHES ON THE BIOLOGY
AND BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF MEALY BUG¹ IN FARS
PROVINCE OF IRAN²

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SUMMARY

This insect has been noticed on lime, as well as, *Tamarix stricta*, *Ficus carica*, *Vitis* sp. and *Nerium oleander*.

According to our researches, this insect has four generations in the Fars region while in the optimal controlled conditions, there are five. In the natural conditions there is always a partial fifth generation but the most importance is always attributed to the first and second ones.

The lady beetle, *Cryptolaemus montrozierie*, being imported from the northern part of the country, has proved to be of considerable efficacy as a predator (for more details see the Table in Farsi text prepared in both Farsi and English languages).

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