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*Dacus* sp. **A NEW PEST**  
**ON CUCURBITACEOUS PLANTS IN IRAN<sup>1</sup>**

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**SUMMARY**

The insect damages cucumber, watermelon, melon and squash; following infestation the fruit begins to rot. At times up to 40% of the total harvest is destroyed by this fly.

A comparative morphological study has been achieved to distinguish this species from the other melon fly, *Myiopardalis pardalina* BIGOT, which is commonly found in cucurbitaceous plantations along with or without *Dacus* sp.

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