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Effect of growth and sporulation on different solid media and toxin production by *Alternaria* spp. causing leaf spot on cotton

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ABSTRACT

In vitro physiological studies revealed that fungus grew well on PDA and malt extract media. Maximum mycelial growth was recorded on Potato dextrose agar medium at 25±2°C temperature and pH 7.0 for all the three *Alternaria* spp. The severe symptoms were produced by *Alternaria alternata* as compared to *Alternaria macrospora* and *Alternaria gossypina*. Thus, it was confirmed that the maximum toxin was produced by *Alternaria alternata* as compared to *Alternaria macrospora* and *Alternaria gossypina*. Non-Bt cotton plants were more susceptible as compared to Bt cotton plants.

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