

Mealybugs in Jamaica: Results from an island-wide survey

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[Abstract]

In 1994 *Maconellicoccus hirsutus* (Green) or Pink Mealybug (PMB) was positively identified in Grenada. Since then it has spread to other Caribbean countries causing havoc on agriculture and trade. This threat to uninfested countries heightened the importance of early detection. Therefore an island wide survey was done in order to determine whether the pest was present in Jamaica. From the 11,496 sites visited, 29 plant species were collected and seven genera of mealybugs were identified. The PMB was not found. This paper records the genera and their host association.