

STRESS AS A STRATEGY IN THE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF WEEDS

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ABSTRACT

Most agents used for the biocontrol of weeds stress but do not kill the target weed. Death of the weed is the result of an accumulation of climatic stresses, soil stresses, stress from competing plants, from natural enemies and so on. The increase in the effectiveness of biocontrol of weeds depends on the increase of these stress loads. Methods of increasing the stress loads are suggested.

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