



Slug Damage and Control of Slugs in Horticultural Crops

Slugs can cause severe losses in many horticultural crops. Slug activity, slug damage and control strategies differ considerably between countries or regions of Europe. This brochure summarizes recent research on novel methods for slug control. It gives a general overview for Europe; regionally experienced specialists are encouraged to adapt the knowledge to their local situation, and to incorporate it into their existing horticultural advisory system. Snails can also be important pests. Snails are only briefly mentioned in this brochure, but control methods are similar, because they are closely related to slugs.

This brochure lists the most important species of pest slugs and the major crops concerned. Strategies for slug control in integrated crop management (ICM) and organic horticulture are presented, which integrate novel and established methods, and ensure optimal protection and minimum impact on the environment.

