

Section 1  
Mites and Sap-Sucking Insects

ANTIBIOTIC RESPONSES OF AZUKI BEAN ACCESSIONS TO  
THE TWO SPOTTED SPIDER MITE

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The two-spotted spider mite, *Tetranychus urticae* Koch (TSSM), is the most important pest of azuki bean, *Vigna angularis*, when cultivated within the irrigated dryland of eastern Washington. Because of the severe damage they produce in this host during the summer, several management tactics are being evaluated. Under lab conditions exotic germplasm accessions are being screened with a leaf-disk technique to select for those accessions which express an antibiotic response to TSSM's ovipositional rate. Seventy nine accessions have been evaluated so far, and the statistical analysis has showed that some cultivars apparently possess plant resistance mechanisms, of which antibiosis is the most easily identified (Table 1).

Table 1. Ovipositional rate of *Tetranychus urticae* Koch (Acari: Tetranychidae) on azuki bean accessions.

Azuki bean accession	Source	Mean number eggs/fem/day*
12	China	10.64a
382	Japan	7.91bcdef
193	Korea	2.33uvw
577	Ivory Coast	2.29uvwx
279	Japan	2.20uvwx
480	China	2.15uvwx
524	Japan	2.03uvwxy
531	Japan	1.53vwxy
470	Japan	1.38wxy
514	Japan	1.38xy
188	Korea	1.28xy
66	Korea	1.05xy

\* Means within a column followed by a different letter are significantly different (P<0.05; Duncan's test)