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PREFACE

A vital source of food for millions of people worldwide, especially in tropical and subtropical areas, are root and tuber crops like cassava, yam, sweet potato, and potato. Both smallholder and commercial agriculture depend heavily on these crops for food security, income, and calories. The cultivation of these crops is therefore essential.

Even so, nematodes, bacteria, viruses, and fungi can cause a variety of illnesses that can significantly lower yields and quality in root and tuber crops. In ideal environmental circumstances, several of these diseases can spread quickly and cause disastrous crop losses. It is more important than ever to successfully manage these diseases as agricultural systems continue to change as a result of population development, climate change, and changes in land use.

Providing an integrated approach to understanding, preventing, and managing the primary diseases affecting root and tuber crops is the goal of this guide on **Comprehensive Disease Management of Root and Tuber Crops**. It offers useful techniques for farmers, researchers, and other agricultural professionals by fusing conventional wisdom with state-of-the-art plant pathology, biotechnology, and agronomy research.

Lots of people can benefit from increased production, enhanced livelihoods, and improved food security by putting into practice comprehensive disease control strategies, which range from choosing resistant cultivars to using sustainable agricultural systems. In an ever-evolving agricultural landscape, this guidance is a step toward ensuring the continued cultivation of root and tuber crops.

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Roots and tuber crops like cassava, potato, sweet potato, etc. provide millions of people around the world with food. These crops, which are usually grown by smallholder farmers in areas that are heavily dependent on their yield, provide both urban and rural people with carbohydrates, nutrition, and income. Root and tuber crops are vital, but disease pressures can ruin yields, ruin food security, and reduce livelihoods. Diseases like bacterial wilt, nematodes, and viral infections can hurt harvests by up to 50% in some areas, and they can also put food supply chains around the world at risk in developing nations, loss of these crops often causes economic difficulties and prolongs cycles of poverty and malnutrition. Thus, managing these disease is a matter of both social equity and human well-being, not just an agricultural issue.

“*Comprehensive Disease Management of root and Tuber Crops*” is a book that combines cutting-edge research, field-tested management strategies, and holistic approaches that go beyond traditional methods. It emphasizes how important it is to combine sustainable practices like crop rotation, improved pathogen-resistant varieties, and biological control agents with contemporary innovations like molecular diagnostics, digital surveillance, and precise forecasting tools.

I am confident that this book will serve as a helpful resource for Plant Pathologists, Scientists, Professors, and students who are attentive in Plant Pathology.

(Dr. D. K. Srivastava)

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