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The current status of *Tuta absoluta* in Italy

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Abstracts

The cultivation of tomato and other Solanaceae, are of main importance for European agriculture. The revival of the Mediterranean diet is helping to bring back to the tables of European people many Solanaceae, and particularly tomato. The European and International interest in the processed tomato products has sharply increased in the attention on this culture. Nevertheless tomato is a plant already strongly infested by insect pests. The state of the art on the spread of moth Gelechiidae, *Tuta absoluta* (Meyrick) in Italy will be presented, in addition, we will show data concerning surveying strategies to monitor the insect at regional level.