

Table 1 Production and viability of *Alternaria solani* conidia on infected potato leaves kept on ground surface and at 20 cm depth in the soil during the year 2009

Month	Fortnight	Number of conidia (cm <sup>-2</sup> leaf area)*		Viability (%)	
		Ground surface	20 cm	Ground surface	20 cm
March	I	20	-	27.0	NA
	II	63	-	29.4	NA
April	I	86	-	30.8	NA
	II	123	-	32.3	NA
May	I	173	-	37.0	NA
	II	203	-	40.6	NA
June	I	294	-	44.3	NA
	II	263	-	38.4	NA
July	I	160	-	31.7	NA
	II	-	-	-	NA

Note: \*Mean of three replications each comprising of 30 leaf discs of 1 cm<sup>2</sup> surface area

-- Material perished

NA= Spores not available