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Biological control on 208 pages in paperback edition is the short definition of this useful book by two authors who, for many years, have been connected with different aspects of insect control by means of pathogens and entomophagous insects. It brings basic and concentrated information on the methods of biological control; the introductory chapters dealing with population dynamics and environmental risks are followed by chapters on the use of chemicals in pest control. The report lists the different types of biological control including well-known older aspects (the use of vertebrates, entomophagous insects, nematodes and pathogens) and the recent methods of weed control with insects, the use of sterile male techniques, attractants, repellents

and the methods with analogues of insect juvenile hormones. The book concludes with a list of the more important publications.

The well-proportionate sections are based on broad knowledge of the authors of the pertinent literature and practical experiences. The book intended for the German reader accentuates mainly projects associated with this country, but it will be very helpful to everybody who needs a concise information on new approaches, i.e., on the biological replacement of chemical methods in pest management; in this function it fills a serious gap in modern literature on pest management and environment sanitation.

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