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Study of Biological Agents Weaver Ants (*Oecophylla smaragdina*) As Pest on Plantation Crops SUWANTO Biology Department Faculty of Science Institut Ilmu Kesehatan Bhakti Wiyata Kediri wanto.rusman@gmail.com ABSTRACT Farmers are experiencing problems due to plantation crops grown on plantations. Crop failures caused by pests that attack plants since the age of two months after planting pest attack plants at the roots, leaves and fruit so that it will lead to decreased crop production. The impact of that occurs when the crop production decreases will affect the losses for farmers and reduced food availability.

Efforts **have been made by** farmers plantation crop cultivation by way of cultivating the soil, planting, watering, fertilizing and spraying chemical pesticides. **The use of chemical pesticides** that are not right will bring bad effects, more harm than benefit. The strategy pursued to control pests on crop cultivation needed biological agents that control using natural enemies such as weaver ants (*Oecophylla sma*

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