

Fig. 1. *Coniothyrium minitans*, the biocontrol fungus marketed as Contans in culture. This product is being optimized for the control of lettuce drop caused by *Sclerotinia minor*. The black bodies in the culture are pycnidia help the fungus survive in soil for extended periods.

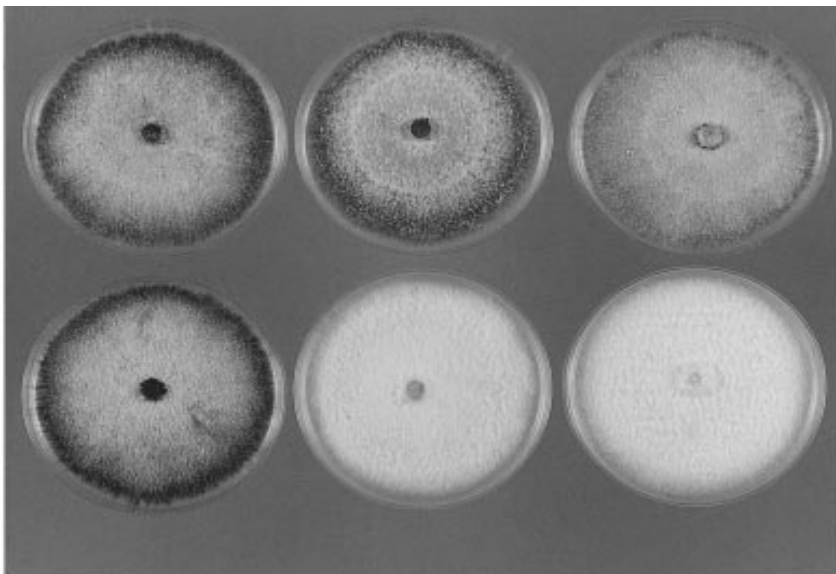


Fig. 2. Various stages of *Coniothyrium minitans* in culture. Cultures progressively darken with the formation and maturation of pycnidia.