The invention relates to chemistry and agriculture, in particular to the use of a heterocyclic compound, 1,2,4-triazole derivative, as an antifungal agent to combat root rot.

Summary of the invention consists in that as an active compound against phytopathogenic fungi of *A. alternata* and *F. aquaeductuum* species - root rot causative agents is proposed (Z)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)hex-1-en-3-one with the formula:

Active concentrations vary in the range of 0.0025...0.01%.

Claims: 1