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## Assessment of Fruit Infestation of *Abelmoschus esculentus* by Shoot and Fruit Borer on Weight Basis

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### ABSTRACT

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To assess the shoot infestation and fruit damage of *Abelmoschus esculentus* on weight basis the experiment was undertaken during *kharif* season of 2016-17 in field of Insectory premises of Entomology Section, College of Agriculture, Nagpur. The trial incorporating nine treatments including control which were replicated thrice in Randomized Block Design. During this investigation, on the basis of above parameters revealed that, lowest infestation (shoot and fruit infestation) and highest yield over control was observed in treatment of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>; 6.52%) shoot infestation, 16.13% fruit damage with 86.79 q/ha yield followed by Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>), Indoxacarb 15.5 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>) *Bacillus thuringiensis* 2ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>), Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>), NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>) and Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>).

### Introduction

Okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus* L.) is one of the most popular vegetable crop grown extensively all over India. However, summer and *kharif* are the favourable seasons for its cultivation. The area under okra cultivation in India is 4,09,000 ha with production of 41,93,000 metric tonnes. Whereas, in Maharashtra State it is cultivated on 26,2,030.3 ha area with production of 1, 65,900.4 metric tonnes (Anonymous, 2015). Okra crop attacked by several insect pests like jassids, *Amarasca devastans* (Dist.); aphids, *Aphis gossypii* (Glov.); shoot and fruit borer, *Earias vitella* (Fab.) and *Earias insulana*

(Biosd.). Among these pests, shoot and fruit borer, *Earias vitella* (Fabricious). (Noctuidae: Lepidoptera) is the most noxious and destructive pest. Hence, in present study we determined Per cent fruit damage by shoot and fruit borer on 3, 7 and 14 days after 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> spray (on weight basis) of each treatment.

### Materials and Methods

The present field experiment was carried out on Okra crop, variety Akola bahar during *kharif* season 2016-2017 in the Insectory field of Entomology Section, College of Agriculture, Nagpur. The experiment was laid out in a randomized block design with Nine

treatments consisting Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>), Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>), NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>), *Bacillus thuringensis* 2ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>), Indoxacarb 15.5 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>), Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>), Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) including (T<sub>9</sub>) control (water spray) were evaluated after each spray against Natural enemies and observed the effect on them. The plot size was kept 12.6 m<sup>2</sup> with a spacing of 60 x 45 cm between rows and plants respectively and recommended agronomical practices were followed. In order to know Per cent fruit damage by shoot and fruit borer on 3, 7 and 14 days after 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> spray (on weight basis) of each treatment.

The fruits were plucked from 5 selected plants, they were counted and weighed. Similarly, from those total fruits the infested fruits due to fruit borer were separated, counted and weighed. The data on per cent infestation and per cent damage were calculated by adopting the following formulae.

$$\text{Per cent shoot infestation} = \frac{\text{Number of infested shoots}}{\text{Total number of shoots}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Per cent fruit Damage (Weight basis)} = \frac{\text{Weight of damage fruits}}{\text{Total weight of fruits}} \times 100$$

## Results and Discussion

### Cumulative per cent shoot infestation by shoot and fruit borer

Shoot infestation was noticed at 30 DAS and continue upto 65 DAS. The data on the cumulative per cent shoot infestation presented in Table 1 and illustrated in figure 1. From the results, it was revealed that, all the treatments were significantly superior over control in reducing the shoot infestation.

Among these different treatments, Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) recorded minimum (6.52%) shoot infestation and was found to be the best followed by Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 7.09%) and Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 7.50%). Devi *et al.*, (2014) reported 5.00% shoot infestation with the treatment spinosad 45% SC and emamectin benzoate 5% SG 5.50%.

The next effective treatment in reducing per cent shoot infestation was of Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 7.92%) and it was followed by *Bacillus (B.t.)* (1×10<sup>8</sup> CFU) 2ml/lit (T<sub>4</sub>; 8.51%). Puranik *et al.*, (2002) reported 11.07% shoot infestation of *L. orbonalis* with the treatment halt WP (*Bt*).

The next promising treatment in reducing per cent shoot infestation was of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 8.83%) followed by NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 8.94%). Both these treatments were statistically at par with each other. Our present findings regarding efficacy of neem oil 2% (T<sub>5</sub>) confirmed the findings of Panzade (2006), who recorded 7.95%, shoot infestation with the treatment of neem oil 1%.

The Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>; 9.06%) showed least effectiveness in reducing per cent shoot infestation but found to be superior over control (T<sub>9</sub>; 10.29%).

The data pertaining to per cent fruit damage (Table 2) indicated that, all the treatments were significantly superior over control, 3 DAT. The treatment of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) recorded lowest (18.30%) fruit damage followed by Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 19.37%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 21.10%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 21.80) and *Bacillus thuringensis* 2 ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 21.95%) and all these treatments were statistically at par with the treatment of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>). Priya and Mishra (2007) recorded 43.95% fruit infestation on

weight basis with the treatment of spinosad 45% SC. Anil and Sharma (2010) recorded lowest fruit infestation with emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.002%. Bansode *et al.*, (2014) reported that minimum fruit damage was observed with indoxacarb @ 75 g a.i./ha.

The next effective treatment was of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 23.88%) and NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 24.01%) and both these treatments were statistically at par with each other.

The treatment of Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>; 25.03%) was found to be least effective but superior over control (T<sub>9</sub>) in which 29.11% fruit damage was recorded.

The results on 7 days after first spray indicated that, all treatments were significantly superior over control in lowering fruit damage. The treatment of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) recorded 19.50% fruit damage followed by Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 20.70%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 21.85%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 22.75) and *Bacillus thuringensis* 2 ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 22.75%).

The next effective treatments were of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 24.13%) and NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 25.15%) and both these treatments were at par with each other.

The treatment of Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>; 26.85%) was least effective in reducing fruit damage but found to be superior over control (T<sub>9</sub>; 31.15%).

Similar type of results were obtained 14 days after first spray in which the treatment of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) recorded the lowest (20.80%) infestation followed by promising treatments of Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 21.50%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 22.50%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 23.15%), *Bacillus thuringensis* 2

ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 23.15%) and these treatments were statistically at par with the treatment of Spinosad of 45 SC 0.01%(T<sub>8</sub>).

In botanicals promising treatments were of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 25.66%), NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 27.60%) and these treatment were statistically at par with each other.

The treatment regarding Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>) showed higher infestation 29.00% but found to be superior over control (T<sub>9</sub>), where 32.30% infestation was recorded. As the results on this parameter are also studied after second and third spray, the results are not discussed here.

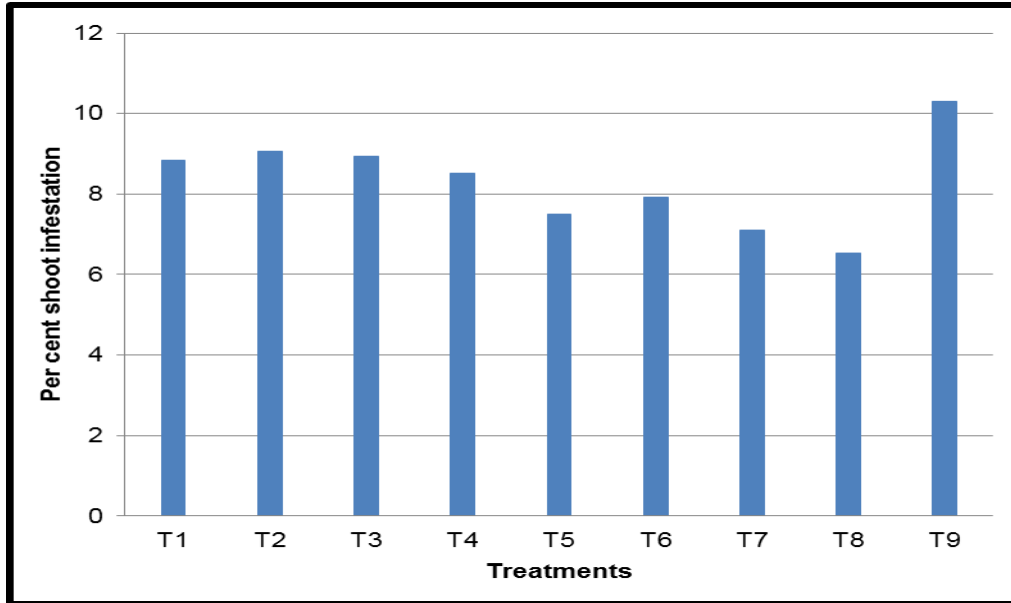
They are discussed further in results obtained after second and third spray.

#### **Per cent fruit damage by shoot and fruit borer, 3, 7 and 14 days after second spray (on weight basis)**

The data presented in Table 2 revealed that, the spraying of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) offered the best protection against *E.vittella* in reducing per cent fruit damage on weight basis (16.20%) followed by Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 19.18%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 21.01%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 21.42%) and *Bacillus thuringensis* 2 ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 22.02%). Priya and Mishra (2007) recorded 43.95% fruit infestation on weight basis with the treatment spinosad 45% SC. Anil and Sharma (2010) recorded lowest fruit infestation with emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02%. Mallapur *et al.*, (2012) found indoxacarb 14.5SC @ 500 ml/ha effective in controlling fruit infestation.

The next effective treatments were of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 22.80%) and NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 23.82%) and both these treatments were statistically at par with each other. The treatment of Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>; 24.77%) found to be least effective.

Fig.1 Cumulative per cent shoot infestation by shoot and fruit borer



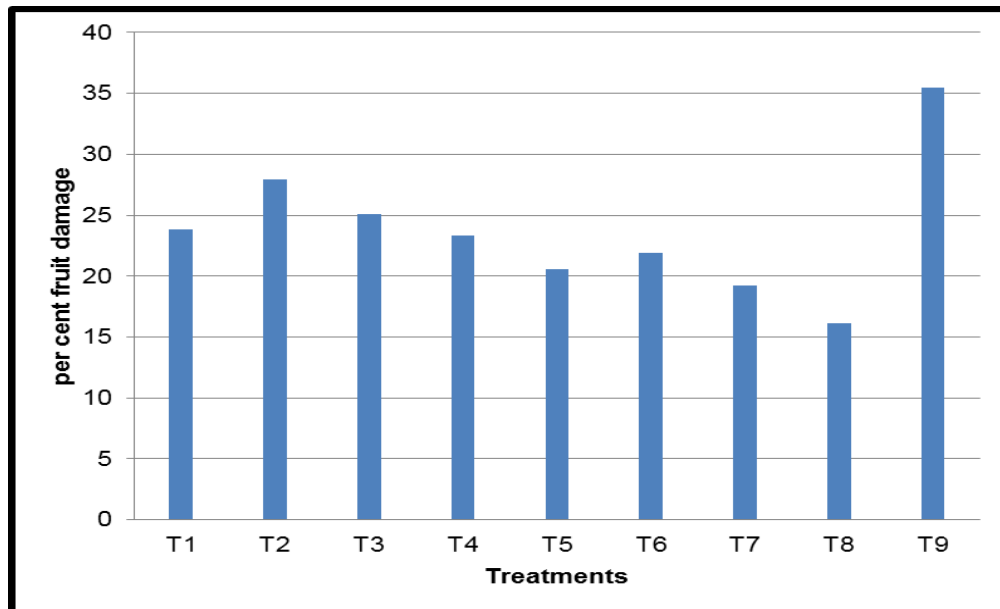
T<sub>1</sub> = Neem oil – 2%; T<sub>2</sub> = Karanj oil – 2%; T<sub>3</sub> = NSE – 5%

T<sub>4</sub> = *Bacillus thuringiensis* – 2 ml/lit; T<sub>5</sub> = Indoxacarb 15.8 EC – 0.01%

T<sub>6</sub> = Acetamiprid 20 SP – 0.2 g/lit; T<sub>7</sub> = Emamectin Benzoate 5 SG – 0.02%; T<sub>8</sub> = Spinosad 45 SC – 0.01%; T<sub>9</sub> = Control (water spray)

Per cent fruit damage by shoot and fruit borer, 3, 7 and 14 days after first spray (on weight basis)

Fig.2 Cumulative per cent fruit damage by shoot and fruit borer (on weight basis)



T<sub>1</sub> = Neem oil – 2%; T<sub>2</sub> = Karanj oil – 2%; T<sub>3</sub> = NSE – 5%

T<sub>4</sub> = *Bacillus thuringiensis* – 2 ml/lit; T<sub>5</sub> = Indoxacarb 15.8 EC – 0.01%

T<sub>6</sub> = Acetamiprid 20 SP – 0.2 g/lit; T<sub>7</sub> = Emamectin Benzoate 5 SG – 0.02%; T<sub>8</sub> = Spinosad 45 SC – 0.01%; T<sub>9</sub> = Control (water spray)

**Table.1** Cumulative per cent shoot infestation by shoot and fruit borer

Tr. No.	Treatments	R-I	R-II	R-III	Mean
T <sub>1</sub>	Neem oil	9.24 (3.03)	8.13 (2.85)	8.94 (2.98)	8.83 (2.97)
T <sub>2</sub>	Karanj oil	9.82 (3.13)	8.40 (2.89)	8.97 (2.99)	9.06 (3.00)
T <sub>3</sub>	Neem Seed Extract	9.55 (3.09)	8.33 (2.88)	8.95 (2.99)	8.94 (2.98)
T <sub>4</sub>	<i>Bacillus (B.t.)</i> (1×10 <sup>8</sup> CFU <sup>l</sup> )	9.01 (3.00)	8.35 (2.88)	8.19 (2.86)	8.51 (2.91)
T <sub>5</sub>	Indoxacarb 15.8 E.C	7.18 (2.67)	7.77 (2.78)	7.55 (2.74)	7.50 (2.73)
T <sub>6</sub>	Acetamiprid 20 S.P	8.13 (2.85)	7.47 (2.73)	8.18 (2.86)	7.92 (2.81)
T <sub>7</sub>	Emamectine Benzoate 5 SG	6.64 (2.57)	7.56 (2.74)	7.08 (2.66)	7.09 (2.66)
T <sub>8</sub>	Spinosad 45 SC	6.19 (2.48)	6.77 (2.60)	6.60 (2.56)	6.52 (2.55)
T <sub>9</sub>	Control (Water spray)	10.30 (3.20)	10.07 (3.17)	10.50 (3.24)	10.29 (3.20)
“F” test		Sig.			
S.E.(m)±		0.26			
C.D at 5%		0.78			

(Figures in parenthesis are square root transformed values.)

**Table.2** Mean per cent fruit infestation by shoot and fruit borer (on weight basis)

Treatments	1 <sup>st</sup> spray			2 <sup>nd</sup> spray			3 <sup>rd</sup> spray		
	3DAT	7DAT	14DAT	3DAT	7DAT	14DAT	3DAT	7DAT	14DAT
Neem oil	23.88 (29.25)	24.13 (29.42)	25.66 (30.43)	22.80 (28.52)	23.50 (28.99)	25.35 (30.23)	23.09 (28.71)	23.45 (28.96)	24.24 (29.49)
Karanj oil	25.03 (30.01)	26.85 (31.20)	29.00 (32.58)	24.77 (29.84)	26.85 (31.20)	28.09 (32.00)	24.80 (29.86)	25.80 (30.52)	26.80 (31.17)
Neem Seed Extract	24.01 (29.34)	25.15 (30.09)	27.60 (31.69)	23.82 (29.21)	24.60 (29.73)	25.90 (30.59)	23.50 (28.99)	23.80 (29.19)	24.95 (29.96)
<i>Bacillus (B.t.)</i> (1×10 <sup>8</sup> CFU <sup>l</sup> )	21.95 (27.93)	22.75 (28.48)	23.15 (28.76)	22.02 (27.98)	22.98 (28.64)	24.07 (29.38)	22.04 (27.99)	22.80 (28.52)	23.80 (29.19)
Indoxacarb 15.8 E.C	21.10 (27.34)	21.85 (27.86)	22.50 (28.31)	21.01 (27.28)	21.55 (27.65)	21.70 (27.76)	21.01 (27.28)	21.10 (27.34)	22.22 (28.12)
Acetamiprid 20 S.P	21.80 (27.83)	22.75 (28.48)	23.15 (28.76)	21.42 (27.56)	22.25 (28.14)	23.24 (28.82)	21.80 (27.83)	22.23 (28.13)	23.01 (28.66)
Emamectine Benzoate 5 SG	19.37 (26.11)	20.70 (27.06)	21.50 (27.62)	19.18 (25.97)	20.35 (26.81)	21.18 (27.40)	18.17 (25.23)	19.35 (26.09)	20.79 (27.12)
Spinosad 45 SC	18.30 (25.32)	19.50 (26.20)	20.80 (27.13)	16.20 (23.73)	17.80 (24.95)	20.30 (26.77)	9.08 (17.53)	10.75 (19.13)	12.50 (20.70)
Control (Water spray)	29.11 (32.65)	31.15 (33.92)	32.30 (34.63)	35.39 (36.50)	36.65 (37.25)	37.80 (37.93)	38.34 (38.25)	38.65 (38.43)	40.08 (39.27)
<b>F Test</b>	Sig	Sig	Sig	Sig	Sig	Sig	Sig	Sig	Sig
<b>SEm(±)</b>	1.46	1.53	1.62	1.46	1.53	1.61	1.45	1.49	1.56
<b>CD @ 5%</b>	4.38	4.59	4.86	4.37	4.60	4.83	4.35	4.47	4.68

(Figures in parenthesis are arcs in transformed values.)

**Table.3** Cumulative per cent fruit infestation by shoot and fruit borer (On weight basis)

Tr. No.	Treatments	R-I	R-II	R-III	Mean
T <sub>1</sub>	Neem oil	23.70 (29.13)	21.79 (27.82)	26.12 (30.73)	23.87 (29.24)
T <sub>2</sub>	Karanj oil	25.15 (30.09)	29.50 (32.89)	29.07 (32.62)	27.90 (31.88)
T <sub>3</sub>	Neem Seed Extract	23.78 (29.18)	25.20 (30.13)	26.30 (30.85)	25.09 (30.05)
T <sub>4</sub>	<i>Bacillus (B.t.)</i> (1×10 <sup>8</sup> CFU)	22.28 (28.16)	21.58 (27.68)	26.01 (30.66)	23.29 (28.85)
T <sub>5</sub>	Indoxacarb 15.8 E.C	20.94 (27.23)	20.58 (26.97)	20.19 (26.70)	20.57 (26.97)
T <sub>6</sub>	Acetamiprid 20 S.P	21.46 (27.59)	21.57 (27.67)	22.70 (28.45)	21.91 (27.90)
T <sub>7</sub>	Emamectine Benzoate 5 SG	17.54 (24.75)	20.52 (26.93)	19.72 (26.36)	19.26 (26.03)
T <sub>8</sub>	Spinosad 45 SC	17.02 (24.36)	16.37 (23.86)	15.00 (22.78)	16.13 (23.67)
T <sub>9</sub>	Control (Water spray)	34.73 (36.10)	38.15 (38.14)	33.59 (35.42)	35.49 (36.56)
“F” test		Sig.			
S.E.(m)±		0.98			
C.D at 5%		2.93			

(Figures in parenthesis are arcs in transformed values.)



Similar results were obtained 7 days after second spray. The results indicated that, spraying of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) recorded lowest fruit damage (17.80%) followed by Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 20.35%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 21.55%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 22.25%) and *Bacillus thuringensis* 2 ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 22.98%).

The next promising treatments were of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 23.50%) and NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 24.60%) and both these treatments were statistically comparable with each other. Our present results on efficacy of NSE 5% (T<sub>4</sub>) corroborate with the findings of Ambekar *et al.*, (2000). They reported 27.92% fruit damage with the treatment NSE 5%. Malik and Lal (1989) reported the effectiveness of neem oil and our present findings are in agreement with their results. Desai and Kapadia (2006) reported 61.22% larval mortality under laboratory condition with the treatment *Btk* @ 1 kg/ha and our present results could be comparable with their reports.

The treatment of Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>; 26.85%) was found to be least effective but superior over control (T<sub>8</sub>; 36.65%).

Similar type of results were obtained 14 days after second spray in which the treatment of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01%(T<sub>8</sub>) recorded the lowest (20.30%) infestation followed by promising Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 21.18%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 21.70%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 23.24%), *Bacillus thuringensis* 2 ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 24.07%) and these treatment were statistically at par with the treatment of Spinosad of 45 SC 0.01%(T<sub>8</sub>).

In botanicals promising treatments were of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 25.35%), NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 25.90%) and these treatment were statistically at par with each other. The treatment regarding Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>) showed higher infestation 28.09% but found to be superior over control (T<sub>9</sub>), where 38.34% infestation was recorded.

### **Per cent fruit damage by shoot and fruit borer, 3, 7 and 14 days after third spray (on weight basis)**

The data pertaining to per cent fruit damage (Table 2) indicated that, the Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) recorded lowest 9.08% fruit damage. Next promising treatments were of Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 18.17%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 21.01%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 21.80%) and *Bacillus thuringensis* 2 ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 22.04%) and all these treatments were at par with each other. Priya and Mishra (2007) recorded 43.95% fruit infestation on weight basis with the treatment of spinosad 45% SC.

Anil and Sharma (2010) recorded lowest fruit infestation with emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.002%. Mallapur *et al.*, (2012) reported that minimum fruit damage was observed with indoxacarb 14.5SC @ 500 ml/ha.

The next promising treatments were of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 23.09%), NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 23.50%) and Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>; 24.80%) and these treatments were statistically comparable with each other.

Rasoiaiah (2001) reported NSE 5% as highly promising against *E.vittella*. Malik and Lal (1989), Pathak and Krishna (1986) reported the effect of neem oil against *E.vittella* and our present findings agree with their reports. Kharbade *et al.*, (1999) reported the efficacy of *Bt*. against *E.vittella*.

The treatment of Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>) was found to be least effective and recorded 24.80% fruit infestation but found to be superior over control (T<sub>9</sub>; 37.80%).

Similar results obtained 7 days after third spray, the data revealed that, the treatment of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) recorded lowest fruit damage (10.75%) followed by Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 19.35%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 21.10%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 22.23%) and *Bacillus thuringensis* 2



ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 22.80%) which were statistically at par with each other.

The next promising treatments were of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 23.45%), NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 23.80%) and Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>; 25.80%) and all these treatments were statistically comparable with each other. Rosaiah (2001) and Gajmer *et al.*, (2003) reported the efficacy of NSE against *E. vittella*. Kharbade *et al.*, (1999) and Tomar (1998) reported the effectiveness of *Bt* So, our present findings agree with their reports.

The treatment of Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>; 25.80%) was comparably least effective against shoot and fruit borer. Reddy and Srinivasa reported the effectiveness of pungam oil 2% for the management of brinjal shoot and fruit borer *L. orbonalis*.

Similar types of results were obtained 14 days after third spray in which the treatment of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) recorded the lowest (12.50%) infestation. Next promising treatment were of Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 20.79%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 22.22%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 23.01%), *Bacillus thuringiensis* 2 ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 23.80%) and these treatments were statistically at par with the treatment of Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>).

In botanicals promising treatments were of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 24.24%), NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 24.95%) and these treatment were statistically at par with each other. The treatment regarding Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>) showed higher infestation 26.80% but found to be superior over control (T<sub>9</sub>), where 40.08% infestation was recorded.

### **Cumulative per cent fruit damage by shoot and fruit borer (On weight basis)**

The data on cumulative per cent fruit damage of shoot and fruit borer computed from all observations of various treatments is presented in Table 3 and illustrated in figure 2. The results revealed that, all the treatments were significantly superior over control. The most

effective treatment was of Spinosad 45 SC 0.01% (T<sub>8</sub>) which consistently maintained its efficacy in recording minimum fruit damage throughout the period of experimentation with average of 16.13% fruit infestation followed by the treatments of Emamectin benzoate 5 SG 0.02% (T<sub>7</sub>; 20.06%), Indoxacarb 15.8 EC 0.01% (T<sub>5</sub>; 21.56%), Acetamiprid 20 SP 0.2 g/lit (T<sub>6</sub>; 22.40%) and *Bacillus thuringiensis* 2 ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>; 22.84%).

The next effective treatments were of Neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>; 24.01%), NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>; 24.81%) and both these treatments were statistically comparable with each other. Sarode and Gabhane (1994) reported 29.49% fruit damage with the treatment NSE 5% (T<sub>3</sub>) and our present results agree with their findings. The results on efficacy of neem oil 2% (T<sub>1</sub>) confirmed the reports of Malik and Lal (1989). Panzade (2006) recorded 25.90% fruit damage with treatment Neem oil 2%. The present results on efficacy of *Bacillus thuringiensis* 2ml/l (T<sub>4</sub>) agree with the reports of Kharbade *et al.*, (1999). They reported 13.21% fruit damage 4 DAT with Dipel 8L.

The treatment of Karanj oil 2% (T<sub>2</sub>; 26.44%) was found to be least effective and recorded higher fruit damage. Reddy and Srinivasa reported the effectiveness of pungam oil 2% for the management of brinjal shoot and fruit borer *L. orbonalis*.

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