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Insecticidal Efficacy against Shoot and Fruit Borer, *Leucinodes orbonalis* Guenee

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ABSTRACT

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The insecticide efficacy was tested against brinjal shoot and fruit borer, *Leucinodes orbonalis* (Guenee) under field condition where emamectin benzoate 2.8 EC @ 14g a.i./ha was found most effective against shoot and fruit infestation in brinjal followed by indoxacarb, spinosad, deltamethrin, cypermethrin, carbofuran and azadiractin. The shoot infestation reduction was noticed as 79.22 and 89.81 per cent after first spray and 80.05 and 89.74 per cent after second spray at 7th and 14th day after spray (DAS) over the control. The fruit infestation reduction was noticed as 84.24 and 88.80 per cent after first spray and 83.78 and 89.30 per cent after second spray at 7th and 14th DAS over the control. The maximum increased yield was 17.82q/ha from emamectin benzoate treated plots and the maximum cost returned were 7.57 rupees after one rupee investment.

Introduction

Brinjal (*Solanum melongena* L.) is very much palatable among widely grown vegetables in different parts of the world. Among the Solanaceous vegetables, brinjal, *Solanum melongena* Linn. is the most common, popular and principal vegetable crop grown in many geographical parts in India. The area under brinjal cultivation is estimated at 679.4 thousand ha. with total production of 12438.7 thousand tonnes (HSD, DAC & FW, 2014-15, <http://www.mospi.gov.in/statistical-year-book-India/2016/178>). There is a vast scope to make brinjal cultivation more paying by improving the productivity. Brinjal fruit borer, *Leucinodes orbonalis* Guenee (Pyralidae: Lepidoptera) is found throughout the topics in

Asia and Africa and is a minor pest in America. It is monophagous and very important pest of brinjal. Attack of this pest causes considerable damage to brinjal crop each year, affecting the quality and yield of the crop. The Larvae of this pest cause 12-16% damage to shoots and 20-60% damage to fruits (Alam, 1970 and Maurel *et al.*, 1982). The pest is very active during rainy and summer season and often causes more than 90% damage in Bangladesh (Ali and Rahman, 1980 and Kalloo, 1988) and up to 95% in India (Naresh *et al.*, 1986). Larvae feeding inside shoots result in wilting of young shoots. Presence of wilted shoots in a brinjal field is a symptom of damage by this pest. The damaged shoots ultimately wither and drop off. This reduces plant growth, which in turn,

reduces fruit number and size. New shoots can arise but this delays crop maturity and the newly formed shoots are also subjected to larval damage. Larval feeding in flowers is a relatively rare occurrence resulting in failure to form fruits from damaged flowers.

Materials and Methods

The experiment investigation was conducted on Agriculture Farm of DBS School of Agriculture and Allied Science, Selaqui, Deharadun, Uttarakhand, India during summer season 2017. The experiment was laid in Randomized Block Design with three replications and eight treatments included a control. The spraying was done after the population reaching its ETL. Spraying was done by using air compressing knapsack sprayer. The incidence of the borer on the shoot and the fruit were recorded from the five randomly selected plants. The assessment of the shoot damage was done by calculating the number of damaged shoots and total number of the healthy shoots observed from five randomly selected plants per plot and expressed in percentage. Fruit infestation was recorded on each plucking date at 7th and 14th day after each spraying. Brinjal plants transplanted from nursery to plots at plant to plant and row to row distance 30 x 60 cm². The percent fruit damage was total number of affected fruits from each plot. The total yield of the marketable fruits obtained from different treatments was calculated and converted by considering the additional cost (cost of insecticides and operational charges) and benefit (compared to untreated control) in the respective treatments.

$$\text{Percent fruit infestation} = \frac{\text{No. of infested fruit}}{\text{Total no. of fruits}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Percent shoot infestation} = \frac{\text{No. of infested shoot}}{\text{Total no. of shoot}} \times 100$$

Results and Discussion

Shoot infestation in brinjal by *Leucinodes orbonalis* Guene.

Data recorded on insecticidal efficacy against shoot infestation in brinjal that all treatments were non-significant followed by control. Data was significant before one day insecticide application. First observation was recorded at 7th day after first spray of insecticide and the minimum shoot infestation per cent was recorded from emamectin benzoate treated plots 15.18±3.7 followed by indoxacarb, spinosad, deltamethrin, cypermethrin, carbofuran and azadiractin where shoot infestation were 27.26±7.1, 28.40±7.0, 30.10±7.5, 38.52±9.4, 44.46±9.8 and 48.64±11.8 per cent. The shoot infestation reduction over the control were in descending order as 79.22, 62.69, 61.13, 58.81, 47.28, 39.16 and 33.43 per cent from emamectin benzoate, indoxacarb, spinosad, deltamethrin, cypermethrin, carbofuran and azadiractin, respectively. Insecticidal efficacy was non-significant between emamectin benzoate, indoxacarb and spinosad. Ghosh *et al.*, (2009) recorded as the effectiveness of neem products was less effective against *Leucinodes orbonalis*.

Observation recorded at 14th day after application of first spray, all treatments were non-significant against control. The minimum shoot infestation per cent was 6.61±1.9, recorded from emamectin benzoate with high reduction (89.81%) over the control. The maximum shoot infestation was noticed for azadiractin treated plots where reduction over the control was 22.19% where Kaur *et al.*, (2014) and Kaur *et al.*, (2014) were reported that the emamectin benzoate was highly toxic against *L. orbonalis* for Amritsar and Malerkotla populations with LC50 values 0.49 and 0.061 ppm respectively followed by chloranthaniliprole, indoxacarb, delfin and

spinosad. Data was non-significant after second spray, from all treatments followed by control. The shoot infestation reduction over control was recorded in ascending order 24.91, 39.81, 57.40, 57.55, 66.84, 75.66 and 80.05 per cent from azadiractin, carbofuran, cypermethrin, deltamethrin, spinosad, indoxacarb and emamectin benzoate, respectively, at 7th day after insecticides application. Data was recorded at 14th days after chemical application on shoot infestation, where maximum shoot infested were noticed from carbofuran treated plots but it was non-significant with azadiractin (Table 1).

The minimum shoot infestation recorded from emamectin benzoate treated plot which was significantly different to others. Raini *et al.*, (2016) tested bioefficacy of five insecticides against *Leucinodes orbonalis*, where deltamethrin proved most effective in reducing shoot damage (60.40%) over control.

Fruit infestation in brinjal by *Leucinodes orbonalis* Guene.

First observation was recorded on fruit infestation at 7th day after insecticides application, where fruit infestation show in ascending order, 5.23±1.0, 9.27±0.8, 9.41±1.4, 10.60±0.8, 10.93±2.0, 14.97±2.2 and 16.30±2.8 per cent from emamectin benzoate, indoxacarb, spinosad, deltamethrin, cypermethrin, carbofuran and azadiractin, respectively, where reduction were noticed 84.24, 72.07, 71.64, 68.05, 67.07, 54.90 and 50.88 per cent, respectively (Table 2).

Data recorded at 14th day after application of fruit infestation, where fruit infestation was reduction over control as in descending order 83.78, 77.59, 70.00, 70.00, 62.17, 51.81, and 51.57 per cent from emamectin benzoate, indoxacarb, spinosad, deltamethrin, cypermethrin, carbofuran and azadiractin, respectively. The maximum fruit infestation

was recorded from azadiractin treated plots where 18.03±1.7 per cent were infested. The result recorded on fruit infestation per cent as non-significant, among emamectin benzoate, indoxacarb and spinosad treated plots at 7th day after second spray, where fruit infestation reduction over the control were as 83.78, 71.96 and 68.17 per cent, respectively. Fruit infestation per cent recorded as 3.45±0.1, 6.90±0.1, 9.20±1.2, 12.65±1.2, 13.72±1.7, 16.14±1.4 and 17.30±2.2 from emamectin benzoate, indoxacarb, spinosad, deltamethrin, cypermethrin, carbofuran and azadiractin at 14th day after application of insecticides.

The maximum (89.30%) and minimum (46.37%) fruit infestation reduction over the control was recorded from azadiractin and emamectin benzoate treated plots. Adiroubane (2008) recorded that spinosad was effective at fruiting stage in brinjal and maximum per cent reduction of fruit damage and it was on par with oxyamtrine. Raini *et al.*, (2016) tested bioefficacy of five insecticides against *Leucinodes orbonalis*, where deltamethrin proved most effective in reducing fruit damage, on number basis (88.87%) over control.

Yield and cost benefit ratio in brinjal

The maximum production of brinjal was recorded from emamectin benzoate treated plots followed by indoxacarb, spinosad, deltamethrin, cypermethrin, carbofuran and azadiractin, where increased yield over the control were 17.82, 11.93, 10.67, 6.82, 5.28, 4.00 and 3.17 q/ha, respectively. The maximum cost benefit ratio was from emamectin benzoate where returned cost was 7.57 rupees after per rupee investment. The maximum net returns of ₹ .39348.67 were obtained in emamectin benzoate treated plots. The yields among the treatment were significant. Indoxacarb and spinosad treatments were non-significantly different.

Table.1 Efficacy of novel insecticide against brinjal shoots infestation by *Leucinodes orbonalis*

Treatments	Per cent mean of shoot infestation								
	Before application	1 st spray				2 nd spray			
		7 th DAS	Reduction over control (%)	14 th DAS	Reduction over control (%)	7 th DAS	Reduction over control (%)	14 th DAS	Reduction over control (%)
Azadiractin 0.03EC @ 5ml/L	50.15±4.1	48.64±11.8	33.43	43.88±4.4	22.19	44.17±1.9	24.91	33.36±1.3	25.57
Carbofuran 3G 1.0 kg a.i./ha	49.07±4.5	44.46±9.8	39.16	42.20±4.4	22.60	35.41±3.8	39.81	35.66±1.3	20.44
Cypermethrin 25 EC @ 0.05%	51.06±3.6	38.52±9.4	47.28	34.07±3.4	47.50	25.06±4.5	57.40	27.65±2.2	38.32
Deltamethrin 2.8EC @ 14 g a.i./ ha	50.24±4.7	30.10±7.5	58.81	28.97±2.2	55.35	24.98±6.5	57.55	20.63±1.5	53.98
Emamectin benzoate 25 WG @ 11g a.i./ha	52.85±7.2	15.18±3.7	79.22	6.61±1.9	89.81	11.74±0.5	80.05	4.60±1.1	89.74
Indoxacarb 14.5 SC @ 75g a.i./ha	49.15±7.8	27.26±7.1	62.69	14.40±2.5	77.80	14.32±1.4	75.66	44.82±1.7	82.04
Spinosad 45SC @ 75g a.i./ha	49.15±4.1	28.40±7.0	61.13	19.26±2.4	70.32	19.51±2.3	66.84	8.05±1.1	74.34
Control	50.89±13.3	73.07±18.8	-	64.89±4.4	-	58.83±4.4	-	11.50±1.1	-
CD	1.98	7.64	-	9.62	-	4.89	-	8.67	-

Table.2 Efficacy of novel insecticide against brinjal fruit infestation by, *Leucinodes orbonalis*

Treatments	Before application	Per cent mean of fruit infestation							
		1 st spray				2 nd spray			
		7 th DAS	Reduction over control	14 th DAS	Reduction over control	7 th DAS	Reduction over control	14 th DAS	Reduction over control
Azadiractin 0.03EC @ 5ml/l	26.46±5.5	16.30±2.8	50.88	15.95±1.4	51.57	18.03±1.7	44.84	17.30±2.2	46.37
Carbofuran 3G 1.0 kg a.i./ha	27.52±1.9	14.97±2.2	54.90	15.87±0.8	51.81	16.98±1.7	48.04	16.14±1.4	49.94
Cypermethrin 25 EC @ 0.05%	27.89±3.5	10.93±2.0	67.07	12.46±2.1	62.17	14.32±1.3	56.20	13.72±1.7	57.44
Deltamethrin 2.8EC @ 14 g a.i/ ha	25.80±3.1	10.60±0.8	68.05	10.23±1.6	70.00	13.07±1.6	60.01	12.65±1.2	60.76
Emamectin benzoate 25 WG@ 11g a.i./ha	26.50±4.9	05.23±1.0	84.24	03.69±0.2	88.80	05.30±1.5	83.78	03.45±0.1	89.30
Indoxacarb 14.5 SC@ 75g a.i./ha	26.46±5.5	09.27±0.8	72.07	07.38±0.5	77.59	09.16±1.5	71.98	06.90±0.1	78.60
Spinosad 45SC @ 75g a.i./ha	25.11±6.3	09.41±1.4	71.64	09.88±1.5	70.00	10.40±1.3	68.17	09.20±1.2	71.46
Control	27.52±1.9	33.18±1.3	-	32.94±0.2	-	32.69±2.6	-	32.25±1.8	-
CD	1.03	3.08	-	3.10	-	5.22	-	2.87	-

Table.3 Pooled cost benefit ratio of insecticides against brinjal shoot and fruit borer, *Leucinodes orbonalis*

S. No.	Treatments	Total cost (Rs./ha)+*	Yield (q/h.)	Increase yield (q/h)	Value of increase yield (Rs.)	Net return (Rs.)	CBR
1.	Azadiractin 0.03EC @ 5ml/l	4865.68	16.85	3.17	7925.00	3059.32	1 : 0.63
2.	Carbofuran 3G @ 1.0 kg a.i./ha	5996.85	17.68	4.00	10000.00	4364.75	1 : 0.77
3.	Cypermethrin 25 EC @ 0.05%	5423.50	18.96	5.28	13200.00	7776.50	1 : 1.43
4.	Deltamethrin 2.8EC @ 14 g a.i/ ha	5425.50	20.50	6.82	17050.00	11624.50	1 : 2.14
5.	Emamectin benzoate 25 WG@ 11g a.i./ha	5201.33	31.50	17.82	44550.00	39348.67	1 : 7.57
6.	Indoxacarb 14.5 SC@ 75g a.i./ha	5531.11	25.61	11.93	29825.00	24293.89	1 : 4.39
7.	Spinosad 45SC @ 75g a.i./ha	5672.68	24.35	10.67	26675.00	21002.32	1 : 3.70
8.	Control	-	13.68				

*Labour charges + machine rent charges + other charges + insecticides cost. Marketing price of brinjal= Rs. 25.00/kg.

The highest increased yield was recorded from emamectin benzoate (17.82q/ha), followed by indoxacarb (11.93q/h), spinosad (10.67q/ha), deltamethrin (6.82q/h), cypermethrin (5.28q/h), carbofuran (4.00q/h) and azadirachtin (3.17q/h). Raini *et al.*, (2016) found the highest (1:8.7) cost to benefit ratio was recorded in deltamethrin followed by fenvalerate (1:8.5), cypermethrin (1:6.5), chlorpyrifos (1:4.5), Preempt (1:1.9), malathion (1:0.6) and Nimbecidine (1: -0.3) (Table 3). The cost benefit ratio was most economically emamectin benzoate (1:7.57) followed by indoxacarb (1:4.39), spinosad (1:3.70), deltamethrin (1:2.14), cypermethrin (1:1.43), carbofuran (1:0.77) and azadirachtin (1:0.63). Raini *et al.*, (2016) founded that deltamethrin recorded the highest marketable fruit yield of 132.27q/ha and lowest was found in case of Nimbecidine (33.53 q/ha) where Bhagwan and Kumar (2017) recorded that the highest yield noticed in Cypermethrin 25 EC (204.16 q/ha) followed by Spinosad 45 SC (197.22 q/ha).

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