




**Pest Situation of Sugarcane
Crop of Punjab
(15TH – 30TH NOVEMBER, 2018)**



Directorate General
Pest Warning & Quality Control of
Pesticides Punjab, Lahore

**PEST SITUATION OF SUGARCANE CROP IN THE PUNJAB FOR THE
2ND FORTNIGHT OF NOVEMBER, 2018
PEST SITUATION ON SUGARCANE CROP**

BORER

On overall Punjab basis, 0.00 above ETL of borers has observed as compared to 0.00% spots during the past fortnight and 0.00% during same corresponding period of the last year. Similarly, 1.47% below ETL spots has observed as compared to 6.58% spots during the past fortnight and 11.11% during same corresponding period of the last year.

PYRILLA

On overall Punjab basis 4.95% above ETL of has observed as compared to 5.21% spots during the past fortnight and 0.94% during same corresponding period of the last year. Similarly, 11.51% spots below ETL have observed as compared to 13.42% spots during the past fortnight and 26.13% during same corresponding period of the last year.

WHITEFLY

On overall Punjab basis 4.69% above ETL of Whitefly has observed as compared to 3.15% spots during the past fortnight and 2.09% during same corresponding period of the last year. Similarly, 13.52% spot below ETL have observed as compared to 16.99% spot during the past fortnight and 6.80% during same corresponding period of the last year.

BLACK BUG

On overall Punjab basis 0.00% spots above ETL of Black Bug has observed as compared to 0.00% spots during the past fortnight and 0.00% during same corresponding period of the last year. Similarly, 0.00% below ETL have observed as compared to 0.00% spots during the past fortnight and 3.30% during same corresponding period of the last year.

MITES

On overall Punjab basis 0.00% spot above ETL of Mites has observed as compared to 0.00% spots during the past fortnight and 0.00% during same corresponding period of the last year. Similarly, 0.00% below ETL has observed as compared to 0.55% spots during the past fortnight and 0.34% during same corresponding period of the last year.

TOKA

On overall Punjab basis 0.00% spot above ETL of Toka has observed as compared to 0.00% spots during the past fortnight and 0.00 % during same corresponding period of the last year.

Similarly, 0.13% below ETL has observed as compared to 0.41% spots during the past fortnight and 1.62% during same corresponding period of the last year.

RED ROT

On overall Punjab basis 3.35% spot of Red Rot has observed as compared to 6.30% spots above ETL during the past fortnight and 2.76% during same corresponding period of the last year.

WHIP SMUT

On overall Punjab basis, 0.00% of Whip Smut has observed as compared to 0.00% spots during the past fortnight and 0.13% during same corresponding period of the last year.

RUST

On overall Punjab basis, 0.00% of Rust has observed as compared to 0.00% spots above ETL during the past fortnight and 0.20% during same corresponding period of the last year.

METEOROLOGICAL DATA OF THE FORTNIGHT

Districts	2018				2017			
	Temperature		R.H%	Rainfall (mm)	Temperature		RH%	Rainfall (mm)
	Max.	Min.			Max.	Min.		
Multan	26.70	8.90	84.10	0.00	21.30	11.10	76.30	0.00
Khanewal	23.90	12.70	62.50	0.00	25.60	10.40	65.70	0.00
Vehari	21.60	14.50	61.20	0.00	25.30	12.50	66.60	0.00
Lodhran	25.60	13.00	60.00	0.00	24.00	10.60	60.40	0.00
Sahiwal	27.60	11.70	62.60	0.00	26.40	8.60	57.50	0.00
Pakpattan	23.10	13.60	91.43	0.00	25.70	19.30	88.00	0.00
Okara	27.30	11.20	83.00	0.00	26.60	9.30	83.00	0.00
Bahawalpur	27.08	13.64	71.65	0.00	26.50	10.94	66.12	1.00
Bahawalnagar	28.31	11.41	58.88	0.00	27.21	9.96	59.23	0.00
R.Y.Khan	30.07	13.93	55.56	0.00	29.45	11.49	54.93	0.00
D.G Khan	29.79	15.14	48.18	0.00	24.14	9.64	48.96	0.00
M. Garh	26.31	12.60	46.22	0.00	27.06	12.56	45.79	0.00
Rajanpur	26.54	12.62	44.94	0.00	24.43	13.26	47.72	0.00
Layyah	24.35	13.07	41.35	0.00	18.21	13.42	40.85	0.00
TOT/AVG	26.30	12.71	62.26	0.00	25.14	11.65	61.51	1.00

Weather forecast for Next 15 Days

Division	Dated	28/ 11	29/ 11	30/ 11	1/ 12	2/ 12	3/ 12	4/ 12	5/ 12	6/ 12	7/ 12	8/ 12	9/ 12	10/ 12	11/ 12	12/ 12
Multan	Max.Temp.	26	26	26	26	24	26	24	24	24	24	23	22	22	24	22
	Min.Temp.	15	15	14	13	14	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12
	Humidity %	36	36	35	34	34	24	12	11	10	10	14	14	14	15	15
Sahiwal	Max.Temp.	27	26	25	25	25	24	24	24	24	24	24	21	21	21	20
	Min.Temp.	14	14	12	11	11	11	13	12	11	12	13	13	12	13	13
	Humidity %	36	38	31	30	35	27	14	12	10	10	14	15	14	16	16
Bahawal pur	Max.Temp.	27	27	27	26	26	26	25	25	25	24	24	23	23	25	22
	Min.Temp.	16	15	14	13	14	12	10	10	9	9	10	11	11	11	11
	Humidity %	34	36	33	33	24	13	14	13	12	11	11	11	13	14	14
D.G.Khan	Max.Temp.	27	27	27	26	25	25	24	24	23	23	22	22	23	24	21
	Min.Temp.	16	16	12	12	13	12	12	11	10	11	11	12	12	12	12
	Humidity %	32	32	33	30	29	22	12	13	13	11	13	13	13	15	16
Average Cotton Zone	Max.Temp.	24.27														
	Min.Temp.	12.25														
	Humidity %	20.25														

Optimum Temperature and Humidity of Sugarcane Insects

Insects	Optimum temperature (C*)	Relative Humidity (%)
Pyrilla	29C Retard at 43C	75-84
Borer	35-41C	65-70
Mealy bug	32C	50-60
Toka	28.5-33	60-70
Black Bug	22.9C- 40.9C	46
Mite	30-36	20-40
Termites	35-40	70-80
Red rot of Sugarcane	25.5-26.5°C	60%
Whip smut of sugarcane	14 to 35°C	55-80%
Rust of sugarcane	12° to 14°	80-85%
Sugarcane Mosaic Virus	35-41	Below 50%

FORECAST FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

BORERS

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 35-41C° with relative humidity below 65-70%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the population of this pest will decrease during the next fortnight.

PYRILLA

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 29-40C with relative humidity 75-84%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the population of this pest will decrease during the next fortnight.

WHITEFLY

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 29-40C with relative humidity 75-84%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the population of this pest may decrease during the next fortnight.

BLACK BUG

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 22.9-40.9C with relative R. humidity 46%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the population of this pest will remain zero during the next fortnight.

TOKA

The optimal temperature and RH conditions for the feeding activities are 28.5-33C and 60-70 C° % respectively. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25% It is predicted that the population of this pest may sustain at zero during the next fortnight.

MEALY BUG

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 29-40C with relative humidity 75-84%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the population of this pest may remain zero during the next fortnight.

TERMITES

The optimal temperature and RH conditions for the feeding activities are 35°-40C and 70-80% respectively. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the population of this pest will may sustain on zero during the next fortnight.

MITES

The optimal temperature and RH conditions for the feeding activities are 30°-36C and 20-40% respectively. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the population of this pest will decrease during the next fortnight.

RUST

This disease flourish best at optimum temperature 12-14C with relative humidity below 80-85%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum

temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the present climatic conditions may be favorable for the development of this disease.

RED ROT

This disease flourish best at optimum temperature 25.5-26.5C with relative humidity 60%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the incidence of this disease may decrease in the coming fortnight.

WHIP SMUT

This disease flourish best at optimum temperature 14-35C with relative humidity 55-80%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. It is predicted that the present climatic conditions are favorable for the disease development so its incidence is expected to increase during the next fortnight.

MOSAIC VIRUS

This disease flourish best at optimum temperature 14-35C with relative humidity 55-80%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 26.30 C°, minimum 12.71 C° with R. humidity 62.26%. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 24.27 C°, minimum temperature 12.25 C° with humidity 20.25%. As virus is transmitted by insect vector like aphid and whitefly. The attack of these insect pests has been reported due to which the incidence of viral disease is expected to sustain in the next fortnight.

RECOMMENDATIONS

BORERS MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Install cards of beneficial insects (*Trichogramma*) from the start of crop.
- ❖ Apply granular insecticide carbofuron 3G@ 12-14 kg/acre to the fields where infestation of sugarcane borers observed above ETL.

PYRILLA MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Promote parasitic insects (*Tetrastichus pyrillae*) against eggs of pyrilla and (*Epiricania melanoleuca*) against nymphs and adults of pyrilla.
- ❖ Cut the leaves 6 inch in length from those fields having parasite eggs and pupae in abundance and shift/hang them in fields where parasites are not found.
- ❖ Apply Granular insecticide Carbofuron 3G@ 12-14 kg/acre to the fields where infestation of sugarcane Pyrilla reaches ETL and parasites are not found. Application of granules may be done till the 6 feet height of canes.

WHITEFLY MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Cut severe infested leaves of whitefly and bury in the soil.
- ❖ Install cards of beneficial insects i.e *Chrysoperla carnea*

BLACK BUG MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Avoid the cane fields from water stress.
- ❖ Apply granular insecticide carbofuron 3G@ 12-14 kg/acre

RUST MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Cultivate resistant varieties.
- ❖ Cut and burn the diseased plants/ Plant pests.

RED ROT MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Select the seed for cultivation from diseased free crop.
- ❖ Cultivate resistant varieties.
- ❖ Cut and burn the diseased plants with stubbles.
- ❖ If diseased plants are observed in the fields then avoid ratooning of crop.
- ❖ Sowing of cane after dipping the sets in the solution of Thiaphenate Methyl.

TOKA MANAGEMENT

- ❖ For the management of Toka, eradicate the weeds along with water channels and field boundaries.
- ❖ In case its population exceeds ETL, dusting should be made with suitable insecticides around field bunds of Sugarcane.

WHIP SMUT MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Cut and burn the diseased plants / Plant pests

ECONOMIC THRESHOLD LEVELS (ETLs) OF SUGARCANE PESTS

INSECT PESTS	ECONOMIC THRESHOLD LEVEL
Borers	10% infested canes.
Pyrrilla	3 per leaf.
Whitefly	10 per Leaf
Black bug	10 per sheath.
Toka	3 per sweep
Mites	10 per Leaf
Mealy bug	Only presence
Termites	10% damage
Rodents	5 live burrows per acre
Diseases	Only presence