

**PEST SITUATION ON RICE CROP IN THE PUNJAB DURING 3RD  
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**RICE BORERS:** On overall Punjab basis 0.41% spots above ETL of Rice Borers have been observed as compared to 0.13% spots during the same corresponding period of last year, whereas 3.90% spots below ETL have been observed as compared to 3.92% spots during the same corresponding period of last year.

**RICE LEAF FOLDER:** On overall Punjab basis 1.62% spots above ETL of Rice Borers have been observed as compared to 1.46% spots during the same corresponding period of last year, whereas 11.05% spots below ETL have been observed as compared to 8.78% spots during the same corresponding period of last year.

**TOKA:** On overall Punjab basis 0.08% spots above ETL of Toka have been observed as compared to 0.66% spots during the same corresponding period of last year, whereas 15.60 % spots below ETL have been observed as compared to 12.37% spots during the same corresponding period of last year.

**RICE HOPPERS:** On overall Punjab basis 0.0% spots above ETL of Toka have been observed as compared to 0.0% spots during the same corresponding period of last year, whereas 2.03% spots below ETL have been observed as compared to 0.00% spots during the same corresponding period of last year.

**FOOT ROT:** On overall Punjab basis symptoms of Foot Rot have been recorded on 0.97% spots during the week under report as compared to 1.00% spots during the same corresponding period of last year.

**BACTERIAL BLIGHT:** On overall Punjab basis symptoms of Bacterial Blight have been recorded on 0.73% spots during the week under report as compared to 5.45% during the same corresponding period of last year.

**BROWN LEAF SPOT:** On overall Punjab basis symptoms of Brown Leaf Spot have been recorded on 7.39% spots during the week under report as compared to 6.58% during the same corresponding period of last year.

**SHEATH BLIGHT:** On overall Punjab basis symptoms of Sheath Blight have been recorded on 0.08% spots during the week under report as compared to 0.53% during the same corresponding period of last year.

**RICE BLAST:** On overall Punjab basis symptoms of Rice Blast have been recorded on 0.08% spots during the week under report as compared to 0.33% during the same corresponding period of last year.

### **FORECAST FOR THE NEXT WEEK**

#### **WEATHER FORECAST**

Following weather forecast is mentioned below for the coming week.

#### **Lahore Division**

Following weather forecasting is mentioned for the coming week as minimum temperature are 21°C and maximum temperature are 34°C with relative humidity 55% & Chance of Rainfall 10%.

#### **Gujranwala Division**

Following weather forecasting is mentioned for the coming week as minimum temperature are 22°C and maximum temperature are 37°C with relative humidity 59% & Chance of Rainfall 30%.

#### **Faisalabad Division**

Following weather forecasting is mentioned for the coming week as minimum temperature are 20°C and maximum temperature are 34°C with relative humidity 62% & Chance of Rainfall 0%.

#### **Sargodha Division**

Following weather forecasting is mentioned for the coming week as minimum temperature are 23°C and maximum temperature are 37°C with relative humidity 45% & Chance of Rainfall 0%.

#### **PEST FORECAST**

**RICE BORERS:** In the prevailing weather conditions it is predicted that borers attack may increase during the next week in districts of Sheikhupura, Nankana, Kasur, Faisalabad, Chiniot, T.T.Singh, Okara, Pakpattan, Bahawalnagar and Sargodha.

**TOKA:** Owing to current weather conditions and its presence on alternate host plants / weeds it is forecast that its attack may increase during the next week in districts of Gujrawala, Hafizabad, Gujrat, Sialkot, Narowal, M.B.Din, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana, Kasur, Chiniot, Faisalabad, T.T.Sing, Okara, Pakpattan, Sargodha and Bahawalnagar.

**LEAF FOLDER:** In the current weather conditions it is forecast that its attack may sustain/ increase during the next week in districts of Gujranwala, Sialkot, Narowal, Gujrat, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana, Kasur, Chiniot, Faisalabad, Chiniot, Jhang, T.T.Sing, Sargodha,

Okara, Pakpattan and Bahawalnagar.

**HOPPER:** In the current weather conditions it is forecast that its attack may Sustain/ increase during the next week may increase in Gujranwala, Narowal, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Bahawalnagar and Sargodha.

**FOOT ROT:** In the current weather conditions, it is forecast that its incidence may increase during the next week in districts of Gujrat, Sheikhupura, Nankana, Chiniot and Sargodha.

**BACTERIAL LEAF BLIGHT (BLB):** In the current weather conditions, it is forecast that its incidence may increase during the next week in districts of Gujrat and Sheikhupura.

**BROWN LEAF SPOT (BLS):** Owing to prevailing weather conditions, it is predicted that its incidence may increase during the coming week in districts of Gujrawala, Hafizabad, Gujrat Narowal, M.B.Din, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana, Kasur, Chiniot, Faisalabad, T.T.Sing, Okara Pakpattan, Sargodha and Bahawalnagar.

**BLAST:** Owing to prevailing weather conditions, it is expected that its incidence may increase/ during the coming week in the areas of district T.T.Singh.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### BORERS MANAGEMENT

- Use balanced fertilizers at recommended rate and time of application.
- Conduct regular Pest Scouting of crop.
- Control the pest without delay, when population reaches ETL i.e., **5.0%** Dead- hearts on rice crop apply suitable pesticides by consulting with the experts of Agri. Department.

### RICE LEAF FOLDER MANAGEMENT

- Apply nitrogen fertilizer in split doses following the recommended rate and time of application.
- Conduct regular pest scouting of rice Leaf Folder.
- The infestation starts from shady places , and do the spot treatment to avoid/check the spreading of this pest.
- Control the pest without delay when it reaches ETL i.e., 2 folded leaves/ plant.

- If invasion reaches ETL, then control the pest suitable by consulting with the experts of Agri. Department.

### **TOKA MANAGEMENT**

- Keep the bunds of fields free from weeds.
- Conduct regular pest scouting of Toka.
- Control the pest without delay when population reaches ETL i.e., 3 per sweep on rice crop.
- If invasion reaches ETL, then control the pest with suitable Pesticides.

### **FOOT ROT MANAGEMENT**

- For management of Foot Rot/ Bakanae, apply urea in split doses. Also make use of Sulphate of Potash fertilizer in Rice Crop as per recommendations.
- Soil amendment with organic matter also helps to control soil-borne infection.

### **BROWN LEAF SPOT MANAGEMENT**

- Control the pest with suitable Pesticides.

### **BACTERIAL LEAF BLIGHT MANAGEMENT**

- Use disease free seeds for next crop.
- Spray copper based fungicides.

### **PADDY BLAST MANAGEMENT**

- For leaf blast, reflood if field has been drained. Maintain water level at 4 -6 inches to ensure that soil is covered.
- Do not over fertilize with nitrogen.
- Control the pest with suitable Pesticides.

### **ECONOMIC THRESHOLD LEVELS OF RICE PESTS**

<b>INSECT PESTS</b>	<b>ECONOMIC THRESHOLD LEVELS</b>
Borers (White, Yellow & Pink)	0.5% attack on rice nursery while 8-10 Moth/Trap/Night & 5% dead heart on rice crop.
Toka	3 per net on rice nursery & 5 on rice crop.
Leaf Folder	2 rolled leaves per plant in July-August & 3 rolled leaves per plant in September-October.
White Backed Plant Hopper	15 Nymphs or Adults per plant in July-August & 20 Nymphs or Adults per plant in September-October. Or 7-10 Nymphs or Adults per net

Hispa	1 per plant
Diseases	On appearance