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## **Pest Alert for 4<sup>th</sup> Week of October 2019**

- In overall cotton zone the cotton crop is in final stages and going to be terminated.
- Among sucking insect pests the hot spots of White fly, Mealy Bug, Jassid and Dusky Cotton Bug have been observed during 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October, 2019. The hot spots of all these insect pests are expected to decrease during next week. Whitefly and mealy bug are still needed to be managed to avoid further crop losses and deterioration of cotton lint quality due to sooty mold.
- In case of bollworms the infestation of Pink bollworm and Armyworm has been observed which will remain a threat during 4<sup>th</sup> week of October as well.

All the field formations, extension workers and stakeholders are informed to keep vigilance on the cotton crop and also guide the farmers for timely management of cotton whitefly and pink bollworm in specific to save the cotton crop from any economic loss and disaster.

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