

Adoption Level of Bio-pesticides by Brinjal Growers in Bulandshahr District of Western Uttar Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation was carried out during the year 2016-17 in Bulandshahr district of Western Uttar Pradesh to assess the adoption level of bio-pesticides by brinjal growers in brinjal production. Bulandshahr district comprise of 16 blocks in which two blocks namely Lakhoti and Jahangirabad were purposively selected. Four villages namely Dhakka, Dhakroli from lakhoti block and Shekhpur, Pasoli selected from Jahangirabad block. From the selected each village's 20 respondents were selected randomly, thus a total of 80 brinjal growers constituted the sample size for the study and data were collected by means of personal interview with the help of pre structured schedule. The study find out that brinjal growers of selected areas were not having proper adoption of bio-pesticides in brinjal production. They were medium level of adoption to summer deep ploughing while they were have low level of adoption of soil treatment, seed treatment, foliage spray in standing crop, light/pheromone traps and bio-agents related practices regarding bio-pesticides. Findings also shows large gap between recommendation and adoption in respect to bio-pesticides. So, it is an argent need of skill oriented training to brinjal growers regarding bio-pesticides for higher and safer brinjal production.

Keywords

Bio-pesticides, Adoption, Brinjal, Brinjal growers.

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Introduction

Brinjal (*Solanum melongena* L.) is one of the important and popular vegetable and plays an important role in balance nutrition. It is amazing to record that eggplant possesses the highest nutritive value, providing energy of 24 Cal. The brinjal fruit contains moisture (96%), protein (1.4 g.), fat (0.3 g.) carbohydrates (4 g.), and fibre (1.3 g.) are found in 100 gm. of fruit. Besides these, various essential minerals and vitamins viz., calcium (18 mg.), phosphorus (47 mg.), iron (0.38 mg.), magnesium (15µg.), sodium (3

mg.), chromium (0.07 mg.), sulphur (44 mg.), Carotene (74 mg.), Riboflavin (0.11 mg.), Thiamin (0.03 mg.), Niacin (0.9 mg.), Folic acid (5 mg.), total folic acid (34 mg.), vitamin C (1.2 mg.) and Chlorine (52 mg.) are found (Anonymous, 2015). From nursery phase to ripening of brinjal fruit it infected by several types of insect pests and diseases, where insect pest also cause great losses of output and quality also. For minimizing losses and to increase the profitability, farmers generally use chemical pesticides, especially by better

endowed farmers in case of commercial crops like brinjal.

India is the largest producer of pesticides in Asia and ranks 12th in world for application of pesticides. Despite their enormous benefits the unregulated and indiscriminate application of chemical pesticides has raised serious concerns about environment and human health, contamination of surface water, reducing beneficial micro-organism and quality of nutritive food materials, harmful effects on birds and other wildlife etc.

So minimize the hazards of chemical pesticides with their regulated and controlled application as well as focuses on the importance and application of bio-pesticides and Integrated Pest Management for sustainable development in Indian Agriculture (Bhardwaj and Sharma, 2013).

Materials and Methods

This study was conducted in Bulandshahr district of Western Uttar Pradesh during the year 2016-17. Bulandshahr district comprise of 16 blocks in which two blocks namely Lakhoti and Jahangirabad were purposively selected.

Two villages selected from each blocks. From the selected each village's 20 respondents were selected randomly, thus a total of 80 brinjal growers constituted the sample size for the study. The data were collected through personal interview with the help of pre structured schedule. The data were analysed and find out the percentage and rank order.

Results and Discussion

The adoption process is the mental process through which an individual passes from first hearing of an innovation to its final adoption, while adoption is a decision to continue the

full use of an innovation. Generally, the farmers do not adopt package of practices fully. There is only a partial adoption by them. As a result, the gap always appears between the recommended production technology and their use at farmer's field. With a view to find out the extent of adoption of recommended practices of bio-pesticides using in brinjal production, the brinjal growers were asked to give information about practices of bio-pesticides adopted by them.

Reddy and Reddy (1998) found that variables such as farm power, farm size, contact with extension agency, pests and disease management, achievement motivation, scientific orientation and risk preference were positively and significantly associated with adoption level of the contact farmers. The data regarding extent of adoption are given in Table.

It is evident from Table 1 that maximum nom. of respondents 91.25%, 93.75%, 83.75%, 81.25 % and 96.25% belonged from low level of adoption category about the soil treatment, seed treatment, foliage spray in standing crop, light trap and pheromone traps, bio-agents, respectively and 46.25% respondents found under the medium level of adoption about summer deep ploughing in measurement of fruit and shoot borer in brinjal production.

The data of the Table 2 shows that most of respondents 83.75%, 81.25% and 100% belonged from low level of adoption category about the foliage spray of botanical bio-pesticides in standing crop, light trap and pheromone traps and bio-agents, respectively.

It was also found that 46.25% respondents found under the medium level of adoption about summer deep ploughing in measurement of jassid and aphids in brinjal production.

Table.1 Distribution of the respondents regarding to adoption level of bio-pesticides for measurements of fruit and shoot borer in brinjal production

N=80

S. No.	Protection measures	Adoption level					
		Low		Medium		High	
		F	P	F	P	F	P
1.	Summer deep ploughing	28	35.00	37	46.25	15	18.75
2.	Soil treatment	73	91.25	07	08.75	00	00.00
3.	Seed treatment	75	93.75	05	06.25	00	00.00
4.	Standing crop						
	Botanical bio-pesticides	67	83.75	13	16.25	00	00.00
	Traps	65	81.25	15	18.75	00	00.00
	Bio-agents	77	96.25	03	03.75	00	00.00

F=Frequency, P=Percentage

Table.2 Distribution of the respondents according to adoption level of bio-pesticides in measurements of jassid and aphids in brinjal production

N=80

S. No.	Protection measures	Adoption level					
		Low		Medium		High	
		F	P	F	P	F	P
1.	Summer deep ploughing	28	35.00	37	46.25	15	18.75
2.	In standing crop						
•	Botanical bio-pesticides (Neem based, Garlic extract, Tobacco extract)	67	83.75	13	16.25	00	00.00
•	Light traps/Pheromone traps	65	81.25	15	18.75	00	00.00
•	Bio-agents	80	100.00	00	00.00	00	00.00

F=Frequency, P=Percentage

Table.3 Distribution of the respondents according to adoption level of bio-pesticides in measurements of whitefly in brinjal production

N=80

S. No.	Protection measures	Adoption level					
		Low		Medium		High	
		F	P	F	P	F	P
1.	Summer deep ploughing	30	37.50	36	45.00	14	17.50
2.	In standing crop						
•	Botanical bio-pesticides (Neem based, Garlic extract, Tobacco extract)	62	77.50	18	22.50	00	00.00
•	Light traps/ Pheromone traps	67	83.75	13	16.25	00	00.00

F=Frequency, P=Percentage

Table.4 Distribution of the respondents according to use of chemical pesticides as substitute of bio-pesticides

S. No	Statements	Yes		No	
		F	P	F	P
1.	Do you use chemical pesticide as substitute of bio-pesticides?	80	100.00	00	00.00

The data of the Table 3 observed that most of respondents 77.50% and 83.75% belonged from low level of adoption category about the foliage spray of botanical bio-pesticides in standing crop and use of light and pheromone traps, respectively in measurement of whitefly.

It was also found that 45.00% respondents found under the medium level of adoption about summer deep ploughing in measurement of whitefly in brinjal production.

It is evident from Table 4 that 100.00 per cent respondents were using the chemical pesticides as the substitute of bio-pesticides for the measurements of fruit and shoot borer, jassid and aphids and white fly in brinjal production.

It is concluded that majority of the respondents belonged to low level category of adoption of different practices related to bio-pesticides and its application by brinjal growers in brinjal production for the measurements of fruit and shoot borer, jassid and aphids and white fly in brinjal production.

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