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Evaluation of Novel Groups of Insecticides against Leaf Folder, *Cnaphalocrocis medinalis* (Guenee) in Rice Crop

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ABSTRACT

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A field experiment was conducted to evaluate the novel insecticides against leaf folder during Kharif, 2013 & Kharif, 2014 at Crop Research Station, Masodha of Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj, Faizabad (U.P.) in Rice crop. The eight treatments including untreated control were taken for experimentation. The experiment was laid out in RBD with three replications comprising Lambda cyhalothrin 5 EC @62.5g a.i/ha, Cartap Hydrochloride 4G @750g a.i/ha, Profenophos 50EC@ 500g a.i/ha, Fipronil 5 SC@ 75g a.i/ha, Imidacloprid 17.8SL @ 25g a.i/ha, Carbofuron 3 G@750g a.i/ha and Monocrotophos 36SL @ 500g a.i /ha for minimizing the incidence of leaf folder, *Cnaphalocrocis medinalis* (Guenee) in Rice crop. The treatment Fipronil 5 SC @75 gm a.i./ha treated plots showed lowest infestation (3.08 and 3.48%) and gave higher grain yield (40.00 and 37.7q/ha) followed by Cartap hydrochloride 4G (37.50 and 36.10 q/ha) and Carbofuron 3G (36.70 and 35.30q/ha) as compared to untreated control (25.80 and 23.30q/ha), but the highest cost-benefit ratio of (1:11.24 and 1:9.78) was obtained from Imidacloprid 17.8 SL followed by Cartap hydrochloride 4 G (1:7.09 and 1:7.75) and Fipronil 5 SC (1:6.04 and 1.62) respectively during 2013 and 2014.

Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.), is one of the most important staple food for nearly half of the world population. India has the world's largest area under rice with 44.1 million ha and is the second largest producer 105.48 million tons in 2014-15, next to China (Anonymous, 2016). Various biotic and abiotic constraints encountered the rice production and productivity major biotic constraint that causes 21-40 per cent yield loss. Insects alone cause about 30% yield loss in rice every year by attacking almost all the aerial parts of the crop plants as well as root system in soil (Prakash and Rao, 2003). Among the various insect-pests damaging the rice crop stem

borer, gall midge, brown plant hopper and leaf folder are major pests in India (Anonymous, 2003).

Insect-pests damage rice crop at different stages of crop growth of which leaf feeding insect *Cnaphalocrocis medinalis* (Guenee) is of major importance because of its ability to defoliate or to remove the chlorophyll content of the leaves resulting in considerable reduction in yield.

The yield loss was recorded from 30-80 per cent due to leaf folder epidemic situation (Rani *et al.*, 2007).

Materials and Methods

The experiments were conducted at Crop Research Station (CRS), Masodha of Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj, Faizabad-224 229 (U.P.) as well as farmers' fields of surrounding villages of Research Centre under irrigated condition. The experiments were executed under Randomized Block Design (RBD) with three replication in plot size measuring 5 x 3.9 sq.m during Kharif, 2013 and 2014. The 25 days old seedling of variety Pusa Basmati-1 was taken for experimentation. The spacing between plant to plant 15 cm and row to row 20 cm were maintained. All recommended agronomical practices were adopted to raise a good crop. Eight treatments comprising Lambda cyhalothrin 5 EC @62.5g a.i/ha, Cartap Hydrochloride 4G @750g a.i/ha, Profenophos 50EC@500g a.i/ha, Fipronil 5 SC@75g a.i/ha, Imida cloprid 17.8SL @25g a.i/ha, Carbofuron 3 G@750g a.i/ha, Monocrotophos 36SL @ 500g /ha including untreated control were taken for comparison.

The insecticides were applied as and when the pest population reached at their ETL (Economic threshold level) with their respective doses with the help of Knapsack sprayer. The observations on damage caused by leaf folder were recorded at one day before and 3, 10 and 15 days after treatment. The total number of tillers, number of leaves and total damaged leaves (1/3 part folded) were counted on 10 randomly selected hills in each plot for calculating the damaged leaves percent with following formula.

$$\text{Leaf folder damage (\%)} = \frac{\text{Total number of damaged leaves/5 hills}}{\text{Total number of leaves/5 hills}} \times 100$$

The rice crop was harvested plot wise at maturity by excluding two border rows around each plot. The grain weighted as kg/plot with the help of balance and converted

into q/ha for calculating economics of the treatments. The economics of treatment was calculated in terms of cost: benefit ratio on the basis of pooled data of grain yield. The net income of each treatment over the untreated control was calculated based on market price of grain. The cost benefit ratio was computed by using the following formula:

$$\text{Cost : benefit ratio} = \frac{\text{Monetary gain over control (Rs/ha)}}{\text{Cost of plant protection (Rs/ha)}}$$

Results and Discussion

The experimental findings obtained on during the Kharif, 2013 and Kharif, 2014 revealed that all the treatments were significantly effective in reducing the leaf infestation in rice as compare to the control have been discussed.

Leaf damage

During *Kharif*, 2013 the leaf damage at three days after I spraying of insecticide, the damage per cent varied from 9.16 to 11.85 per cent, all the treatments were found effective and significantly superior over the control. The minimum per cent leaf damage (9.16 per cent) was recorded in Lamda cyhallothrin 5EC treated plot which was significantly superior over Profenophos 50EC (9.57) followed by Imidacloprid 17.8SL (10.10), Corbofuron 3G (10.13), Monocrotophos 36SC (10.28), Fipronil 5SC (10.35), Cartap hydrochloride 4G (10.83) treated plot as compared with untreated (11.85) control (Table 1).

After 15 DAS the damage per cent ranged from 5.35 to 15.26 per cent. The minimum incidence of per cent leaf damage by leaf folder (5.35) was observed in Fipronil 5SC treated plot followed by Imidacloprid 17.8SL (5.87), Cartap hydrochloride 4G (6.26), Carbofuron 3G (6.74), Monocrotophos 36SC

(7.13), Profenophos 50EC (7.22) and Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC (7.50) which showed significantly superior over control. The Fipronil 5SC and Imidacloprid 17.8SL treated plot were found at par with each other.

leaf damage at three days after IInd application of the insecticides, The Cartap hydrochloride 4 G treated plots registered the minimum per cent leaf damage (5.13) at three days after second application, which was found significantly superior over rest of the treatments.

The Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC (5.13) and Fipronil 5SC (5.35) treated plot were at par and the Fipronil 5SC and Imidacloprid 17.8 SL treated plot were found at par with each other, but differed significantly from rest of the treatments. All the treatments at 3 DAS were found significantly superior over the control (18.07).

The per cent leaf damage at 15 DAS of the treatments ranged from 2.85 to 25.68 per cent. All treatments showed significantly superior over control. The minimum was also observed in Imidacloprid 17.8 SL (2.85) treated plots.

The Fipronil 5 SC (3.08) and Cartap hydrochloride 4 G (3.39) treated plots were at par, but differed significantly with Corbofuron 3G (3.83), Monocrotophos 36 EC (4.26), Profenophos 50EC (4.72) Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC (4.92). All treatments were found significantly superior over control.

During *Kharif*, 2014, the Ist application of insecticides, The per cent leaf damage recorded at 3 DAS varied from 13.71 to 17.80 per cent. The minimum per cent leaf damage (13.71) was observed in Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC treated plots, which differed significantly from Profenophos 50EC (14.40), Carbofuron 3G (15.39), Monocrotophos 36 EC (15.50), Fipronil 5 SC (15.81), Imidacloprid 17.8 SL

(15.97) and Cartap hydrochloride 4 G (16.45) treated plots as compared with untreated control (17.80). The Fipronil 5 SC was at par with Imidacloprid 17.8 SL and Carbofuron 3G (15.39), Monocrotophos 36 EC (15.50) was also found at par (Table 2).

The per cent leaf damage recorded at 15 DAS of insecticide ranged from 7.51 to 20.16 per cent. The Fipronil 5 SC treated plots recorded the minimum leaf damage followed by Imidacloprid 17.8 SL (8.21), Cartap hydrochloride 4 G (8.82), Carbofuron 3G (9.65), Monocrotophos 36 EC (9.78), Profenophos 50EC (9.95) and Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC (10.12) The findings of the present studies are in conformity of the result of Aulakh, (2016).

The per cent damage ranged from 5.59 to 23.20 per cent after 3 DAS after IInd application of insecticides. The plots treated with Carbofuron 3G registered minimum leaf damage percentage at 3 DAT after the second spray of insecticide followed by Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC (8.15), Profenophos 50EC (8.50), Imidacloprid 17.8 SL (8.80), Fipronil 5 SC (9.00), Monocrotophos 30 EC (9.42) and Cartap hydrochloride 4G (9.54). Monocrotophos 30 EC and Cartap hydrochloride 4G were found at par. All treatments were found significantly superior over the control in which (23.20) per cent leaf damage observed (Table 2).

The damage per cent was recorded at 15 DAT of the treatment ranged from 3.36 to 27.70 per cent. The minimum per cent leaf damage was observed in Imidacloprid 17.8 SL treated plot and was at par with Fipronil 5 SC (3.48), but differed significantly from rest of the treatments. Cartap hydrochloride 4G (3.86), Carbofuron 3G (4.39), Monocrotophos 30 EC (4.72), Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC (5.36) and Profenophos 50EC (5.38) was found superior over control (27.60).

Table.1 Evaluation of different insecticides against rice leaf folder of rice cv. Pusa basmati-1 during *Kharif*, 2013

S. No.	Treatments	Dose a.i./ha	Leaf damage (%)						
			Pre Treatment	1 st Spraying			2 nd Spraying		
				3 DAS*	10 DAS*	15 DAS*	3 DAS*	10 DAS*	15 DAS*
T ₁	Lambda cyhalothrin 5EC	62.5	11.60	9.16	7.13	7.50	5.13	5.05	4.92
T ₂	Cartap hydrochloride 4G	750	11.50	10.83	8.42	6.26	6.24	4.19	3.39
T ₃	Profenophos 50EC	500	11.61	9.57	8.36	7.22	5.35	5.07	4.72
T ₄	Fipronil 5SC	75	11.51	10.35	7.03	5.35	5.75	4.10	3.08
T ₅	Imidachloprid 17.8SL	25	11.53	10.1	7.85	5.87	5.49	3.92	2.85
T ₆	Carbofuron 3G	25	11.16	10.13	7.35	6.74	6.30	4.34	3.83
T ₇	Monocrotophos 36SC	750	10.87	10.28	8.62	7.13	6.11	5.03	4.26
T ₈	Control	-	11.03	11.85	13.26	15.26	18.07	20.62	25.68
SEm±		-	0.31	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.21
CD at 5 %		-	0.93	0.90	0.62	0.61	0.64	0.61	0.63

DAS*- Days After Spraying.

Table.2 Evaluation of different insecticides against rice leaf folder of rice cv. Pusa basmati-1 during *Kharif*, 2014

S. No.	Treatments	Dose a.i./ha	Leaf damage (%)						
			Pre Treatment	1 st Spraying			2 nd Spraying		
				3 DAS*	10 DAS*	15 DAS*	3 DAS*	10 DAS*	15 DAS*
T ₁	Lambdacyhellathrin 5EC	62.5	15.17	13.71	11.06	10.12	8.15	6.50	5.36
T ₂	Cartap hydrochloride 4G	750	17.13	16.45	12.91	8.82	9.54	5.42	3.86
T ₃	Profenophos 50EC	500	16.44	14.40	12.37	9.95	8.5	6.36	5.38
T ₄	Fipronil 5SC	75	16.97	15.81	11.38	7.51	9.00	5.21	3.48
T ₅	Imidachloprid 17.8SL	25	16.44	15.97	12.15	8.21	8.8	4.95	3.36
T ₆	Carbofuron 3G	25	16.42	15.39	11.51	9.65	5.59	5.62	4.39
T ₇	Monocrotophos 36SC	750	16.08	15.50	10.40	9.78	9.42	6.45	4.72
T ₈	Control	-	16.85	17.80	18.98	20.16	23.20	25.35	27.60
SEm±		-	0.71	0.29	0.29	0.21	0.31	0.41	0.41
CD at 5 %		-	2.14	0.88	0.87	0.64	0.95	1.24	1.25

DAS*- Days After Spraying

Table.3 Cost: benefit ratio of the treatments against leaf folder during 2013

S. No.	Treatments	Dose a.i./ha	Yield q/ha	Dose/ ha	Cost of insecticides Rs./L/Kg	Cost of treatments Rs./ha	Additional yield (q/ha)	Value of Additional yield Rs./ha	Gross Income Rs./ha	Net Income Rs./ha	C:B Ratio
T ₁	Lambdacyhellathrin 5EC	62.5	30.4	1.25 L	600/-	2300	4.6	9200	60800	6900	1:4.0
T ₂	Cartap hydrochloride 4G	7.50	37.5	18.75 Kg	80/-	3300	11.7	23400	75000	20100	1:7.09
T ₃	Profenophos 50EC	500	30.8	1.0 L	700/-	2200	5.0	1000	61600	7800	1:4.54
T ₄	Fipronil 5SC	75	40.0	1.5 L	1300/-	4700	14.2	28400	80000	23700	1:6.04
T ₅	Imidachloprid 17.8SL	25	32.50	0.14 L	1400/-	1192	6.7	13400	65000	12208	1:11.24
T ₆	Carbofuron 3G	25	36.7	25 kg	80/-	4300	10.9	21800	73400	17500	1:5.06
T ₇	Monocrotophos 36SC	750	31.7	1.5 L	600/-	2600	5.9	11800	63400	9200	1:4.53
T ₈	Control	-	25.8	-	3.100	-	-	-	51600	-	-

Labour charge for spray= Rs 150x2=300

Labour charge for broadcasting = Rs 150x1=150

Sprayer charge= Rs 50x2=100

Product price= Rs 2000/ Quintal

Table.4 Cost: benefit ratio of the treatments against leaf folder during 2014

S. No.	Treatment	Dose (a.i./ha)	Quantity required/ha	Cost of insecticides (Rs.)	Cost of Treatments (Rs.)	Yield (q/ha)	Additional yield (q/ha)	Value Additional yield (Rs.)	Gross Income (Rs.)	Net Income (Rs.)	C:B Ratio
T ₁	Lambdacyhellathrin 5EC	62.5	1.25 L	600/-	2300	29.6	6.3	12600	59200	10300	1: 5.47
T ₂	Cartap hydrochloride 4G	7.50	18.75 Kg	80/-	3300	36.1	12.8	25600	72200	22300	1:7.75
T ₃	Profenophos 50EC	500	1.0 L	700/-	2200	28.2	4.9	9800	56400	7600	1:4.45
T ₄	Fipronil 5SC	75	1.5 L	1300/-	4700	37.7	14.4	28800	75400	24100	1:6.12
T ₅	Imidachloprid 17.8SL	25	0.14 L	1400/-	1192	29.16	5.83	11660	58320	10468	1:9.78
T ₆	Carbofuron 3G	25	25 kg	80/-	4300	35.3	12.0	24000	70600	17900	1:5.58
T ₇	Monocrotophos 36SC	750	1.5 L	600/-	2600	31.3	8.0	16000	62600	13400	1:6.15
T ₈	Control	-	-	-	-	23.3	-	-	46600	-	-

Labour charge for spray= Rs 150x2=300

Labour charge for broadcasting = Rs 150x1=150

Sprayer charge= Rs 50x2=100

Product price= Rs 2000/ Quintal

Grain yield

The grain yield obtained in different treatments during both the *Kharif*, 2013 and 2014 have been presented in (Tables 3 and 4). During *Kharif* 2013, the data on grain yield in all treatments were found significantly superior over check (untreated control). Fipronil 5 SC treated plots gave maximum grain yield (40.00 q ha⁻¹), followed by Cartap hydrochloride 4G (37.50 q ha⁻¹) > Carbofuron 3G (36.70 q ha⁻¹) > Imidacloprid 17.8 SL (32.50 q ha⁻¹) > Monocrotophos 36 EC (31.70 q ha⁻¹) > Profenophos 50EC (30.80 q ha⁻¹) > Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC (30.40 q ha⁻¹) > and untreated control (25.80 q ha⁻¹). Similar trend was noted during *Kharif*, 2014 also. The maximum yield (37.70 q ha⁻¹) was recorded in Fipronil 5 SC treated plots, which differed significantly from Cartap hydrochloride 4G, Carbofuron 3G, Monocrotophos 36 EC, Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC, Imidacloprid 17.8 SL and Profenophos 50EC, while the grain yield was found 36.10, 35.30, 31.60, 29.60, 29.16 and 28.20 q ha⁻¹ respectively. The minimum grain yield was recorded in untreated control (23.30 q ha⁻¹). The findings of the present studies are in conformity of the result of Panda *et al.*, (2004) and Singh *et al.*, (2005). The maximum benefit-cost ratio was obtained in plots treated with Imidacloprid 17.8 SL (1:11.24) followed by Cartap hydrochloride 4 G with (1:7.09). The benefit-cost ratios of other treatments observed in descending order were as follows: Fipronil 5 SC (1:6.04), Carbofuron 3G (1:5.06), Profenophos 50EC (1:4.54), Monocrotophos (1:4.53) and Lamda cyhalothrin 5EC (1:4.00) during *Kharif*, 2013. However, during *Kharif*, 2014 the maximum benefit: cost ratio was obtained in plots treated with Imidacloprid 17.8 SL (1:9.78) followed by Cartap hydrochloride 4 G with (1:7.75). Panda *et al.*, (2004), Singh *et al.*, (2005), Singh *et al.*, (2010), Dhaka *et al.*, (2011) and Dhaka *et al.*, (2012) have also reported Fipronil 5SC as

most effective insecticide to check the leaf folder incidence.

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