# ANNUAL REPORT (2011-12) AICRP ON SUGARCANE (ENTOMOLOGY), Zonal Agricultural Research Station, Powarkheda (M.P.)

**Technical Programme 2011-12:** 

S. No.	Experiments Allotted	C/NC*
1.	E. 4.1: Evaluation of zonal varieties/genotypes for their reaction against major insect pests.	С
2.	E. 28: Survey and surveillance of sugarcane insect pests.	C
3.	E. 30: Monitoring of Insect Pests and their Bio-agents in Sugarcane Agro-ecosystem.	С
4.	E.32: Population dynamics of sugarcane borers (early shoot borer, top borer, internode borer and stalk borer) through pheromone traps.	С

<sup>\*</sup>C/NC - Conducted/ Not Conducted

# E. 4.1: Evaluation of zonal varieties/genotypes for their reaction against major insect pests.

**Objective...:** To screen the entries of the zonal varietal trails for their behaviour towards damage caused by key pests in the area

Year of Start: 1985-86 (Continuing)

**Experimental details**: Seventeen entries with three checks of early, and thirty five entries with two checks of mid-late group were screened for their reaction against infestation of key pests of the area. The infestation of insect pests recorded and the reactions are given in Table -1 & 2.

### **Results:**

# A. Early group:

## **Early Shoot Borer (ESB %):**

The ESB infestation ranged between 2.84 to 16.77 per cent among various entries screened. Check varieties i.e., Co JN 86-141, Co 94008 and Co C 671 received 7.57, 11.42 and 17.90 per cent ESB infestation, respectively. Co 06022, Co 07012, PI 06132 and Co M 06082 received minimum ESB (less than 5%). The Co 08131 and Co 08131 registered highest ESB infestation (16.77 and 14.00%, respectively)

Table-1: Reaction of different entries (Early group) against early shoot borer, white fly, mealy bug and scale insect, Powarkheda, Madhya Pradesh (2011-12)

S.No.	Trial	Genotype/ Variety	ESB (%)	White Fly (/sq cm)	Mealy bug (% infested cane)	Scale (% infested cane)
1.	<b>AVT II (E) 11-12</b>	Co 06001	12.15	3.12	26.67	17.78
2.	<b>AVT II (E) 11-12</b>	Co 06002	7.37	3.05	42.22	22.22
3.	<b>AVT II</b> (E) 11-12	Co 06022	2.84	1.20	46.67	31.11
4.	<b>AVT II</b> (E) 11-12	Co M 06082	4.96	1.98	28.89	17.78
5.	<b>AVT II</b> (E) 11-12	PI 06132	4.18	5.52	24.45	15.55
6.	<b>AVT I (E) 11-12</b>	Co 07012	3.58	2.50	24.45	13.33
7.	<b>AVT I (E) 11-12</b>	Co 07015	8.31	2.32	11.11	13.33
8.	AVT I (E) 11-12	Co N 07071	5.48	5.28	35.56	20.00
9.	<b>AVT I (E) 11-12</b>	PI 07131	5.32	2.55	4.45	6.67
10.	IVT (E) 11-12	Co 08001	14.00	3.40	37.78	28.89
11.	IVT (E) 11-12	Co 08006	6.81	3.07	28.89	13.33
12.	IVT (E) 11-12	Co 08071	5.76	1.27	51.11	24.44
13.	IVT (E) 11-12	Co 08131	16.77	4.97	28.89	4.44
14.	IVT (E) 11-12	VSI 08121	5.59	1.98	24.45	11.11
15.	Check	Co 94008	11.42	1.60	33.33	14.82
16.	Check	Co C 671	17.90	2.51	23.89	8.34
17.	Check	Co JN 86-141	7.57	1.30	20.00	4.44

#### Whitefly (per square cm leaf area):

Whitefly population ranged from 1.20 to 5.52 per square cm leaf area in various early genotypes/ varieties screened. The checks i.e., Co JN 86-141, Co 94008 and Co C 671 received 1.30, 1.60 and 2.51 white fly per square cm leaf area, respectively. Among the various genotypes screened, Co 06022 exhibited the least whitefly infestation, followed by Co 08071 (1.27/sq cm leaf area). The PI 06132 and Co N 07071 recorded maximum white fly (more than 5/sq cm leaf area).

#### Mealy Bug (per cent infested canes):

Mealy bug ranged from 4.45 to 51.11 per cent infested canes in genotypes/varieties evaluated. Check varieties, i.e, Co JN 86-141, Co C 671 and Co 94008 received 20.00, 23.89 and 33.33 per cent mealy bug infested canes. Among genotypes lowest infestation was registered in PI 07131 (4.45 % canes infested), followed by Co 07015 (11.11 % canes infested). Co 08071 (51.11 % canes infested) received the maximum mealy bug infestation.

#### **Scale (per cent infested canes):**

Scale infested canes (%) varied from 4.44 to 31.11 per cent in different genotypes/ varieties screened. Least infestation was observed in Co JN 86-141 (check) and Co 08131 (Both, 4.44 % infested canes). Maximum scale infested cane observed in Co 06022 (31.11%), followed by Co 08001 (28.89%) and Co 08071 (24.44%).

### **B.** Mid late group:

#### **Early Shoot Borer (ESB %):**

Early shoot borer infestation (% dead heart) ranged from 3.01 to 16.15 per cent in various entries screened. The check varieties i.e., Co 99004 and Co 86032 received 9.90 and 13.78 per cent ESB infestation. The Co Vc 08063, Co 07006 and Co 06082 registered lowest less than 5 per cent ESB infestation. Among the entries, maximum ESB infestation recorded in Co Snk 07103, Co 06014 and Co 07008 (16.15, 12.99 and 12.91 %, respectively).

Table-2: Reaction of different entries (Midlate group) against early shoot borer, white fly, mealy bug and scale insect, Powarkheda, Madhya Pradesh (2011-12)

S. No.	Trial	Genotype/ Variety	ESB (%)	White Fly (/sq cm)	Mealy bug (% infested cane)	Scale (% infested cane)
1.	AVT II (ML) 11-12	Co 06007	6.56	1.42	44.45	2.22
2.	AVT II (ML) 11-12	Co 06010	9.41	3.87	13.33	4.44
3.	<b>AVT II (ML) 11-12</b>	Co 06012	5.33	3.32	31.11	11.11
4.	<b>AVT II (ML) 11-12</b>	Co 06013	8.43	2.50	24.45	4.44
5.	<b>AVT II (ML) 11-12</b>	Co 06014	12.99	5.87	37.78	11.11
6.	AVT II (ML) 11-12	Co 06015	12.14	4.02	26.67	2.22
7.	<b>AVT II (ML) 11-12</b>	Co 06020	9.91	5.60	37.78	22.22
8.	<b>AVT II (ML) 11-12</b>	Co 06027	10.48	5.77	26.67	11.11
9.	<b>AVT II (ML) 11-12</b>	Co M 06082	4.61	4.87	35.56	17.78
10.	<b>AVT II (ML) 11-12</b>	Co M 06084	6.58	2.52	22.22	2.22
11.	<b>AVT II (ML) 11-12</b>	Co Snk 03632	8.37	2.37	24.45	11.11
12.	AVT I (ML) 11-12	Co 07006	4.46	1.32	11.11	2.22
13.	AVT I (ML) 11-12	Co 07007	5.00	1.37	15.55	26.66
14.	<b>AVT I (ML) 11-12</b>	Co 07008	12.91	3.67	20.00	6.67
15.	AVT I (ML) 11-12	Co 07009	6.23	2.32	11.11	17.78
16.	AVT I (ML) 11-12	Co 07010	10.00	5.20	6.67	6.67
17.	AVT I (ML) 11-12	Co Snk 07103	16.15	3.55	15.56	24.44
18.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co 08007	5.50	0.87	17.78	8.89
						Continue

S. No.	Trial	Genotype/ Variety	ESB (%)	White Fly (/sq cm)	Mealy bug (% infested cane)	Scale (% infested cane)
19.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co 08008	5.77	5.18	24.45	22.22
20.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co 08009	7.46	1.32	15.56	11.11
21.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co 08016	5.82	3.10	24.45	17.78
22.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co 08018	6.92	3.77	17.78	20.00
23.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co 08019	7.43	1.32	15.56	20.00
24.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co 08020	5.84	3.37	31.11	11.11
25.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co JN 08091	6.80	2.95	17.78	4.44
26.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co M 08081	6.06	3.97	8.89	20.00
27.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co N 08072	8.23	1.93	22.22	4.45
28.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co R 08141	9.13	5.10	24.45	4.44
29.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co Snk 08101	11.79	4.45	24.45	22.22
30.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co Vc 08061	5.12	1.55	11.11	22.22
31.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co Vc 08062	5.84	1.83	35.56	6.67
32.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co Vc 08063	3.01	2.00	24.45	15.56
33.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co Vc 08064	7.94	1.52	28.89	22.22
34.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co VSI 08122	7.59	2.88	26.67	22.22
35.	IVT (ML) 11-12	Co VSI 08123	8.45	3.98	24.45	13.33
36.	Check	Co 86032	13.78	2.64	16.11	8.89
37.	Check	Co 99004	9.90	1.88	5.18	5.93

#### Whitefly (per square cm leaf area):

Screened midlate genotypes received whitefly population from 0.87 to 5.87 per square cm leaf area. The checks i.e., Co 99004 and Co 86032 registered 1.88 and 2.64 individuals per square cm leaf area. Among the genotypes, the Co 08007 (0.87 individuals per square cm leaf area) received the lowest whitefly population, followed by Co 07006, Co 08019 and Co 08009 (all 1.32 individuals per square cm leaf area). The Co 06014 received maximum whitefly population, followed by Co 06027 and Co 06020 (5.87, 5.77 and 5.60 individuals/sq cm leaf area, respectively).

#### Mealy Bug (per cent canes infested):

In midlate genotypes/ varieties screened, the mealy bug infested canes ranged between 6.67 to 44.45 per cent. The check, Co 99004 (5.18 % canes infested) received the minimum mealy bug infestation, followed by Co 07010, Co M 08081 and Co 07006 (6.67, 8.89 and 11.11 % canes infested, respectively). The Co 06007 (44.45 % canes infested) received the maximum infestation, followed by the Co 06014 and Co 06020 (both 37.78 % canes infested)

#### **Scale (per cent infested canes):**

Scale infestation ranged from 2.22 to 26.66 per cent cane infested in different entries screened. The Co 07006, Co 06015 and Co 06007 exhibited least scale infestation (all exhibited 2.22% scale infested canes). The check varieties i.e., Co 99004 and Co 86032 had 5.93 and 8.89 per cent scale infested canes. Maximum scale infestation observed in Co 07007 (26.66 %) and Co Snk 07103 (24.44%).

#### E. 28: Survey and surveillance of sugarcane insect pests.

Objectives: To identify key insect pests of sugarcane in the area.

Duration: Long term. Year of Start: 2003-04

#### **Experimental Details:**

The Hoshangabad, Bhaktara. Bankhedi, Narsinghpur and Betul sugarcane growing area was surveyed for the purpose of recording the sugarcane insect pests and their natural enemies

#### **Results:**

Different area surveyed along with insect pests observed with variety, infestation level recorded and any other important information (remark) are given in Table no. 3. From the survey made, the following important observations emerged –

1. The Co J 64 is the ruling variety, except Betul where Co 62175 is the ruling one. Other varieties contributed 20-30% area.

- 2. In area, early shoot borer and pyrilla is major while scale, whitefly and mealy bug are the minor insect pests infesting sugarcane.
- 3. At Baktara, early shoot borer infestation is more (17-29%). The late sowing at spring may be the major reason for more ESB.
- 4. No bio agent activity observed against early shoot borer, except Narsinghpur, where Sturmiopsis recorded.
- 5. Nymphal cum adult parasitoid, Epiricania melanoleuca and egg parasite, Tetrastichus pyrillae effectively working against pyrilla in all areas.
- 6. The sugarcane wooly aphid at Betul, while root borer at Bunkhedi are at alarming position.
- 7. At Betul, wooly aphid caused up to 30%, reduction in yield, while 15 to 35 % in Gur.
- 8. At Bankhedi, up to 70 per cent wilt is observed in some of the field. Although the seed source and variety is unknown, but presence of root borer in this area and continuance of its infestation in initial rainy season seems to be main reason for wilt severity.

Table: 3. Occurrence of naturally occurring insect pests on sugarcane

S. No.	Area	Insect pest	Variety	Infestation level	Remark
1.		ESB	Co 86032	12	No
			Co JN 86-600	9	activity of
			Co 99004	10	any bio
			Co JN 86 141	8	agent
	þ		Co C 671	15	observed
	ğ		Co J 64	18	
	Hoshangabad	Range		8-18%	
	<b>1</b> 8	Pyrilla	Co 86032	Remained less than 5	Tetrastich
	ai		Co JN 86-600	individuals per leaf	us &
	Sh		Co 99004	probably because of	Epiricania
	į		Co JN 86 141	scattered fields and	working
	王		Co C 671	very hot and dry	effectively
			Co J 64	summer this year	
		Whitefly		Traces	
		Scale	Remaine	ed less than 10%	
		Root Borer		Traces	

Continue.....

S. No.	Area	Insect	Variety	Infestation	Remark
_		pest		level	
2.	_	ESB	Co J 64	20	No activity of any bio
	Bakhtara	(%)	Co S 88230	29	agent observed
	Ŗ		Co 94012	18	
	Ę		Co C 671	18	
	ak	Range		17-29	
	$\tilde{\mathbf{B}}$	Pyrilla	5 to 12	2 /leaf	Tetrastichus &
		&	Tra	ces	Epiricania working
		Scale			effectively
3.		ESB	Co J 64	5-7	No activity of any bio
			Co 94008	12	agent observed
			Co S 88230	11	
			Co 86032	15	
			Co 92005	17	
	<b>:</b> =	Range		5 to 17	
	Bankhedi	Pyrilla	Co J 64	15	Tetrastichus &
	Ţ		Co 94008	12	Epiricania working
	¥		Co S 88230	18	effectively
	a		Co 86032	17	,
	$\mathbf{m}$		Co 92005	12	
		Range		12 to 18	
		Root	Co J 64	Borer	In some fields of Co
		borer	Co 94008	infestation	92005 (nearby Bankhedi
			Co 88230	varies from	Sugar factory) about 70
			Co 86032	5 to 19 %	% wilt observed
			Co 92005		
3.		Pyrilla	Co J 64	17	
		•	Co S 88230	21	
	Ĭ		Co J 68	19	
	2		Co 7219	9	
	r (Kareli)	Range		9 to 21	
	_	ESB	Co J 64	9	Only at one Sturmiopsis
	d	(%)	Co 88230	6	pupa found
	$\mathbf{q}$	,	Co J 68	12	
	<u> </u>		Co 7219	11	
	rsi	Range		9 to 12	
	Narsinghpu	Scale	Traces to severe (in a few fields)	In some of the source unkn	he fields variety and seed own

Continue.....

S. No.	Area	Insect	Variety	Infestation	Remark
		pest		level	
1.		ESB (%)	Co 86032	11	No activity of any bid
			Co 62175	12	agent observed
			Co 7318	17	
			Co 678	15	
			Co C 671	5	
			Belapuri (Local)	4	
		Over all		4-17	
		Pyrilla	Co 86032	15	Tetrastichus &
		(per leaf)	Co 62175	12	Epiricania working
			Co 7318	8	effectively
			Co 678	18	
			Co C 671	8	
			Belapuri (Local)	3	
		Range		3-18	
	Betul	Scale insect		8	Observed in some
	et	(% cane	Co 62175	4	fields especially in
	$\check{\mathbf{a}}$	infested)	Co 7318	6	ratoon crop
			Co 619	12	
			Co C 671	3	
			Belapuri (Local)	4	
		Range		3-12	
		Wooly	Co 86032	11	
		aphid	Co 62175	16	
		(% leaf	Co 7318	35	
		area	Co 678	46	
		Covered)	Co C 671	18	
			Belapuri (Local)	25	
		Range		11-46%	
		Whitefly	In traces; compar	atively more in	
		& Top	area of rain wat		
		shoot			
		borer			

# E. 30: Monitoring of Insect Pests and their Bio-agents in Sugarcane Agroecosystem.

**Objectives:** To monitor the key insect pests and their natural enemies of sugarcane in the area.

Year of start: 2006-07 Variety: Co 86032 Area: 0.2 ha

# **Experimental Details:**

Sugarcane variety, Co 86032 was planted in 0.2 ha area for the study and all recommended package of practices were followed except application of insecticides.

#### **RESULT:**

At each Standard meteorological week (SMW) the observations on infestation of both key pests i.e., early shoot borer and pyrilla and their natural enemies were recorded. Data regarding meteorological parameters were obtained from Agro-Meteorological Project, ZARS, Powarkheda (Table-4, 5 & 6).

Early shoot borer infestation started in 10<sup>th</sup> SMW (1<sup>st</sup> week of March), reached to peak (2.4 %/week) in 20<sup>th</sup> SMW (3<sup>rd</sup> week of May) and continued up to 28<sup>th</sup> SMW (3<sup>rd</sup> week of July). In season, the cumulative infestation was observed to be 20.40 per cent. No bio agent activity was observed against ESB in the season, except negligible activity of *Sturmiopsis inferens* i.e., only a few puparia recovered from the ESB larvae in lab in the season.

Table 4: Activity of Early Shoot Borer and meteorological data, 2011, ZARS, Powarkheda (M.P.)

SMW	Date	Max.	Min.	RH%	Rainfall	ESB info	estation (%)
	(2011)	<b>Temp.</b> ( <sup>0</sup> C)	Temp ( <sup>O</sup> C)		(mm)	Weekly	Cumulative
9	26/2 to 4/3	32	12	93	0.00	0.00	0.0
10	5 to 11/3	33	12	100	0.00	0.20	0.2
11	12 to 18/3	34	11	93	0.00	0.20	0.4
12	19 to 25/3	37	15	79	0.00	0.40	0.8
13	26/3 to 1/4	38	11	100	0.00	0.60	1.4
14	2 to 8/4	36	18	85	3.40	1.00	2.4
15	9 to 15/4	39	18	88	0.00	1.60	4.0
16	16 to 22/4	42	20	64	0.00	1.80	5.8
17	23 to 29/4	42	22	68	0.00	2.20	8.0
18	30/4 to 6/5	44	25	62	0.00	2.00	10.0
19	7 to 13/5	42	25	60	0.00	2.00	12.0
20	14 to 20/5	45	26	48	0.00	2.40	14.4
21	21 to 27/5	41	25	44	0.00	1.80	16.2
22	28/5 to 3/6	42	27	55	2.60	1.40	17.6
23	4 to 10/6	42	26	77	0.00	1.00	18.6
24	11 to 17/6	44	24	88	30.40	0.60	19.2
25	18 to 24/6	38	24	100	95.90	0.40	19.6
26	25/6 to 1/7	31	24	96	42.00	0.40	20.0
27	2 to 8/7	34	24	92	71.00	0.20	20.2
28	9 to 15/7	33	24	95	32.60	0.20	20.4
29	16 to 22/7	32	24	100	149.50	0.00	20.4

It is observed that maximum temperature above  $32^{\circ}$ C, minimum temperature above  $12^{\circ}$ C and relative humidity of about 93 per cent is suitable for initiation of early shoot borer activity. Whereas, maximum temperature from 41 to  $45^{\circ}$ C, minimum temperature from 20 to  $25^{\circ}$ C and relative humidity 44 to 68 per cent is favorable for peak activity of pyrilla.

#### Pyrilla:

The pyrilla infestation observed in two distinct phases, first at initial growth phase (or in 1<sup>st</sup> half of summer) and second in rainy season (July to October-November). In 1<sup>st</sup> phase normally pyrilla population naturally remains low because of adverse climatic conditions (dry and high temperature). But, in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase the pyrilla population normally crosses 15 individuals per leaf. This year, even in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, the pyrilla population remained less than 2 individuals per leaf. This may be because of very hot and dry summer with only one rainy day (3.4 mm rain) in 14 SMW.

First phase (summer) of pyrilla activity begins from 11<sup>th</sup> SMW week (2<sup>nd</sup> week of March) and continues up to 19<sup>th</sup> SMW week (2<sup>st</sup> week of May). The peak population of 0.80 to 1.07 individual per leaf was observed in 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> SMW week (1<sup>st</sup> fortnight of April). However, the activity of pyrilla and its natural enemies remains at low level.

Table 5: Seasonal incidence of pyrilla and its bio-agents and meteorological data (Summer-2011), ZARS, Powarkheda (M.P.).

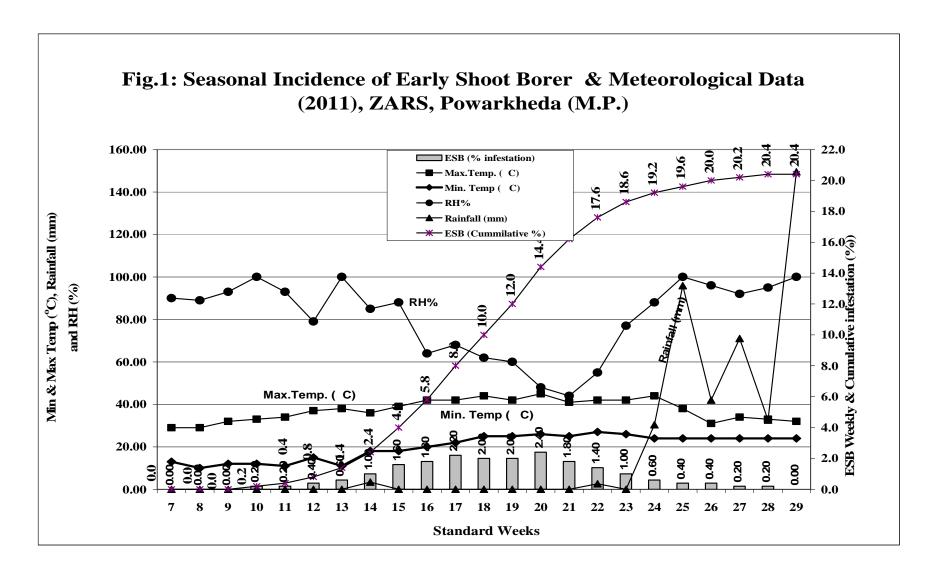
Standard WEEK	Date (2011)	Max. Temp . (°C)	Min. Temp (°C)	RH%	Rainfall (mm)	Pyrilla/leaf	Tetrastichu s (%)	Epiricania /leaf
10	5 to 11/3	33	12	100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	12 to 18/3	34	11	93	0.00	0.33	2.64	0.00
12	19 to 25/3	37	15	79	0.00	0.40	5.64	0.00
13	26/3 to 1/4	38	11	100	0.00	1.40	7.24	0.13
14	2 to 8/4	36	18	85	3.40	0.80	7.12	0.27
15	9 to 15/4	39	18	88	0.00	1.07	8.68	0.40
16	16 to 22/4	42	20	64	0.00	0.60	2.52	0.27
17	23 to 29/4	42	22	68	0.00	0.40	1.40	0.07
18	30/4 to 6/5	44	25	62	0.00	0.13	0.32	0.00
19	7 to 13/5	42	25	60	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00

Second phase of pyrilla and egg parasite, *Tetrastichus pyrillae* observed from 30<sup>th</sup> SMW week (last week of July), while after one week (31<sup>st</sup> SMW) the nymphal cum adult parasitoid, *Epiricania malanoleuca* appeared. Peak activity of Pyrilla (2.13 individuals/ leaf) and *Tetrastichus* (13.92 %) recorded at 33<sup>rd</sup> SMW. while after a week *E. malanoleuca* also observed peak activity (0.87 live cocoons/ leaf). There after, the activity of pyrilla and both its parasites declined and continued up to 37<sup>th</sup> SMW (3<sup>th</sup> week of September).

It is observed that, maximum temperature above 32  $^{\rm O}$ C, minimum temperature above 24  $^{\rm O}$ C and relative high humid conditions are favorable for initiation of pyrilla activity in sugarcane during rainy season. While maximum temperature of  $32 \pm 1^{\rm O}$ C, minimum temperature of  $24 \pm 1^{\rm O}$ C and 95 to 100 per cent RH seems to be favourable for peak activity of pyrilla.

Table 6: Activity of pyrilla and its bio agents in rainy season with meteorological data, 2011 at ZARS, Powarkheda (M.P.).

Standard	Date (2011)	Max. Temp. (°C)	Min. Temp (°C)	RH%	Rainfall (mm)	Pyrilla/ leaf	Tetrastichus (%)	Epiricania/ leaf
29	16 to 22/7	32	24	100	149.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	23 to 29/7	33	23	100	25.20	0.27	2.48	0.00
31	30/7 to 5/8	31	25	97	59.80	1.13	9.12	0.20
32	6 to 12/8	29	23	100	175.60	1.40	13.20	0.40
33	13 to 19/8	29	24	95	17.60	2.13	13.92	0.60
34	20 to 26/8	32	24	95	30.40	1.47	7.56	0.87
35	27/8 to 2/9	30	24	100	129.50	0.93	6.12	0.27
36	3 to 9/9	30	24	100	35.40	0.80	6.80	0.00
37	10 to 16/9	32	24	95	59.60	0.33	3.68	0.00
38	17 to 23/9	32	23	94	10.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
39	24 to 30/9	32	22	100	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.00



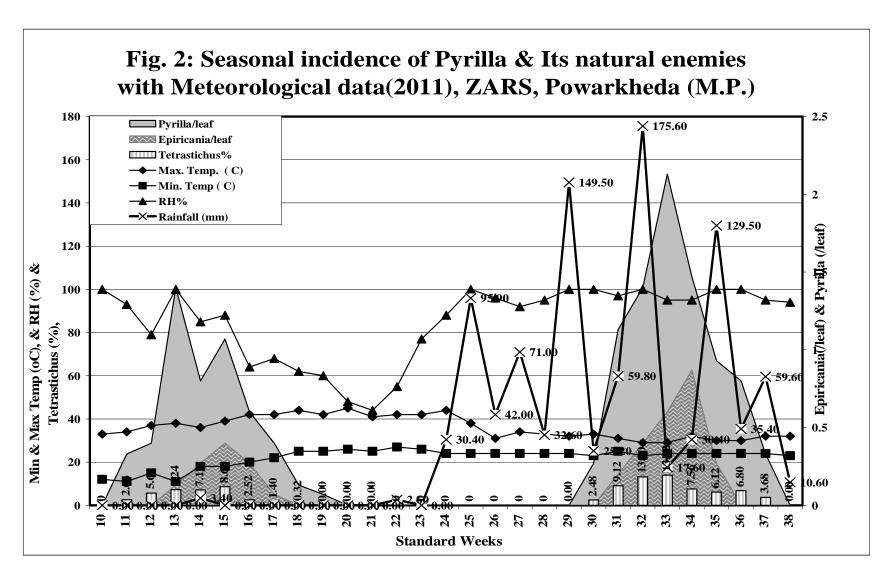
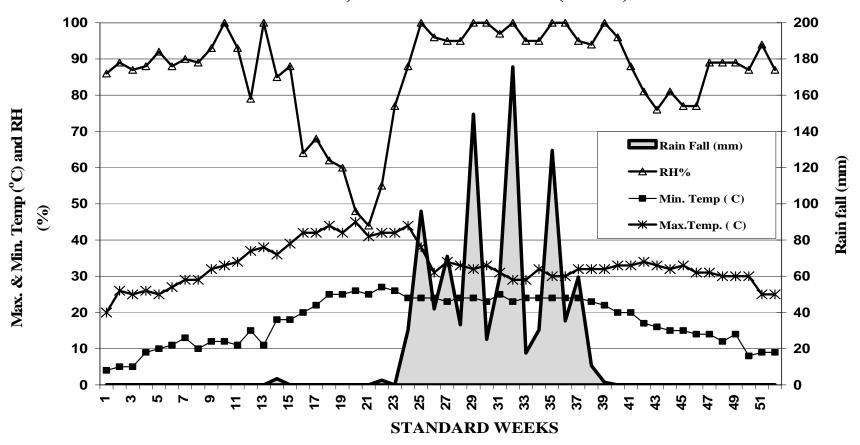


Fig. 3: METEOREOLOGICAL SITUATIONS DURING 2011, ZARS, POWARKHEDA (M. P.)



E.32: Population dynamics of sugarcane borers (early shoot borer, top borer, internode borer and stalk borer) through pheromone traps.

**Objectives:** To study the population dynamics of sugarcane borers (early shoot borer,

top shoot borer, internode borer and stalk borer) through pheromone traps.

Year of start: 2008-09

Treatments: Pheromone lures of early shoot borer, top shoot borer, internode borer

and stalk borer

Plot size: One acre

Methodology:

Three pheromone traps each for early shoot borer, internode borer and top shoot borer installed and daily observations for moth captured were recorded.

**Results:** 

Early shoot borer:

The moth capturing started in pheromone traps from 9<sup>th</sup> SMW (1<sup>rd</sup> week of March). Maximum ESB moths captured from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> SMW i.e., from 4<sup>th</sup> week of April to 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June (0.38 to 0.52 moth/ day/trap). The peak moth capturing recorded at 21<sup>st</sup> SMW, afterward, the number of moths captured declined and ends at 28<sup>th</sup> SMW (3<sup>rd</sup> week of July).

In Sugarcane, the ESB dead hearts observed from 10<sup>th</sup> SMW, maximum numbers (1.8 to 2.2 % / week) from 16 to 21 SMW i.e., 4<sup>th</sup> week of April to 4<sup>th</sup> week of May. After this, ESB observed decline trend and continued up to 28<sup>th</sup> SMW.

**Internode Borer and Top shoot borer:** 

During the season internode borer or top shoot borer moths didn't appeared.

**(16)** 

Table 7: Activity of Early shoot borer and moths captured (/day/pheromone trap), 2011 at ZARS, Powarkheda (M. P.).

2011	STD	ESB (%	ESB	ESB Per day
	weeks	infestation)	(Cumulative %)	per trap
12 to 18/2	7	0.0	0.0	0.00
19 to 25/2	8	0.0	0.0	0.00
26/2 to 4/3	9	0.0	0.0	0.05
5 to 11/3	10	0.2	0.2	0.00
12 to 18/3	11	0.2	0.4	0.05
19 to 25/3	12	0.4	0.8	0.05
26/3 to 1/4	13	0.6	1.4	0.10
2 to 8/4	14	1.0	2.4	0.14
9 to 15/4	15	1.6	4.0	0.24
16 to 22/4	16	1.8	5.8	0.29
23 to 29/4	17	2.2	8.0	0.38
30/4 to 6/5	18	2.0	10.0	0.33
7 to 13/5	19	2.0	12.0	0.43
14 to 20/5	20	2.4	14.4	0.43
21 to 27/5	21	1.8	16.2	0.52
28/5 to 3/6	22	1.4	17.6	0.38
4 to 10/6	23	1.0	18.6	0.38
11 to 17/6	24	0.6	19.2	0.29
18 to 24/6	25	0.4	19.6	0.14
25/6 to 1/7	26	0.4	20.0	0.05
2 to 8/7	27	0.2	20.2	0.00
9 to 15/7	28	0.2	20.4	0.05
16 to 22/7	29	0.0	20.4	0.00