

One Day training-cum-farmer awareness programme on Fall Army Worm

A one-day training-cum-farmer awareness programme on newly identified and highly devastating pest of maize crop i.e. Fall Army Worm organized by the Regional Maize Research and Seed Production Center, ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research, Vishnupur, Begusarai. This training program was attended by 103 farmers who took keen interest to know how to identify this pest and manage it effectively on time to safeguard their crop against the huge loss in case of attack of fall armyworm in maize.



In this training program, Dr. S.B. Singh, Principal scientist & In charge of RMR&SPC, Begusarai delivered a lecture on the importance of this training and awakened the farmers to get aware & be proactive against this pest as it can cause the complete loss of the maize field on its attack. Dr. Singh also explained the specific identification



technique of the Fall Army Worm, its damage symptoms & chemical control to manage it effectively on time. As Resource person of this program, Dr.

Paras Nath, Entomologist, Principal, Bholu Paswan Shastri Agriculture college, Purnia, BAU, Sabour and Dr. S.P. Sinha, Agronomist, BPSAC, Purnia , BAU, Sabour discoursed his knowledge to the farmers for the specific identification and effective management of this devastating pest. Dr. Sinha also orated the seed treatment and over all effective agronomic management of maize crop for getting high yield and to escape from the attack of various pests and diseases. Mr. Santosh Kumar, Scientist, RMR&SPC, Begusarai delivered lecture on the Integrated Pest Management techniques including cultural, mechanical and biological controls for the managing the Fall Army Worm along with the identification techniques of other major insect pests of eastern India, their damage symptoms and methods to control them effectively.

On this occasion, a Farmers- Scientists interaction session also held for clarifying the doubts of the farmers against the damage being caused by various insect pests on the maize crop and the effective control measures suggested by the scientists.

The program concluded with the feedback from the few farmers, who responded it as very useful and informative training.