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POPULATION FLUCTUATION OF YELLOW STEM BORER AND LEAF FOLDER ON BASMATI RICE IN RELATION TO CLIMATIC CONDITIONS OF WESTERN UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

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Abstract : Population fluctuations of yellow stem borer, *Scirpophaga incertulus* (Walker) and leaf folder, *Cnaphalocrocis medinalis* (Guenee) were assessed in basmati rice during *Kharif* 2014 at Crop Research Center of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut. The first infestation of yellow stem borer was recorded on first week of August and reached its peak during middle of October when average temperature, relative humidity and rainfall ranged from 27.10 to 30.51 ^{0}C, 69.60 to 84.04 % and 0.30 to 7.56 mm, respectively. The population of leaf folder was first recorded in last week of July and reached at maximum level during end of September to start of October when mean temperature, relative humidity were 28.89 ^{0}C and 76.95 %, respectively. The population of yellow stem borer and leaf folder showed negative correlation with maximum and minimum temperatures, evening relative humidity and rainfall while morning relative humidity showed the positive correlation.

Keywords: Population fluctuation, Yellow stem borer, Leaf folder, Climatic factors

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