BIO-EFFICACY OF SOME NEWER INSECTICIDES/BIO-PESTICIDES AGAINST MAJOR INSECT PESTS OF OKRA

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Abstract: The bio-efficacy of eight insecticides *viz.*, imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.005%, deltaphos 36 EC @ 0.036%, thiamethoxam 25 WG @ 0.005%, spinosad 45 SL @ 0.0068%, profenofos 50 EC @ 0.05%, azdirachitin 0.03 EC @ 5 ml/lit., NSKE @ 5.0%, *Bacillus thuringiensis* 8 L @ 0.012% evaluated against jassid, whitefly and shoot and fruit borer in okra at 15 days intervals and revealed that imidacloprid (0.005%) was found most effective against all the three pests followed by thiamethoxam (0.005%), deltaphos (0.036%) and spinosad (0.0068%). *B. thuringiensis* (0.012%) proved least effective followed by azadirachtin (5 ml/lit) and NSKE (5.0%). The treatments of profenofos (0.05%) ranked in middle order of their efficacy. All the insecticides increased the yield of marketable fruits significantly over control. The maximum yield (76.76 q/ha) was recorded in imidacloprid followed by azadirachtin (50.85 q/ha) and NSKE (55.02 q/ha).

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