

EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT BOTANICALS AND BIOPESTICIDES AGAINST *HELICOVERPA ARMIGERA* ON MARIGOLD

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Abstract: The different botanicals and bio-pesticides were tested against the natural incidence of the *Helicoverpa armigera* on marigold crop var. Morden during Rabi 2016-17. The experiment was undertaken in a randomized block design (RBD) with seven treatments viz, HaNPV (250 LE) @ 2ml/ litre, NSKE @ (5%), *Bacillus thuringiensis* @ 2.5g/litre, Neem oil @ 4ml/litre, *Beauveria bassiana* @ 4gm/litre, Karanj oil @ 5% and Untreated control in three replications with 3 x 2.5 m² plots and row to spacing of 60 x 30 cm. In all two sprayings were undertaken so as to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatments and it was observed that the larval incidence at 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10 days after both spraying was lowest in plots sprayed with HaNPV. However the next best treatments in the order of effectiveness for the control of *Helicoverpa armigera* were NSKE 5%, *Bacillusthuringiensis* @ 2.5 gm/litre, Neem oil @ 4ml/litre, *Beauveriabassiana* @ 4ml/ litre, Karanj oil @ 5%.

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