



**Pest Situation of Sugarcane
Crop in Punjab
(1ST – 15TH MARCH 2020)**

**PEST SITUATION OF SUGARCANE CROP IN THE PUNJAB FOR THE
1ST FORTNIGHT OF MARCH, 2020**

PEST SITUATION ON SUGARCANE CROP

BORER

On overall Punjab basis 1.43% spots below ETL have been observed as compared to 0.90% spots during the past fortnight and 0.00% during same corresponding period of the last year.

WHITEFLY

On overall Punjab basis 0.57% spots below ETL have been observed as compared to 1.35% spots during the past fortnight and 0.72% during same corresponding period of the last year.

BLACK BUG

On overall Punjab basis 0.00% spots below ETL have been observed as compared to 0.00% spots during the past fortnight and 2.89% during same corresponding period of the last year

METEOROLOGICAL DATA OF THE FORTNIGHT

Districts	2020				2019			
	Temperature		R.H%	Rainfall (mm)	Temperature		RH%	Rainfall (mm)
	Max.	Min.			Max.	Min.		
Multan	20.00	13.50	77.00	64.10	20.40	11.60	77.60	21.00
Khanewal	20.80	12.60	73.70	43.00	23.60	11.40	73.80	16.00
Vehari	20.90	14.00	77.90	83.00	20.60	11.20	77.70	12.00
Lodhran	21.90	13.00	73.00	33.00	21.30	11.20	73.50	17.00
Sahiwal	20.90	12.00	77.92	45.00	23.90	11.30	61.75	6.00
Pakpattan	23.90	13.60	72.71	58.00	24.40	14.30	76.29	0.00
Okara	24.70	13.50	79.00	54.00	25.30	10.60	87.00	0.00
Bahawalpur	23.99	13.16	74.86	5.35	21.90	9.88	59.18	3.20
Bahawalnagar	24.58	12.19	72.81	3.62	23.62	12.00	72.19	0.15
R.Y.Khan	22.42	11.57	78.28	4.17	25.42	11.00	76.14	0.00
D.G Khan	25.79	14.21	73.86	28.00	24.29	12.93	71.50	10.00
M. Garh	15.96	12.81	57.82	26.80	19.98	11.53	72.04	11.00
Rajanpur	23.00	11.76	63.15	15.00	21.64	10.28	54.80	4.00
Layyah	20.07	10.50	71.43	95.00	19.57	9.71	63.14	48.00
TOT/AVG	22.07	12.74	73.10	558.04	22.57	11.35	71.19	148.35

Weather forecast for Next 15 Days

Division	Dated	16 /3	17 /3	18 /3	19 /3	20 /3	21 /3	22 /3	23 /3	24 /3	25 /3	26 /3	27 /3	28 /3	29 /3	30/3
Multan	Max.Temp.	28	30	31	32	32	31	30	30	28	26	27	27	28	28	30
	Min.Temp.	14	15	17	17	18	18	18	19	16	17	19	20	20	19	18
	Humidity %	29	28	31	27	29	32	18	19	30	39	24	17	14	23	16
Sahiwal	Max.Temp.	27	29	30	31	29	31	29	30	27	28	30	30	30	30	30
	Min.Temp.	12	13	16	16	19	18	17	19	16	17	18	18	19	19	19
	Humidity %	36	33	32	31	40	32	22	18	35	35	21	15	16	18	12
Bahawalpur	Max.Temp.	28	31	32	33	33	33	30	32	28	29	32	31	31	31	32
	Min.Temp.	15	17	17	19	19	20	16	19	15	15	17	18	18	18	17
	Humidity %	30	27	26	24	23	29	15	15	30	25	18	16	12	16	11
D.G.Khan	Max.Temp.	30	31	32	33	32	31	30	29	28	26	27	28	28	29	31
	Min.Temp.	15	16	18	17	20	19	18	18	15	18	19	19	20	19	18
	Humidity %	31	29	30	24	27	32	18	22	29	35	25	19	15	23	14
Average Cotton Zone	Max.Temp.	29.83														
	Min.Temp.	17.50														
	Humidity %	24.37														

FORECAST FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

BORERS

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 35-41C° with relative humidity below 65-70%. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the population of this pest will increase during the next fortnight.

PYRILLA

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 29-40C with relative humidity 75-84%. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the population of this pest will initiate during the next fortnight.

WHITEFLY

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 29-40C with relative humidity 75-84%. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the population of this pest will initiate during the next fortnight.

BLACK BUG

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 22.9-40.9C with relative R. humidity 46%. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the population of this pest will initiate during the next fortnight.

TOKA

The optimal temperature and RH conditions for the feeding activities are 28.5-33C and 60-70 C° % respectively. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the population of this pest may sustain as such during the next fortnight.

MEALY BUG

This pest flourish best at optimum temperature 29-40C with relative humidity 75-84%. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the population of this pest may sustain as such during the next fortnight.

TERMITES

The optimal temperature and RH conditions for the feeding activities are 35°-40C and 70-80% respectively. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the population of this pest will may sustain as such during the next fortnight.

MITES

The optimal temperature and RH conditions for the feeding activities are 30°-36C and 20-40% respectively. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next

fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the population of this pest will remain such during the next fortnight.

RUST

This disease flourish best at optimum temperature 12-14C with relative humidity below 80-85%. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. It is predicted that the present climatic conditions may be favorable for the development of this disease in the coming fortnight.

RED ROT

This disease flourish best at optimum temperature 25.5-26.5C with relative humidity 60%. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the incidence of this disease may decrease in the coming fortnight.

WHIP SMUT

This disease flourish best at optimum temperature 14-35C with relative humidity 55-80%. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. It is predicted that the present climatic conditions are not favorable for the disease development so its incidence is expected to increase during the next fortnight.

MOSAIC VIRUS

This disease flourish best at optimum temperature 14-35C with relative humidity 55-80%. The current weather conditions on overall South Punjab basis is as; maximum temperature 22.07 C°, minimum 12.74 C° with R. humidity 73.10. Weather forecast for the next fifteen days is as; maximum temperature 29.83 C°, minimum 17.50 C° with R. humidity 24.37. Incidence of this disease is not expected during the coming fortnight.

RECOMMENDATIONS

BORERS MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Install cards of beneficial insects (*Trichogramma*) from the start of crop.
- ❖ Apply granular insecticide carbofuron 3G@ 12-14 kg/acre to the fields where infestation of sugarcane borers observed above ETL.

WHITEFLY MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Cut severe infested leaves of whitefly and bury in the soil.
- ❖ Install cards of beneficial insects i.e *Chrysoperla carnea*

BLACK BUG MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Avoid the cane fields from water stress.
- ❖ Apply granular insecticide carbofuron 3G@ 12-14 kg/acre

ECONOMIC THRESHOLD LEVELS (ETLs) OF SUGARCANE PESTS

INSECT PESTS	ECONOMIC THRESHOLD LEVEL
Borers	10% infested canes.
Pyrilla	3 per leaf.
Whitefly	10 per Leaf
Black bug	10 per sheath.
Toka	3 per sweep
Mites	10 per Leaf
Mealy bug	Only presence
Termites	10% damage
Rodents	5 live burrows per acre
Diseases	Only presence