

## **PEST SITUATION ON COTTON CROP IN PUNJAB** **DURING 4th WEEK OF MAY, 2021**

**Whitefly:** On overall Punjab basis 0.07% above ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 0.00% % in last week and 0.00% during the same corresponding period of last year. And 18.88% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 12.07% in last week and 14.10% during the same corresponding period of last year.

### **Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of whitefly**

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	Sahiwal	5.0

**Jassid:** On overall Punjab basis 0.86% above ETL spots has been observed as compared to 0.37% in last week and same week of last year 0.07%. And 16.51% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 11.61% in last week and 8.71% during the same corresponding period of last year.

### **Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of Jassid**

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE	S.NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	Sahiwal	15.0	5	Renala Khurd	5.9
2	Chichawatni	15.0	6	Shujabad	5.3
3	Okara	7.1	7	Alipur	2.9
4	Vehari	6.7	8	Hasilpur	2.5

**Thrips:** On overall Punjab basis 0.07% above ETL spots has been observed as compared to 0.09% in last week and same week of last year i.e. 0.00%. And 26.13% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 15.54% in last week and 19.19% during the same corresponding period of last year.

### **Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of Thrips**

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	Vehari	6.7

**Mealy Bug:** On overall Punjab basis 0.00% spots (all considered above ETL) of Mealy Bug have been observed as compared to 0.00% in last week and 0.00% spots during the same corresponding period of the last year.

### Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of Mealy bug

No hot spot find yet.

**Mites:** On overall Punjab basis 0.00% above ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 0.00% in last week and 0.00% during the same corresponding period of last year. And 0.00% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 0.00% in last week and 0.00% during the same corresponding period of last year.

### Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of Mites

No hot spot find yet.

**Dusky Cotton Bug:** On overall Punjab basis 0.07% above ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 0.00% in last week and 0.00% during the same corresponding period of last year. And 0.93% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 0.27% in last week and 6.86% during the same corresponding period of last year.

### Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of Dusky Cotton Bug

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	Shujabad	5.3

**Armyworm:** On overall Punjab basis 0.29% spots (all considered above ETL) of Armyworm have been observed as compared to 0.82% in last week and 1.11% spots during the same corresponding period of the last year.

### Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of army worm

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	Sahiwal	10.0
2	M.Garh	10.0
3	Chichawatni	5.0

**Pink Boll Worm:** On overall Punjab basis 0.29% above ETL spots have been observed as compared to 0.64% in last week and 0.07% same corresponding period of the last year. And 2.23% below ETL spots have been observed as compared to 1.74% in last week and 2.95% during same corresponding period of last year.

### Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of PBW

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE	S.NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	Chichawatni	10.0	3	Pir Mahal	4.2
2	Jalal pur Pir Wala	5.0			

**American Boll Worm:** On overall Punjab basis 0.00% above ETL spots have been observed as compared to 0.00% in last week and 0.00% during same corresponding period of last year. And 0.00% below ETL spots have been observed as compared to 0.18% in last week and 0.30% during same corresponding period of last year.

**Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of American Boll Worm**

No hot spot find yet.

**Spotted Boll Worm:** On overall Punjab basis 0.00% above ETL spots have been observed as compared to 0.00% in last week and 0.00% during same corresponding period of last year & 0.00% below ETL spots have been observed as compared to 0.00% in last week and 0.00% during same corresponding period of last year.

**Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of Spotted Boll Worm**

No hot spot find yet.

**CLCuV:** On overall Punjab basis 0.00% spots (all considered above ETL) of CLCV have been observed as compared to 0.00% in last week and 0.00% during the same corresponding period of the last year.

**Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of CLCuV**

No hot spot find yet.

**FORECAST FOR THE NEXT WEEK****Meteorological data of the current week 2020-2021**

Districts	2021				2020			
	Temperature		R.H%	Rainfall (mm)	Temperature °C		RH%	Rainfall (mm)
	Max.	Min.			Max.	Min.		
MULTAN	39.80	26.60	62.07	3.00	42.50	26.63	64.75	0.00
KHANEWAL	40.25	26.88	51.00	0.00	44.33	28.89	60.89	0.00
VEHARI	40.71	26.53	54.29	0.00	42.70	28.00	61.30	0.00
LODHRAN	39.54	26.42	58.42	10.00	43.33	28.33	63.78	0.00
Sahiwal	38.00	24.00	50.00	9.00	42.00	24.00	62.00	0.00
Pakpattan	34.00	23.00	54.00	0.00	41.78	27.00	47.33	0.00
Okara	41.00	24.00	48.00	0.00	45.50	24.00	78.00	0.00
Bahawalpur	39.80	25.64	45.63	7.50	42.34	25.19	36.06	0.00
Bahawalnagar	38.50	24.67	38.92	0.00	39.25	23.50	46.42	24.00
R.Y.Khan	41.28	25.42	47.85	2.20	45.28	28.00	55.71	0.00
D.G. Khan	41.00	28.33	49.83	0.00	45.33	29.33	64.67	0.00
Muzaffar Garh	41.83	22.00	37.67	0.00	42.25	24.83	35.17	0.00
Rajanpur	39.5	27	40.33	0.00	41.21	24.41	39.66	0.00
Layyah	39.45	21.33	51.00	1.00	41.00	26.33	52.33	0.00
<b>TOT/AVG</b>	<b>39.62</b>	<b>25.13</b>	<b>49.21</b>	<b>32.70</b>	<b>42.77</b>	<b>26.32</b>	<b>54.86</b>	<b>24.00</b>

**Table 9 Weather forecast for next 7 day in cotton zone**

Division	Dated	29/5	30/5	31/5	01/6	02/6	03/6	04/6
Multan	Max.Temp.	46	46	46	38	38	39	37
	Min.Temp.	32	31	31	26	26	28	27
	Humidity %	12	15	17	34	35	19	18
Sahiwal	Max.Temp.	47	46	44	40	38	40	37
	Min.Temp.	30	29	28	28	28	27	26
	Humidity %	10	15	26	13	15	20	19
Bahawalpur	Max.Temp.	46	45	44	40	37	38	37
	Min.Temp.	32	30	29	26	28	25	24
	Humidity %	15	15	18	19	22	20	20
D.G. Khan	Max.Temp.	47	46	45	37	37	38	37
	Min.Temp.	32	31	30	29	29	28	26
	Humidity %	12	13	16	20	17	19	18
Average Cotton Region	Max.Temp.	41.29						
	Min.Temp.	28.43						
	Humidity %	18.29						

Source: [timeanddate.com](http://timeanddate.com)

## **Summary of weather forecast**

Overall weather for seven days in cotton zone during next week will remain hot, sunny and shiny.

### **Forecast of Sucking Pests:**

**Whitefly:** This pest flourishes best in hot dry climate with optimum temperature 35-42 °C with relative humidity below 50%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45-51 °C. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29 °C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29%. Keeping in view above all, it is predicted that population of this pest will increase during the coming week.

**Jassid:** This pest flourishes best in hot and humid climate with optimum temperature 35-40 °C with relative humidity above 70%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45-51 °C. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29 °C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29%. Keeping in view above all, it is predicted that population of this pest will increase during the coming week.

**Thrips:** This pest flourishes best in hot dry climate with optimum temperature 35-40 °C with relative humidity below 60%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45-51 °C. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29 °C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29%. Keeping in view above all, it is predicted that population of this pest will increase during the coming week.

**Mealy Bug:** This pest flourishes best in moderate climate with optimum temperature 35-40 °C with relative humidity above 60-80%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45-51 °C. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max.

39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29 °C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29%. Keeping in view above all, it is predicted that population of this pest will sustain as such on cotton crop during the coming week.

**Mites:** This pest flourishes best in dry climate with optimum temperature 28-40 °C with relative humidity above 40-50%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45 °C. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29 °C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29%. Keeping in view above all, it is predicted that population of this pest will sustain as such during the coming week.

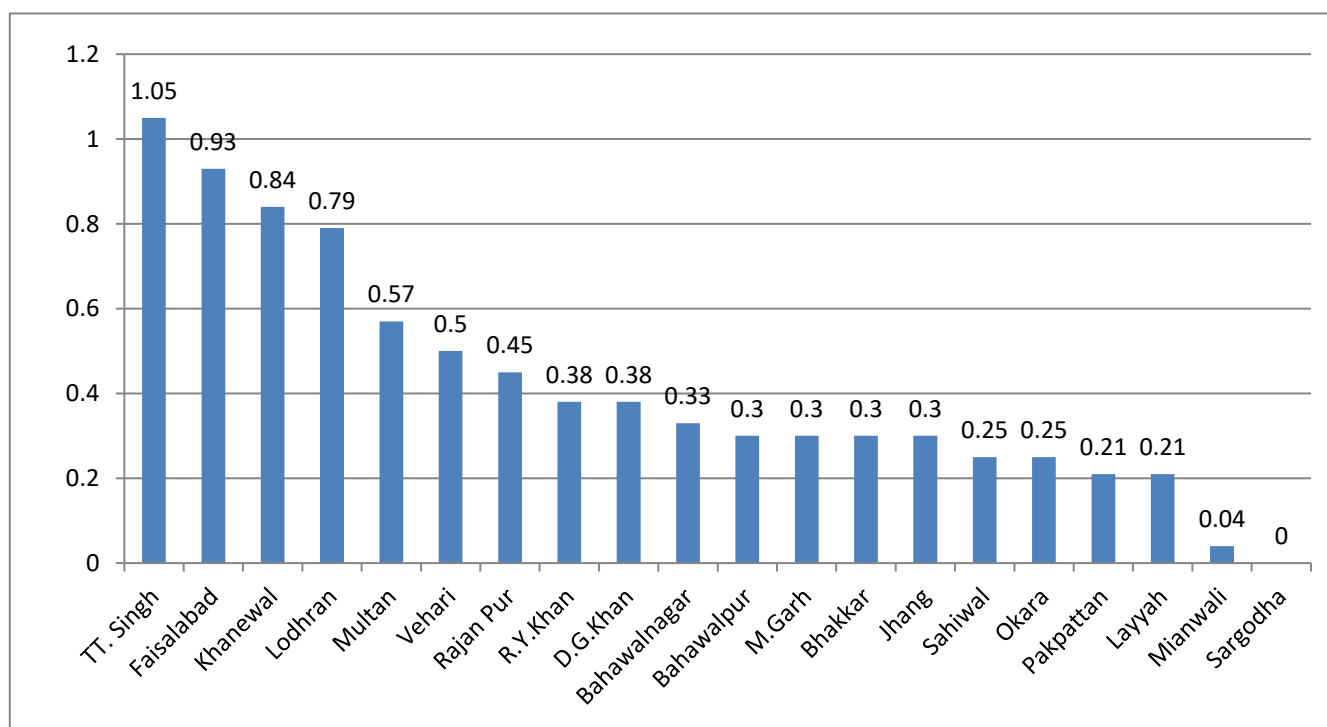
**Dusky Cotton Bug:** This pest flourishes best in moderate climate with optimum temperature 28-40 °C with relative humidity above 50-80%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29 °C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29%. Keeping in view above all, it is predicted that population of this pest may increase during the coming week.

**Pink Bollworm:** This pest flourishes best at moderate climate with optimum temperature 32-40 °C with relative humidity above 60-80%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45-53 °C. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29 °C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29%. It is predicted that population of this pest will increase on cotton during the coming week.

### Moth Catches in Pheromone Traps during 4<sup>th</sup> Week of May, 2021

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District	Traps Installed	Moth catches/Trap/week	Av. Moth catches/Trap/night
Multan	6	24	0.57
Khanewal	8	47	0.84
Vehari	6	21	0.50
Lodhran	6	33	0.79
Sahiwal	4	7	0.25
Pakpattan	4	6	0.21
Okara	4	7	0.25
Bahawalpur	8	17	0.30
Bahawalnagar	10	23	0.33
R.Y.Khan	8	21	0.38
D.G.Khan	6	16	0.38
M.Garh	8	17	0.30
Rajan Pur	6	19	0.45
Layyah	6	9	0.21
Sargodha	2	0	0.00
Mianwali	4	1	0.04
Bhakkar	8	17	0.30
Faisalabad	6	39	0.93
TT. Singh	6	44	1.05
Jhang	8	17	0.30

*Note. 3 moth catches on 3 consecutive nights in a trap is considered as ETL*



**American Bollworm:** This pest flourishes best at dry & moderate climate with optimum temperature 32-40 °C with relative humidity above 50-70%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45-53 °C. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29 °C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29%. It is predicted that population of this pest can increase on cotton crop during the coming week.

### Moth catches on light traps during 4th week of May, 2021

Moth Catches on Light Traps/Trap/week During 4 <sup>TH</sup> Week of May, 2021				
District	Traps Installed	A.B.W	S.B.W	Armyworm
Multan	3	1.0	0.0	1.7
Khanewal	4	1.0	0.0	2.0
Vehari	3	0.4	0.0	1.6
Lodhran	3	1.0	0.0	2.0
Sahiwal	2	0.6	0.0	0.9
Pakpattan	2	0.7	0.0	0.7
Okara	3	0.7	0.0	1.1
Bahawalpur	4	0.4	0.1	1.0
Bahawalnagar	5	0.7	0.0	1.1
R.Y.Khan	4	0.7	0.7	1.4
D.G.Khan	3	0.0	0.0	0.0
M.Garh	4	1.0	1.0	1.4
Rajan Pur	3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Layyah	3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Note. 3 moth catches of a pest on 3 consecutive nights in a trap is considered as ETL				

**Spotted Bollworm:** This pest flourishes best at mild & humid climate with optimum temperature 30-40 °C with relative humidity above 60-100%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45-53 °C. Due to cultivation of more BT varieties, The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29



°C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29. it is predicted that population of this pest will remain as such on cotton crop in the coming week.

**Armyworm:** This pest flourishes best in mild & humid climate with optimum temperature 30-40 °C with relative humidity below 70-100%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45-53 °C. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 39.62 °C, Min. 25.13 °C with R. humidity 49.21%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 41.29 °C, Min. 28.43°C with humidity 18.29%. Keeping in view above all, it is predicted that population of this pest will increase during the coming week.

**CLCuV:** The incidence of this disease is expected to sustain as such on cotton crop to the next week.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### WHITEFLY MANAGEMENT

1. Conduct regular pest scouting of Whitefly.
2. Control the pest without delay when population reaches ETL i.e. nymphs or adults or both 5 per leaf.
3. Control weeds in and outside the field especially near water channels and fallow lands.

### Alternate host plants of whitefly

Crops	Vegetables	Orchards	Weeds/ Ornamentals	Trees
Sunflower	Okra	Citrus	Gardenia	Shisham
Tobacco	Brinjal	Litchi	Mako	Shareen
	Cucurbits	Pomegranate	Maina	
	Tomato	Ber ( <i>Zizyphus</i> )	Karund	
	Cabbage	Guava	Lehli	
	Cauliflower	Mulberry		
	Peas	Papaya		
	Potato			

	Onion			
	Spinach			

### **JASSID MANAGEMENT**

1. Eradicate weeds.
2. Conduct Pest Scouting at least twice a week.
3. Use *Chrysoperla* Cards @ 80-90 cards per acre having 20-25 eggs on each card which are available at AARI Faisalabad, Sahiwal, Okara and Vehari.  
(Repeat this process after every two weeks).

### **THRIPS MANAGEMENT**

1. Conduct Pest Scouting regularly at least twice a week.
2. Avoid intercropping of cotton crop with vegetables.
3. Control weeds in and outside the field.

### **MEALY BUG MANAGEMENT**

1. Visit the fields daily to detect the infestation for effective management of mealy bug well in time.
2. Keep field and water courses etc. free from weeds especially Itsit & Hazaardani.
3. To avoid its shifting from one place to another, keep the horticultural nurseries free from its infestation. Spray such infested nurseries before shifting the plants.
4. Uproot and keep the infested plants gently in plastic bags and bury in the soil outside the field.
5. Avoid water stress to the plants.

- Avoid repeated visits of workers from infested fields to healthy fields.

### **Alternate host plants of cotton mealy bug**

<b>Crops</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>Ornamentals</b>	<b>Weeds</b>	<b>Orchards</b>
Sunflower	Okra	China Rose	Hazar Dani	Citrus
Tobacco	Brinjal	Huddle	Amarantus	Mulberry
Jantar	Tomato	Cotton Rose	Bhakra	Ficus
Sesame	Chillies	Gulchain	Mako	Ber
	Pumpkin	Lantana	Sueda	
		Din Ka Raja	Itsit	
		Rat Ki Rani	Karund	
		Anthorium	Aksen	
		Gul-e-Daudi	Bathu	
		Gainda	Puth Kanda	
			Kanghi	

### **MANAGEMENT OF DUSKY COTTON BUG**

- Eradicate weeds.
- Conduct Pest Scouting at least twice a week.
- Remove alternate host plants

### **MANAGEMENT OF ARMY WORM**

- Keep the fields clean from weeds especially Its it which is a preferred host of armyworm.
- Avoid sowing of Jantar near cotton fields.
- Regular pest scouting at least twice a week.
- Hand picking and destruction of egg masses at initial stage as initially its attack starts in patches and is clearly visible.

### **CLCuV MANAGEMENT**

- Keep Cotton fields free from all kinds of weeds.
- Eradicate other alternate host plants of CLCuV and dispose them off carefully.
- Thinning out and destruction of Virus affected plants.

4. Remove CLCuV effected plants in less than 60 DAS (Days after sowing) crop.
5. Hoeing after each irrigation or rain at wattar condition till canopies permit.
6. Apply post emergence Glyphosate for both broad and narrow leaved weeds and Glyphosate for grassy weeds with shield and use Flat Fan Nozzle, if needed.
7. Irrigate the fields when needed keeping in view weather conditions e.g. temperature, rainfall, soil water holding capacity and plant need.
8. Balanced use of Fertilizer i.e. N.P.K.
9. Keep transmission vector (whitefly) at the low ebb

### Alternate host plants of CLCuV

Crops	Vegetables	Ornamentals	Weeds
Sunflower	Okra	Gurhal	Leh
Melon	Brinjal	Chambeli	Lehli
Tobacco	Chillies		Mako
	Tomato		Maina
	Potato		Karund/Bathu
	Cucumber		Gardenia
			Hazardani
			Rattanjot
			Sun Kukra

### Economic threshold levels of cotton pests

Insect pests	Economic threshold levels
Jassid	1 Adult or Nymph per leaf
Whitefly	5 Adults or Nymphs or both per Leaf
Thrips	8-10 Adults or Nymphs per Leaf
Mealy bug	0 (on appearance)
Mites	On damage appearance
Spotted Boll worm	3 Larvae/ 25 plants.
Pink Boll worm	5 Larvae /100 bolls.
American boll worm	5 brown eggs or 3 small larvae or both 5 per 25 plants on non Bt varieties. 2 larvae of 2 <sup>nd</sup> instar per 25 plants on Bt varieties.
Army worm	0 (On appearance)
Aphid	Spray on visible damage on top terminals.
Dusky Cotton bug	10 per leaf/bud