

## PEST SITUATION ON COTTON CROP IN PUNJAB DURING 3RD WEEK OF MAY, 2022

**Whitefly:** On overall Punjab basis 2.18% above ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 0.40% % in last week and 0.00% during the same corresponding period of last year. And 46.5% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 40.15% in last week and 12.07% during the same corresponding period of last year.

### Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of whitefly

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE	S.NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	MULTAN	16.2	10	RENALA KHURD	5.3
2	ARIF WALA	11.8	11	SAHIWAL	5.1
3	CHICHA WATNI	11.4	12	PIR MAHAL	4.2
4	A.P SIAL	10.0	13	SHUJABAD	3.8
5	PAK PATTAN	9.5	14	VEHARI	3.8
6	KEHROR PACCA	9.3	15	JHANG	3.4
7	TANDLIANWALA	9.1	16	MAILSI	3.3
8	JALAL PUR P.W	7.4	17	MIANCHANNU	2.7
9	18-HAZARI	6.3	18	HASILPUR	2.4

**Jassid:** On overall Punjab basis 0.88% above ETL spots has been observed as compared to 0.40% in last week and same week of last year 0.37%. And 39.19% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 29.86% in last week and 11.61% 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	MIANCHANNU	11.8	7	MAILSI	4.8
2	ARIF WALA	7.7	8	SUMUNDRI	3.0
3	CHICHA WATNI	7.4	9	A.P SIAL	2.8
4	RAJAN PUR	6.7	10	MULTAN	2.7
5	HASILPUR	5.9	11	TANDLIANWALA	2.7
6	KHANEWAL	5.3			

**Thrips:** On overall Punjab basis 1.36% above ETL spots has been observed as compared to 0.27% in last week and same week of last year i.e. 0.09%. And 55.57% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 49.50% in last week and 15.54% during the same corresponding period of last year.

### Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of thrips

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE	S.NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	CHOBARA	20.0	6	KEHROR PACCA	4.7
2	GOJRA	15.2	7	ARIF WALA	3.8
3	T.T.SINGH	9.1	8	RAJAN PUR	2.8

4	18-HAZARI	5.7	9	MAILSI	2.7
5	JALAL PUR P.W	5.1	10	KABIR WALA	2.2

**Mealy Bug:** On overall Punjab basis 0.12% spots (all considered above ETL) of Mealy Bug have been observed as compared to 0.20% 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**

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE	S.NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	KAROR L.E.	3.4	2	JAM PUR	4.2

**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 1.83% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 0.53% 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 0.47% above ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 0.13% in last week and 0.00% during the same corresponding period of last year. And 21.57% below ETL spots have been observed during current week as compared to 16.57% in last week and 0.27% during the same corresponding period of last year.

#### **Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of dusky cotton bug**

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE	S.NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	PIPLAN	15.8	4	TANDLIANWALA	5.3
2	A.P SIAL	5.9	5	SUMUNDRI	4.8
3	MULTAN	5.9	6	MIANWALI	4.8

**Armyworm:** On overall Punjab basis 2.24% spots (all considered above ETL) of Armyworm have been observed as compared to 3.87% in last week and 0.82% spots during the same corresponding period of the last year.

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

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE	S.NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	KABIR WALA	29.4	11	PAK PATTAN	3.8
2	MIANCHANNU	15.8	12	VEHARI	3.8
3	RAJAN PUR	14.3	13	SUMUNDRI	3.3
4	MIANWALI	10.8	14	CHOBARA	3.3
5	JATOI	10.3	15	TANDLIANWALA	3.2
6	ARIF WALA	8.6	16	JAM PUR	3.0
7	LAYYAH	8.3	17	ALI PUR	2.6

8	A.P SIAL	8.1	18	KEHROR PACCA	2.6
9	KAROR L.E.	4.5	19	LIAQUAT PUR	1.6
10	PIR MAHAL	4.0			

**Pink Boll Worm:** On overall Punjab basis 0.06% above ETL spots have been observed as compared to 0.20% in last week and 0.64% same corresponding period of the last year. And 3.24% below ETL spots have been observed as compared to 2.40% in last week and 1.74% during same corresponding period of last year.

#### **Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of Pink Bollworm**

S. NO.	TEHSIL	%AGE
1	A.P SIAL	3.7

**American Bollworm:** 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 2.12% below ETL spots have been observed as compared to 1.47% in last week and 0.18% during same corresponding period of last year.

#### **Tehsil wise percentage of hot spots of American Bollworm**

No hot spot find yet.

**Spotted Bollworm:** 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 Bollworm**

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 2021-2022

Districts	2022				2021			
	Temperature		R.H%	Rainfall (mm)	Temperature °C		RH%	Rainfall ( mm)
	Max.	Min.			Max.	Min.		
MULTAN	45.9	29.7	62.9	0.0	39.0	26.2	61.6	0.0
KHANEWAL	43.0	28.9	53.7	0.0	38.8	26.3	56.1	0.0
VEHARI	43.3	28.6	50.9	0.0	37.6	26.1	53.2	0.0
LODHRAN	45.9	28.3	56.1	0.0	38.6	27.2	62.5	0.0
Sahiwal	42.8	27.1	35.0	0.0	36.8	23.9	44.2	0.0
Pakpattan	43.1	27.4	37.4	0.0	32.8	22.6	52.5	0.0
Okara	42.9	27.5	36.4	0.0	34.2	23.4	47.4	0.0
Bahawalpur	45.7	27.4	30.7	0.0	38.4	24.4	44.2	0.9
Bahawalnagar	44.3	26.7	33.9	0.0	36.9	24.9	39.7	0.0
R.Y.Khan	45.6	28.9	25.9	0.0	40.3	26.8	33.4	0.0
D.G. Khan	43.50	28.50	25.50	0.00	42.50	27.00	28.50	0.00
M.Garh	44.10	24.20	38.60	0.00	40.33	21.50	38.50	0.00
Rajanpur	46.2	29.8	33.58	0.00	38.68	25.14	37.90	8.00
Layyah	48.00	27.00	34.00	0.00	37.75	23.25	55.75	0.00
<b>TOT/AVG</b>	<b>44.58</b>	<b>27.85</b>	<b>39.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>38.04</b>	<b>24.90</b>	<b>46.82</b>	<b>8.90</b>

### Weather forecast for next 7 day in cotton zone

Division	Dated	26/5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5	1/6
Multan	Max.Temp.	44	46	45	45	45	46	44
	Min.Temp.	30	32	30	28	30	29	31
	Humidity %	15	10	8	13	12	10	6
Sahiwal	Max.Temp.	42	45	45	44	44	45	45
	Min.Temp.	27	30	30	27	28	27	29
	Humidity %	18	15	7	10	11	9	7
Bahawalpur	Max.Temp.	44	46	46	44	44	46	45
	Min.Temp.	29	31	32	29	28	28	30
	Humidity %	17	16	5	13	13	9	3
D.G.Khan	Max.Temp.	44	47	45	45	45	44	46
	Min.Temp.	27	30	33	30	30	30	29
	Humidity %	15	8	6	12	10	7	7
Average Cotton Region	Max.Temp.	<b>44.86</b>						
	Min.Temp.	<b>29.43</b>						
	Humidity %	<b>10.43</b>						

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. 44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity 10.43%. 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. 44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity 10.43%. 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. 44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity 10.43%. 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.

44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity 10.43%. Keeping in view above all, it is predicted that population of this pest can increase 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. 44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity 10.43%. Keeping in view above all, it is predicted that population of this pest will sustain as such during the coming week.

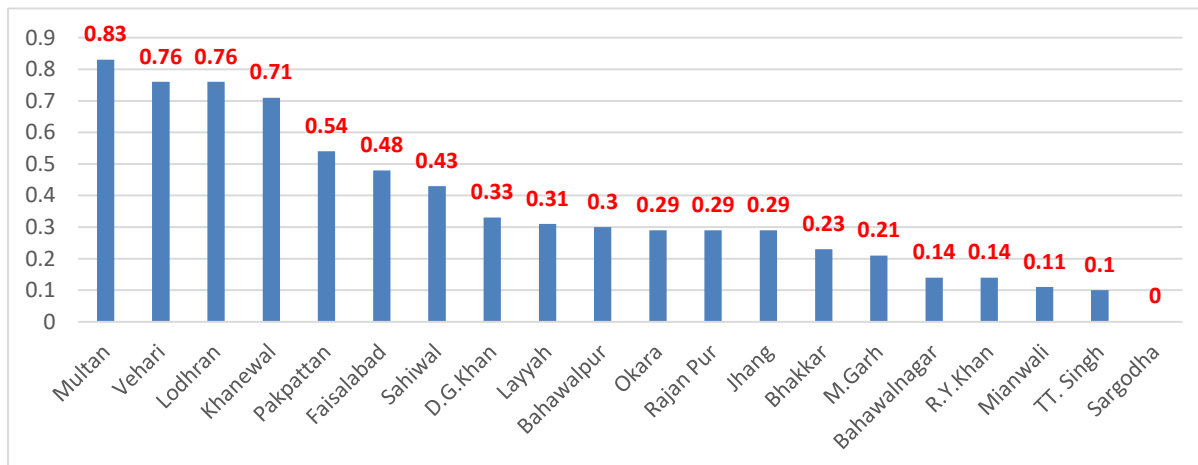
**Dusky Cotton Bug:** This pest flourishes best in moderate climate with optimum temperature 28-40 °C with relative humidity above 50-80%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity 10.43%. 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. 44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity 10.43%. It is predicted that population of this pest will increase on cotton during the coming week.

### Moth Catches in Pheromone Traps during 3RD Week of May, 2022

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District	Traps Installed	Moth catches/Trap/week	Av. Moth catches/Trap/night
Multan	6	35	0.83
Khanewal	8	40	0.71
Vehari	6	32	0.76
Lodhran	6	32	0.76
Sahiwal	4	12	0.43
Pakpattan	4	15	0.54
Okara	4	8	0.29
Bahawalpur	8	17	0.30
Bahawalnagar	10	10	0.14
R.Y.Khan	8	8	0.14
D.G.Khan	6	14	0.33
M.Garh	8	12	0.21
Rajan Pur	6	12	0.29
Layyah	6	13	0.31
Sargodha	2	0	0
Mianwali	4	3	0.11
Bhakkar	8	13	0.23
Faisalabad	6	20	0.48
TT. Singh	6	4	0.10
Jhang	8	8	0.29

*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. 44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity 10.43%.for the next week temp. Max. 39.03 °C, Min. 25.18°C with humidity 21.28. It is predicted that population of this pest will remain same on cotton crop during the coming week.

### Moth catches on light traps during 3RD week of May, 2022

<b>Moth Catches on Light Traps/Trap/night During 3RD Week of May, 2022</b>				
<b>District</b>	<b>Traps Installed</b>	<b>A.B.W</b>	<b>S.B.W</b>	<b>Armyworm</b>
Multan	3	1.4	0.0	1.3
Khanewal	4	0.3	0.0	4.4
Vehari	3	0.1	0.0	1.6
Lodhran	3	1.0	0.0	1.3
Sahiwal	2	0.4	0.0	2.1
Pakpattan	2	0.3	0.0	1.7
Okara	3	0.3	0.0	2.4
Bahawalpur	4	1.0	0.4	3.7
Bahawalnagar	5	0.9	0.4	1.9
R.Y.Khan	4	0.4	0.4	1.1
D.G.Khan	3	0.4	0.1	0.6
M.Garh	4	0.7	0.4	1.1
Rajan Pur	3	2.0	1.1	3.0
Layyah	3	0.4	0	1.1
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. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity



10.43%. Due to cultivation of more BT varieties, 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%. The current weather conditions on overall Punjab basis (temp. Max. 44.58 °C, Min. 27.85 °C with R. humidity 39.61%) & forecast for the next week temp. Max. 44.86 °C, Min. 29.43°C with humidity 10.43%. Maximum lethal temperature for this pest is 45-53 °C. 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 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.
6. Avoid repeated visits of workers from infested fields to healthy fields.

### Alternate host plants of cotton mealy bug

Crops	Vegetables	Ornamentals	Weeds	Orchards
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

1. Eradicate weeds.
2. Conduct Pest Scouting at least twice a week.
3. Remove alternate host plants

### MANAGEMENT OF ARMY WORM

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

### CLCuV MANAGEMENT

1. Keep Cotton fields free from all kinds of weeds.
2. Eradicate other alternate host plants of CLCuV and dispose them off carefully.
3. 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