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To  
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

### **Pest and disease forecasting for the month of September 2014**

#### **Rice**

In Coimbatore, Erode, Salem, Madurai, Pudukkottai, Tirunelveli, Thiruvarur and Kanniyakumari districts, the leaf folder and stemborer incidence were noticed. To manage this pest, farmers are advised to set up light trap @ 1 / acre to attract and to kill the adult moth. For managing these pests, spray neem seed kernel extract 5% 25 kg/ha (or) if needed spray any one of the following insecticides, phosalone 35 EC 1500 ml/ha (or) phosphamidon 40 SL 600 ml/ha (or) profenophos 50 EC 1000 ml/ha.

#### **Cotton**

In Theni and Tirunelveli districts, the cotton bollworm incidence was noticed. Hence, to manage this pest, farmers are advised to set up pheromone trap @ 5 / acre. If needed spray phosalone 35 EC at 2.5 l/ha (or) triazophos 40 EC 2.0 l/ha (or) acephate 75 SP 1.30 kg/ha.

#### **Groundnut**

In Virudhachalam, Tindivanam, Tirunelveli and Pudukkottai, the leaf minor incidence was noticed. Hence, the farmers are advised to set up light trap to monitor and to kill the adult moths and if needed spray any of the following insecticides *viz.*, dichlorvos 76 WSC 625 ml/ha (or) phosphamidon 40 SL 750 ml/ha (or) chlorpyriphos 20 EC 1250 ml/ha (or) phosalone 35 EC 750 ml/ha

## **Coconut**

In Coimbatore and Erode district, the red palm weevil damage was noticed. Hence, the farmers are advised to undertake root feeding in severely affected gardens with monocrotophas 36 WSC 10 ml + water 10 ml in a 7cm x 10 cm polythene bag. Don't plug coconut or tender coconut for 45 days after root feeding.

This is for the favor of your kind information. Necessary control measures may please to be adopted.

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