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Sir,

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

TNAU Trap technology in Uttar Pradesh

Inventions become reality only when it reaches the end users. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is working towards this goal, taking its innovations not only to the farmers of Tamil Nadu but also farmers across India and other developing countries.

A recent attempt in this line is introduction of TNAU stored grain insect trap technology to the farmers of Uttar Pradesh, India.

TNAU Ecofriendly Gadgets

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is one of the leading institutes in the world in design and development of stored grain insect trap for their management. TNAU has developed 8 devices namely TNAU probe trap, Pitfall trap, pulse beetle trap (Two-in-one model), Automatic insect removal bin, Indicator device, UV light trap for grain storage godowns, stack probe trap, TNAU insect egg remover and a kit with all the above gadgets.

Continuous efforts are being made by the scientists of the Department of Agrl. Entomology, TNAU to popularize these technologies so that the technologies reach the farmers of our country as "A grain saved is a grain produced and a seed saved is thousand (seeds) produced.

TNAU trap in Uttar Pradesh

Recently TNAU stored grain insect trap technology has been introduced in the village Katiya, Po-Ulra (Manpur), Block-Biswan, Distt-Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh for the benefit of farmers by the Scientist of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (ICAR).

How it happened?

TNAU organizes training programmes for the benefit of scientists across India under CAFT (Centre of Advanced Faculty Training) funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi. One such training namely Recent advances in stored product insect pest management was organized during 19, Nov. 2013 to 03, Dec. 2013 in which around 15 scientists across India participated.

One scientist Dr. Baya S. Srivastava, SMS Plant Protection, KVK, Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh who got trained under the above programme introduced the TNAU trap technologies to the farmers of the district Sitapur. (Photos)

Good response

The response for TNAU trap was quite good from the farmers of Uttar Pradesh and 50 TNAU traps have been ordered for further large scale demonstration and distribution to the farmers by the KVK, Katiya, Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh.

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