

Brief report of workshop on management of fall armyworm conducted at ICAR-Talarabalu KVK Davanagere

ICAR – NBAIR in collaboration with CABI, under the project on fall armyworm conducted one day awareness program on the incidence and management of fall armyworm in Taralabalu Krishivigyan Kendra, Davangere on 22 August 2019. 230 farmers attended the program. Davangere being the largest maize growing area in Karnataka, received normal rains this year and the cropping was to the tune of 5 lakh acres. In the previous year survey conducted in the area revealed that the incidence of fall armyworm was wide spread and rampant in several villages. Although, awareness about the incidence of fall armyworm by various agencies was done, farmers did not have clear knowledge/resources for managing the pest. ICAR - NBAIR in association with CABI and different state agricultural universities deliberated on the management aspects and published folders depicting the identification, host range, management practices and conservation of natural enemies. The full package of practices was briefed to the farmers on this occasion. Dr. Chandre Gowda, Director, ATARI, Bangalore was the chief guest and Sri. Tippeswamy, DDA, Department of Agriculture, Assistant Directors of Research and KVK Heads from Kathalagere and Chitradurga, NBAIR scientists Dr. Shylesha, Dr. Shivkumar and Dr. Gandhi Gracy were present as subject matter specialists.

Dr. Chandra Gowda gave a brief note on the prevalence of fall armyworm in the area and the efforts by NBAIR and State Department in creating awareness about and also managing the pest. Dr. Shylesha give a talk on overview of identification, damage caused, host range biocontrol options and integrated management aspects in Kannada for the benefit of the gathered

farmers. Also, there was an interactive session of scientists and farmers where in several of the doubts raised by the farmers on fall armyworm and on other insects and diseases of crops including water management and conservation techniques for biocontrol were answered. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Sri. Mallikarjuna B.O., SMS(Agronomy)



Inaguration by Dr. Chandre gowda Director ATARI, Bangalore



Scientist, Farmer interaction



Farmer's participation in the meeting