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Abstract

This study was carried out in the Agricultural farm of Eastern University to evaluate the efficacy of Pheromone trap and Sugar baited trap on fruit flies of Cucurbits. The number of fruit flies species collected during this period was also identified using morphological features.

Bitter gourd and Snake gourd were selected for this study. Six Pandals were provided for these crops. Three of them were planted with Bitter gourd and other three were planted with Snake gourd. Among the Pandals, one of the Bitter gourd and Snake gourds Pandal was used for Control. Among the four Pandals, each was constructed with a Pheromone trap and a Sugar baited with Fenthion trap. The number of caught fruit flies in traps, number of fruits and number of infested fruits were counted weekly.

The results showed that, the number of fruit flies caught in Pheromone trap was significantly higher than the Control. And there was no significant ($P > 0.05$) difference between Control and Sugar baited trap.

The number of fruit flies, *Bactrocera (Zeugodacus) gavis* and *Bactrocera (Zeugodacus) sp near tau* trapped in the Pheromone trap was significantly higher than the *Bactrocera (Zeugodacus) cucurbitae*.

Based on these findings, it is recommended that Pheromone traps are useful to trap fruit flies of Cucurbits during Maha season.

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