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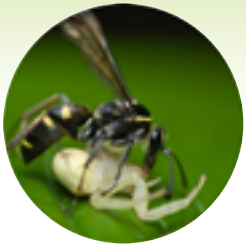
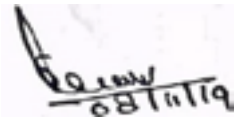


FOREWORD

Commercial crops are one of the most important components of Indian agriculture. In India, more than 65 percent of the population depends on agriculture. Commercial crops are an integral part of strategies to improve food security at farm household and offer income and employment opportunities to the rural youth. Some people engaged under cultivation of commercial crops and some are self-employed in agriculture for their livelihoods. The commercial crops played a vital role in GDP. Out of several factors affecting the production of commercial crops, insect pests played as one of the major constraints for sustainable production. Crop losses due to these harmful organisms are substantial and may be prevented or reduced by various combinations of insecticides. The success of pest management programmes is deciduous due to development of resistance to particular insecticides. More so, the intensive and indiscriminate use of pesticides leads to degradation of the environment, kills natural enemies, cause a resurgence of secondary insect pest and prone to the development of resistance in pests. Bio-intensive integrated pest management (BIPM) imparts ecological and economic sustenance into the agricultural design and decision-making system and also addressing public concern about environmental quality and food safety. An ecology-based BIPM has the potential of decreasing use of inputs like fuel, machinery and synthetic chemical. All the above inputs are energy-intensive and expensive, accosting financial and environmental risk. Minimizing the use of these inputs may hold promise in reducing the health hazards of clientele groups. In this context, the present book **"BIOINTENSIVE IPM FOR COMMERCIAL CROPS"** edited by Sri Anil Kumar as Chief Editor and Dr. Dipak Ingle and Dr. Sagar Tamang as Associate Editors, will be useful to teachers, researchers, students and extension workers.

I hope this publication will be of great value to those who are engaged in growing commercial crops. I appreciate the meticulous efforts of editors to souls out this useful publication in the present form.



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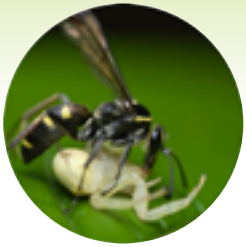

Preface

Insect pest problem rapidly increases in current scenario due to changing climatic condition, indiscriminate use of insecticides which lead to decrease biodiversity of natural enemies. There is a need of the hour to create awareness for promoting environmentally sustainable agriculture practices.

The book, **Bio-intensive Integrated Pest Management for commercial** crops has been **planned with ten** chapters and the scope of each chapter has been specified by the author. BIPM as an approach of crop management, it is based on the integration of proactive and reactive strategies. These strategies help to minimize the dependence on chemical pesticides and aim at enhancing biodiversity.

It is our great pleasure to express our sincere thanks to the publisher, **Agrobios (India)**, Jodhpur for systemically producing this book with quality within a period.

It is earnestly hoped that the book will be useful reading to all those who are interested in Bio-intensive Integrated Pest Management for commercial crops.

We request all the readers for rendering valuable suggestions for future improvement of this edition.

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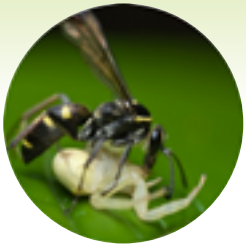

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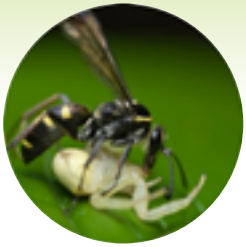

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