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S. No.	Crop	Pest	Remedial measures	Districts
4	Mango	Anthracnose	<p>Proper sanitation of orchard by periodical removal of fallen plant debris and pruning of trees eradicates the fungus and checks further spread of the disease.</p> <p>Maintaining tree vigour with proper irrigation and fertilization. Fungicide sprays should begin when panicles first appear and continue at the recommended intervals until fruits are picked.</p> <p>Spraying the trees twice with Carbendazim (0.1%) or Mancozeb (0.2 %) or combination of Carbendazim 12 % + Mancozeb 63 % @ 0.1 % at 15 days interval during flowering to control blossom infection and twice during pea nut stage to prevent fruit infection.</p> <p>Alternate sprayings of Carbendazim and Mancozeb to avoid development of resistance in pathogen to fungicides .</p> <p>Spraying five times with Pseudomonas fluorescens FP 7 (0.5%) from flowering until harvest at 3 weeks interval reduces anthracnose incidence and improves fruit quality.</p> <p>For post harvest anthracnose, fruits are dipped in hot water at 50 C for 30 min. in combination with 0.05 % carbendazim.</p>	All districts.
		Powdery mildew	<p>Pruning of diseased leaves and panicles.</p> <p>Three sprays of fungicides at different stages starting with Wettable Sulphur (0.2%) at the time of panicle initiation followed by Dinocap (0.1%) .</p>	All districts.
		Mango malformation	<p>Diseased plants should be destroyed Use of disease free planting material</p> <p>Incidence reduced by spraying 100-200ppm NAA during October. Pruning of diseased parts along the basal 15-20 cm apparently healthy portions followed by the spraying of Carben-dazim (0.1%).</p>	All districts. All districts.

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	Banana	Fusarium wilt	<p>Considering the long-term survival of <i>F. oxysporum</i> f. sp. cubense in soil, proper field sanitation, use of disease free planting material/ tissue culture plants can reduce disease incidence</p> <p>Severely affected plants should be uprooted and burnt. Highly infected soil should not be replanted with banana at least for 3-4 years</p> <p>An integrated approach for management of Fusarium wilt has to be followed by use of pathogen free suckers, pairing of suckers (Sucker treatment with Carbofuran granules @ 40 g / sucker before planting), Sucker dipping with 0.2 % carbendazim for 45 minutes at the time of planting , corm injection with 2% Carbendazim (3ml/plant) or capsule application with Carbendazim (50mg/capsule)/ at 3rd, 5th and 7th month after planting will offer protection to the wilt susceptible cultivars .</p> <p>Application of <i>Trichoderma viride</i> or <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> @ 50g/ plant at the time of planting and at 4th , 6th and 8th month reduces the disease incidence</p>	All districts.
		Banana Bunchy Top Disease	<p>Eradication of infected plants and sword suckers. Strict quarantine measures to be followed</p> <p>Ensure virus free planting materials.</p> <p>Avoid cucurbitaceous crops around banana field</p> <p>Spraying dimethoate 0.1 % for vector control Destroy bunchy top virus affected plants by capsule application of 200 mg of 2,4 -D / capsule in to corm (7 cm deep) using capsule applicator or inject 5 ml of 2,4-D solution (125 g / lit.) in pseudostem using injector.</p> <p>Removal of weeds</p>	All districts.

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1	Rice	Stem borer	July & August	Cartap hydrochloride 50 SP 400g/ac.	All districts.
				Chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC @ 60 ml/ac.	
				Spray Neem seed kernel Extract 5%	
		Whorl maggot and rice hispa	July & August	Emamectin benzoate 1.9% EC 170 ml/ Ac	Thanjavur & Coimbatore.
				Fipronil 5% SC @ 400 g/ac	
		Green leaf hopper	July	Imidaclopride 17.8 % 60 ml/ac.	Transplanted rice fields.
				Carbosulfan 25EC @ 400 ml/ac	
		Leaf folder	October	Neem seed Kernel extracts 5%	All districts.
				Carbosulfan 25EC @ 400 ml/ac	
				Flubendiamide 20% WG 50 g/ac.	
		Brown plant hopper	November & December	Carbosulfan 25EC @ 400 ml/ac	Paddy growing areas.
				Imidaclopride 17.8 % 60 ml/ac.	
				Chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC @ 60 ml/ac.	
Gall Midge	December - January	Fibronil 5 % SC@ 500 gm/ ac Thiomethaxam 25 % WG @ 40 gm/ ac	Delta districts		
		Picoxystrobin 22.52% w/w SC 240 ml/ Acre			
Rice Blast	October	Pseudomonas fluorescens - 1 Kg/ Acre	All districts.		
Bacterial leaf blight	June	Copper Hydroxide 53.8% DF 600 gm/ acre			
Lakshmi disease	January & February	Copper Hydroxide 77% WP - 800 gm/ acre			
Shoot fly	July & August	Imidacloprid 48.00% FS 480 ml/ acre			
		Propiconazole 200 ml/ac.			
2	Cumbu	Ergot or sugary disease	July & August		

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3	Maize	Fall Army Worm	Throughout the year	Pheromone trap - 5 Nos/ Acre	Maize growing districts.
				Azadirachtin 1% EC 400 ml/ac	
				Spinetoram 11.7% w/w SC - 100 ml / acre	
				Flubendiamide 480 SC 60 ml	
				Chlorantraniliprole 18.5% SC -80 ml/ acre	
4	Sorghum	Shoot fly	November & December	Emamectin benzoate 5% SG -80 gm/ Acre	Sorghum growing districts.
				Imidacloprid 48.00% FS 480 ml/ acre	
5	Ragi	Earhead bug	January	Neem seed Kernel extracts 5%	
				Phosalone 04.00% DP -10 Kg/ Acre	
				Zineb75%WP - 600 to 800 gm/ Acre	
6	Pulses	Neck blast	January & February	Carbandazim 200 gm/ acre	Ragi growing districts.
				Pseudomonas fluorescens -2 gm/ Lit	
				Imidacloprid 17.8 % 100 ml/ac.	
				Use Resistant varieties VBN4,VBN6,VBN7	
7	Ground Nut	Powdery mildew and leaf spot	March - April	Propiconazole 200 ml/ac.	All districts.
				Neem seed Kernel extracts 5%	
				Carbandazim 200 gm/ acre	
8	Gingelly	White grub	November & December	Carbofuran 3 G @ 20 kg/ac	Dindigul.
				Fipronil 40.0%+Imidacloprid 40.0% WG -120 gm / acre	
8	Gingelly	Leaf miner	August & October	Carbandazim @ 2 g/ltr	All districts.
				Hexaconazole @ 2 ml/ac	
				Oxydemeton-methyl 25.00% EC -400 ml/ Acre	
8	Gingelly	Leaf webber	July	Neem seed Kernel extracts 5%	Gingelly growing districts.

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9	Cotton	Cotton Pink Boll Worms	December - January	Yellow sticky traps 5 No/ac.	All cotton growing districts
				Pheromone traps 5 No/ac.	
				Imidacloprid 17.8 % SL @ 40 ml/ac.	
				Profenophos 50 % EC - 800 ml/ Acre	
10	Coconut	Stem weevil Aphid, White fly , Jassids &Thrips	July & December October	Chlorpyrifos @ 2.5 ml + Carbendazim 1g/ltr.	Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Madurai, Perambalur & Tirunelveli.
				Acetamipride 20 SP @ 40 g/ac.	
				Buprofezin 25.00% SC - 400 ml/ acre	
10	Coconut	Rugose spiraling whitefly	May, June & November	Encarsia parasitoids -100 nos./ Acre , chrysopids-400 / acre, Yellow sticky traps 5 No/ac, Neemoil 3% spray	All coconut growing districts
				Rhinoceros beetle	
		Red palm weevil		1.Metarhizium anisoplae - 1 Kg/ Manure pit	
				2.Application of neem seed powder+ sand(1:2 ratio) - 150 gm/ Palm	
		Black headed caterpillar		Setting up of attractat traps containing sugarcane molasses 21/2 kg or toddy 21/2 litres + acetic acid 5 ml+ yeast 5 gm + longitudinally split tender coconut stem of green petiole of leaves of 30 numbers in one acre to trap adult red palm weevil	
				Pheromone trap @ 1per 2 ha	
Bud rot	Release of larval of (Bethylid) , Braconids and Ichneumonid @ 3000/ ha				
	Spray 1 % Bordeaux minstrue or copper oxychloride @0.25 % on crown region as pre monsoon spray				

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11	Sugarcane	Early shoot borer	April ,May	Chlorantraniliprole 0.4 % G - 7.5 kg/ Acre Fibronil 5% SC - 600 ml/ acre	Sugarcane growing districts.
		Internode borer	April ,May	Trichogramma chilonis @ 1 cc/ per release /Acre - 6 releases @ 15 days interval	
		Pyrilla	April ,May	Release of Chrysopid @400 egg/acre	
		Root grub	April ,May	Set up light trap to destroy adult Collect and destroy adult beetles Spray Imidacloprid 17.8 % SL @140 ml/ Acre	
		Smut	July	Set treatment with fungicide	
				carbendazim 1g/lt.	
		sett rot	July	Use resistant varieties	
				Ensure proper drainage and planting in 1 to 2 cm depth	
				Carbendazim 50%-1g/lit	

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1	Brinjal	Shoot and fruit borer	Collection and destruction of infected plant parts like shoot, buds and Fruits Spray any of the following at 30 days after planting at fortnightly interval 1. Quinalphos 25 EC 2ml/Lit+Teepol 1 ml/Lit 2. Spray Neem seed kernel Extract 5% Aviod synthetic pyrethroids Grow resistant varieties	All districts.
2	Tomato	Fruit Borer	Plant 40 days old marigold as trap crop with 25 days old Tomato sseedlings @1:16 row ratio. Set up Pheromone traps at 12/Ha Collect and destroy infested fruits, leaves, egg and gregarious larvae. Based on ETL (5% fruit damage) spray quinalphos 2.5 ml/lit (or) Bacillus thuringiensis @2g/lit Release twice Trichogramma chilonis @50,000/Ha release from flowering onwards at 10 days interval. Grow resistant varieties	All districts.
3	Bhendi	Sucking pests (Leaf hopper, aphids an white fly) Fruit Borer	Grow whitel fly tolerant varieties like Arka Anamika or fruit borer resistant varieties. Spray Dimethoate 30 EC 2ml/lit or NSKE 5% (50 g/Lit) Set up Pheromone traps at 12/Ha Collection and disposal of infested plant parts Release Trichogramma egg parasitoid @1.0 Lakh/Ha Release first instar grubs of Chrysoperla carnea @10,000/Ha Spray Bacillus thuringiensis @2g/lit Based on ETL (5% fruit damage) spray cartap hydrochloride 5.0 sp 2g/lit or cartap hydro chloride 5.0 wp 1g/lit. Combined with NSKE 5%.	All districts.

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4	Cucurbits	Pumpkin beetle and Leaf caterpillar	Early planting of pumpkin during October - November Frequent raking of soil beneath the crop to expose and kill the eggs and grubs. Hand collection and destruction of infested leaves and fruits. Spray malathion 50 EC 1 ml/lit, dimethoate 30 EC 2 ml/lit.	All districts.
		Fruit fly	In endemic areas, sowing time to be adjusted in such a way that fruiting does not coincide with monsoon. Fruit fly resistant pumpkin varieties may be grown. Ribbed gourd may be grown as a trap crop and malathion 2 ml/lit, may be sprayed on the congregating adult flies on the under surface of leaves. Attractants like citronella oil, eucalyptus oil, acetic acid (vinegar), dextrose and lactic acid may be used to trap adult flies. Poison baiting may be employed with saturated sugar solution 5 ml + malathion 50 EC 5 ml + 100 ml fermented palm juice. This mixture may be kept in earthen vessels in many places in the field. Use fishmeal trap to attract and kill the flies.	
5	Moringa	Hairy caterpillar	Burning the congregating caterpillars on the bark with flame thrower / burning flame.	All districts.
6	Mango	Inflorescence hoppers, shoot webber	Spray two rounds of acephate 75 SP @ 1 g/lit, phosalone 35 EC @ 1.5ml/lit. First at the time of panicle emergence and the second a fortnight later.	
7	Citrus	Leaf miner	Spray NSKE 5% (50 g/lit), Neem Cake Extract 5% or Neem Oil 3 ml/lit. Spray dimethoate 2 ml/lit.	All districts.
8	Guava	Tea Mosquito Bug	Spray in the early morning hours or late evening hours at 21 day intervals four times minimum. Neem Oil 3%, malathion 1 ml/lit.	All districts.
		Rhizome (or) Corm weevil	Trapping the adult weevils by placing chopped pseudostem in the cropped area Selecting infestation - free suckers Soil incorporation of lindane 1.3 D 20 g/plant; 10-20 g/plant Carbofuran 3G 10 g/plant around pseudostem.	
9	Banana	Pseudostem weevil	Disposal of infested trees by chopping and burning	All districts.
		Banana aphid (Vector of Bunchy top disease)	Maintaining healthy plantation by periodical removal of dry leaves and suckers Spray Imidachlopride 0.5 ml or dimethoate @ 2 ml/lit towards the crown and pseudostem base thrice at 21 day intervals.	

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S.No. 1	Chillies	Diseases Fruit Rot and Die Back	Remedial measures Use disease free seeds Seed treatment with Thiram @ 4g/kg Spray Mancozeb @ 2 g/lit or Copper oxychloride @ 2.5 g/lit thrice at 15 days interval starting from noticing the die-back symptoms or at 60 days after planting .	Districts All districts.
2	Brinjal	Phomopsis fruit rot Little leaf of Brinjal	Deep summer ploughing, crop rotation. Spraying Carbendazim + Mancozeb @ 0.1% or copper oxychloride @2 0.2%. Removal of weed hosts. Spraying of copper hydroxide @ 500 ppm	All districts. All districts.
3	Gourds	Downy mildew Powdery mil-dew Mosaic virus	Seed treatment with Metalaxyl @ 2 g/kg.seeds Spraying with Mancozeb @ 2g/lit or Metalaxyl + Mancozeb @ 1g/lit. Spray Dinocap @1 ml/lit. or Carbendazim @ 0.5 g/lit. Removal of weed host. Spray Dimethoate@ 2ml/lit.or Acephate @1g/lit. to control insect vectors. Place yellow sticky traps @ 12/ ha .	All districts.