

CABBAGE

Cabbage is mainly infested by Diamond Black Moth and Black rot. Use of Neem seed kernel extract and Pongamia soap solution, use of healthy seedlings, light trap augmentation of *Colesia mutellae* are some of the approaches to reduce chemical pesticides use.

Key Pests and Diseases

Diamond Back Moth (*Plutella xylostella*), leaf webber (*Crocidolomia binotalis*), stem borer (*Hellula undalis*), black rot (*Xanthomonas compestris*), aphids (*Brevicoryne brassicae*) and soft rot.

IPM Approach

Nursery

- About two to three weeks before sowing, undertake soil solarization of nursery beds with polythene sheets (60-100 gauge).
- Add 50 g of *Trichoderma harzianum* to FYM and mix in 1 m² of nursery beds to prevent infection from soil and seed borne fungal diseases.
- Soak 1 kg seed in 100 ppm Streptocycline sulphate solution for 15 minutes before sowing to prevent the black rot infection.
- Use nylon nets in nursery beds to avoid entry of white fly, aphids etc.

Main field

- If Diamond Back Moth (DBM) population is observed at early stage after transplanting, spray *Bacillus thuringiensis* @ 500g/ha and repeat it after every fortnight.
- Starting from 30 days of transplanting, take up inundative releases of *Trichogramma bactrae* @ 0.5-0.75 lakh/ha at weekly interval. Four to five releases will be required.
- Periodically remove *Alternaria* affected bottom leaves.
- Spray Chlorothalonil @ 0.2% incase the *Alternaria* disease is severe.
- Periodically remove black rot affected heads. If the disease is severe, then spray Blitox 0.2%+100ppm Streptocycline sulphate/ ha.
- Spray of Neem seed kernel extract (5%) or Pongamia soap solution for the management of Diamond Black Moth.

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