

Documentation of pest management practices among banana growers in major banana growing districts of Tamil Nadu

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ABSTRACT

A survey was conducted during the year 2014-2015 in major banana growing district of Tamil Nadu to study the pest management practices against major pests of banana. The studies revealed low responses on knowledge about eco-friendly pest management practices except following the clean cultivation practices (61.25 %) and use of plant products (54.17 %). Awareness about the recommended pesticides for banana was low (17.50 % respondents) and many of the banana growers (42.5 %) use monocrotophos against banana pests. Around 46.25 per cent of farmers get their plant protection advice from pesticide dealers. Interventions for eco-friendly pest management with the rational and sustainable use of pesticides in banana is necessary among the banana growers.

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