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ABSTRACT

The experiment was demonstrated at the central farm of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh to appraise the performance of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean (BARI sheem-5) during the period from October 2018 to January, 2019. The experiment comprise the following management practices: T₁: Application of MNPV at 7 days interval. T₂: Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval. T₃: Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval. T₄: Application of Cypermethrin @ 1ml/L of water at 7 days interval. T₅: untreated. The experiment was laid out in Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with three replications. The data obtained from experiment on various parameters were statistically analyzed and means were separated by the Least Significant Differences (LSD). In compliance with total pod growing period by number plant⁻¹ the lowest percent pod infestation was observed from T₃ (5.7%), where the highest pod infestation was recorded from T₅ (24.9 %), incase of % pod infestation in weight, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (5.2 %) whereas the highest infested pods plant⁻¹ was measured in T₅ (24.8 %). The highest number of inflorescence plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (6.1) while the lowest number was observed from T₅ (4.8) treatment. The highest number of pod inflorescence⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (9.7) while the lowest number was recorded from T₅ (6.8) treatment . The highest yield hectare⁻¹ was found from T₃ (11.0 ton) while the lowest pod yield hectare⁻¹ was recorded from T₅ (6.9 ton) treatment. The pod yield of bean was highly significant at (p=0.01), strong (r=0.9919) and negatively correlated with pod infestation by number i.e., the yield was decreased with the increase of pod infestation by number. The pod yield of country bean was potentially significant at (p=0.01), strong (r=0.9141, r=0.9741, r=0.9955 ,r=0.8634) and positively correlated with no. of inflorescence plant⁻¹ , no. of flower inflorescence⁻¹ ,no. of pod inflorescence⁻¹, and pod length, i.e., the yield was increased with the increase of pods inflorescence⁻¹, pod length, no. of inflorescence plant⁻¹, no. of flower inflorescence⁻¹. From this study, it may be terminated that T₃ treatment (Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more efficacious among the management practices for controlling legume pod borer of country bean.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The country bean, *Lablab purpureus* Lin. (Leguminosae: Papilionaceae), is an important vegetable-cum-pulse crop grown everywhere in Bangladesh. This bean frequently known as Sheem, Hyacinth bean, Indian bean, Egyptian kidney bean and Bovanist bean (Rashid, 1999). The crop is very popular for its tender pods, which are consumed mostly as vegetables, sometimes as pickles. Its tender seeds are also used as vegetables; however, the matured and dried seeds are used as pulses.

Country bean is a big source of essential vitamins and generally cultivated in Rabi seasons usually around the homestead by trailing its vine either on trees or by providing different kinds of supports. Although beans are assessed as the major group of vegetables grown intensively in Rabi seasons, some varieties of country bean can be grown year round including Kharif seasons. The crop has multipurpose functions. It is used as a popular fodder crop. To produce “hay and silage” as animal feed, its foliar portion is used. Country bean has a unique ability to fix atmospheric nitrogen to the soil through rhizobial symbiosis at root zone which enhance soil fertility as a green manure crop. Its mature dried stems are used as fuel and provide more or less an opportunity to combat fuel crisis. It has high digestibility and free from flatulent effects. Its green pods and mature seeds are good source (25%) of protein (on dry basis), vitamins (e.g. vitamin A, vitamin C, riboflavin etc.) and mineral such as magnesium, calcium, phosphorus, potassium, iron, sulfur and sodium. So, it is an important source of cash income as well as alleviating malnutrition and sickness caused as by dietary deficiencies. The crop cultivation faces various problems including the pest management (Rashid, 1999). These include the availability of quality seeds, irrigation water and technical information, supply of fertilizers, incidence of pest and diseases, transportation, storage and marketing. Among these problems, occurrence of frequent insect pest attacks has been most important, requiring the pests to be managed twice or thrice in a season. Insect pests, which cause colossal losses to bean crops, are serious problems. Reports reveal that in Bangladesh, over 30 different species of arthropods have been reported in country bean crop, although only a few occur regularly and cause economic damage (Alam, 1969; Begum, 1993; Karim, 1993, 1995; Das, 1998; Islam, 1999). Among the insect pests, the pod borer, *Maruca vitrata* (Fabricius), is considered as one of the major pests of country beans in Bangladesh.

Bean pod borer is able to establish itself on legumes from vegetative to reproductive stage. Due to plant pests and diseases, 20 to 40 percent of the crop yields are reduced globally. To overcome these situations farmers use pesticides. Pesticides play a key role to control the insect pests and diseases and hence protect and promote production.

Characteristics of BARI SHEEM 5

BARI sheem 5 has unique characteristics over the other bean variety. It is a dwarf variety and has no need for trellis. The height of this plant is 35-45 cm. 50-60 pods can be harvested from a plant. Each pod length is 9-10 cm long, green. Pods are soft and fleshy, less fiber, low disease and insect infestation. It is tolerant to virus. The life span of this variety is approximately 75-85 days and the yield is on an average (12 t/ha). (BARI, 2018). This study is about the efficacy of some newer pesticides as well as those pesticides would be less harmful for natural enemies. For this purpose some newer insecticide will be applied and result will be demonstrated. Emamectin benzoate is a new insecticide of a new mechanism of action and a strong activity against Lepidoptera as well as with a high selectivity on useful organisms. This molecule acts if swallowed and has some contact action. It penetrates leaf tissues (translaminar activity) and forms a reservoir within the leaf. The mechanism of action is unique in the panorama of insecticides. In fact, it inhibits muscle contraction, causing a continuous flow of chlorine ions in the GABA and H-Glutamate receptor sites. It is well suited for the control of a broad range of Lepidoptera pests. The unique mode of action makes the compound well suited as a tool in insect resistance management programmes. Other prominent newer insecticides are Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) and MNPV. The efficacy of these insecticides will be demonstrated in this proposed study.

Considering the above facts and points, the present research program has been designed with the following objectives:

- To evaluate the field infestation levels of target insect pests *viz.* legume pod borer (*Maruca vitrata*).
- To assess the efficacy of newer insecticides against legume pod borer.
- To choose the most effective insecticide to integrate this treatment into IPM package later on for controlling legume pod borer.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Although country bean is an important vegetable-cum-pulse crop of the tropics, the crop cultivation faces various problems including the pest management. Among the insect pests, the pod borer is considered as one of the major pests of country beans. But considerable literature dealing with reducing infestation of pod borer, performances and effectiveness of chemical and non-chemical treatments are very limited. An attempt has been taken in this chapter to review the pertinent research work related to the present study. The information is given below under the following headings:

2.1 General review of bean pod borer

2.1.1 Nomenclature

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Insecta

Order: Lepidoptera

Family: Pyralidae

Genus: *Maruca*

Species: *Maruca vitrata* Fab.

2.1.2 Biology of pod borer

The pod borer is a holometabolous insect. So, it has four stages to complete its life cycle viz. egg, larva, pupa and adult.

Egg

Maruca vitrata females normally lay eggs on floral buds and flowers, although oviposition on leaves, leaf axils, terminal shoots, and pods has also been recorded (Krishnamurthy, 1963; Taylor, 1963, 1967, 1978; Vishakantaiah and Babu, 1980; Rai, 1983). The eggs are normally deposited on the lower surface of plant parts (Vishakantaiah and Babu, 1980; Rai, 1983). A female may lay up to 400 eggs in batches of 2-16 (Okeyo-Owuor and Ochieng, 1981; Jackai *et al.*, 1990). The effect of temperature on oviposition and adult longevity of *Maruca vitrata* was examined by Chi *et al.* (2005). Female adult longevity and pre-ovipositional period were shortened with increasing temperature. The egg laying period lasts an average of 3 days at 24-27°C (Ramasubramanian and Sundara Babu, 1989). Eggs are light yellow, translucent, and have faint reticulate sculpturing on the delicate chorion, and measure 0.65 x 0.45 mm (Taylor, 1967).

Larva

The mean incubation period is around 3 days under at around 25-28°C and over 80% relative humidity (vishakantaiah and Babu, 1980; Okeyo-Owuor and Ochieng, 1981; Rai, 1983). Mature larvae are 17-20 mm long. The head capsule is light to dark brown, and the prothoracic plate is dark brown and divided dorsally. The body is whitish to pale green or pale brown, with irregular brownish black spots; the spots become indistinct immediately before pupation. There are five instars that a larva has to pass through before molting into a pupa (Odebiyi, 1981). The total length of the larval period on cowpea was about 11 days in India (Singh1983), which was 8-13 days in Southern Nigeria (Taylor, 1967), and 10-14 days in Kenya (Okeyo-Owour and Ochieng, 1981). Early instars are dull white, but the later instars are black-headed, with irregularly shaped brown or black spots on the dorsal, lateral and ventral surfaces of each body segment.

Pupa

Once matured and the food materials required to consume and preserve for supporting the pupal stage, the fifth instar larva stops feeding and the body shrunk before entering in to the pupal stage. To pupate, the larva spins silken threads around it in a net fashion and molt into a pupa within the silken cocoon covered under dried leaves on soil. The color of the pre-pupa is light green and measures 13 mm in length and 2.59 mm in width (Rai, 1983). The pre-pupal period lasts for 2 to 3 days (Rai, 1983) at around 25-28°C. A pupa measures 11.59 mm in length and 2.83 mm in width (Rai, 1983). The pupa is reddish brown in color. Being a tropical and subtropical insect, *M. vitrata* does not require entering into diapause (Taylor, 1967). The lower developmental threshold temperature for pupae is 15.6 - 17.8°C and the upper threshold is 28 -34°C (Sharma, 1998).

Adult

About 8 or 9 days after pupation, an adult emerges from the pupa, (Rai, 1983). The adult moths of bean pod borers usually emerge in the night, most of them emerge between 20:00 hr. and 23:00 hr., although some may emerge late in the night or early in the morning (Jackai *et al.*, 1990). Generally, adults of the emerged insect population comprise the male: female ratio of 1:1 (Rai, 1983). The moths are small, dark gray in color with white brown patterns of the wings. The adult moth has light brown forewings with white patches, and white hind wings with an irregular brown border. It often rests with the wings outspread measuring up to 25 mm. They are inactive during the day and can be found at rest with outspread wings under the lower leaves of the host plants.

Adults live, on average, 6-10 days. The female moths have been found to live 11 or 12 days, whereas the males live around 9 or 10 days (Singh 1983). Djamin (1961) reported that the female moths lived up to 22 days and male moths up to 12 days elsewhere. Taylor (1978) found that in Nigeria female moths could live for 4 to 8 days. Okeyo-Owour and Ochieng (1981) reported that adults lived for 12 to 26 days in Kenya. The variations of the duration in the adult longevity were presumably due to the variations in

ambient temperature and humidity in different regions. The life cycle is completed in 18-35 days depending upon temperature.

2.1.3 Host range of legume pod borers

The legume pod borer, (*Maruca vitrata* F.), is a polyphagous insect, which has been reported to feed on various types of plants, both cultivated and wild. Akinfenwa (1975) and Atachi and Djihou (1994) reported that the insect has been observed to feed on 39 host plants; most of these plants were leguminous. Among the host plants, the most frequent ones are *Cajanus cajan*, *Vigna unguiculata*, *Phaseolus lunatus*, and *Pueraria phaseoloids*. The insect has been reported to consume and survive well on pigeonpea, cowpea and hyacinth beans (Ramasubramanian and Babu, 1988; Ramasubramanian and Babu, 1989a). On the basis of number of eggs laid, percentage of egg hatch, growth index, and adult emergence are considered, despite several species of host plants are available, hyacinth bean has been found to be the most suitable host for culturing *M. vitrata* (Sharma, 1998). In absence of the preferred hosts, the insect would perpetuate on alternate and wild hosts such as *Vigna triloba*, *Crotalaria sp.*, *Phaseolus sp.* and pigeonpeas (Taylor, 1967). Sharma (1998) reviewed the host plants of the pest and compiled a list of about 40 plant species used by legume pod borers as their hosts.

2.1.4 Seasonal distribution of legume pod borer

Legume pod borer population build-up is related to cumulative rainfall and the number of rainy days between crop emergences to flowering (Sharma, 1998). The insect is multivoltine; having at least two overlapping generations a year in most places of its distribution (Sharma, 1998). Being a multivoltine insect with polyphagous nature of feeding activities, and with preference for some particular parts of a particular host plant (Karel, 1985; Sharma 1998; Singh and Taylor, 1978). Legume pod borer is likely to differ in its seasonal distribution spatially even within a host plant and temporally within the growing season of a particular host plant. Again, the weather pattern varies across continents, and therefore, the seasonal distribution of the insect is likely to vary regionally as well.

In Nigeria, the insect reaches to its peak infestation levels during June and July (Taylor, 1967). The first generation adults developing from the initial stock-generation in cowpea fields appears in July and the second generation between July and September. When host plants become scarce, or the prevailing environment becomes less favorable, the insects possibly migrate from South to North guided by air-movements of the inter-tropical convergence zone, and again head toward South in November-December (Taylor, 1967). Within a 24-hour timeframe, adults of the insects are more active from dusk to midnight, with a peak occurrence between 20:00 and 21:00 hr (Akinfenwa, 1975). In Kenya, pod borer populations are low during the short rainy season, although infestation

continues unless flower and pod production ceases (Okeyo-Owuor *et al.*, 1983). At ICRISAT Headquarters, moth catches were greatest between early November to mid December in the light traps (Srivastava *et al.*, 1992) with peak catches occurring during November. In Sri Lanka, Saxena *et al.* (1992) observed a high larval density in host crops planted in mid-October. In Bihar of India, Akhauri *et al.* (1994) observed that on early pigeon pea the larval density increased from mid-October to the end of November, with the occurrence of peak larval density in the last week of November. Sharma (1998) reported that the presence of significant relationships between the peak occurrence of pod borers and cumulative rainfall and number of rainy days between crop emergences to flowering.

In Bangladesh, Alam *et al.* (1969) studied the infestation levels of *M. vitrata* on different plant parts of country beans in Gazipur and Jessore. They found that the patterns of seasonal occurrence varied in flowers and pods in both localities. However, the authors did not provide any information regarding the seasonal distribution of the pest in either locality. But, they reported that pods experienced the more infestation than did flowers. Rahman and Rahman (1988) in a study found that the insect attacked the rabi-season pigeon peas from mid December until the crop was harvested in early February in Gazipur. The authors found in the same study that legume pod borer larvae occurred with their peaks during the second week of January to the beginning of February. However, according to them, the insect population may vary depending on the plant parts present; they found larval peak population in flowers around the middle of January, after which the population declined in flowers. On the other hand, the insect tended to occur increasingly in pigeon pea pods until the end of January. Such difference in the seasonal distribution of the pest infestation in different plant parts of the same host plant is presumably because of the preference of one part to the other, a phenomenon very common in insects. The suitability of a particular plant part as a feeding unit may also change over time. This may also be the case with pigeon peas causing a decline in frequency of infestation on flowers, while increasing the frequency of infestation on pods, as found in the study of Rahman and Rahman (1988).

2.1.5 Nature of damage of legume pod borers

Maruca vitrata (Fabricius) is a tropical insect that attacks several species of plants, primarily the legume plants, although pod borers in the genus *Maruca* are polyphagous in nature (Taylor, 1978; Singh and Jackai, 1988; Rahman, 1989; Babu, 1989). Babu (1989) reported that hyacinth bean, which is also known as the country bean, is the most favorable food plant for *M. vitrata* (*testulalis*). Generally the insect infestation begins at the terminal plant parts (Jackai, 1981). At the early stage of plant growth, the insect attacks plant leaves, fastens the leaves together to clusters and feed while living inside the tunnels of clusters (Singh, 1983; Das and Islam, 1985; Rahman, 1989; Karim, 1993). However, the insect prefers ovipositing at the flower bud stage, suggesting that at earlier stages of plant growth, infestations of legume pod borer may not be conspicuous. Pod

borer infestation is more frequent from flowering stage of plants. As soon as buds and flowers appear on plants, many of the insect larvae can be present moving from buds/flowers to buds/flowers and bore into them. A single larva can consume 4-6 flowers before the larval development is completed (Sharma, 1998). The attacked buds and flowers subsequently wither and may fall down. Later the insects move into pods and bore into the pods; the insect would occasionally bore into peduncle and stems of host plants (Taylor, 1967). Generally, one larva bores into a single pod, although there have been instances where two or more larvae entered into a single pod (Das and Islam, 1985). In such a case, when more than one larvae enter into a single Pod, cannibalism might be occurring, a phenomenon very common in most leaf miners. However, there has been little research in this regard for legume pod borers.

The first and second instars larvae feed mostly on the inner walls of the young pods and scrap inside the bored pods/flowers. The larvae of later instars, in most cases, enter into the pods, bore into the seeds and feed these parts by making circular holes. The entry holes are often difficult to visualize, as the holes are often plugged with the faecal excretion of the pest. In instances where the extruded frass can be seen from the outside, it is rather an obvious indicator of pod borer infestation (van Emden, 1980). The infesting larva can consume the entire seeds within a pod. After entering into a pod, the larva usually does not leave it until the food is totally exhausted. The infested pod often becomes unfit for human consumption.

Although the insect has been found to feed on different plant parts as explained above, Karel (1985) in a study observed that more than 52% of the larval populations were feeding on flowers, and about 38% larvae were feeding on pods. In contrast, she found only about 10% of the larvae to be feeding on leaves. The result is consistent with Sharma (1998), who concluded that the order on preference of different plant parts is flowers > flower buds > terminal shoot > pods and seeds. As a result of the insect infestations, crop yields can often be severely affected (Singh and Taylor, 1978).

2.2 Yield loss caused by pod borer

M. vitrata (testulalis) is a very important pest causing profound damages to legume crops including the country beans in Bangladesh. Singh and Taylor (1978), Rahman (1987) and Rahman and Rahman (1988) reported that pod borer infestation may cause great reduction of yields of the infested crops. However, these authors did not provide any information with respect to the amount of percentage of yield reduction caused by the pest attack. Nevertheless, there have been several reports on quantified effects of the pest infestation on various crops. Singh and Allen (1980) reviewed the infestation of pod borers in field and horticultural crops across Africa, Asia, south Central America and Australia, and concluded that the insect can cause 20 – 60% damage to host crops. Karel (1985) in Tanzania found that the pod borer infestation could reduce seed yields of local French bean cultivars by 20%-50%. In Kenya, the insect was found to cause 80%

reduction of cowpea production (Okeyo-Owuor and Ochieng, 1981). Rahman et.al., (1981) found the insect to cause as high as 100% infestation of black gram leaves, the effect of infestation at such high levels are likely to be profound on yield of the crop. Rahman et al. (1981) reported that bean pod borers could cause as high as 38% reduction of the yields of pigeon peas in Bangladesh. Ohno and Alam (1989) found that pod borer damage in cowpea was 54.4% at harvest, although the reduction of seed yield of cowpeas was estimated only 20%. Sarder and Kundu (1987) studied pod borer infestation in four bean cultivars and reported that the borers caused up to 7% reduction of country bean yield in Bangladesh. Kabir *et al.* (1983) studied pod borer infestations on 32 different genotypes of country beans in Jamalpur, Bangladesh and found that the insect caused up to 17% damage to country bean pods. But for country beans the magnitude of infestation would be more severe, as infested pods are likely to be unfit and unacceptable for human consumption.

2.3 Pest complex of country bean

The pest spectrum of a crop can vary geographically and temporally (Pedigo, 1999). It appears that there have been variations of country bean pest complex in different countries and parts of the season. In east Africa, more than 50 arthropod pests are reported and the pestiferous effects of these insects vary across the continent (Singh, 1983). He also noted that in addition to the 50 insects known so far, there might have been some other insect pests and mites causing damage to the crop but they have been ignored because of the inconspicuous presence and activities of those pests. However, he noted that despite the occurrence of a large number of arthropod pests, only a few occur more frequently and can cause significant damage to the crop. These include mainly the bean flies, black bean aphids and pod borers in many east African countries.

Many pestiferous arthropods occur in America and some of them inflict severe damage to several legume crops including beans. In Hawaii, legume pod borer have been ubiquitous causing severe damage to beans including lima beans (Holdaway and Look, 1942).

In India, country bean has been reported to be attacked by more than 57 species of pestiferous arthropods (Govindan, 1974). In India, country beans have been reported to be frequently attacked by the galerucid beetle, *Madurasia obscurella* Jacob (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae), which may cause economic damage to the crop (Gupta and Singh, 1978). Naresh and Nene (1968), and Saxena (1973 and 1976) have also reported that galerucid beetles and some other insect pests including various aphid species; hooded hopper, *Leptocentrus taurus* Fb. (Homoptera: Membracidae); leaf beetle, *Sagra carbunculus* Hope (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae); leaf-eating caterpillars, *Plusia oricalchea* Fb. (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae); leaf miner, *Cosmopterix* sp. (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae); leaf weevil, *Blosyron oniscus* Ol. and *Alcides collaris* P. (Coleoptera:

Curculionidae); pod borer, *Maruca* sp. (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae); and mites, *Tetranychas* sp. (Acarina), attack country beans in different parts of India and the subcontinent. Singh (1983) also stated that there might have been 30 more species of arthropods associated with bean crops, but their inconspicuous nature probably caused them to be ignored. In Burma, country beans have been reported to be attacked by 14 arthropods pests (Shroff, 1920), although it is not clear which ones are of major importance in terms of damage.

In Bangladesh, country bean has been frequently reported to be infested with various species of aphids including *A. craccivora* and *A. medicagenis* Koch (Homoptera: Aphididae); bean bug, *Coptosoma cribrarium* Fb. (Hemiptera: Plataspidae); green semi-looper, *Plusia oricalchea* Fb. (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae); hooded hopper, *Leptocentrus tarus* Fb. (Homoptera: Membracidae); leaf miner, *Cosmopterix* spp. (Diptera: Agromyzidae); leaf weevil, *Blosyrus oniscitcs* Ol. (Coleoptera: Curculionidae); pod borer, *Maruca* sp. (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae); shoot borer, *Sagra carbunchulus* H. and, *S. femorata* D. (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae); shoot weevil, *Alcides collaris* P. (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) and the mite, *Tetranychus* spp. (Acarina) (Alam, 1969; Begum, 1993; Karim, 1993, 1995; Das, 1998; Islam, 1999). Among these insect pests, only a few species occur in most places of the country, and may often cause economic damages. Alam (1969) stated that there had been nine species of arthropod pests regularly occur in country bean fields, although only three species of insects including aphid, bean bug, leaf miner and one species of mites caused economic damages to the crop during 1970s in Bangladesh. It appears that with the progress of time there has been a shift in the assemblages of arthropod pest species in fields of the crop, particularly in Central Bangladesh. In 1990s, the major arthropod pests of country beans in Bangladesh were the aphid, *A. craccivora*, the pod borers, *M. vitrata* (*testulalis*) and *Helicoverpa armigera*, and the red mite, *Tetranychus* sp. Das (1998) reported that there were five species of arthropods causing major damages to country bean; these included the aphid, *A. craccivora*; leafminer, *Cosmopteris* sp.; leaf paster, *H. indica*; pod borer, *M. vitrata* and the mite, *Tetranychus* sp. in different places of Bangladesh. It appears that the black bean aphid, *Aphis craccivora*, and the pod borer, *M. vitrata*, are common everywhere in Bangladesh (Karim, 1995; Das, 1998; Islam, 1999) and the infestation of the pest can often be so severe that the economy of the bean growers can be heavily affected in this country.

Among the major insect pests, aphids occur frequently. Because of their high reproductive capacity and sedentary habits, population of aphids can often be too high to make concerns to farmers. In addition, aphids can transmit diseases to plants, which make them a potential pest of crops, particularly at favorable environmental conditions of the pest. Aphid, *Aphis craccivora* is cosmopolitan in distribution and the insects damage different crops in the temperate, tropic and subtropics continents (Hill, 1983; Butani and Jotwani, 1984). In general, colonies of aphids start from a few individuals arriving from

an infested area. Upon arrival, the insects reproduce rapidly and build up the colony. On country beans, aphids suck plant sap from underside of young leaves, tender twigs and shoots (Hill, 1983; Singh, 1983; Butani and Jotwani, 1984;). When plants are heavily infested, leaf distortion and stunting frequently occur, which often result in poor fruit setting (Hill 1983; Butani and Jotwani, 1984;). In addition to the damage caused by feeding, aphids also damage the crop by acting as a vector of diseases (Butani and Jotwani, 1984). Although aphids can cause damages by sucking plant sap and transmitting diseases, unless their population goes extremely high, aphids usually cause little damage through direct feeding activities. In addition, aphid populations are often suppressed naturally by a complex of predators including ladybird beetles (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae), lacewings (Neuroptera: Chrysopidae), syrphid flies (Diptera: syrphidae), various species of insect parasitoids and other natural enemies. As a result, in most crop fields, aphid populations do not require to be suppressed by artificial pest management practices (Pedigo, 1999).

On the other hand, the legume pod borer, (*M. vitrata* F.) has been considered as a serious pest of grain legumes in the tropics and sub- tropics because of its extensive host range, destructiveness and wider distribution (Taylor, 1967; Raheja, 1974). In most places of its distribution, population of *M. vitrata* frequently reaches economic threshold levels causing enormous economic losses; to prevent rises to such damaging populations of the pest farmers frequently require application of control measures, particularly insecticides (Taylor, 1967). In Bangladesh, pod borers have been frequently attacking various crops including country beans and causing enormous amount of damages to the crop (Alam, 1969; Rahman and Rahman, 1988; Karim 1993). Therefore, interests in the present study have been concentrated on the legume pod borer. From hereon, discussion will be dedicated mostly to the legume pod borers and further discussed in detail in the following sections.

2.4 Control of pod borer in field crops

As summarized in the previous section, being one of the most frequently occurring and damaging insect pest of different legume crops including country beans, pod borers received interests from people involved in both research and business across continents (Singh and Allen, 1980) There have been growing interests in controlling the pest, country bean pod borer, in this country. Several methods including cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical methods are available for controlling the pest in field crops. Despite the availability of various pest control methods, application of synthetic chemical insecticides appears to be the most common means of controlling legume pod borers, a trend consistent with most pests in field crops (Debach and Rosen 1991; Pedigo 1999). The management practices that have been commonly used for controlling insect pests including pod borers are reviewed and discussed below. For convenience, the methods

have been discussed in two major categories, non-chemical and chemical control methods. Within each category, sub-categories have been described.

2.4.1 Non-chemical control

Farmers believe that insecticides are the only method to control insect pest. This mental make up has been created from their practice of using insecticides to control the insect pests attacking their crops over many years (Islam, 1999). More over, the government's policy of giving 100% subsidy on pesticides i.e., giving the pesticides free of cost to the farmers had helped encourage and develop the habit of indiscriminate use of pesticides among the farmers. This is serious basic problem in achieving success in IPM programs.

Cultural control

The populations of legume pod borers are frequently suppressed naturally by environmental factors including temperature, humidity and photoperiod (Karim, 1995). Among the environmental factors, rainfall appeared to be one of the important key factors; the distribution of rainfall over time is more critical than the total amount in determining pod borer populations. Thus, the adjustment of planting dates in such a way that the crop receives rainfall for a considerable period from flowering to harvest has been suggested as a component of a pest management system that is structured in an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) set up. Again, pod borer population tends to build up over the season (Ekesi *et al.*, 1996), the pod borer infestation increases on the late sown crop (Alghali, 1993). In such a case, yield may be affected, as is the case with cowpea, grain yield of which decreases in late planted crops (Ezueh and Taylor, 1984). In such a case, early planting might help reduce legume pod borer infestation.

Cropping system has profound effect on pod borer infestation. As a cultural practice of controlling pod borer infestation, intercropping has been successfully used. It has been reported that pod borer damage in a monocrop is greater than the maize-cowpea-sorghum crop grown as intercrops (Amoako-Atta and Omolo, 1982; Fisher *et al.*, 1987; Omolo *et al.*, 1993). Karel (1984 and 1993) also reported that pod borer incidence was significantly lower in intercropped than in pure stands. In contrast, Alghali (1993b), Ofuya (1991), Natarajan *et al.* (1991), Patnaik *et al.* (1989) and Saxena *et al.* (1992) reported no effect of intercropping on the incidence of *Maruca vitrata*. This suggests that the success of the adjustment of cropping time and system in reducing the pod borer infestation may vary depending upon the crop and time of the season.

As a cultural mean of controlling pod borers, adjustment of plant density can be another option. Plant density has been found to affect pod borer activities. Karel (1984 and 1993) found that at higher plant densities of common bean, *Phaseolus vulgaris*, pod borer infestation was reduced compared with a lower plant population. In the context of country bean production in Bangladesh, there has been little information regarding pod

borer control by using cultural methods of pest control. Research in this regard may be helpful to come by some cultural tools that could be integrated with other methods of pest control.

Biological control

Biological control agents including predators, parasitoids and pathogens greatly reduce pest populations in various crop fields. There have been researches on predaceous fauna of legume pod borers across continents (Usua and Singh, 1977). Vishakantaiah and Babu, 1980; Okeyo-Owuor *et al.*, 1991). In general, the role of predators in pest population reduction is difficult to determine in field conditions (Debach and Rosen, 1991; Pedigo, 1999). This is simply because predators usually devour the prey immediately leaving no trace or signs of the predation. As a result, there has been little information on control of pod borers by predators.

There have been researches on parasitic fauna of legume pod borers across continents (Usua and Singh, 1977; Barrion *et al.*, 1987; Vishakantaiah and Babu, 1980; Okeyo-Owuor *et al.*, 1991). It has been noted that, parasitoids, both by their stinging and direct feeding activity during the process of host selection for oviposition and by killing the parasitized larvae and pupae, inflict significant mortality to most insect pests (Debach and Rosen, 1991). Okeyo-Owuor *et al.*, (1991) conducted extensive research on biological control of pod borers in Kenya and conducted that a plethora of parasitic fauna attacks bean pod borers and greatly suppress the pest infestation in several places. Okeyo-Owuor *et al.*, (1991) that more than 98% of the eggs oviposited by pod borer females do not reach adulthood in Kenya. One of the key factors causing such a high level of mortality was the parasitoid, which included seven parasitoid species. It is believed that a plethora of parasitoids are active and they probably kill significant portions of legume pod borer population in Bangladesh. However, there is little investigation in this regard.

Pheromonal control

The use of pheromone has also been reported against legume pod borer. In Kenya, pheromone traps were used against the bean pod borer *Maruca vitrata* (Okeyo-Owuor and Agwaro, 1982). The pheromone used has been a female sex pheromone. Generally, the sex pheromones could be successfully used as mating disruptors and prevent pod borers from rising to population levels damaging the crop (Alghali, 1993). However, pheromone trap is a tool that has been used frequently for monitoring the population of a particular pest rather than controlling the pest (Pedigo, 1999). In addition, pheromones are frequently sensitive to time; last for a relatively short period have the potential to influence natural enemy populations (Pedigo, 1999). Construction and placement of the traps also important. As a result, pheromones have been rarely used for the control of bean pod borers in Bangladesh.

2.4.2 Host plant resistance

Genetic control of pod borer mostly reflects the use of resistant plant genotypes against the pest. Searches for plant materials resistant to legume pod borers have been frequently made across continents. Screening techniques for plant materials resistant to the pest have been reported from field, greenhouse and laboratory conditions (Jackai, 1981 and 1991; Valdez, 1989; Echendu and Akingbohunge, 1990). Sharma (1998) reviewed and concluded that significant progress in developing resistant varieties in this regard have been made using cowpeas and pigeonpeas as plant materials from Africa. Mechanisms associated with resistance of those plant materials have been explored and determined (Sharma, 1998). Ramadas and Babu (1989b) studied country beans, cowpeas and pigeonpeas and concluded antixenosis, antibiosis and tolerance have been the mechanisms through which these plant materials resisted pod borers activities. They also reported that country beans exhibited less antixenosis for oviposition of the pest compared with the other legumes they tested. In contrast, Valdez (1989) did not find such events in cowpeas. Non-preference of larval feeding has been reported to be associated with pod borer resistance in cowpeas (Echeden and Akingbohunge, 1990). Valdez (1989) and Sharma (1998) found prevalence of larval antibiosis on some cowpeas genotypes. Okech and Saxena (1990) also attributed antibiosis to be a mechanism of some legumes pod borer resistant cowpea and pigeonpea genotypes. Saxena *et al.* (1996), on the other hand, observed some materials to be tolerant to the pod borers.

Factors associated with plant resistance to legume pod borers have been studied, which indicate that morphological, anatomical and biochemical factors greatly determine the capability of a plant material to be resistant to legume pod borers. Plant morphological characteristics include open plant canopy, long peduncles, and pod characteristics including size, growth, erectness and angle (Singh, 1978; Usua and Singh, 1979; Oghiakhe *et al.*, 1992b; 1993b). Lateef and Reed (1981) and Saxena *et al.* (1996) reported that indeterminate type of plants was more resistant to pod borers than the determinate type of cowpea plants. Singh (1978) and Oghiakhe *et al.* (1992b) reported that cowpea cultivars that had long pod peduncles and pod held at wider angles than the normal ones were more resistant to pod borers. Usua and Singh (1979) found that cowpea genotypes producing bunched pods suffer more damages by pod borers. Taylor (1986) observed that pod infestation was least in flower opened in eight days after anthesis in cowpeas. The author also noted pods maturing earlier provide some resistance to the pest. The author concluded that open plant canopy, long peduncles, erect pods with wide angles, profuse flowerings, pod size and rate of pod growth can be used to select resistant genotypes against pod borers. Jackai and Oghiakhe (1989) found that the presence of trichomes affects larval feeding and development of legume genotypes.

Plant anatomy has also contribution to plant resistance against the insect. Oghiakhe *et al.* (1992b) noted that types and structures of stem's epidermal cells influence larval movement and feeding of stem's tissues. The author also noted that thinner stems were

less attractive than the thicker ones. Oghiakhe *et al.* (1992b) stated that although epidermal cells mainly the collenchymatous cell of plants have been reported to be providing resistance against the pest, there has been no such effect consistent in their study, suggesting that some other factors are also needed for manifesting the effect.

The chemistry of plants has been found to be associated with plants' resistant to legumes pod borers (Oteino *et al.* 1985; Oghiakhe *et al.* 1993a). Oteino *et al.* (1985) indicated that ethyl acetate soluble fraction of methyl alcohol extracts showed significant feeding inhibition of legume pod borer on resistance cowpea genotypes. In contrast, Oghiakhe *et al.* (1993c and d) did not find any relationships between sugar or phenol concentrations and resistance of cowpea cultivars against legume pod borers. This suggests that there might be some other factors involved, presence or absence of which may modify the type of response that a plant would exhibit when exposed to legume pod borer attacks. Rainfall, temperature and photoperiod of some of these factors influencing legume pod borer infestation.

It appears that most of the information regarding the use of plant resistant against legume pod borers is from cowpea and pigeonpeas. There has been little information about country bean genotypes that are resistant to legume pod borer. This aspect needs to be thoroughly studied, as concerns regarding the use of chemical insecticides has been increasing greatly, and control methods that are relatively safer are solicited for controlling insect pests on crops. For vegetable crops, safety issues are more critical, as vegetables are sometimes raw or within a few days after pesticides applications.

2.4.3 Chemical control

Despite the fact that there has been a plethora of natural enemies and that there have been many non-insecticidal means for controlling legume pod borers on legume crops including beans, farmers often apply insecticides for controlling the pests. Insecticides of both botanical and synthetic origins have been used. Karim (1995) successfully controlled legume pod borer by applying aqueous extracts of neem seed kernel powder at 25-50 g neem kernel powder/L of water at the beginning of flowering. Neem extracts may act as direct toxicants to larvae or they may affect feeding activities, growth and development of the insect pest (Jackai and Oyediran, 1991). These authors have documented in laboratory conditions that different formulations of neem oil affected survival of legume pod borers. Botanical insecticides have been successfully used in controlling many insect pests attacking different field crops (Pedigo, 1999). However, the use of botanicals is less popular, primarily because botanical compounds do not last long, as they are sensitive to light and heat; they often dissociate and lose insecticidal properties soon at higher light, temperature and moisture conditions.

Despite the availability of different pest control methods, it appears that synthetic chemical insecticides dominate the other means of controlling the insect pests on legumes including country beans. In Bangladesh, Karim (1993 and 1995) recommended application of synthetic pyrethroid insecticides including Deltamethrin, Cypermethrin or Fenvalerate or Cyfluthrin at the rate of 1.0 ml /l of water for control of the legume pod borer. Dandale *et al.* (1981) reported the superiority of Cypermethrin, Fenvalerate and Endosulfan in reducing pod borer infestation in red gram elsewhere. Rahman and Rahman (1988) sprayed 0.008% Cypermethrin at initial, 50% and 100% flowering and at 100% pod setting stages of plants and obtained complete protection of pigeon pea from legume pod borers in the winter season of 1987 - 88 in Bangladesh. They also tried Dimethoate, which however did not appear to be as much effective as the Cypermethrins were.

It is a general belief that application of insecticides is the only effective and economically viable method of controlling insect pests in field crops. The philosophy of such an over reliance on insecticides for controlling insect pests in crop fields has developed over generations (Islam, 1999). As a result, it appears very difficult in achieving success in popularizing alternative methods that could be more economic and sustainable in the long run (Debach and Rosen 1991; Pedigo 1999). Insecticides commonly used, however, are not specific and they frequently kill natural enemy populations and may cause upset and resurgence of other pest populations (Debach and Rosen, 1991; Pedigo, 1999). In addition, development of resistant genotypes of the pest to the commonly used insecticides is not uncommon (Debach and Rosen, 1991; Pedigo, 1999). As an alternative mean to insecticide use, demand for the use of integrated Pest Management (IPM) has been increasing. However, successful IPM and economic pest management are based on some pest control decision making criteria, most frequently the economic threshold levels (ETL) (Pedigo, 1999). In the context of country bean crops in Bangladesh, such ETLs need to be established and popularized. The use of resistant cultivars and other non-chemical methods would direct us toward safer pest management practices.

Biorational: The *Bacillus thuringiensis*-based treatments reduced pod damage by 50% in Vietnam, and yard-long bean yields were 17 to 50 times greater than the untreated check. Similarly, yard-long bean pod damage by *M. vitrata* was reduced by 9-44%, with significant yield increases (63-68%) in *B. thuringiensis*-based treatments.

CHAPTER III

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study was conducted at the experimental farm of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 during the period from October 2018 to January 2019 to know the evaluation of some reduced-risk insecticides for the control of legume pod borer, *Maruca vitrata* F. in country bean. The materials and methods that were adopted for conducting the experiment are discussed under the following heading and sub-headings:

3.1 Experimental site

The experimental field was located at 90° 33.5' E longitude and 23° 77.4' N latitude at an altitude of 9 meter above the sea level. The field experiment was set up on the medium high land of the experimental farm.

3.2 Soil

The soil of the experiment site was a medium high land, clay loam in texture and having p^H 5.47-5.63. The land was located in Agro-ecological Zone of 'Madhupur Tract' (AEZ No. 28).

3.3 Climate

The climate of the experimental site is sub-tropical characterized by heavy rainfall during April to July and sporadic during the rest of the year.

3.4 Design of the experiment and layout

The experiment was conducted with 5 treatments . The experiment was laid out in a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD). The entire experimental field was divided into three blocks. Each block was divided into five plots. Two adjacent unit plots were separated by 0.5 m apart and blocks were separated by 0.5 m apart. Each experimental plot comprised of 3m x 2m area .Each treatment combinations were allocated randomly within the block by conforming randomization table procedure and replicated three times (Plate 1).

3.5 Land preparation and fertilization

The main land was ploughed thoroughly by a tractor drawn disc plough followed by harrowing. The stubbles of the crops and uprooted weeds were removed from the field and the land was then labeled prior to transplanting. The field layout was done on accordance to the design, immediately after land preparation. The plots were raised by 10

cm from the soil surface keeping the drain around the plots. During land preparation, cow dung was incorporated into the soil at the rate of 10 t/ha. Recommended doses of fertilizer comprising Urea, TSP and MP at the rate of 30, 90 and 65 kg/ha respectively were applied. Entire amount of cow dung was applied during the final land preparation. Entire dose of TSP and half amount of Urea and MP were applied to the soil of the pit 4-5 days before the transplanting. The rest amount of Urea and MP were top dressed 30 days after transplanting (BARC, 1997).

3.6 Experimental materials



Plate 1. The experimental plot at SAU, Dhaka

3.7 Treatments

This experiment is consists of four insecticides. Each insecticide was designated as individual treatment. The treatments of the present study were given as follows:

T₁: Application of MNPV at 7 days interval.

T₂: Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval.

T₃: Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval.

T₄: Application of Cypermethrin @ 1ml/L of water at 7 days interval.

T₅: Untreated control



Plate 2. MNPV (T₁) treated plot.



Plate 3: Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) (T₂) treated plot.



Plate 4: Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) (T₃) treated plot



Plate 5: Cypermethrin (T₄) treated plot

3.8 Collection of seeds

The seed of country bean BARI seem-5 variety was collected from Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Gazipur

3.9 Sowing of seeds

For rapid growth and germination the seeds of country bean varieties were soaked for 12 hours in water. Two seeds of variety were then sown per polyethylene bags (12cm x 18 cm) containing a mixture of equal proportion of well-decomposed cow dung and loamy soil. Irrigation was given by watering can as per requirement. After germination, the seedlings were placed to partly sunny place for hardening. Finally, 15 days old seedlings were transplanted to the experimental plots as four seedlings per pit on last week of October. At the time of transplanting the polybags were cut and removed carefully in order to keep the soil intact with the root of the seedlings. The seedlings were transplanted in the pits with the entire soil ball. The seedlings were watered until they got established. Out of four seedlings per pit, one was removed two weeks after transplanting.

3.10 Intercultural operation

After transplanting the plants were initially irrigated by watering can and later on surface irrigation was given. After 7 days of transplanting, propping of each plant by bamboo sticks (1.75m) was provided on about 1.5m high from ground level for additional support to allow normal creeping. All the bamboo sticks in each row were fastened strongly by a galvanized wire to allow the vines to creep along. Weeding and mulching in the plots were done, whenever necessary.

3.11 Data collection

Data were recorded on the following parameters:

- Number of larva of bean pod borer plant⁻¹ at early, mid and late satge of pod development
- Number of inflorescence plant⁻¹
- Number of flower inflorescence⁻¹
- Number of pod inflorescence⁻¹
- Total number of pods plant⁻¹
- Number of healthy pods at early, mid and late satge plant⁻¹
- Number of infested pods at early, mid and late satge plant⁻¹
- weight of healthy pods (g) at early, mid and late satge plant⁻¹
- weight of infested pods (g) at early, mid and late satge plant⁻¹
- Length of pod (cm)
- Yield plot⁻¹ (kg)
- Total pod yield (kg)

3.12 Procedure of data collection

3.12.1. Counting of bean pod borer larvae at different growing stages of plant

Borer infested flowers , pods at each harvest were counted and tagged. The data were also recorded on the number of infested flowers, pods removed instead of tagging. Then larvae were counted using hand magnifying glass and calculated as plant⁻¹ . This operation was done at an interval of 7 days at each harvest during early, mid and late fruiting stage of the plant from each plot.

3.12.2. Number of inflorescence plant⁻¹

During the reproductive stage of the plant total numbers of inflorescences from each individual plot were recorded in each treatment

3.12.3 Number of flower inflorescence⁻¹

During the reproductive stage of the plant total numbers of flower inflorescence⁻¹ were recorded in each treatment from 5 inflorescences.

3.12.4. Number of pods inflorescence⁻¹

During the reproductive stage of the plant total numbers of pods from each individual inflorescence were recorded in each treatment.

3.12.5. Number and Weight of healthy pods plant⁻¹

Healthy pods number from each plot was estimated and the mean number was unraveled on plant⁻¹ basis. The data were collected on early, mid and late pod development stage.

3.12.6. Number and Weight of infested pods plant⁻¹

Number of infested pods from each plot was estimated and the mean number was evaluated by plant⁻¹ basis. The data were collected on early, mid and late pod development stage

3.12.7. Percent of pod infestation

From the collected data on total number of pods and number of infested pods by bean pod borer the percent pod infestation was calculated using the following formula:

$$\% \text{ Pod infestation} = \frac{\text{Number of infested pod}}{\text{Total Number of pod}} \times 100$$

3.12.8.Length and weight of pods

Five healthy and five infested pods were randomly selected and the data on length & weight were recorded from each plot in each treatment.

3.12.9.Total pod yield

Total yield/plant was measured and then averaged to kg/plant. Total yield/plot was also taken and then total yield per hectare for each treatment was calculated in tons from cumulative pod production in a plot.

3.13 Statistical analysis of data

Analysis of variance was done with the help of computer package MSTAT-C program. The data recorded on different parameters were subjected to analysis of variance (ANOVA) and the means were compared according to Least Significant Difference Test (LSD) at 5% level of significance.



Effect of MNPV



Effect of Emamectin



Effect of Spinosad



Effect of Cypermethrin

Plate 6: Effect of different treatments on pods used in BARI sheem 5



Plate 7 :Infested pod showing the infestation intensity of legume pod borer.

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The study was conducted to study the effectiveness of different control options in controlling legume pod borer of country bean. Data on the parameters of number of insect pest plant⁻¹ at early, mid and late pod development stage, number and weight of healthy pod, infested pod and percentage of pod infestation in number and weight, yield contributing characters and yield of country bean were recorded. The results from different parameters have been presented and discussed, and possible interpretations have been given under the following headings:

4.1 INSECT PEST INCIDENCE

Incidence of legume pod borer of country bean was recorded for the entire cropping season. Remarkably, legume pod borer was observed in the study. Insect pests from each plant during the reproductive stage which divided as at early(10-20)DAF, mid(30-40)DAF and late pod development stages(50-60)DAF depending on the duration of reproductive stage to investigate the performance of different treatments.

4.1.1 EARLY POD DEVELOPMENT STAGE

At early pod development stage, statistically significant variation was recorded for number of bean pod borer due to different management practices (Table 1). The lowest number of pod borer per plant (4.3) was found from T₃ (Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval) which was profoundly followed by (6.2) by T₂(Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval) while the highest number of pod borer (19.8) was observed from T₅ (untreated control) which was followed (13.3) by T₄ (Application of Cypermethrin @ 1ml/L of water at 7 days interval). From the above mentioned findings, it is revealed that at early pod development stage, spraying of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the practices for controlling legume pod borer of country bean which was followed by Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval.

Table 1. Effect of different management practices on number of legume pod borer of country bean at early pod development stage

Treatments	At early pod development stage	
	Larva of bean pod borer (No./plant) at 10 DAF	Larva of bean pod borer (No./plant) at 20 DAF
T ₁	8.8c	11.5c
T ₂	4.7d	6.2d
T ₃	3.8e	4.3e
T ₄	11.8b	13.3b
T ₅	15.5a	19.8a
LSD _{0.05}	0.9	0.8
C.V. (%)	5.6	4.0

In a column means having dissimilar letters(s) differ significantly by LSD at 0.05 level of probability.

[T₁: Application of MNPV at 7 days interval. T₂ Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval. T₃: Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval. T₄:Application of Cypermethrin @ 1ml/L of water at 7 days interval.T₅:untreated.]

4.1.2 MID POD DEVELOPMENT STAGE

Statistically significant variations were recorded for bean pod borer due to different management practices at mid pod development stage (Table 2). The lowest number of pod borer plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (5.8) consists of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at days interval closely which was closely followed by T₂ (8.8) and T₁(15.5) whereas the highest number was observed from T₅ (28.8) consists of untreated control which was followed by T₄ (18.4). From the above mentioned findings,it is revealed that spraying of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @1ml/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the management practices for controlling legume pod borer of country bean at mid pod development stage and the second satisfactory treatment of the experiment was the T₂ (Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval).

Table 2. Effect of different management practices on number of legume pod borer of country bean at mid pod development stage

Treatments	At mid pod development stage	
	Larva of bean pod borer (No./plant) at 30 DAF	Larva of bean pod borer (No./plant) at 40 DAF
T ₁	13.5c	15.5c
T ₂	7.5d	8.8d
T ₃	5.2e	5.8e
T ₄	16.7b	18.4b
T ₅	23.5a	28.8a
LSD _{0.05}	1.7	1.7
C.V. (%)	6.7	5.8

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[T₁: Application of MNPV at 7 days interval. T₂ Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval. T₃: Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval. T₄:Application of Cypermethrin @ 1ml/L of water at 7 days interval.T₅:untreated.]

4.1.3 LATE POD DEVELOPMENT STAGE

Different management practices showed statistically significant variation at late pod development stage for bean pod borer (Table 3). The lowest number plant¹ was observed from T₃ (7.76) which was closely followed by T₂ (10.26). T₁ and T₄ treatment shows statistically similar result whereas the highest number was observed from T₅ (33.81). From the above findings it is revealed that Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the management practices for controlling insect legume pod borer of country bean at late pod development stage which was followed by Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval). It was also observed the trend of pest's infestations was at increasing fashion from early to late pod development stages in this study which is supported by the others researchers finding.

Table 3. Effect of different management practices on number of legume pod borer of country bean at late pod development stage

Treatments	At late pod development stage	
	Larva of bean pod borer (No./plant) at 50 DAF	Larva of bean pod borer (No./plant) at 60 DAF
T ₁	17.53b	18.76b
T ₂	9.28c	10.26c
T ₃	7.03d	7.76d
T ₄	19.03b	19.76b
T ₅	31.53a	33.81a
LSD _{0.05}	1.68	1.68
C.V. (%)	5.30	4.95

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4.2 Different yield contributing character of bean

4.2.1 Number of inflorescence plant⁻¹

Number of inflorescence plant⁻¹ of country bean showed statistically significant variation for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean (Table 4). The highest number of inflorescence plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (6.1) which was followed by T₂ (5.5), T₁ (5.3) and T₄ (5.2) while the lowest number was observed from T₅ (4.8) treatment.

4.2.2 NUMBER OF FLOWER INFLORESCENCE⁻¹

Different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean showed statistically significant variation for number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ of country bean (Table 4). The highest number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (13.8) which was statistically alike with T₂ (13.5) treatment while the lowest number was recorded from T₅ (11.2) treatment.

4.2.3 NUMBER OF POD INFLORESCENCE⁻¹

Data revealed that number of pod inflorescence⁻¹ of country bean showed statistically significant variation for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean (Table 4). The highest number of pod inflorescence⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (9.7) which was followed by T₂ (9.20), T₁ (8.5) and T₄ (8.1) treatments while the lowest number was recorded from T₅ (6.8) treatment.

4.2.4 POD LENGTH

Statistically significant variation was recorded for pod length of country bean showed due to different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean (Table 4). The longest pod was recorded from T₃ (9.9 cm) which was statistically alike with T₂ (9.8 cm) treatment while the shortest pod length was observed from T₅ (8.1 cm) treatment.

Table 4. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean for different yield contributing characters and yield

Treatments	Number of inflorescence plant⁻¹	Number of flower inflorescence⁻¹	Number of pod inflorescence⁻¹	Pod length (cm)
T₁	5.3c	13.0bc	8.5bc	8.7b
T₂	5.5b	13.5ab	9.2ab	9.8a
T₃	6.1a	13.8a	9.7a	9.9a
T₄	5.2c	12.5c	8.1c	8.5b
T₅	4.8d	11.2d	6.8d	8.1c
LSD_{0.05}	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.6
C.V. (%)	4.2	5.9	5.6	5.3

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4.2.5 Number of pods plant⁻¹

Number of pod plant⁻¹ of country bean showed statistically significant variation for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean (Table 5). The highest number of pod plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (59.1) which was closely followed by T₂ (50.5) treatment while the lowest number was recorded from T₅ (32.7) treatment.

4.2.6 YIELD PLOT⁻¹

Statistically significant variation was recorded for yield plot⁻¹ of country bean for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean (Table 5). The highest yield plot⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (9.9 kg) which was statistically akin to T₂ (9.0 kg) treatment while the lowest yield plot⁻¹ was recorded from T₅ (6.2 kg) treatments.

4.2.7 Total Pod yield (ton hectare⁻¹)

Different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean showed statistically significant variation in terms of yield hectare⁻¹ of country bean (Table 5). The highest yield hectare⁻¹ was found from T₃ (11.0 ton) which was followed by T₂ (10.0 ton), T₁ (9.2 ton) and T₄ (8.7 ton) treatments while the lowest pod yield hectare⁻¹ was recorded from T₅ (6.9 ton) treatment. Pod yield increase over control was estimated and the highest value was obtained from the treatment T₃ (59.4%) which was followed by T₂ (45.5%) and the lowest pod yield increase over control was recorded from T₄ treatment.

Table 5. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean for different yield contributing characters and yield

Treatments	Number of pods plant⁻¹	Yield¹(kg)	plot Pod (t/ha)	Yield Increase over control (%)
T₁	44.4bc	8.2c	9.2bc	32.9
T₂	50.5b	9.0b	10.0b	45.5
T₃	59.1a	9.9a	11.0a	59.4
T₄	42.2c	7.8c	8.7c	26.4
T₅	32.7d	6.2d	6.9d	--
LSD_{0.05}	6.6	0.8	0.9	--
C.V. (%)	7.6	5.8	5.2	--

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4.3 Pod bearing status at early pod development stage by number and weight

Significant variation were observed in number of healthy pods, infested pods, percent infestation and infestation reduction over control at early pod development stage for different management practices in controlling insect pests of country bean (Table 6). The highest number of healthy pods plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (56.00) which was followed by T₂ (54.00).while the lowest number of healthy pods was observed from T₅ (42.20) followed by T₁ (46.00) treatments. On the other hand the lowest number of infested pods plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃(2.25) which was closely followed by T₂ (4.25) and T₁ (7.00) treatments. Conversely, the highest number of infested pods was found from T₅ (12.75) followed by T₄ (9.75) treatment. In relation to the % pods infestation, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ in number was recorded from T₃ (3.86%) which was closely followed by T₂ (7.29%). Again the highest % pod infestation was recorded in T₅ (23.18%) followed by T₄ (17.48%) treatment. Pod infestation reduction over control in number was estimated and the highest value was found from the treatment T₃ (83.3%) which was followed by T₂ (68.6%).

Table 6. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean at early pod growing period in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by number

Treatments	Number of bean Pods plant ⁻¹			
	Healthy pod	Infested pod	Infestation (%)	Reduction over control (%)
T ₁	46.00c	7.00c	13.20c	43.1
T ₂	54.00b	4.25d	7.29d	68.6
T ₃	56.00a	2.25e	3.86e	83.3
T ₄	46.01c	9.75b	17.48b	24.6
T ₅	42.20d	12.75a	23.18a	--
LSD _{0.05}	1.90	1.01	1.43	--
C.V. (%)	2.75	7.45	5.84	--

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Table 7, indicated that the healthy and infested pods, % infestation and infestation reduction over control in terms of weight showed statistically significant variation at early pod development stage for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean. In context of healthy pods, the highest weight plant⁻¹ (1232.3 g) was found from T₃ which was followed by T₂ (1134.3 g) and T₁ (1052.2 g) treatments. On the contrary, the lowest weight of healthy pods was found from T₅ (887.3 g) which was followed by T₄ (989.3 g) treatment. Considering the infested pods, the lowest weight of infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (49.6 g) while the highest weight of infested pods was found in T₅ (274.1 g). In relation to the % pod infestation in weight, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (3.86%) which was closely followed by T₂ (7.26%) whereas the highest infested pods was observed in T₅ (23.57%) followed by T₄ (17.45%) treatment. In case of Pod infestation reduction over control in weight, the highest value was obtained from the treatment T₃ (83.6%) which was followed by T₂ (69.2%) and the lowest from T₄ (26%) treatment. From the above findings, it is evident that at early pod development, application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the management practices in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by weight and the second best treatment of the experiment was T₂ which was application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval).

Table 7. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean at early pod development stage in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by weight

Treatments	Weight of pods (g/plant)			
	Healthy pod	Infested pod	Infestation (%)	Reduction over control (%)
T ₁	1052.2c	129.4c	10.93c	53.6
T ₂	1134.3b	89.3d	7.26d	69.2
T ₃	1232.3a	49.6e	3.86e	83.6
T ₄	989.3c	209.6b	17.45b	26.0
T ₅	887.3d	274.1a	23.57a	--
LSD _{0.05}	73.40	10.70	0.81	--
C.V. (%)	3.70	3.80	3.39	--

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4.4 POD BEARING STATUS AT MID POD DEVELOPMENT STAGE BY NUMBER AND WEIGHT

Table 8 ,indicated that the number of healthy, infested pods, percent infestation and infestation reduction over control at mid pod development stage showed statistically significant differences for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean. In the number of healthy pods, the highest number plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (59.22) which was followed by T₂ (57.47), while the lowest number of healthy pods was observed from T₅ (44.72) followed by T₄ (47.97). The lowest number of infested pods plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (3.50) which was followed by T₂ (5.20) and T₁ (8.25) treatments. On the other hand, the highest number of infested pods was recorded from T₅ (15.25) followed by T₄ (8.50) treatment. In relation to the % pod infestation, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ by number was observed from T₃ (5.57%) which was closely followed by T₂ (8.29%).Again the highest infested pods was observed in T₅ (25.41%) followed by T₄ (15.04%) treatment. Pod infestation reduction over control in number was estimated and the highest value was found from the treatment T₃ (78.1%) which was followed by T₂ (67.4%) and T₁ (43.3%). On the contrary, the lowest reduction of pod infestation over control obtained from T₄ (40.8%) treatment. From the above

findings, it is revealed that at mid pod development stage, application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the management practices in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by number and the second best treatment of the experiment was the T₂ which consists of application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval).

Table 8. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean at mid pod growing period in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by number

Treatments	Number of bean Pods plant ⁻¹			
	Healthy pod	Infested pod	Infestation (%)	Reduction over control (%)
T ₁	48.97c	8.25b	14.41b	43.3
T ₂	57.47b	5.20c	8.29c	67.4
T ₃	59.22a	3.50d	5.57d	78.1
T ₄	47.97c	8.50b	15.04b	40.8
T ₅	44.72d	15.25a	25.41a	--
LSD _{0.05}	1.71	0.63	0.92	--
C.V. (%)	4.68	4.08	3.57	--

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Table 9, indicated that the healthy and infested pods, % infestation and infestation reduction over control in terms of weight showed statistically significant variation at mid pod development stage for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean. In context of healthy pods, the highest weight plant⁻¹ (1273.9 g) was observed from T₃ which was closely followed by T₂(1219.3). Conversely, the lowest weight of healthy pods was observed from T₅(913.0 g) which was followed by T₁ (992.2 g) treatments. Considering the infested pods, the lowest weight of infested pods plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (76.4 g) which was close to T₂ (113.3g) and T₁ (171.2 g) and T₄(182.3 g) treatments while the highest weight of infested pods was found in T₅ (299.3 g) treatment. In relation to the % pod infestation in weight, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (5.7%) which was followed by T₂ (8.5%), T₁ (14.7%) and T₄ (15.2%) treatments, whereas the highest infested pods was observed in T₅ (24.7%) treatment. Pod infestation reduction over control in weight was estimated and the highest value was obtained from the treatment T₃ (77.1%) which was followed by T₂ (65.6%), T₁ (40.4%) and the lowest from T₄ (38.6%) treatment. From the above findings it is revealed that at mid pod development stage, application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the management practices in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by weight and the second best treatment of the experiment was the T₂ treatment which consists of application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval).

Table 9. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean at mid pod development stage in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by weight

Treatments	Weight of pods (g/plant)			
	Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)	Reduction over control (%)
T ₁	992.2c	171.2c	14.7b	40.4
T ₂	1219.3b	113.3d	8.5c	65.6
T ₃	1273.9a	76.4e	5.7d	77.1
T ₄	1020.5c	182.3b	15.2b	38.6
T ₅	913.0d	299.3a	24.7a	--
LSD _{0.05}	53.1	10.7	1.0	--
C.V. (%)	4.2	3.4	3.9	--

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4.5 Pod bearing status at late pod development stage by number and weight

Table 10 indicated that statistically significant differences were recorded in number of healthy, infested pods, percent infestation and infestation reduction over control at late pod development stage for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean. The highest number of healthy pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (51.0) which was followed by T₂(50.8) while the lowest number of healthy pods was recorded from T₅ (39.0) followed by T₄ (43.0) treatment. The lowest number of infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (4.3) which was closer to T₂(6.0) On the other hand, the highest number of infested pods was recorded from T₅ (13.8) followed by T₁(9.0) treatment. In relation to the % pods infestation, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ in number was recorded from T₃ (7.7%) which was followed by T₂ (10.6%), T₁(16.5%) and T₄ (16.9%) treatment. The highest infested pods was recorded in T₅ (26.1%) .Pod infestation reduction over control in number was estimated and the highest value was found from the treatment T₃ (70.5%) which was followed by T₂ (59.5%), T₁ (36.7%) and the lowest reduction of pod infestation over control from T₄ (35.2%) treatment. From the above findings it is revealed that at late pod development stage, by number of pods plant⁻¹ ,application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the management practices in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by number and the second best treatment of the experiment was the T₂ which consists of application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval).

Table 10. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean at late pod growing period in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by number

Treatments	Number of bean Pods plant ⁻¹			
	Healthy pod	Infested pod	Infestation (%)	Reduction over control (%)
T ₁	45.5b	9.0b	16.5b	36.7
T ₂	50.8a	6.0c	10.6c	59.5
T ₃	51.0a	4.3d	7.7d	70.5
T ₄	43.0bc	8.8b	16.9b	35.2
T ₅	39.0c	13.8a	26.1a	--
LSD _{0.05}	4.3	0.5	0.6	--
C.V. (%)	5.0	3.5	2.1	--

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Table 11 indicated that healthy and infested pods, % infestation and infestation reduction over control in terms of weight showed statistically significant variation at late pod development stage for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean. In context of healthy pods, the highest weight plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (1103.3 g) which was followed by T₂ (1092.8 g) and T₁ (833.9 g). On the other contrary, the lowest weight of healthy pods was observed from T₅ (703.9 g) which was followed by T₄ (807.9 g) treatment. Considering the infested pods, the lowest weight of infested pods plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (70.1 g) which was close to T₂ (102.0 g), while the highest weight of infested pods was found in T₅ (254.3 g) closely followed by T₄ (154.4 g) treatment. In relation to the % pod infestation in weight, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (5.98%) which was strongly followed by T₂ (8.54%), the highest infested pods was observed in T₅ (26.58%) which was followed by T₄ (16.06%) treatment. Pod infestation reduction over control in weight was estimated and the highest value was obtained from the treatment T₃ (77.5%) which was closely followed by T₂ (67.9%) treatment and the lowest from T₄ (39.6%) treatment. From the above findings it is prominent that at late pod development stage application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the management practices in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by weight and the second best treatment of the experiment was the T₂ which consists of application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval).

Table 11. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean at late pod development stage in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by weight

Treatments	Weight of pods (g/plant)			
	Healthy pod	Infested pod	Infestation (%)	Reduction over control (%)
T ₁	833.9b	148.5b	15.14b	43.0
T ₂	1092.8a	102.0c	8.54c	67.9
T ₃	1103.3a	70.1d	5.98d	77.5
T ₄	807.9b	154.4b	16.06b	39.6
T ₅	703.9c	254.3a	26.58a	--
LSD _{0.05}	73.5	12.7	1.0	--
C.V. (%)	4.3	4.6	3.6	--

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4.6 Pod bearing status at total pod growing stage by number

Table 12, indicated that statistically significant differences were observed in number of healthy, infested pods, percent infestation and infestation reduction over control at total growing period for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean. In number of healthy pods, the highest number plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (166.3) which was followed by T₂ (162.3), T₁ (140.5) and T₄ (137) treatments, while the lowest number was observed from T₅ (125.5) treatment. The lowest number of infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (10.0) which was followed by T₂ (15.5) treatment. On the other hand, the highest number of infested pods was recorded from T₅ (41.8) followed by T₄ (27.0) treatment. In relation to the % pods infestation, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ in number was recorded from T₃ (5.7%) which was followed by T₂(8.7%), T₁ (14.7%) treatments. The highest percentage of infestation by pod borer was observed in T₅ (24.9%) followed by T₄ (16.5%) treatment. Pod infestation reduction over control in number was estimated and the highest value was obtained from the treatment T₃ (77.2%) which was closely followed by T₂ (65.1%) and the lowest value was obtained from T₄ (33.9%) treatment. . From the above findings it is prominent that at total pod growing period by number, application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the management practices in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by weight and the second best treatment of the experiment was the T₂ which consists of application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval).

Table 12. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean at total pod growing period in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by number

Treatments	Number of bean Pods plant ⁻¹			
	Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)	Reduction over control (%)
T ₁	140.5b	24.3c	14.7c	41.0
T ₂	162.3a	15.5d	8.7d	65.1
T ₃	166.3a	10.0e	5.7e	77.2
T ₄	137.0bc	27.0b	16.5b	33.9
T ₅	125.5c	41.8a	24.9a	--
LSD _{0.05}	12.7	2.1	1.1	--
C.V. (%)	4.6	4.6	4.0	--

In a column means having similar letter(s) are statistically identical and those having dissimilar letter(s) differ significantly as per 0.05 level of probability

[T₁: Application of MNPV at 7 days interval. T₂ Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval. T₃: Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval. T₄:Application of Cypermethrin @ 1ml/L of water at 7 days interval.T₅:untreated.]

4.7 Pod bearing status at total pod growing stage by weight

Table 13, indicated that the healthy and infested pods, % infestation and infestation reduction over control in terms of weight showed statistically significant variation at total pod growing period for different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean. In context of healthy pods, the highest weight plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (3607.8 g) which was followed by T₂ (3444.6 g), T₁ (2876.7g) treatments. On the other contrary the lowest weight of healthy pods was recorded from T₅ (2502.4 g) which was followed by T₄ (2816.1 g) treatment. Considering the infested pods, the lowest weight of infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (196.1 g) while the highest was recorded in T₅ (827.6 g) followed by T₄ (546.3 g) treatment. In relation to the % pod infestation in weight, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (5.2 %) which was followed by T₂ (8.1%) and T₁ (13.5%) treatments, whereas the highest infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₅ (24.8%) which was followed by T₄ (16.2%). Pod infestation reduction over control in weight was estimated and the highest value was attained from the treatment T₃ (79.2%) followed by T₂ (67.3%) treatments and the lowest value was obtained from T₄ (34.7%) treatment. From the above findings it is prominent that at total pod development stage by weight, application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval was more effective among the management practices in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by weight and the second best treatment of the experiment was the T₂ which consists of application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval).

Table 13. Effect of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean at total pod development stage in terms of pods plant⁻¹ by weight

Treatments	Weight of pods (g/plant)			
	Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)	Reduction over control (%)
T ₁	2876.7b	449.2c	13.5c	45.6
T ₂	3444.6a	304.5d	8.1d	67.3
T ₃	3607.8a	196.1e	5.2e	79.2
T ₄	2816.1b	546.3b	16.2b	34.7
T ₅	2502.4c	827.6a	24.8a	--
LSD _{0.05}	193.1	35.7	0.8	--
C.V. (%)	3.4	4.1	3.0	--

In a column means having similar letter(s) are statistically identical and those having dissimilar letter(s) differ significantly as per 0.05 level of probability

[T₁: Application of MNPV at 7 days interval. T₂ Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval. T₃: Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval. T₄:Application of Cypermethrin @ 1ml/L of water at 7 days interval. T₅:untreated.]

4.8 Relationship between different parameter and yield

4.8.1 Relationship between number of inflorescence plant⁻¹ and pod yield/ ha

Correlation study was done to establish the relationship between number of inflorescence plant⁻¹ and yield (t/ha) of country bean among different management practices. From the **figure 1** it was revealed that positive correlation was observed between the parameters. The regression equation $y=3.0547x-7.2466$ gave a expected fit to the data and the co-efficient of determination ($R^2 = 0.9141$) had a significant regression co-efficient. From the figure 1 it was also observed that the lowest number of inflorescence plant-1 (4.8) gives the yield 6.9 (t/ha) and the highest number of inflorescence plant-1 (6.1) gives the yield 11 (t/ha). It may be concluded that there is strongly a positive correlation between no. of inflorescence with pod yield .That means with the increasement of number of inflorescence plant-1 increases the pod yield.

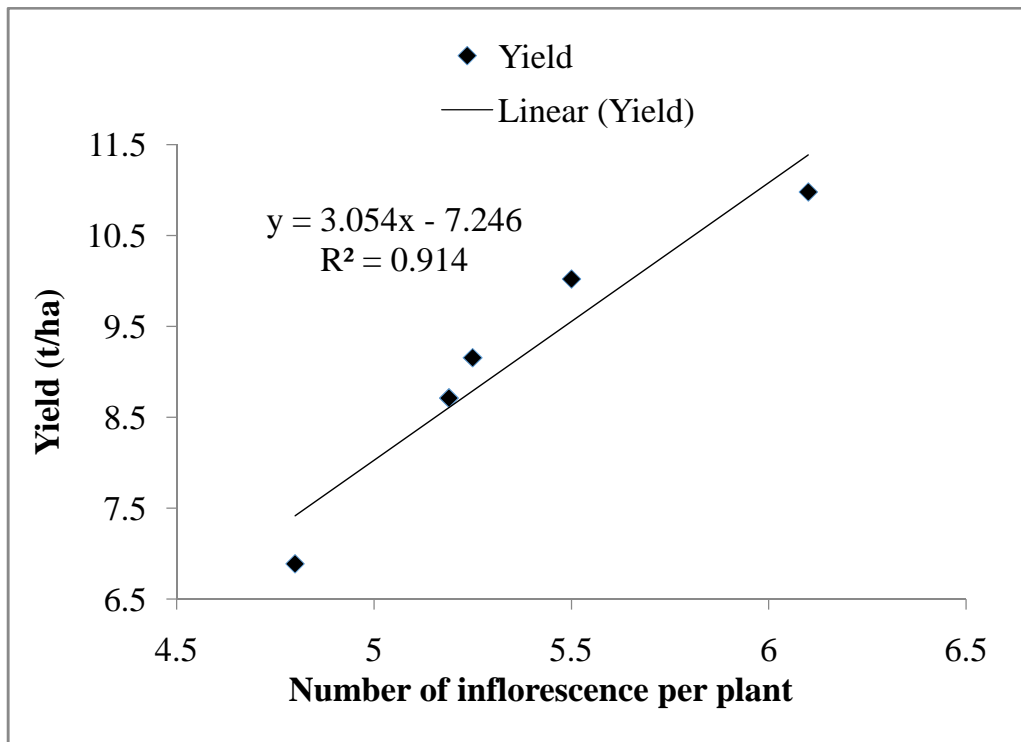


FIGURE 1: Relationship between number of inflorescence plant⁻¹ and pod yield/ ha.

4.8.2 Relationship between number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ and pod yield/ ha

Correlation study was done to establish the relationship between number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ and pod yield (t/ha) of country bean among different management practices. From the **figure 2** it was revealed that positive correlation was observed between the parameters. The regression equation $y=1.4806x-9.8005$ gave a satisfactory fit to the data and the co-efficient of determination ($R^2 = 0.9741$) had a significant regression co- efficient. From the **figure 2** it was also observed that the lowest number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ (11.2) gives the yield 6.2(t/ha) and the highest number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ (13.8) gives the yield 11 (t/ha) which was found by using treatment T₃ (application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval). It may be concluded that there is strongly a positive correlation between no. of flower inflorescence⁻¹ with pod yield .That means with the increasement of number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ increases the pod yield.

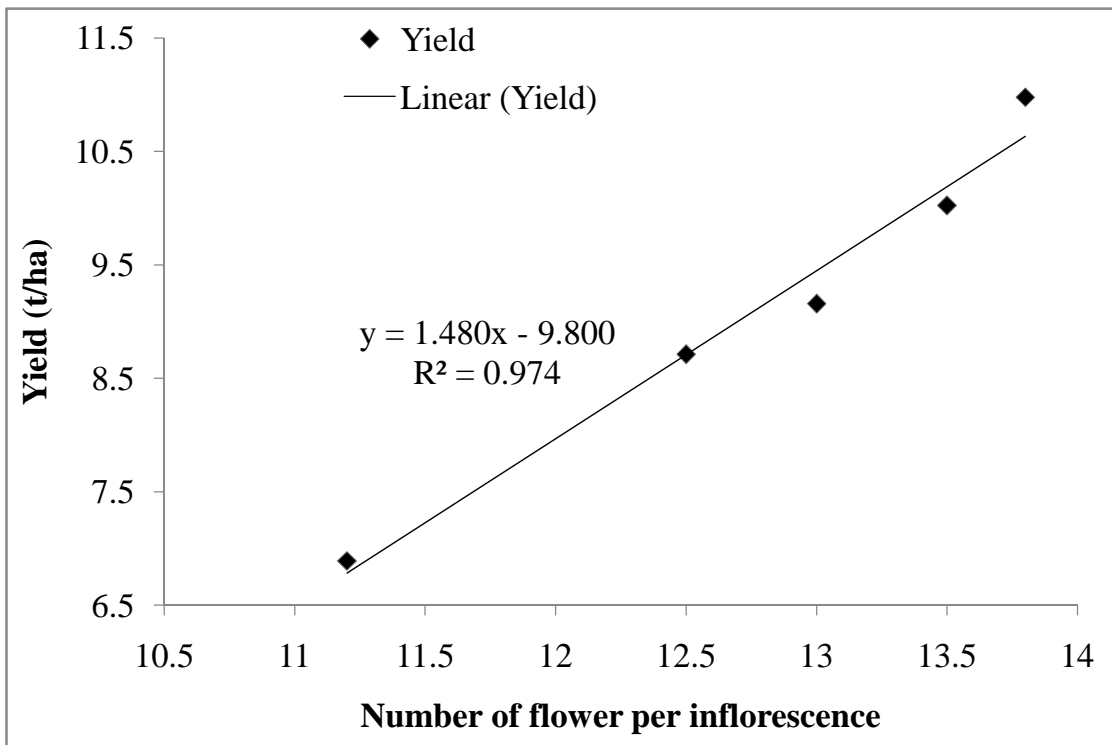


FIGURE 2: Relationship between number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ and pod yield/ha

4.8.3 Relationship between number of pods inflorescence⁻¹ and yield hectare⁻¹

The data on number of pod inflorescence⁻¹ was regressed against yield hectare⁻¹ of country bean and a positive linear relationship was obtained between them. The regression equation $y = 1.3724x - 2.4592$ gave a desirable fit to the data and the coefficient of determination ($R^2 = 0.9955$) had a significant regression coefficient. From the **figure 3** it was conspicuous that the lowest number of pods inflorescence⁻¹ (6.8) gives the yield 6.9 (t/ha) and the highest number of pods inflorescence⁻¹ (9.7) gives the yield 11 (t/ha). So the increase of number of pods inflorescence⁻¹ (2.9) increased the yield 4.1 (t/ha) which was found by using treatment T₃. It may be concluded that there is strongly a positive correlation between no. of pods inflorescence⁻¹ with pod yield. That means with the increasement of number of pods inflorescence⁻¹ increases the pod yield drastically.

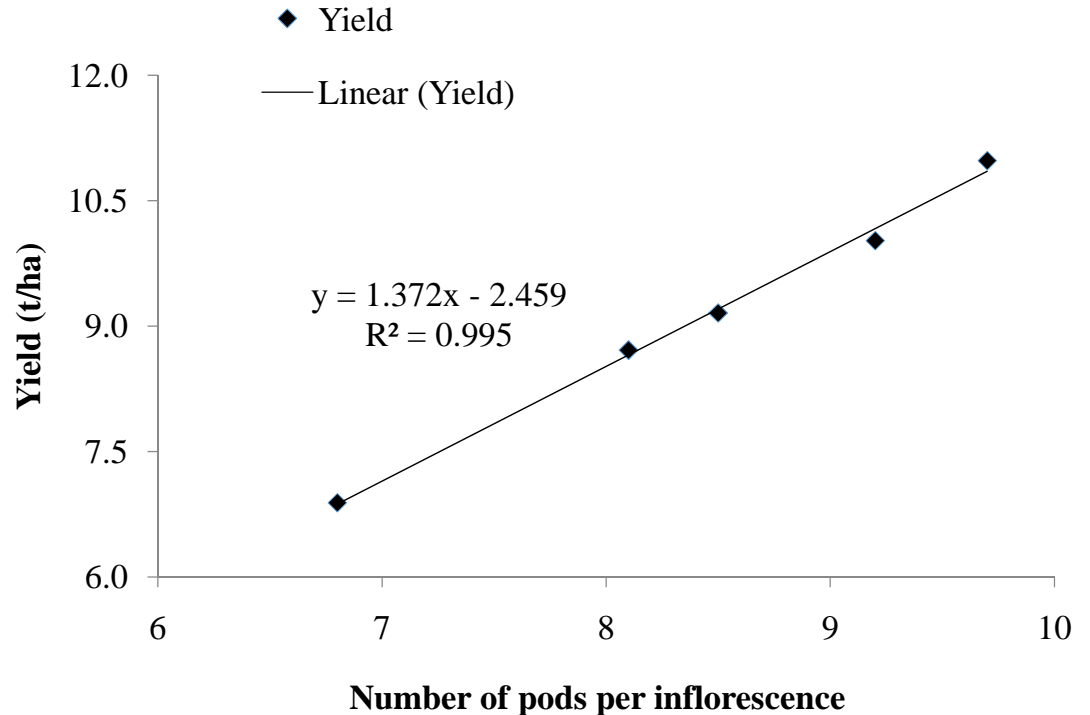


FIGURE 3: Relationship between number of pods inflorescence⁻¹ and yield hectare⁻¹

4.8.4 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN %POD INFESTATION OF COUNTRY BEAN BY NUMBER AT TOTAL GROWING PERIOD AND YIELD (T/HA)

Correlation study was done to establish the relationship between % pod infestation of country bean in number at total growing period and yield (t/ha) among different management practices. From the **figure 4** it was revealed that negative correlation was observed between the parameters. The regression equation $y = -0.1998x + 11.86$ gave a good fit to the data and the co-efficient of determination ($R^2 = 0.9919$) had a significant regression co-efficient. From this figure it was apparent that 24.9% pod infestation in number gives the yield 6.9(t/ha) and 5.7% pod infestation in number gives the yield 11 (t/ha). So, the reduction of 19.2% pod infestation in number increased the yield 4.1 (t/ha) which was produced by using the treatment T₃ (application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval). From the figure, it may be concluded that % pod infestation of country bean in number negatively correlated with pod yield (t/ha) that means with the increasement of %pod infestation drastically reduces the yield.

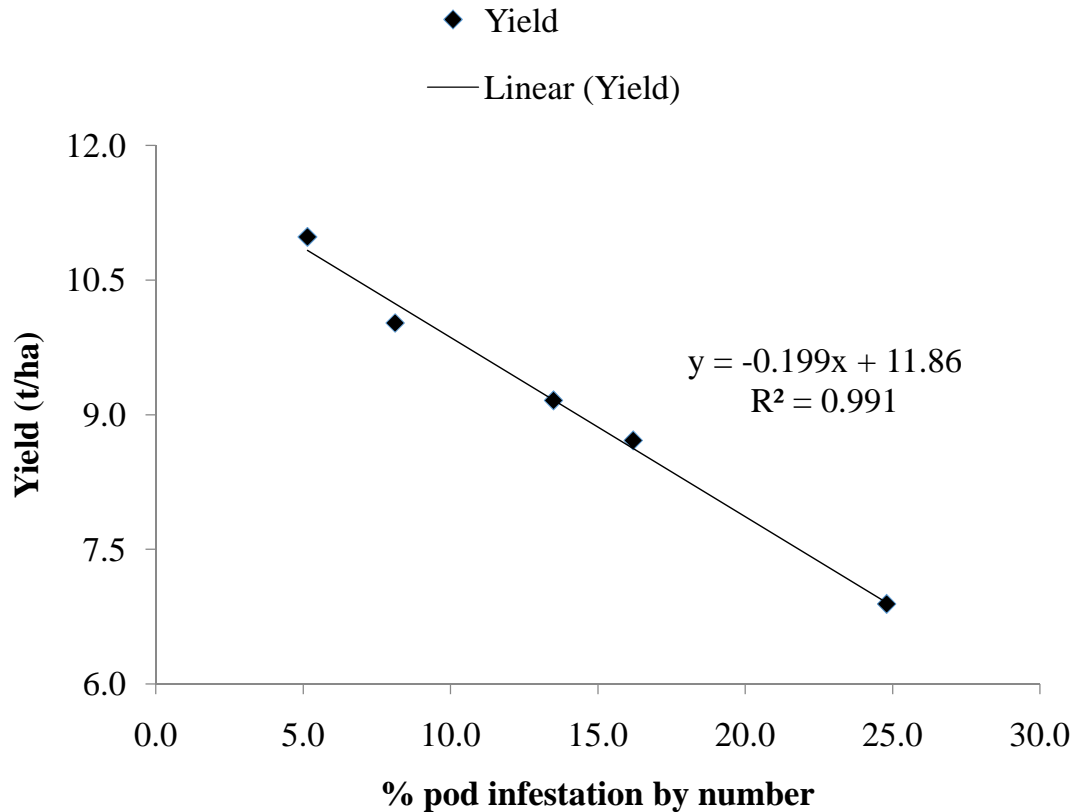


FIGURE 4: Relationship between %pod infestation of country bean by number at total growing period and yield (t/ha)

4.8.5 Relationship between pod length and yield/ ha

Correlation study was done to establish the relationship between pod length and yield (t/ha) among different management practices. From the study it was revealed that positive correlation was observed between the parameters. The regression equation $y = 1.7675x - 6.756$ gave a exquisite fit to the data and the co-efficient of determination ($R^2 = 0.8634$) fitted regression line had a significant regression co-efficient. From the figure 5 it was observed the lowest pod length (8.1 cm) gives the yield 6.9 (t/ha) and the highest pod length (9.9 cm) gives the yield 11 (t/ha). So the increase of pod length (1.8 cm) increased the yield 4.1 (t/ha) which was obtained by using treatment T₃ (application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval). From this figure, it may be concluded that yield of country bean strongly as well as positively correlated with pod length that means increasement of pod length increases the yield significantly.

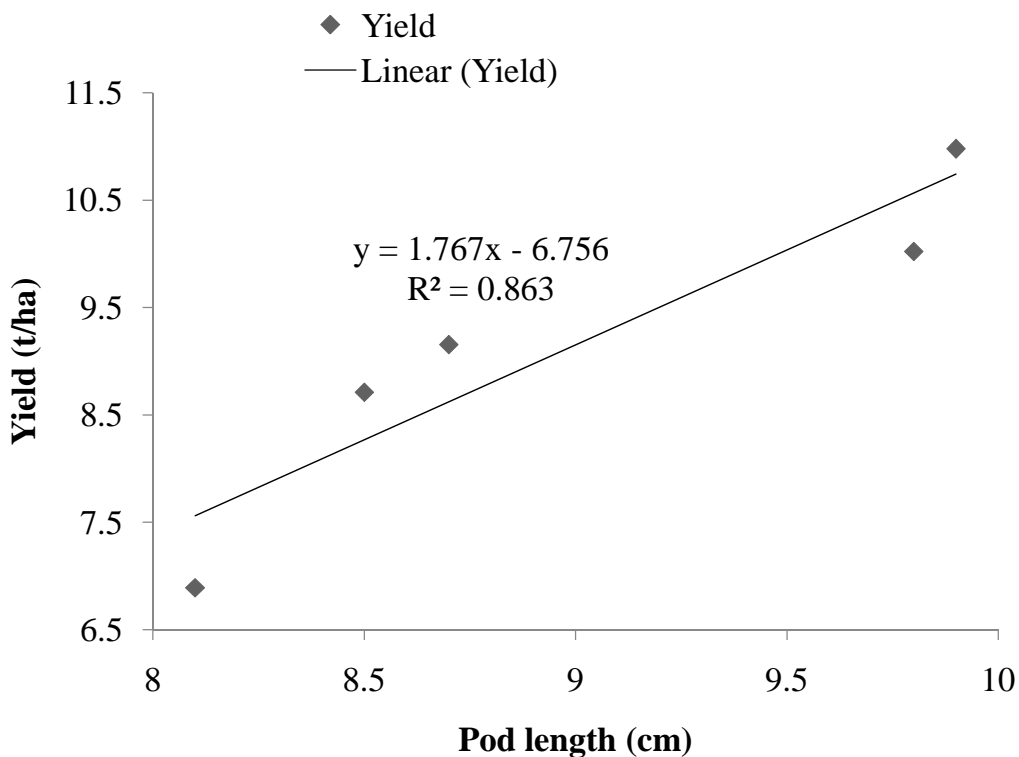


FIGURE 5:

Relationship between pod length of country bean by number at total growing period and yield (t/ha)

4.8.6 Effect of percent pod infestation on yield in total growing period of country bean:

There is an opposite effect between % pod infestation and yield. From the figure, we can draw a quintessential how much % pod infestation affect the yield. In case of T₁ treatment, % pod infestation was recorded 14.7% where yield is calculated 9.2 (t/ha). In case of T₂ treatment, % pod infestation was recorded 8.7 % and yield was 10 (t/ha). In case of T₃ treatment, % pod infestation was recorded 5.7 and yield was 11 (t/ha). where in T₄ treatment, % pod infestation was recorded 16.5 and yield was 8.7 (t/ha) at length in T₅ treatment, % pod infestation was recorded 24.9% and yield was 6.9 (t/ha). This figure unravels that T₃ treatment performs better than those of treatments.

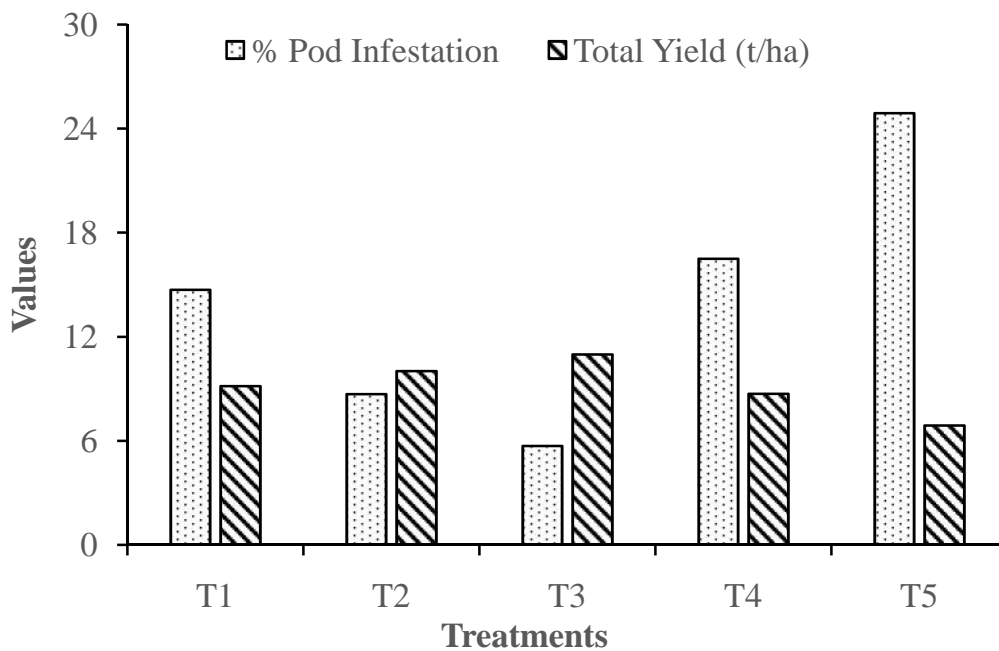


FIGURE 6: Histogram showing the relative effect of percent pod infestation on yield in total growing period of country bean among treatments

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The experiment was performed at the central farm of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh to demonstrate the performance of different management practices in controlling legume pod borer of country bean (BARI sheem-5) during the period from October 2018 to January, 2019. The experiment consists of the following management practices: T₁: Application of MNPV at 7 days interval. T₂: Application of Success 2.5 SC (Spinosad) @ 0.1ml/L of water at 7 days interval. T₃: Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval. T₄: Application of Cypermethrin @ 1ml/L of water at 7 days interval. T₅: untreated. The experiment was laid out in Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with three replications. Data on the parameters of number of pod borer plant⁻¹, number and weight of healthy and infested pod at early, mid and late pod development stage, percentage of pod infestation in number and weight, yield contributing characters and yield of country bean were observed.

Among five treatments, it was evident that treatment T₃ (Application of Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval) was the most effective treatment for reducing pod borer infestation at early, mid and late pod development stages. At early pod development stage, the lowest number of pod borer plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (3.8) which was profoundly followed by T₂ (4.7) and T₁ (8.8) while the highest number was observed from T₅ (Untreated control) (15.5) which was followed by T₄ (11.8) treatment. At mid pod development stage, the lowest number of pod borer plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (5.2) which was profoundly followed by T₂ (7.5) and T₁ (13.5) while the highest number was observed from T₅ (Untreated control) (23.5) which was followed by (16.7) T₄ treatment. For late pod development stage, the lowest number of pod borer plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (7.03) which was profoundly followed by T₂ (9.28) and T₁ (17.53) while the highest number was recorded from T₅ (Untreated control) (31.53) which was followed by (19.03) T₄ treatment. In relation to total pod growing period by number of healthy pods, the highest number plant⁻¹ was found from T₃ (166.3) which was followed by T₂ (162.3) and T₁ (140.5), while the lowest number of healthy pods were estimated from T₅ (125.5) which was followed by T₄ (137.0). The lowest number of infested pods plant⁻¹ was observed from T₃ (10.0) which was followed by T₂ (15.5) and T₁ (24.3) while the highest number of infested pods were estimated from T₅ (41.8) which was followed by T₄ (27.0). In relation to the % pods infestation, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ in number was recorded from T₃ (5.7%) which was followed by T₂ (8.7%), T₁ (14.7%) treatments. The highest percentage of infestation by pod borer was observed in T₅ (24.9%) followed by T₄ (16.5%) treatment. The subsequent desired results due to the reduction of percent pod infestation by number can be seen as T₃ > T₂ > T₁ > T₄ > T₅. Pod infestation reduction over control in number was estimated and the highest value was obtained from the

treatment T₃ (77.2%) which was closely followed by T₂ (65.1%) and the lowest value was obtained from T₄ (33.9%) treatment. In relation to total pod growing period by weight, the healthy and infested pods, % pod infestation and reduction over control was recorded where the highest weight plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (3607.8 g) which was followed by T₂ (3444.6 g), T₁ (2876.7g) treatments. On the contrary, the lowest weight of healthy pods was recorded from T₅ (2502.4 g) which was followed by T₄ (2816.1 g) treatment. Considering the infested pods, the lowest weight of infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (196.1 g) while the highest was recorded in T₅ (827.6 g) followed by T₄ (546.3 g) treatment. In relation to the % pod infestation in weight, the lowest infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (5.2 %) which was followed by T₂ (8.1%) and T₁ (13.5%) treatments, whereas the highest infested pods plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₅ (24.8%) which was followed by T₄ (16.2%). Pod infestation reduction over control in weight was estimated and the highest value was attained from the treatment T₃ (79.2%) followed by T₂ (67.3%) treatments and the lowest value was obtained from T₄ (34.7%) treatment. The subsequent desired results due to the reduction of percent pod infestation by number can be seen as T₃> T₂>T₁> T₄> T₅. The highest number of inflorescence plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (6.1) which was followed by T₂ (5.5), T₁ (5.3) and T₄ (5.2) while the lowest number was observed from T₅ (4.8) treatment. The highest number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (13.8) which was statistically alike with T₂ (13.5) treatment while the lowest number was recorded from T₅ (11.2) treatment. The highest number of pod inflorescence⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (9.7) which was followed by T₂ (9.20), T₁ (8.5) and T₄ (8.1) treatments while the lowest number was recorded from T₅ (6.8) treatment. The longest pod was recorded from T₃ (9.9 cm) which was statistically alike with T₂ (9.8 cm) treatment while the shortest pod length was observed from T₅ (8.1 cm) treatment. The highest number of pod plant⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (59.1) which was closely followed by T₂ (50.5) treatment while the lowest number was recorded from T₅ (32.7) treatment. The highest yield plot⁻¹ was recorded from T₃ (9.9 kg) which was statistically akin to T₂ (9.0 kg) treatment while the lowest yield plot⁻¹ was recorded from T₅ (6.2 kg) treatments. The highest yield hectare⁻¹ was found from T₃ (11.0 ton) which was followed by T₂ (10.0 ton), T₁ (9.2 ton) and T₄ (8.7 ton) treatments while the lowest pod yield hectare⁻¹ was recorded from T₅ (6.9 ton) treatment. At the eleventh hour, it is discernible that the subsequent desired treatment on the basis of above mentioned parameter will be T₃> T₂>T₁> T₄> T₅.

CONCLUSION

The perusal study disclosed that the increased yield hectare⁻¹ of BARI sheem 5 coincides with the increase rate of Number of inflorescence plant⁻¹ ,Number of flower inflorescence⁻¹ ,Number of pods inflorescence⁻¹, Number of healthy pods plant⁻¹ , Length and weight of pods, Total no of healthy pods and diminishes the risk of infested flower, pods infestation, low length and weight of pod and total yield reduction by applying Proclaim 5 SG (Emamectin) @ 1mg/L of water at 7 days interval than the other treatments by conforming proper dose, method, peak time and recommended amount during treatment application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Due to some constraint only 5 treatments were included in this experiment. More no of treatments with potentiality needs to be demonstrated on pod infestation by different insect.
- High land should be choosen otherwise it will instigate severe pathogenic attack.
- Further research should be conducted for better adaptability towards the ambient climate for acclimatization of the BARI sheem 5.

CHAPTER VI

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APPENDICES CHAPTER VII

Appendix 1.

Source of Variation	Degrees of freedom	Mean Square					
		Larva of bean pod borer (No./plant)					
		10 DAF	20 DAF	30 DAF	40 DAF	50 DAF	60 DAF
Rplication	2	10.2305	4.429	20	13.4	15.317	14.451
Treatment	4	71.9002**	126.499**	161.601**	243.43**	280.837**	313.779**
Error	8	0.248	1.867	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

* Significant at 5% level,

** Significant at 1% level

Appendix 2.

Source of Variation	Degrees of freedom	Mean Square					
		At early pod development stage					
		Number of bean Pods plant ⁻¹			Weight of pods (g/plant)		
		Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)	Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)
Rplication	2	36.45	0.338	0.896	14729.6	50.4	0.285
Treatment	4	103.088**	52.9125**	179.915**	52588.6**	24867.6**	188.666**
Error	8	1.02	0.288	0.576	1521.6	32.4	0.183

* Significant at 5% level,

** Significant at 1% level

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Appendix 3.

Source of Variation	Degrees of freedom	Mean Square					
		At mid pod development stage					
		Number of bean Pods plant ⁻¹			Weight of pods (g/plant)		
		Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)	Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)
Rplication	2	9.105	0.1715	0.465	2060.6	50.4	0.498
Treatment	4	119.944**	60.6503**	176.084**	72033.7**	21625.7**	161.717**
Error	8	0.82	0.1102	0.241	797.9	32.4	0.293

* Significant at 5% level,

** Significant at 1% level

Appendix 4.

Source of Variation	Degrees of freedom	Mean Square					
		At late pod development stage					
		Number of bean Pods plant ⁻¹			Weight of pods (g/plant)		
		Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)	Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)
Rplication	2	7.1527	0.1302	0.172	2201.7	70.6	0.45
Treatment	4	79.2932**	39.0562**	149.838**	97072.2**	14616**	192.655**
Error	8	5.2777	0.0837	0.11	1522.5	45.4	0.273

* Significant at 5% level,

** Significant at 1% level

Appendix 5.

Source of Variation	Degrees of freedom	Mean Square					
		At total pod development stage					
		Number of bean Pods plant ⁻¹			Weight of pods (g/plant)		
		Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)	Healthy pods	Infested pods	Infestation (%)
Rplication	2	21.632	0.608	0.504	17520	560	0.28
Treatment	4	903.257*	444.56**	167.176**	638579*	177336*	175.224**
Error	8	45.602	1.208	0.324	10520	360	0.168

* Significant at 5% level,

** Significant at 1% level

Appendix 6.

Source of variation	Degrees of freedom	Mean Square						
		Number of inflorescence plant ⁻¹	Number of flower inflorescence ⁻¹	Number of pod inflorescence ⁻¹	Pod length (cm)	Number of pods plant ⁻¹	Yield plot ⁻¹ (kg)	Pod Yield (t/ha)
Rplication	2	0.04902	0.896	0.351	0.349	12.065	0.35	0.348
Treatment	4	0.69111**	3.21621**	3.59904**	5.9594*	287.14*	5.7146*	7.0551*
Error	8	0.01	0.13	0.225	0.1	12.176	0.18	0.225

* Significant at 5% level,

** Significant at 1% level

