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Weekly Status Report on Insects Pests & Diseases of Crops

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Crop	Crop Stage	Location (with GPS)	Major Insect Pests		Major Plant Diseases		Other Pests (Nematodes, Rat, etc.) (Scientific Name)	Pest Advisories
			Name (Scientific Name)	Status (Low, Medium & Severe)	Name (Scientific Name)	Status (Low, Medium & Severe)		
Black pepper	**Nursery/ Vegetative**	Idukki, Kozhikode, Wayanad (Kerala), Kodagu (Karnataka), Tamil Nadu	**Scale insects** (*Protopulvinaria longivalvata, Lepidosaphes piperis*) (Field) **Root mealybug** (*Planococcus* sp.) (Field) **Mealybug** (*Planococcus* sp., *Ferrisia virgata*) (Nursery) **Scale insect** (*Protopulvinaria longivalvata*) (Nursery)	Low Medium Low Low	**Stunt disease** (*Cucumber mosaic virus, Piper yellow mottle virus*) **Slow decline** (*Meloidogyne incognita, Radopholus similis*) **Anthracnose** (*Colletotrichum* spp.) (Nursery) **Basal wilt** (*Sclerotium rolfsii*) (Nursery) **Viral infection** (Nursery)	Medium Medium Low Low Low	**Nematodes** (*Radopholus similis, Meloidogyne incognita*) (Nursery)	**Field:** **Stunt disease** Regular monitoring. Remove infected vines and destroy by burning or burying deep in soil. Control the vector (mealy bugs) by drenching neem oil (0.5%). **Slow decline** Remove and destroy severely affected vines. Apply neem cake @ 500g/vine and biocontrol agents like *Pochonia chlamydosporia* or *Trichoderma harzianum* @ 50 g/vine and metalaxyl-mancozeb (0.125%) may also be applied. **Scale insects** Spray neem oil (0.5%), once infestation is noticed. **Root mealybug** Drench neem oil (0.5%), once infestation is noticed. **Nursery:** **Anthracnose**

								Spray Bordeaux mixture (1%). **Basal wilt** Remove and destroy affected cuttings along with defoliated leaves. After periodic sanitation, the cuttings should be drenched with carbendazim (0.2%) or Bordeaux mixture (1%). **Viral infections** Regular inspection and removal of infected plants. Regular monitoring for insects and spray with neem oil (0.5%) whenever infestation is noticed. **Mealy bug and scale insects** Spray neem oil (0.5%), once infestation is noticed. **Nematodes** Apply *Pochonia chlamydosporia* @ 1g/bag.
Cardamom	**Vegetative**	Idukki, Wayanad (Kerala), Kodagu (Karnataka)	**Thrips** (*Sciothrips cardamomi*) **Shoot borer** (*Conogethes punctiferalis*)	Low Low	**Leaf blight** (*Colletotrichum* spp.) ***Katte*/Mosaic** (*Cardamom mosaic virus*) **Chlorotic streak** (*Banana bract mosaic virus*)	Medium Low Low		**Leaf blight** Maintain optimum shade level by providing 40-60% filtered light. ***Katte*/ Mosaic** Prompt inspection of plantation, detection and rouging of virus sources (infected plants/ volunteers) to reduce re-infection. The removed plants may be burnt or buried deep in soil. Removal of natural hosts like *Colocasia* and *Caladium* to destroy breeding sites and check population build-up of the vector. **Chlorotic streak**

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Ginger	**Planting**	Karnataka, Kerala	**Rhizome scale** (*Aspidiella hartii*)		**Soft rot** (*Pythium aphanidermatum* and *P. myriotylum*)		**Nematodes** Root knot (*Meloidogyne* spp.), Burrowing (*Radopholus similis*) and Lesion (*Pratylenchus* spp.)	**Soft rot** As prophylactic measures: Use disease-free seed rhizomes for planting. Select well drained soil for planting and provide adequate drainage to prevent water stagnation. Treat seed rhizomes with mancozeb (0.3%) or metalaxyl-mancozeb (0.125%) for 30 minutes before planting. **Rhizome scale** Treat the seed rhizomes with quinalphos (0.075%) (for 20-30 minutes) before planting if the infestation persists. **Nematodes** As prophylactic measures: Use nematode-free healthy seed rhizomes for planting. In root knot nematode endemic regions, the resistant variety IISR Mahima may be cultivated. The bioagent, *Pochonia chlamydosporia* may be incorporated in ginger beds (20

								g/bed with 10^6 cfu/g) at the time of planting.
Turmeric	**Planting**	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha	**Rhizome scale** (*Aspidiella hartii*)		**Rhizome rot** (*Pythium aphanidermatum*)		**Nematodes** Root knot (*Meloidogyne* spp.), Burrowing (*Radopholus similis*) and Lesion (*Pratylenchus* spp.)	**Rhizome rot** As prophylactic measures: Use disease-free seed rhizomes for planting. Select well drained soil for planting and provide adequate drainage to prevent water stagnation. Treat seed rhizomes with mancozeb (0.3%) for 30 minutes before planting. **Rhizome scale** Treat the seed rhizomes with quinalphos (0.075%) (for 20-30 minutes) before planting if the infestation persists. **Nematodes** As prophylactic measures: Use nematode-free healthy seed rhizomes for planting. In root knot nematode endemic regions, the resistant variety IISR Pragati may be cultivated. The bioagent, *Pochonia chlamydosporia* may be incorporated in ginger beds (20 g/bed with 10^6 cfu/g) at the time of planting.
Vanilla	**Vegetative**	Karnataka			**Root and stem rot** (*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *vanillae*) **Viral diseases** (*Bean common mosaic virus*,	Low Low		**Root and stem rot** Soil drenching with copper oxychloride @ 0.25% followed by spray with carbendazim (0.25%) at monthly interval. **Viral diseases** Regular inspection and removal of infected plants. The removed plants

					Bean yellow mosaic virus, Cucumber mosaic virus, Cymbidium mosaic virus)			may be burnt or buried deep in soil. Control of vector (aphids) may be undertaken by spraying neem oil (0.5%).
Nutmeg	**Bearing**	Kerala					**Physiological wilting** (Field)	**Physiological wilting** (Field) Provide irrigation to the trees. The trees may be adequately shaded to prevent sun scorching.

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