

Farmers meeting at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sepahijala, Tripura on 15/10/2019

Dr. G. Sivakumar, Dr. T. Venkatesan and Dr. T. Mohan, Principal Scientists participated in the farmer's awareness program on the invasive pest fall armyworm *Spodoptera frugiperda* organized by the KVK, Sepahijala, Central Agricultural University, Tripura. Around 50 farmers participated in the programme. Lectures on the management of fall armyworm by using microbials, macrobials, and other non-pesticidal control measures including pheromone traps were delivered by Dr. G. Sivakumar, Dr. T. Venkatesan and Dr. T. Mohan, respectively during the program. Mr. Ardhendu Chakraborty, SMS (Plant protection), KVK, Khowane explained different management strategies against FAW. Dr. Shatabhisa Sarkar, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Sepahijala delivered lecture on different scientific practices for the management of the pest. Dr. UtpalDey, SMS (Plant Protection) emphasized about identification and management of FAW. Interacted with the farmers on general organic management practices of crop pests and diseases. During the field visit, damage symptoms, identification of egg mass and the larvae of FAW were practically shown to the farmers. Also demonstrated the management of fall armyworm in the farmers field using various biocontrol technologies and non-pesticidal approaches including pheromone traps developed by NBAIR.

