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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

Pest and Disease Surveillance & Forecast report for August 2011

Pest and disease incidence were found below economic threshold level in all the districts of Tamil Nadu in major crops such as paddy, sugarcane, cotton, groundnut and pluses. However, if rains are not received during August, there is possibility for outbreak of sucking pests in paddy, cotton and groundnut. Hence, farmers are advised to setup light traps in crops viz., paddy, cotton, sugarcane and groundnut to monitor the movements of adult insects. Further, yellow sticky traps may be used in cotton and groundnut crops to monitor the sucking pests.

Papaya mealy bug is found below economic threshold level in papaya, tapioca and other crops. However, farmers are advised to monitor the papaya mealy bug population during their field visits, and if necessary they can release the parasitoids that are supplied free of cost by TNAU through its constituent colleges and research stations.

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