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To  
The Editor,  
Sir,

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

**Bio – Inputs and insect trapping technology for crop protection**

The Government of Tamilnadu is encouraging organic cultivation of agri-horticultural crops in the state, so to improve the sustainability of the livelihoods of farmers. In this week, the Agriculture Commissionerate of Tamilnadu has co-hosted a one day workshop on 12 July 2023 at TNAU to train farmers in insect trapping for eco-friendly pest management.

The event was launched in the morning at the seminar Hall of TNAU and co-hosted by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University(TNAU) led by Directorate of Plant Protection Studies(CPPS). The selected trainee farmers were shown the details of different insect trap-lure types by the experts from TNAU and DDA-PP office experts, and the use of these traps is surely going to avoid or atleast reduce the chemical pesticide use in our crops, In addition, samples of these traps being manufactured and marketed by Sun Agro Biotech Research Centre(SABRC) which is also a co-host for this event were exhibited and farmers guided to using them.The Ministry of Agriculture(MoA)was represented by officials the Commissionerate including DDA-PP, besides TNAU with Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor and senior management.

The participating farmers expressed satisfaction that the workshop has enabled them to confidently use insect attraction traps, in combination with other eco-friendly technologies like biopesticides and insect biocontrol agents. The stakeholders also received copies of the handbook on insect trapping technology published by SABRC,which was availed in both English and Tamil.

The participating trainee farmers conveyed their appreciations to MoA, TNAU and SABRC for their valuable collaboration which ended in successful completion of the workshop on the same day evening.They were so happy to carry the Tamil literature and the freesamples of traps availed to them on behalf of TNAU,MoA and SABRC. The Director of

SABRC-Prof.Sithanantham and the R&D Executive Dr.Prabakaran appreciated all the participants including the active role of many officials of MoA and TNAU. The main event organizers-Prof.Jeyaraj Nelson and DDA-PP-Mr.Shanmuga Sundaram were also thanked profoundly by Dr.Shanthi,Director,CPPS,TNAU for their excellent co-operation in completing the event so successfully.The meeting ended with the national anthem.

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