

Symptoms of Damage:

- Cloudy climate in June-July
 - Water stagnation favorable
 - Larva bores into immature internodes
 - Full grown larva has four longitudinal stripes on the dorsal side with violet spots.
 - Hole noticed on internodes
 - Frass observed out side the hole.
 - Sprouting of eye bud if sever infestation
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Management of Internode borer:

- Trash mulching particularly in ratoon crop should be encouraged.
 - Avoid late planting after March.
 - Light earthing up at 45 to 60 days after planting.
 - Removal of the dead hearts at the ground level.
 - Release of Egg parasite *Trichogramma chilonis* in field @ 3-5 lac parasitized eggs /ha in suitable installments.
 - Use less susceptible varieties.
 - Mass trapping of male adults with use of pheromone trap @ 25 / ha. Trap should be installed at 30 cm above the crop height.
 - Seed treatment with Chlorpyrifos 20 % EC @ 400 ml in 100 lit. of water for 15 minutes.
 - Soil application of granular insecticide Cartap hydrochloride 4G @ 15 kg/ha or Fipronil 0.3 GR @ 25 kg/ha or Chlorantraniliprole 0.4 GR @ 22.5 kg/ha at planting and 60 days after planting.
 - Spraying of Chlorantraniliprole 18.5% SC @ 375 ml per ha (0.4 ml/ lit of water).
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