

Symptoms of Damage:

- Young larva feed on soil humus,
- Grownup larva feed more and more on plant tissues
- Larvae in the soil eat the roots of plants
- In sugarcane-eats sprouting eye buds of setts
- Decrease germination.
- Make hole to the setts and feed inside
- Puncture to setts make easy entry of other pathogen and as result setts rottened
- In severe damage, outer leaves dried & whole cane dried up
- They are very sensitive to the soil moisture level
- Most severe in irrigated fields.

Management of Wireworm:

- Clean cultivation.
 - The beetles prefer the weedy land for eggs laying.
 - Maintain the soil in good physical conditions.
 - Irrigate the field followed by ploughing of the field.
 - Flooding of the field
 - Endemic pockets -increase the seed rate of sugarcane setts
 - Sett treatment with Chlorpyrifos 20 SC 400 ml or Imidachloprid 70% WG 36 gm in 100 lit. of water
 - At planting- soil application of Phorate 10 CG @ 25 kg/ha.
or
 - Drenching Chlorpyrifos 20 EC @ 5 lit/ha in 1000 lit of water
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