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## **PREFACE**

Introduction of high yielding varieties, expansion in irrigation facilities and indiscriminate use of increased rates of agrochemicals such as fertilizers and pesticides in recent years with a view to increase productivity has resulted in heavy crop losses due to insect pests in certain crops. This situation has risen mainly due to elimination of natural enemies, resurgence of pests, development of insecticide resistance and out-break of secondary pests. With a view to provide the farmers the best planting material available in the world for maximizing productivity per unit area and to encourage the seed industry. Environmental factors are also directly associated with the production, therefore several researchers in the past had made efforts to develop statistical models based on time series data on crop-yield and weather variables for the pre-harvest grain yield forecast. Work-related to survey and surveillance of insect pests and disease across the country should be regularly conducted for getting proper information on changing trends of insect pests and associated losses in different crops including cereals and pulses. To manage the insect pests, it is essential that experts have a thorough knowledge of insect-pathogen behavior, life cycle, bioecology, phenology, economic injury level and other factors of insect pests. Management strategies include cultural, mechanical and biological methods that minimize the pest incidence naturally. Insecticides should apply in harmonious, judicious, timely and selective or broad manner. Hence, manage the insect pest and disease by integrating all available techniques which can reduce the pest infestation and cost of cultivation.

The intricacy of the interaction between a pest and its host, influenced by biotic and abiotic factors of the environment, make the control of these disease and insect pest. Both the pest and diseases accounts for decrease in grain density, germination percent, affected seed viability or weight resulting in overall reduction in crop quality and quantity. Therefore, the management practices are still challenging with different aspects. The combination of pest management and safety measure during post-harvest storage will be led towards the better sustainability of these crops. Control measures and management practices consists of use of synthetic pesticides, cultural methods and other mechanical methods. Host plant resistance studies and the biological control are gaining much attention in recent years either to control the diseases or to produce a resistance variety along with new crop cultivation technologies.

Resistant cultivars are the most cost-effective and environment-friendly method of plant protection and are a requirement for any sustainable crop production system. To decrease yield losses caused by biotic stresses, an efficient collaboration between phyto-pathologists, geneticists, breeders and specialists on cereals and pulse crop production is needed. In the forthcoming, breeding for resistance may take place at the allele level and therefore the process may become more effective. Cultivars with a high level of resistance to the most dominant insect and pathogens in their growing

area will confirm yield and facilitate the development of sustainable crop production systems by allowing soil-conserving production systems with negligible input of pesticides, thereby decreasing site effects on non-target organisms, environment and consumers. Lastly, for evolving IPM strategies that would be appropriate and suitable in different agro-ecological zones for different crops expanded research and adequate investment are necessary. Success in crop production sustainability is largely dependent on availability of dedicated plant protection personnel, a pragmatic public policy and a determined political will in the coming years.

The book is structured into 22 chapters and is primarily for the degree, post-graduate students, and field researchers. The chapters will clearly define the Pest Management Strategies in Pulses and Cereal Crops and their impacts on agricultural productivity. We wish to express a deep sense of gratitude to those who helped us directly or indirectly during the preparation of the manuscript of this text. The Publication Pest Management Strategies in Pulses and Cereal Crops is expected to benefit researchers, scientists, teachers, academicians, policy planners, progressive farmers, and students and shall act as a good reference base for future advancement in the field. We express our sincere thanks to all contributors for their cooperation and sharing their valuable experiences and great thoughts in making this book informative.

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## About the Editors



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## About the Book

This book discusses the Pest Management Strategies in Pulses and Cereal Crops: This book focuses on the distribution, nature of damage and management of key pests of important cereals and pulses crops like, rice (paddy), wheat, maize, sorghum and pearl millet, lentil, black gram, red gram etc. In each case, we study the environmental distribution, damage, effect, pest and disease management. Then this book focuses on some farming methods which are being used and has a future for the better development of agriculture/ pest management. The chapters will clearly define the Pest Management Strategies and their impacts on agricultural productivity. We wish to express a deep sense of gratitude to those who helped us directly or indirectly during the preparation of the manuscript of this text. We hope that the book is valuable and exciting to readers, teachers, and students and would urge them to know more about recent research related to Smart Agriculture. We are highly thankful to all authors who contribute their research/ideas to enhance the book's utility.



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