Seasonal incidence of gram pod borer *Helicoverpa armigera* (Hubner) in chickpea in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

Field experiments on seasonal incidence of gram pod borer *Helicoverpa armigera* (Hub.) in chickpea were conducted during 2011-13 *rabi* crop seasons at Regional Agricultural Research Station, Lam, Guntur. The incidence of the pod borer commenced during the flowering period of the crop and reached its peak larval population of 10 per 10 plants at 11th and 4th meteorological standard week and its incidence was according to phenology of the crop irrespective of date of sowing. It showed significant positive correlation with minimum and maximum temperature while relative humidity and rainfall showed negative impact on larval population.

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