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## Foreword

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Virtually all agriculture could have been seen as “organic” until the dawn of using artificial chemical agents to control pests and the rise of industrial-scale agriculture to provide the food and other products required by the exploding human population. As the human population exceeded the planet’s presumed carrying capacity, agriculture’s capacity to produce an adequate food supply has become deeply stressed. As pesticide and herbicide use burgeoned, the target pests’ resistance to chemical control agents became an urgent problem, and the cost of such chemical inputs to agriculture was higher than many growers could easily bear. The current trend to insert pesticidal or herbicidal capacities into the genomes of crop plants has bound those adopting such technologies to buy seed from their corporate providers and to implement complex strategies to delay or to prevent the pests’ resistance to these introduced genes. Such issues as the costs of using genetically modified crops (corn, cotton, etc.) met strong resistance from many regulatory agencies and by much of the world’s people who neither like nor willingly consume such plants.

The idea of using microbes (at first mostly fungal entomopathogens) as biological control agents emerged in the late 1800s but suffered from many setbacks in the earliest uses against target pests. In addition to the vast number of predatory and parasitic arthropods and parasitoids used to control pests, the range of biological control agents used against insects, mites and other invertebrate pests, plant diseases, and weeds has expanded to include viruses, bacteria, fungi (and organisms once treated as fungi), microsporidia, protozoans, and entomopathogenic nematodes. It is equally important to recognize the contributions of plant extracts for pest control as well as the benefits of co-planting crops with other plants that protect a crop against nematodes, other pests, and soil-borne diseases.

The science supporting the uses of so many organisms is complex and relies on a myriad of technologies from molecular biology and genomics through every imaginable aspect of organismal biology, population biology, and ecology. The screening of global biodiversity for useful microbial biocontrol agents is reasonably well documented even though much of the planet has never been surveyed adequately for such agents. While many entomologists prefer to restrict the term “biological control” to using predatory or parasitic insects and parasitoids against other

arthropods, the strategies and principles to use insects against insects apply equally to the uses of microbes, nematodes, and other invertebrate agents.

The rigors of selecting the most virulent microbial agents to bring through efficacy and safety testing are well documented. After an initial focus on basic biological aspects of biopesticide development and efficacy, the emphasis usually switches to the technical problems of scaling up their production and how to formulate and apply these agents, and on the legal hurdles of their regulatory registrations. It is not surprising that, after all of this is done, very few agents become available for practical use—fungi such as *Beauveria bassiana* and *Metarhizium anisopliae*, bacteria such as *Bacillus thuringiensis* and the nematode-borne species of *Photorhabdus* and *Xenorhabdus*, a very small number of viruses, and even fewer microsporidia such as species of *Nosema* and *Vairimorpha*. As the scale of applications of biopesticides and plant-derived pest control agents grows, the full range of skills enabling their adoption needs to be better appreciated; this book surveys on the current state of the art for all of these topics.

Today we have come to the point when the oldest, most traditional approach to agriculture returns to an honored place in many countries. Organic agriculture now presses forward with a new level of biological and agronomic knowledge, and a previously unimaginable array of techniques and technologies. The accelerating adoption of organic agriculture is responding to urgent concerns about the environmental and health costs of continuing use of chemical pesticides. This volume addresses many daunting challenges posed by this push to reduce chemical pest control approaches while embracing integrated pest management (combining biopesticides with limited use of chemical pesticides) or strictly organic practices.

A very diverse set of reviews of the development, application, and environmental and regulatory consequences of implementing biopesticides appear here. Its 24 sections comprise 54 chapters by authorities from around the world. Entomopathogenic viruses, bacteria, fungi, and nematodes are covered in detail, while algae and protozoans that are usually little recognized to have any role in pest management are also covered, and there are three chapters about insect parasitoids as key natural enemies. Other chapters treat the diverse spectrum of plant-derived compounds and insect pheromones that offer positive benefits for managing plant pests and diseases. This compendium will be a key reference for scientific professionals, students, legislators and administrators, the leaders and followers in businesses and in agriculture, farmers, and entrepreneurs wanting to provide safe and healthy food and plant products. Readers should be able to gather new ideas, fresh perspectives, and inspiration to advance their knowledge with the ultimate goal of improving the safety and sustainability of global agriculture.



*Biopesticides in Organic Agriculture: Recent Advances*, edited by Professor L.P. Awasthi, provides a kaleidoscopic perspective on the adoption, adaption, and expansion of biological and biorational approaches to maintain the agricultural and silvicultural world. If seen from a wholly different perspective, this volume contributes significantly to our increasingly urgent need

and responsibility to preserve and, indeed, to cherish the world of plants on which all other forms of life on this planet are so totally dependent.

*Richard A. Humber*

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## Preface

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Organic agriculture has emerged as an important priority area globally in view of the growing demand for safe and healthy food and concerns about environmental pollution associated with the indiscriminate use of agrochemicals. Organic farming is the pathway that leads to life in harmony with nature. It is key to sound development and sustainable environment, makes use of non-conventional natural resources, and conserves soil fertility through implementation of appropriate conservation practices.

Biopesticides play a significant role in sustainable organic farming, which is a present-day need for better human health. Biopesticides are developed from naturally occurring living organisms such as animals, plants, and microorganisms (e.g., bacteria, fungi, and viruses) that can control serious plant-damaging insect pests by their non-toxic ecofriendly mode of actions, therefore globally demanding and paying attention. Biopesticides and their by-products are mainly utilized for the management of pests that are injurious to plants. As costs of using synthetic chemicals became apparent, there has been a resurgence in academic and industrial research of biopesticides. Biopesticides, including entomopathogenic viruses, bacteria, fungi, nematodes, and plant secondary metabolites, are gaining stature as they are alternatives to chemical pesticides and are a major component of many pest control programs. The virulence of various biopesticides such as nuclear polyhydrosis virus (NPV), bacteria, and plant product were tested very successfully and evaluated under field conditions with major success. Biopesticides are effective, ecofriendly, biodegradable, and do not leave any harmful residue in the environment. Various types of pesticides like bacterial pesticides, viral pesticides, botanicals, pheromones, predators, and parasitoids of biological origin are widely used as biopesticides.

*Biopesticides in Organic Farming: Recent Advances* describes critically reviewed, key aspects of organic agriculture and provides a unique and timely science-based resource for researchers, teachers, extension workers, students, primary producers, and others around the world. There are different sections in this book. The first section provides an overview of organic farming with special reference to biopesticides, followed by the principles of the applications of biopesticides in organic farming, impact of environmental factors on biopesticides in organic farming, opportunities and challenges in the application of biopesticides in

organic farming, strategies for crop protection with biopesticides in organic farming, pesticide exposure impacts on health and need of biopesticides in organic farming, and the role of nutrients in the management of crop diseases through biopesticides. The next section deals with the management of various crop diseases through bacterial, fungal, viral, algal, protozoan, and botanical biopesticides, insect sex hormones, natural enemies, parasitoids biopesticides, microbial biopesticides, integrated pest management, biopesticides weapons against agricultural mite pests, biotechnological trends in insect pests control strategy, challenges in the popularization of biopesticides in organic farming, the certification process, and standards of organic farming and marketing and export potential of organic products. The book gathers together a range of specialists with direct experience over many years of biopesticides in organic farming. This book is intended to be a unique and indispensable resource that offers a diverse range of valuable information and perspectives on biopesticides in organic agriculture at a time when the world community is increasingly aware of the problems of our current agricultural practices with importance of creating sustainable agricultural systems for the long-term health of the biosphere as a whole. This book is designed, considering the requirements of undergraduates, postgraduates, researchers, and university professors, as per the organic agriculture course curriculum of different universities. It has chapters, on each and every aspect related to biopesticides in organic agriculture, compiled by researchers and eminent professors at various universities across the globe. I wish the students and various readers who relish working in the field of organic farming will find the format of the book, its level, and the quantity of information contained in the book to be appropriate for easier learning and understanding. The wide spectrum of information in various chapters with the addition of the terms related to organic agriculture and concept statements is presented in a very concise manner.

I am confident that this publication will be useful to university students, professors, researchers, development department officials, extension workers, policymakers, and all those interested in organic farming.

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I am sure, detailed accounts on different aspects of biopesticides in organic farming will be a great help to students, teachers, researchers and extension workers.

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## The Role of Natural Enemies and Biopesticides for Sustainable Management of Major Insect Pests of Legumes

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### 33.1 Introduction

Pulses are the important components of a healthy diet and take an important place in the traditional diets throughout the World (Malaguti et al. 2014). pulses are damaged by a large number of insect species, both under field conditions and in storage (Clement et al. 2000).

Among legume insect pests, *Helicoverpa armigera* is the single largest yield shrinking factor in food legumes, causes an estimated loss of US\$317 million in pigeonpea and \$328 million in chickpea (ICRISAT 1992). Worldwide, it causes an estimated loss of over \$2 billion annually, despite over \$1 billion value of insecticides used to control *H. armigera* (Sharma 2005). Another pod borer *Maruca vitrata* causes loss to the tune of US\$30 million annually (Saxena et al. 2002). Pigeonpea yield losses due to pod borer are 25–70%; Pod fly is second most important pest of pigeonpea in northern and central India, and cause 10 - 50 % yield loss. *Maruca* is reported to cause 5 - 25% yield loss in pigeonpea, pod bug can

cause yield loss upto 30%. Soybean aphid, (*Aphis glycines*) can induce up to 58% yield losses in soybean crop (Wang et al. 1994) and annually \$2.4 billion estimated losses in yield (Song et al. 2006, Tilmon et al. 2011). Legume flower thrips (LFT), *Mylothris sjostedti* Trybom in cowpea *V. unguiculata* in tropical Africa causes yield losses ranging from 20% to 100% (Karungi et al. 2000).

### 33.2 Management of Legume Insect Pest through Natural Enemies

#### 33.2.1 *H. armigera* and *H. punctigera*

These are the major insect pests of legume crops; both these pests are managed by natural enemies such as parasitoids, *Trichogramma* and *Telenomus*, which are minute parasitoid wasps (shorter than 1 mm) which parasitize *Helicoverpa* eggs, but their activity levels are too low in chickpea and pigeonpea



FIGURE 33.1 *Campoletis chlorideae* (<http://www.nbair.res.in>).

because of trichome exudates. There are a numerous number of wasps that parasitize pod borer *Helicoverpa* larvae. Only the species considered to be most significant for pest management are described here. The Ichneumonid, *Campoletis chlorideae* Uchida (Figure 33.1), is most likely the main important larval parasitoid of pod borer, *H. armigera*, on pigeonpea and chickpea in India (Pawar et al. 1986). Late-instar *H. armigera* larvae are parasitized by Tachinids, but result in little reduction in larval density. In India, *Carcelia illota* (Curran), and to a lesser extent, *Goniophthalmus halli* Mesnil, and *Pallexorista laxa* (Curran) parasitize up to 22% of *H. armigera* larvae on pigeonpea (Bhatnagar et al. 1983), and up to 54% larvae in chickpea. Pre-pupal and pupal mortality of *H. armigera* is reliable (Table 33.1).

*Netelia producta* parasitoid of *H. armigera* (Figure 33.2) is a pupal parasitoid of *Helicoverpa*, some armyworms, and is very active in chickpea crops. A female *Ichneumon promissorius* has a white band in the middle part of the antennae (Figure 33.3), whereas a male *Ichneumon promissorius* has orange and black antennae.

### 33.2.2 The Spotted Pod Borer, *Maruca vitrata* (Geyer)

There are a numerous number of parasites recorded on larvae/pupae of spotted pod borer, *Maruca vitrata* include Tachinids, Braconids, Chalcidids, Eulophids, Ichneumonids, Pteromalids, and Scelionids (Table 33.2).

### 33.2.3 Pea Pod Borer and Pea Weevils

Pea pod borer, *Etiella zinckenella* (Treitschke), is attacked by several species of natural enemies, such as the hymenopteran egg parasitoids, *Trichogrammatoidea armigera*. Larval parasitoids are *Bracon hebetor*, *Phanerotoma* sp., *Tetrastichus* sp., and *Phanerotoma planifrons*. Pea weevils (*Bruchus pisorum*) are attacked by several species of natural enemies, such as the hymenopteran egg parasitoids *Uscana senex* Grese (Trichogrammatidae) (Hormazabal & Gerding 1998) and *U. chiliensis* sp. nov (Pintureau et al. 1999).

### 33.2.4 Cow Pea Aphid

*Aphis craccivora* Koch and pea aphid, *Acyrtosiphon pisum* Haris (Homoptera: Aphididae), are the major hemipteran insect pest of lentils in America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia. predators such as Syrphid flies, Rove beetle, green lacewing, ladybird beetle, and parasitoids such as *Aphidius* sp. and *Aphelinus* sp. While aphids are attacked by a number of natural enemies, Coccinellids especially prevent their rapid reproduction rate and may reduce infestation levels sufficiently (Table 33.3).

### 33.2.5 Bean Stem Maggot (*Ophiomyia phaseoli*)

Bean stem maggots, also known as bean flies, are often considered to be the most important field pest of beans in Africa. They account for yield losses ranging from 80% to 100%. The most common species include *O. phaseoli*, *O. spencerella*, and *O. centrosematidis*. They attack the crop wherever it is grown. *Ophiomyia phaseoli* is a widely distributed pest of seedling bean.

### 33.2.6 Red Gram Pod Fly

*Melanagromyza obtusa* Malloch (Diptera: Agromyzidae) causes serious damage to the pods and seeds of pigeonpea from November to February, resulting in poor germination and making them unfit for human consumption. Until now, more than 25 hymenopteran parasitoids were known to attack this notorious pest (Table 33.4). Among them, *Euderus lividus* and *Ormyrus orientalis* are reported as major biocontrol agents of *M. obtusa* (Yadav et al. 2012).

### 33.2.7 The Bean Aphids

*Aphis fabae* is the main aphid pest of common bean in Africa and Asia. Aphids have experienced some adaptation in relation to host plant so that many aphid taxa have a biologically complex life cycle. In some instances, both larvae and adults of predators belonging to the family Coccinellidae (Ladybird beetles) feed on aphids. All species in the braconid subfamily Aphidiinae develop as endoparasitoids (inside) of aphids with one larva completing development in each host.

### 33.2.8 Tobacco Caterpillar

*Spodoptera litura* (Fab.) is a serious and regular pest of soybean in India. *Trichogramma chilonis*, *Tetrastichus*, and *Telenomus* are egg parasitoids of *Spodoptera* and *Ichneumon promissorius*, *Carcelia* sp., and *Diglyphus isaea* are larval parasitoids of *Spodoptera*.

### 33.2.9 Stem Fly

*Melanagromyza sojae* Zehntner (Diptera: Agromyzidae) has emerged as a major pest in the soybean growing areas of India over the last two decades. Two species of hymenopteran parasitoids from two families, namely Eurytomidae (*Eurytoma melanagromyza* Narendran) and Pteromalidae (*Chlorocyclus* sp.)

TABLE 33.1

Parasitoids of Pulse Pod Borer *Helicoverpa armigera*

Order	Family	Stage	Scientific Name
<b>Hymenoptera</b>	Scelionidae	Egg parasitoids	<i>Telenomus</i> sp.
	Trichogrammatidae		<i>Trichogramma</i> sp., <i>T. achaeae</i> , <i>T. brasiliensis</i> , <i>T. chilonis</i> , <i>T. chilotraeae</i> , <i>Trichogrammatoidea</i> sp., <i>Trichogrammatoidea armigera</i> , <i>T. bactrae</i> , <i>T. fumata</i>
<b>Diptera</b>	Braconidae	Egg larval parasitoids	<i>Chelonus</i> sp., <i>C. heliopae</i> , <i>C. narayani</i> , <i>Microchelonus curvimaculatus</i>
	Sarcophagidae	Larval parasitoids	<i>Sarcophaga orientoides</i>
	Tachinidae		<i>Compsilura concinnata</i> , <i>Drino unisetosa</i> , <i>Drino imberbis</i> , <i>Eucelatoria bryani</i> , <i>Exorista fallax</i> , <i>Exorista japonica</i> , <i>Exorista xanthaspis</i> , <i>Somera cinerascens</i> , <i>Pales coerulea-nigra</i> , <i>Palexorista</i> sp., <i>P. laxa</i> , <i>P. solennis</i> , <i>Sisyropa apicata</i> , <i>Spallanzania</i> sp., <i>Strobiomyia aegyptia</i> , <i>Sturmiopsis inferens</i> , <i>Suensonomyia</i> sp., <i>Thecocarcelia incedens</i> , <i>Voria edentata</i> , <i>V. ruralis</i> , <i>Winthemia diversoides</i>
<b>Hymenoptera</b>	Chloropidae		<i>Mepachymerus ensifer</i>
	Bethylidae		<i>Goniozus</i> sp.
	Braconidae		<i>Apanteles</i> sp., <i>Apanteles</i> sp. <i>glomeratus</i> group, <i>A. glmeratus</i> , <i>A. rujicrus</i> , <i>Bracon</i> sp., <i>B. brevicornis</i> , <i>B. cushmani</i> , <i>B. gelechia</i> , <i>B. greeni</i> , <i>B. hebetor</i> , <i>Microplitis maculipennis</i> , <i>Microplitis palidipes</i> , <i>Odontepyris</i> sp., <i>Paraphylax</i> sp., <i>Rogas</i> sp.
	Eulophidae		<i>Euplectrus</i> spp.
	Ichneumonidae		<i>Agrypon nox</i> , <i>Attractodes</i> sp., <i>Banchopsis rujicornis</i> , <i>Barichneumon</i> sp., <i>Campoletis chloridea</i> , <i>C. maculipes</i> , <i>Campoletis (Ecphoropsis)</i> sp., <i>Disophrys</i> sp., <i>Enicospilus</i> sp., <i>Enicospilus shinkanus</i> , <i>Eriborus argenteopilosus</i> , <i>Eriborus pilosellus</i> , <i>Eriborus trochanteratus</i> , <i>Ichneumon</i> sp., <i>Metopius rufus</i> , <i>Netelia</i> sp., <i>Pristomerus</i> sp., <i>Temelucha</i> sp.
<b>Nematoda</b>	Mermithidae		<i>Hexameris</i> sp., <i>Ovomermis albicans</i>
<b>Diptera</b>	Tachinidae	Larval Pupal parasitoids	<i>Carcelia</i> sp., <i>C. (Stenomtopia) illota</i> , <i>C. kolkiana</i> , <i>C. raoi</i> , <i>C. peraequalis</i> , <i>Goniophthalmus halli</i>
Hymenoptera	Ichneumonidae	Pupal parasitoids	<i>Xanthopimpla stemmator</i> , <i>Compoletis chloriedae</i>
	Chalcididae		<i>Brachymeria responsator</i> , <i>Tetrastichus ayyari</i>

Source: Manjunath et al. 1999

FIGURE 33.2 *Netelia producta* (<http://www.nbair.res.in>).

with an average parasitism of 12.50% and 11.14%, respectively, were the most prevalent parasitoid species throughout the season (Gaur et al. 2015).

### 33.2.10 Lycaenid Pod Borer

Natural enemies of Lycaenid pod borer include parasitoids *Trichogramma* sp., *Tetrastichus* sp., *Telenomus* sp., *Chelonus* sp., *Campoletis* sp., *Bracon* sp., *Carcelia* sp., etc. Predators include

FIGURE 33.3 *Ichneumon promissorius* (<http://www.nbair.res.in>).

Lacewing, ladybird beetle, spider, red ant, dragonfly, robber fly, reduviid bug, praying mantis, black drongo (King crow), wasp, common mynah, big-eyed bug (*Geocoris* sp), earwig, ground beetle, Pentatomid bug (*Eocanthecona furcellata*), etc.

### 33.2.11 Field Bean Pod Borer

Natural enemies of field bean pod borer include parasitoids *Trichogramma* sp., *Tetrastichus* sp., *Telenomus* sp., *Chelonus* sp., *Campoletis* sp., *Bracon* sp., *Carcelia* sp., etc. Predators include Lacewing, ladybird beetle, spider, red ant, dragonfly,



TABLE 33.2

List of Parasitoid Complex of *Maruca vitrata*

Parasitoid	Life Stage Parasitized	Reference
<b>Diptera</b>		
<b>Tachinidae</b>		
<i>Aplomya metallica</i> (Weid.)	Larva	Agyen-Sampong (1978)
<i>Exorista xanthaspis</i> (Wiedemann)	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Palexorista solemnis</i> (Walker)	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Peirbaea orbata</i> (Wiedemann)	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Zygobothria atropivora</i> (Rob.-Desv.)	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Zygobothria ciliata</i> (Wulp)	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Thelairosoma</i> sp.	Larva	Usua and Singh (1977)
<i>Pseudopetichaeta laevis</i> (Vill.)	Larva	Amen-Sampong (1978)
<i>Pseudaporichaeta</i> sp.	Larva	Usua and Singh (1977)
<i>Thecocarcelia incedens</i> (Rond.)	Larva	Agyen-Sampong (1978)
<b>Hymenoptera</b>		
<b>Baraconidae</b>		
<i>Apanteles</i> sp.	Larva	Okeyo-Owuor et al. (1991)
<i>Bracon</i> sp.	Larva	Okeyo-Owuor et al. (1991)
<i>Braunsia</i> sp.	Pupa	Okeyo-Owuor et al. (1991), Agyen-Sampong (1978)
<i>Cardiochiles philippinensis</i> Ashm.	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Chelonus</i> sp.	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Cremnops</i> sp.	Larva-Pupa	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Snellenius manitae</i> Ashm.	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Phanertoma handecasisella</i> Cam.	Larva	Subasinghe and Fellows (1978)
<i>Phanertoma</i> sp.	Larva	Usua and Singh (1977)
<b>Chalcididae</b>		
<i>Antrocephalus</i> sp., <i>nr subelongatus</i>	-	Subasinghe and Fellows (1978)
<i>Antrocephalus</i> sp.	Pupa	Okeyo-Owuor et al. (1991)
<i>Bmchymetia</i> sp. A.	Larva-Pupa	Barrion et al. (1987)
<i>Brachymeria</i> sp. B.	Larva-Pupa	Barrion et al. (1987)
<b>Eulophidae</b>		
<i>Nesolynx thymus</i> (Gir.)		Subasinghe and Fellows (1978)
<i>Tetrastichus sesamiue</i> Risbec	Pupa	Okeyo-Owuor et al. (1991)
<i>Tetrastichus</i> sp.	Pupa	
<b>Ichneumonidae</b>		
<i>Caenopimpla arealis</i> (Cushman)	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987); Usua and Singh (1977)
<i>Charops nigrita</i> Gupta and Maheswary	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987); Usua and Singh (1977)
<i>Meloboris sinicus</i> (Holmgren)	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987); Usua and Singh (1977)
<i>Metopius rufus</i> hrowni Ashm.	Larva	Barrion et al. (1987); Usua and Singh (1977)
<b>Pteromalidae</b>		
<i>Trichomalopsis</i> sp.	Larva-Pupa	Barrion et al. (1987)
<b>Scelionidae</b>		
<i>Telenomus</i> sp.		Subasinghe and Fellows (1978)

robber fly, reduviid bug, praying mantis, King crow, wasp, common mynah, *Geocoris* sp., earwig, ground beetle, Pentatomid bug (*Eocanthecona furcellata*), etc. The percentages of parasitism of natural enemies on different legume crops are provided in Table 33.5.

### 33.3 Stored Legumes

Legume seeds are stored in godowns and warehouses in huge and minute quantities and are severely infested by

bruchid beetles, *Callosobruchus chinensis* and *C. maculatus* (Tables 33.6 and 33.7).

### 33.4 Insect Growth Regulators (IGR)

Overlap of insect growth regulator at 5% cyromazine and dipping treatment at 30°C showed a noteworthy decline in the reproductive rate in *C. maculatus*. Moreover, escalating the cyromazine concentration led to a decrease in food burning up and an increase of generation's lifetime (Al-Mekhlafi et al. 2012).

TABLE 33.3

Diversity of Natural Enemy of Cowpea

S. No	Common Name	Scientific Name	Order/Family	Population Status	Host
1	Ladybird beetle	<i>Micraspis discolor</i> (Fab.)	Coleoptera: Coccinellidae	High	Egg, nymph, adult of jassid and white fly; Egg larva of Lepidoptera
2	Ladybird beetle	<i>Coccinella transversilis</i> (Fab.)	Coleoptera: Coccinellidae	Medium	Egg, nymph, adult of jassid and white fly; Egg larva of Lepidoptera
3	Ladybird beetle	<i>Brumoides</i> sp.	Coleoptera: Coccinellidae	Medium	Egg, nymph, adult of jassid and whitefly; Egg larva of Lepidoptera
4	Ladybird beetle	<i>Menochilus sexmaculatus</i> (Fab.)	Coleoptera: Coccinellidae	Low	Egg, nymph, adult of jassid and whitefly; Egg larva of Lepidoptera
5	Ladybird beetle	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i> Linn.	Coleoptera: Coccinellidae	Low	Egg, nymph, adult of jassid and whitefly; Egg larva of Lepidoptera
6	Ladybird beetle	<i>Illeis indica</i> Timberlake	Coleoptera: Coccinellidae	Low	Egg, nymph, adult of jassid and whitefly; Egg larva of Lepidoptera
7	Rove beetle	<i>Paedurus</i> sp.	Coleoptera: Staphylinidae	Medium	Egg, nymph, adult of jassid and whitefly; Egg larva of Lepidoptera
8	Ground beetle	<i>Ophionea</i> sp.	Coleoptera: Carabidae	Medium	Egg, nymph, adult of jassid and whitefly; Egg larva of Lepidoptera
9	Yellow hornet	<i>Vespa</i> sp.	Hymenoptera: Vespidae	Low	Nymph, adult of jassid
10	Black ant	Unspecified	Hymenoptera: Formicidae	Low	Lepidopteran adults
11	Lynx spider	<i>Oxyopes</i> sp.	Araneae: Oxyopidae	High	Nymph, adult of jassid and whitefly; adult of Lepidoptera
12	Long jawed spider	<i>Tetragnatha</i> sp.	Araneae: Tetragnathidae	High	Do

Source: Singh and Singh 2014, Niba 2011.

TABLE 33.4

List of Hymenopteran Parasitoids on *M. obtuse*

Species	Super Family	Family	Reference
<i>Euderus</i> sp.	Chalcidoidea	Eulophidae	
<i>Diglyphus foveolaris</i> Khan			Khan (1985)
<i>D. mandibularis</i> Khan			Khan (1985)
<i>Tetrastichus atomella</i>			Ipe (1987)
<i>Euderus</i> spp.			Sithantham et al. (1987)
<i>Aprostocetus</i> sp.			Narendran (2005)
<i>O. fredreki</i>			Peter (1992)
<i>Ormyrus</i> sp.			Ketipearachchi (2002)
<i>Eurytoma</i> sp.		Eurytomidae	Ipe (1987)
<i>E. robusta</i> Mayr			Sithantham et al. (1987)
<i>Plutarchia indefensa</i> (Walker)			Sithantham et al. (1987)
<i>Microdontomerus</i> (=Antistrophoplex) sp.			Sithantham et al. (1983)
<i>Pseudotorymus</i> (=Senegalella) sp.			Singh et al. (1991)
<i>Callitula</i> sp.		Pteromalidae	Makinson et al. (2005)
<i>Eupelmus</i> sp.		Eupelmidae	Thakur and Odak (1982)
<i>Bracon</i> sp.	Ichneumonoidea	Braconidae	Sah and Mehra (1986)
<i>Tricopria</i> sp.	Proctotrupeoidea	Diapriidae	Thakur and Odak (1982)
<i>Omytes</i> sp.	Unreported	Unreported	Rao and Babu (2009)

TABLE 33.5

Percentage of Parasitism of Natural Enemies on Different Legume Crops

Crop	Pest	Parasitoid/Predator	Percentage Parasitism	References
Soybean	<i>Helicoverpa</i> spp.	Nabidae	50% predation of eggs and larvae	Pfannenstiel et al. (2002)
Pigeonpea	<i>Helicoverpa armigera</i>	<i>T. chilonis</i>	1.2% to 8.3% on pods and on leaves parasitism varied from 5.0% to 29.0%	(Tandon and Bakthavatsalam, 2005)
Chickpea	<i>Helicoverpa armigera</i>	<i>C. chloridae</i>	65.0 to 75.0% on larval parasitism	Jagdish Jaba and Agnihotri M (2016)
Pigeonpea	<i>Maruca vitrata</i>	Apanteles sp.	Parasitism high as 63% on <i>M. vitrata</i> larvae	(Huang et al. 2003)
Pigeonpea	<i>Maruca vitrata</i>	Trichogrammatoidea eldanae	< 50% of eggs parasitism	Belmain, S.R. et al. (2013)
<i>S. cannabina</i>	<i>M. vitrata</i>	<i>Apanteles taragamae</i>	Parasitism reached as high as 63% of <i>M. vitrata</i> larvae found attacking	Chi-Chung Huang et al. (2003)
Soybean and pigeonpea	<i>Etiella zinckenella</i>	Braconid, <i>Iconella</i> (=Apanteles) <i>etiellae</i> (Vier.)	3.4%	Alejandro E et al. (1988)
Pigeonpea	<i>Melanagromyza obtusa</i>	Three hemenopteran parasitoids viz., <i>Systasis dasyneurae</i> Mani, <i>Torymus</i> sp. Dalman (ectolarval parasitoids) and <i>Epitranus</i> sp. Walker (endopupal parasitoid)	The natural parasitism of these parasitoids ranged from 1.69 to 7.32, 5.08 to 29.27 and 2.13 to 4.88%, respectively	Chiranjeevi, B et al. (2017)
Cowpea	<i>H. armigera</i>	<i>Trichogramma</i> spp.	37.0% level of parasitism	Sithanantham et al. (1983)
Green gram	<i>H. armigera</i>	<i>Trichogramma</i> spp.	17.4	Pawar et al. (1986)
Pigeonpea	<i>H. armigera</i>	<i>Trichogramma</i> spp.	0.2	Pawar et al. (1986)
Groundnut	<i>H. armigera</i>	<i>Trichogramma</i> spp.	32.3	Sithanantham et al. (1983)

TABLE 33.6

Natural Enemies of Pulse Beetles

Natural Enemy	Description
<i>Dinarmus acutus</i> , <i>D. basalis</i> , <i>D. vagabundus</i> (Pteromalidae: Hymenoptera)	It is a solitary parasitoid that attacks larval, pre-pupal, and pupal stages of <i>Callosobruchus</i> sp. (Islam and Kabir 1995)
<i>Pteromalus cerealella</i> , <i>P. tritici</i>	It was thought to be a monophagous parasitoid of Angoumois moth (Fulton 1933). Later it was highly successful in killing <i>Callosobruchus maculatus</i> (F.) as to other storage insects
<i>Anisopteromalus calandrae</i>	It is an ectoparasitoid on the larvae and pupae of pulse beetles <i>C. maculatus</i> (F.) and this parasitoid preferred younger larvae of the pest
<i>Uscana lariophaga</i> , <i>U. mukherjii</i> (Hymenoptera: Trichogrammatidae)	Egg parasitoids: <i>U. lariophaga</i> females were able to find hosts up to 75 cm horizontal distance from the host patch, which was the largest distance tested (Stolk et al. 2005)
<i>Eupelmus orientalis</i> , <i>E. vuillei</i>	Parasite larvae/pupae (Anonymous 2014)
<i>Lariophagus distinguendus</i>	Parasite larva (Anonymous 2014)
<i>Heterospilus prospidis</i>	Parasite larva (Anonymous 2014)
<i>Cheyletus eruditus</i>	Predator (Anonymous 2014)
Entomopathogenic fungus	1. <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> (Vanmathi et al. 2011); Shaheen et al. 2016) 2. An isolate (CA-2) of <i>B. brongniartii</i> (E-9) of <i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> (Rodrigues and Pratissoli 1999)
Entomopathogenic nematodes	1. <i>Heterorhabditis bacteriophora</i> , <i>Steinernema siamkayai</i> , and <i>S. pakistanense</i> were among those nematodes that showed the highest virulence 2. The last larval stage of the pulse beetle seems to be more susceptible than the adult (Shahina and Salma 2009)

### 33.5 Biopesticides

The term biopesticides defines compounds that are used to manage agricultural pests by means of specific biological effects rather than as broader chemical pesticides. Globally, though biopesticides cover only about 1% of the total plant protection products, their number and the growth rate have been showing an increasing trend in the past two decades

(Ranga Rao et al. 2007). In India, they represent only 2.89% of the overall pesticide market and are expected to exhibit an annual growth rate of about 2.3% in the coming years (Mazid et al. 2011).

#### 33.5.1 Baculovirus

Baculovirus is one of the microbial pesticides that have a very narrow host range and generally infests the larvae of crop pests.

TABLE 33.7

Active Ingredients of Plant Extracts of Pulse Beetles

Name of the Plant	Potential Active Ingredients	References
Neem ( <i>Azadirachta indica</i> )	Tetranortriterpenoids (Azadirachtin, melantriol, salannin, nimbin, nimbidin)	Reddy (2010)
Karanj ( <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> )	Furanoflavonoid (karanjin, pongamol, pongapin, glabrin, karanja chromene, karanjone and pongaglabrone)	Bringi (1987)
Castor ( <i>Ricinus communis</i> )	Ricin and ricinine	Ramos-López (2010)
Clove ( <i>Syzygium aromaticum</i> )	Eugenol (4 allyl-2-methoxy phenol; C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ), an organic phenol compound	Shapiro (2012)
Mahua ( <i>Madhuca latifolia</i> )	Saponin, an alkaloid glucoside (leaves), Sapogenin and other basic acid (seeds)	Sunitha and Sarojini (2013)
Mustard ( <i>Brassica</i> sp.) Horseradish ( <i>Armoracia rusticana</i> ) Wasabi ( <i>Eutrema japonicum</i> )	Allyl isothiocyanate (AITC)	Yu et al. (2003)
Soybean ( <i>Glycine max</i> )	Emulsifiable concentrate formulations of soybean oil	EPA (1993)

FIGURE 33.4 NPV infected pod borer *H. armigera* larva (Source: ICRISAT).

Nuclear polyhedrosis viruses (NPVs) is a nucleic acid (double standard, circular DNA) enclosed in protein matrix, hence it is called polyhedral occlusion body (POB). NPV infects the nucleus of the cell and multiplies within the nucleus. Nuclear polyhedrosis viruses like Ha NPV and SI NPV are increasingly being used as alternatives to chemicals for the control of polyphagous pests of pulses like gram pod borer (*Helicoverpa armigera*) and tobacco caterpillar (*Spodoptera litura*), respectively (Figure 33.4).

The majority of the commercially formed fungi (*Beauveria*, *Metarhizium*, *Lecanicillium*, and *Verticillium*) have evolved focused mechanisms for the enzymatic deprivation of the integument and for overcoming insect guard compounds; among them *Beauveria* and *Metarhizium* are used for the control of pulse pests like *Helicoverpa armigera*, *Spodoptera litura*, thrips, whiteflies, aphids, and mites (Figure 33.5).

### 33.5.2 Bacteria

*Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) has been known to be a pool of numerous insecticidal proteins, such as  $\delta$ -endotoxins, cytolytic proteins, vegetative insecticidal proteins, etc. Among these,  $\delta$ -endotoxins have been more efficiently utilized for protection of a variety of crops from various insect pests.

### 33.5.3 Plant-Incorporated Protectants (PIPs)

Limited success of conventional breeding and use of hazardous chemicals have directed to the production of transgenic chickpea plants expressing Bt genes resistance against pod borer, *H. armigera* (Jalu and Panera 2018). A few studies also conclude that *B. thuringiensis* is more effective against pulse beetle, *C. maculatus*, and could be used as one of the potential biocontrol agents in the management of stored product insect pests in the future (Malaikozhundan and Vinodhini 2018).

### 33.5.4 Biochemicals

Herbal pesticides/biochemicals are concentrates of biologically effective plant items like leaves, stem, roots, and entire plants particularly for the control of soft-bodied insect pests, which feed on the leaves and tender plant parts as flowers and developing grains and so forth. It contains Azadirachtin, a tetranortriterpenoid, a major active ingredient, which is known to disrupt the metamorphosis of insects. Neem Seed Kernel Extract reduces the larval population of *H. armigera* in chickpea and pod damage. Similarly, aqueous leaf extract of *Catharanthus roseus* spray on blakgram also reduced its population (Rajasekaran et al. 1987). Karanja oil (2%) was reported to prolong its larval





**FIGURE 33.5** *Helicoverpa armigera* larvae infected with *B. bassiana*. Source: ICRISAT.

development and growth-inhibiting activity (Bajpai and Sehgal 1994). Nicotine sulfate isolated from tobacco leaves was found to be highly toxic to this borer (Patel et al. 1990).

### 33.6 Pheromones

Sex pheromone-baited traps can be used in the fields to capture males of newly emerged moths and reduce the number of males for mating. Sex pheromone of tobacco caterpillar (*Spodoptera litura*) at 10–12 traps/ha have been recommended for the monitoring of the pests of legumes. Sex pheromone trap for gram pod borer (*Helicoverpa armigera*) at 10–12 traps/ha have been suggested for the monitoring of the pulse crop pests like chickpea, soybean, etc.

### 33.7 Conclusion and Future Prospects

Grain legumes continue to be important crops not only from a nutritional security perspective, but also for their involvement in the health and fertility of the soil. Cultivation of these crops faces a number of biotic and abiotic stresses, reflected in the form of deteriorated yield and quality. Insecticide misuse has led to increased levels of resistance to insecticides, emergence of secondary pests, loss of biodiversity, and a rise in human health hazards. Integrated pest management (IPM) can help to minimize insecticide use. In recent years, pest management strategies are mostly concentrated on integrating various options such as resistant varieties, biological, mechanical, biopesticides, insect pheromones technology, and chemical control. The role of natural enemies in the management of major insect pests has been underestimated until now. The importance of mixed crops, crop rotations, sowing dates, although very well understood, have not been fully exploited.

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