

Biocontrol training programme for officers of the NEH region

The second batch of the five-day training programme on “Biological control and compatible pest management modules for management of major pests in NEH region with emphasis on FAW” was organised at NBAIR during 16–20 September 2019. Nine participants employed as subject matter specialists (Plant Protection), Scientific Officer, Agriculture officers, Block and Assistant technology managers in ATMA scheme from Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, and Tripura participated in the training. The participants were trained on mass production of various biocontrol agents that have relevance to their region. Special focus was given in the management of the recent invasive, FAW (*Spodoptera frugiperda*). The trainees were also taken to FAW infested fields in NBAIR, Attur farm for showing the nature of damage caused by this pest. The scientists, Drs. M. Sampath Kumar, S.Salini, G. Mahendiran , U. Amala and B. Ramanujam coordinated the training programme.

