Fall Armyworm’s invasion!

- Fall Armyworm was first detected in Karnataka in July 2018 and is currently reported in more than 20 States in India.
- Corn is the predominant crop till date however Rice, Sorghum and Sugarcane may come under attack as well.

Life Cycle of Fall Armyworm

- Pupal stage, 7-13 days. It can be pupated in soil or stubb.
- Adult: live up to 21 days, avg. 10 days
- Larval stages, 1-1.5 about 14-22 days, 30-40 mm long at the last larval stage
- Ave. 50 to >200 eggs up to 2000, hatch 2-3 days
- Total life cycle 30-35 days

Fall Armyworm: Correct identification

- Spots near “tail” arranged in square pattern
- Spots in middle not in square

Reference:
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