




Onion Caterpillars

Spodoptera litura and *S. exigua* In sinhala:Lunu dalambuwa, In Tamil: Vengaya thalkothi pulu

	Prevention	Monitoring	Direct Control	Direct Control	Restrictions
 <p><i>S. litura</i> larvae (Photo by K.N.C.Gunewardena, FCRDI, Maha Illuppallama)</p>  <p><i>S. exigua</i> larvae (Photo by K.N.C.Gunewardena, FCRDI, Maha Illuppallama)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destruction of crop residues • Field sanitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular observation for caterpillars at base of the plant and inside leaves. • Observe for whitening or chlorotic lesions on leaves and dried leaves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of egg masses and caterpillars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insecticide should be applied at the first sign of infestation • Emamectin benzoate 5% SG. 4 g / 10 lit • Chlorfluazuron 50 g/l EC. 10 ml /10 lit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated application may lead to resistance buildup • WHO class III • WHO class U (IV)
 <p>Damaged plants (Photo by K.N.C.Gunewardena FCRDI, Maha Illuppallama)</p>					



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