PESTS ON CORN CROPS UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THE STEPPE ZONE OF KABARDINO-BALKARIA

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In maize crops, the loss of grain yield from individual pests can reach 60%. Therefore, phytosanitary monitoring should be carried out regularly to clarify the species composition of pests and to identify progressive species among them in order to develop new environmentally safe and economically viable elements in the system of integrated plant protection. In accordance with the set goal, the work solved such tasks as determining the species composition of harmful organisms on experimental crops of corn and their harmfulness in the future.

As a result of research work conducted in 2016-2019, the species composition of harmful organisms in the steppe zone of Kabardino-Balkaria was studied. The relevance of research is to clarify the biological diversity of phytophages, which can be grouped by frequency. The biological diversity of phytophages in maize crops is represented by a large number of species and have an annual distribution. In the phenophase of 4-6 maize leaves, herbicide spraying reduces turgor in weeds, which causes them to wither and this leads to the migration of dominant pests such as Swedish barley fly, cicadas, females, aphids, leaf-eating plants.

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