IMPORTANT MORTALITY FACTORS AFFECTING ON THE CORN BORERS, *Sesamia cretica* Led. and *Ostrinia nubilalis* HUB. LARVAE During HIBERNATION PERIOD AT KAFR EL-SHEIKH REGION.

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation was carried out at Kafr El-Sheikh region during 2006/07 and 2007/08 seasons to evaluate the seasonal activity of the main mortality factors causing mortality among the hibernation larvae of *Sesamia cretica* Led. and *Ostrinia nubilalis* Hub.

The ectoparasitoid, *Bracon hebetor* Say was mainly observed associated with corn borers larvae. Percentages of parasitism against larvae of *S. cretica* varied from 2.56 – 6.82 % during 2006/07 and from 4.51–5.24 % during 2007/08, respectively. While percentage of parasitism of *O. nubilalis* larvae varied from 1.31-1.97 % and from 3.44-8.70 % during winter months. In spring (March–May) percentage of parasitism on *S. cretica* increased from 6.25 to 50.0 % and from 11.50 % to 33.30 %. It ranged from 2.50 to 45.36 % and from 6.70 to 42.71 % on *O. nubilalis* in 2006/07 and 2007/08, respectively.

The pathogenic bacteria *Serratia marcescens* Bizo caused disease in larvae. Percentage of diseased larvae of *S. cretica* ranged from 2.56 to 14.28 %, during a period extended from December to April in 2006/07, and between 2.94 to 13.18 % in 2007/08, respectively. On *O. nubilalis* it varied from 0.08 to 4.04 % and from 0.76 to 9.50, in the two seasons, respectively. The predators *Monomorium pharaonis* and *Labidura riparia* encountered in the course of the field work.

Biology of *B. hebetor* on hibernating *O. nubilalis* larvae was studied under constant condition of 20 + 2 °C and 70 + 5 % RH. Developmental durations were 2.6, 9.2, 2.3 and 9.7 days for egg, larva, prepupa and pupa, respectively. Longevity was 34.2 and 12.0 days, while total life-cycle amounted to 58.0 and 35.8 days for female and male, respectively. Fecundity averaged 210.2 and eggs hatchability was estimated as 93.8 %. Number of hosts destroyed per female was 39.8 through oviposition and 90.4 through paralysation. This finding is important from the biological point of view it may increase the value of the parasitoid. The peak period of egg-laying and destruction of hosts was that of 8 - 9 days of age. Pre-oviposition and postoviposition periods were 4.4 and 3.6 days. Sex-ratio was 2 3 : 1

INTRODUCTION

Maize (*Zea mays* L.) is one of the most important cereal crops in Egypt. The crop is heavily infested by the maize stem borers, *Sesamia cretica* Led., and *Ostrinia nubilalis* Hbn. Ahmed and Kira (1960), El-Sherif (1962), Ismail (1968), Mostafa (1981) and Metwally (2000). The pests overwinter as full grown larvae inside maize stalks until next spring.

Bracon hebetor Say (Hymenoptera: Braconidae) is a polyphagous gregarious larval ectoparasitoid mainly on stored product pests (Clark and Smith, 1967). *B. hebeter* an ectoparasitoid is known primarily as a parasitoid of pyralid moth larvae infesting stored grains, Heimpel *et al.*, 1997. A vast amount of literature has been accumulated on various aspects of this

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parasitoid. The present work was undertaken to study winter mortality factors influencing the population size of the two pests during hibernation period. Also, to through some light on the value of *B. hebetor* as a biocontrol agent of *O. nubilalis*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

1. Field experiments

The present study was carried out at Kafr El-Sheikh region during 2006/07 and 2007/08 maize seasons to evaluate the seasonal activity of the main mortality factors acting on *S. cretica* and *O. nubilalis* hibernating larvae

During November after harvesting of 2006 and 2007 maize stalks, heavily infested with maize borers were collected from the farm of Sakha Agric. Res. Station in groups of 100 stalks each, were packed together by means of a rope and heaped outdoors. A random sample of 100 stalks was taken and dissected at half-monthly intervals from December until mid May and the hibernating larvae and pupae of maize borers were counted. A larval ectoparasitoid was found and sent for identification. Larvae considered dead by the parasitoid were those having parasitoid eggs or larvae on them, or on which the parasitoids had completed feeding and pupating nearly the host's remains, or those paralized through stinging. Predators of corn borers larvae encountered in the course of the field study.

2. Laboratory experiments:

Laboratory culture of *Bracon hebetor* was initiated in January, 2008 from five parasitized *O. nubilalis* larvae collected from maize stalks. On emergence, adult parasitoids were confirmed in pairs in Petri-dishes (9 cm in diameter) each containing 10 host larvae which were daily renewed and hosts with parasitoid eggs laid on them were incubated. This procedure was followed all throughout study period, thus assuring continuous supply of parasitoids, parasitoids culture was maintined at constant conditions of 20 + 2 °C and 70+5 % RH and experiments were conducted at the same condition. Four batches of host larvae (10 each in a Petri-dish) on which parasitoid eggs were laid the preceeding night were selected, each batch bearing about 80 eggs. The batches were daily examined under binocular microscope to record the stage of development for each parasitoids individual until all were transformed into adults. Mean duration for each stage (egg, larva, prepupa and pupa) was then calculated.

Thirty newly emerged parasitoids (10 females and 20 males) were randomly chosen. Each female accompanied with two males were placed in a Petri-dish containing 10 healthy hosts which were daily renewed until death of the parasitoid.

A sample of this parasitoids (160 cocoons) were collected from the field on January and February 2008 to determine whether the parasitoid has any hyperparasitoid. Fifty individuals of those cocoons were dissected under binocular microscope, while the others were kept individually in vials and daily observed for emergence of hyperparasitoid which appeared and sent for identification.

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Hosts on which eggs had been deposited, those destroyed through paralysation, eggs laid by each female and eggs hatchability were daily recorded. Pre-oviposition and post-oviposition periods for each female and longevity of individuals of both were recorded. A lot of 200 individuals were selected randomly from the culture to determine sex ratio.

2.1. The potential of the parasitoid *B. hebetor* as a vector for pathogenic bacteria *S. marcescens*:

Five further diseased larvae were found parasitized by *B. hebetor*. These larvae had a total of 60 parasitic larvae, out of which 32.2 % completed their development. The parasitoids females produced on these diseased hosts were allowed to oviposit on healthy hosts in order to test whether they will transmit the pathogen. Diseased larvae of the borers were recognized by their red color and softened body. A sample of these diseased larvae were sent to the faculty of Agric. at Kafr El-Sheikh for identifying.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Field studies:

1. 1. Mortality factors acting on *S. cretica* hibernating larvae:

The maize stalks had been examined in the laboratory and numbers of hibernated larvae and pupae were recorded, classified as follow; a) parasitized (by *Bracon hebetor*). b) diseased with the pathogenic bacteria, *Serratia marcescens* and c) healthy larvae.

The obtained results Tables (1 & 2) indicated that, the population of hibernated larvae was markedly lower in 2007/08 season than that of the previous season 2006/07. Larval numbers in December and January was relatively higher than throughout the rest of the season, decreased from 29 to 2/larvae/100 stalks and completely disappeared in the second half of May. The resulted pupae began to appear from first week of March, therefore, larval population decreased gradually, on the other hand the pupal number began to increase.

The parasitoid found on *S. cretica* and *O. nubilalis* hibernated larvae was identified as *Bracon hebetor* Say (Hymenoptera: Braconidae) which is a larval gregarious ectoparasitoid.

Percentage of parasitism by *B. hebetor* among hibernated larvae of *S. cretica* given in Tables (1 & 2), during 2006/07 increased from 2.56 in mid December to 50 % in mid May. While, during the next season 2007/08, the percentage ranged from 4.51 % to 42.85 %. Results inferred that, this rate of parasitism appeared to be related to the size of existing larval population.

A solitary, internal hyperparasitoid was found on *B. hebetor* which identified as *Dibrachys cavus* Walker (Hymenoptera: Pteromalidae) percentages of hyperparasitism reached 19.2 %.

As for the pathogen, preliminary diagnosis indicated the presence of a bacterial disease it was identified as *Serratia marcescens* Bizio (*Tribe serrateae*, family Enterobacteriaceae). It is a gram negative rodshaped bacterium characterized by the production of a red pigment and nonsporeforming bacterium.

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S. marcescens played a role as natural mortality factor of hibernated larvae of *S. cretica* under field conditions.

Results in Table (1) indicated clearly that, in 2006/07 percentage of diseased larvae ranged from 2.56 to 14.28 % during a period extended from December until April. In the second season (2007/08) the percentage of diseased larvae ranged from 2.94 to 13.18 during January until the end of April (Table 2).

The parasitoid *B. hebetor* seems to be responsible for disseminating this pathogen as it has been shown here that females transmited it to new host presumably through the ovipositor. Temerak (1982) reared the parasitoid *Bracon brevicornis* Wesm. (Hym., Braconidae) on infected larvae collected from tunnels of the hibernating pink borer, *S. cretica*) in stalked sorghum stalks revealed that through contamination of ovipositor, the non sporeforming bacterium *S. marcescens* has more pathogenic effect on the parasitoid and its progeny than the sporeforming bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Berliner).

1. 2. Mortality factors acting on *O. nubilalis* hibernating larvae:

The half-monthly samples of 100 dry maize stalks had been taken from the field during the two seasons (2006/07 and 2007/08). As shown in Tables 1 & 2, the recorded larvae of *O. nubilalis* which decreased gradually during hibernating period as time progressed whereas, the pupae began to appear from the beginning of March and gradually increased.

The parasitoid *B. hebetor* was the only parasitoid recorded attacking the hibernating larvae. This parasitoid did not attack the larvae of this borer in growing seasons (Metwally, 2000).

As seen from Tables (1 & 2), the parasitoid began its activity from December to May. Percentage of parasitism increased gradually from 1.31 to 45.36 % and from 3.44 to 42.71 % in the two seasons, respectively. Also, Abd El-Rahman *et al.* (1983), recorded *B. hebetor* as an ectoparasiotid of *O. nubilalis*.

In respect to larval mortality due to pathogenic bacteria *S. marcescens*, percentage of diseased larvae ranged from 0.08 to 4.04 % in 2006/07 and from 0.76 to 9.50 % in 2007/08, respectively.

The first symptoms of *S. marcescens* appeared as round red colored spots on the host's body, which grew larger as time progressed and finally covered the whole body of the host. The parasitoid oviposited on infected hosts but the majority of these hosts (73.4 %) died before the parasitoid larvae completed feeding. Parasitoid larvae on other infected hosts (26.6 %) completed feeding and spun the cocoons. Of the latter, 29.3 % failed to pupate and 10.9 % failed to emerge as adults. Steinhaus (1959) reported that *O. nubilalis* larvae were susceptible to *S. marcescens* by injection. Transmission of bacterial pathogens by the ovipositor of hymenopterous parasitoids has been reported previously.

The same pathogen considered here, *i.e.*, *S. marcescens* was transmitted to pupae of *Galleria mellonella* L. by *Itoplectis conquisitor* (Say) (Bucher, 1963).

In this respect, hibernated larvae of corn borers were subjected to the factors of environment (biotic and a biotic) which are responsible for reducing

their numbers. Therefore, the numbers of these insects during overwintering were continuously decreased as time progressed and only a small portion survived. Similar results were obtained by Tawfik and Awadallah (1970) and Tawfik and El-Sherif (1974) they stated that, by the end of May cold weather of winter and natural enemies caused a great reduction in its numbers. On the other hand the present results revealed that *S. marcescens* killed a portion of those hibernated borers and a portion of its parasitoid *B. hebetor* which acted as a mechanical carrier of the pathogen. Thus *S. marcescens* is also a natural enemies; a hyperparasitoid, *D. cavus* and a pathogen *S. marcescens*.

Two predators encountered in the course of the field work were; the ant, *Monomorium pharaonis* L. (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) and the earwig, *Labidura riparia* Pall. (Dermaptera: Labiduridae).

2. Biological studies on *B. hebetor* on hibernating larvae of *O. nubilalis*:

The adult female *B. hebetor* stings host larvae by the ovipositor and thereby renders them permanently paralyzed., this paralysis facilitates feeding and oviposition by the wasp. It then feeds on the fluids exuding from the punctures made by the ovipositor, prior to and between egg-laying. Round black spots appeared on the cuticle of host larvae as a result of parasitoid stinging.

Upon hatching, the parasitic larvae pierces host's body with its mouthparts and feeds continuously except for three intervals during which it moults. Thus, there are four larval instars. On completion of feeding, the larvae leaves the host's remaining and move away a distance of 0.5 - 2.9 cm to spin a silk white cocoon. It then goes through a period of rest. Thus, larval stage can be divided into three periods owing to different behaviours: feeding on the host, spinning the cocoon and at rest.

Following the rest period, the larva transforms into prepupa and then pupa. Development of larva at rest, prepupa and pupa inside the cocoon can be clearly observed through glass surface of the Petri-dish.

Table (3) shows duration periods of all stages of *B. hebetor* as well as total life cycle for both sexes. Developmental durations were 2.6, 9.2, 2.3 and 9.7 days for egg, larva, prepupa and pupa, respectively. Larval duration was divided into three periods 3.9 days feeding on the host, 1.6 days spinning the cocoon and 3.9 days at rest. Longevity was 34.2 and 12.0 days, while total life-cycle amounted to 58 and 35.8 days for female and male, respectively.

Values for durations of developmental stages of *B. hebetor* obtained in this study at 20 °C are comparable and nearly similar to others reported in a previous work (Patel and Gangrade, 1965) in India but with the use of different host, *i.e.*, full grown larva of the caster capsule borer *Dichocrcis punctiferalis*.

Table (4) presents data on different biological characters of *B. hebetor*. Number of hosts destroyed per female was 39.8 through oviposition and 90.4 through paralyzation, thus making a total destruction of 130.2 hosts per female. Hosts destroyed through paralyzation were about more twice as much as those destroyed through oviposition. Fecundity averaged 210.2.

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Eggs hatchability was estimated as 93.8 % in a radom sample of 262 eggs. Eggs failing to hatch (6.2 %) shrinked soon after oviposition without showing any signs of development. Pre-oviposition and post-oviposition periods were 4.4 and 3.6 days, respectively. Sex-ratio was $2 \stackrel{<}{\supset} : 1 \stackrel{<}{_{\sim}}$. These finding are in agreement with pervious studies conducted by Soliman (1940) and El-Sufty *et al.* (1983).

Table	(3):	Duration of development, longevity and total life cycle for
		both sexes of Bracon hebetor Say reared on larvae of
		Ostrinia nubilalis, at a temperature of 20 + 2 °C and 70 + 5 %
		RH.

	Duration in days + S.D	Range
Eggs	2.6+0.38	1.9 – 3.3
Larvae:		
Feeding on the host	3.7+0.60	3.0 – 5.0
Spinning the cocoon	1.6+0.38	1.0 – 2.0
At rest	3.9+0.92	2.6 – 6.0
Total	9.2	
Prepupae	2.3+0.51	1.7 – 4.2
Pupa	9.7+2.10	6.1 – 15.4
Adult:		
Female	34.2+9.25	22.0 – 52.0
Male	12.0+4.39	6.0 – 22.0
Total life cycle		
Female	58.0	
male	35.8	

Table (4): Some biological determinations for *B. hebetor* raised on larvae of *O. nubilalis*, at a temperature of 20 +2 °C and 70 + 5 % RH.

Determination	Mean + S.D	Range
Number of hosts destroyed/♀:		
Through oviposition	39.8+14.87	20 – 60
Through paralyzation	90.4+36.19	49 – 149
Total	130.2+51.96	68 – 191
Number of eggs laid/♀	210.2+57.43	142 – 310
Eggs hatchability (%)	93.8	
Pre-oviposition period (days)	4.4+1.17	3 – 7
Post-ovipostion period (days)	3.6+1.08	2 – 3
Sex ratio (♂:♀)	2:1	

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أهم عوامل الموت التى تؤثر على يرقات دودة القصب الكبيرة ودودة الذرة الأوربية أثناء فترة البيات الشتوى بمنطقة كفر الشيخ ممدوح محمد متولى ، هشام مصطفى الظن و وفاء عبد المجيد شهاوى معهد بحوث وقاية النباتات – مركز البحوث الزراعية – الجيزة – مصر.

تعتبر ثاقبات الذرة، دودة القصب الكبيرة ودودة الذرة الأوربية من الأفات الرئيسية على محصول الذرة الشامية حيث تقضى الأفات بياتاً شتوياً فى طور اليرقة الكاملة النمو فى أحطاب الذرة الجافة بعد الحصاد وقد استهدف البحث دراسة بعض عوامل الموت المؤثرة على هاتين الأفتين أثناء فترة البيات الشتوى حيث أجريت الدراسة بمحطة البحوث الزراعية بسخا – كفر الشيخ خلال موسمى ٢٠٠٢/٢٠٠٦ و ٢٠٠٨/٢٠٠٢ حيث أختير حقل الذرة بعد جمع المحصول وتم تخزين الأحطاب تحت الطروف الحقاية – وأخذت العينات بمعدل ١٠٠ عود/١٠ يوم ثم شرحت النباتات وتم تسجيل أعداد اليرقات والعذارى لهذه الأفات وتم حصر وتعريف الأعداء الحيوية التى وجدت وسجلت نسب التطفل على اليرقات الباتة بطفيل وتعريف الأعداء الحيوية التى وجدت وسجلت نسب البكتي رى Searratia وحذلك اليرقات المرتبطة بالمسبب البكتي رى Rarces مع المرتبات المؤتية و معتريف وتم التوصل إلى النتائج الآتية:

- 1- تناقص تعداد البرقات الحية فى دودة القصب الكبيرة تدريجياً خلال فترة البيات فى موسمى المرابع الحريبة فى دودة القصب الكبيرة تدريجياً خلال فترة البيات فى موسمى المرابع المرابع المرابع المرابع حيث بدأ البيات لهذه البرقات فى أواخر سبتمبر وأستمر طيلة أشهر الشتاء وتراوحت نسبة التطفل بالطفيل بالطفيل على البرتان لهذه على دودة القصب الكبيرة ٢٠٠٨/٢٠٠٦ فى موسم ٢٠٠٢/٢٠٠٦ ومن على دودة القصب الكبيرة ٢٠٠٦ إلى ٢٠٢٢ فى موسم ٢٠٠٢/٢٠٠٢ ومن ١٥.٤ إلى ٢٠٤ من موسم على دودة القصب الكبيرة ٢٠٠٦ على البرتاء وتراوحت نسبة التطفل بالطفيل بالطفيل على البرتان لهذه على دودة القصب الكبيرة ٢٠٠٦ إلى ٢٠٢٢ فى موسم ٢٠٠٢/٢٠٠٦ ومن ١٠٠٢ أما على دودة الذرة الأوربية فكانت ٢٠١١ ١٢٠ ومن ١٣٠٢ أولى ٢٠٠٧ ومن ٢٠٤ إلى ٢٠٠٧ موسم ٢٠٠٢/٢٠٠٦ أما على دودة الذرة الأوربية فكانت ٢٠١٠ الما على دودة الذرة الأوربية فكانت ٢٠١٠ ما ما فى السهر الربيع مارس إلى مايو فقد ازدادت نسب التطفل على دودة القصب الكبيرة من ٢٠٦٠ إلى ١٠٠٠ ما فى السهر الربيع مارس إلى مايو فقد ازدادت نسب التطفل على دودة القصب الكبيرة من ٢٠٦٠ ومن ١٣٠٦ ومن ازدادت نسب التطفل على دودة القصب الكبيرة من ٢٠٠٩ إلى ١٠٠٠ ما فى السهر الربيع مارس إلى مايو فقد ازدادت نسب التطفل على دودة القصب الكبيرة من ٢٠٦٠ إلى ١٠٠٠ إلى ٢٠٠٣ الما يودة الذرة الأوربية فكانت ١٠٠١ إلى ١٠٠٠ إلى مايو فقد ازدادت نسب التطفل على دودة القصب الكبيرة من ٢٠٦٠ إلى ١٠٠٠ إلى ٢٠٠٠ الما يودة الذرة الأوربية خلال الموسمين وتراوحت ما بين ٢٠٠ إلى ٢٠٣٠ % ومن ١٠٠٠ إلى ١٠٠٠ إلى ١٠٠٠ إلى دودة الذرة الأوربية خلال موسمي الدراسة على الترتيب.
- ٢- تسبب الممرض البكتيرى Serratia marcescens في إصابة يرقات كلا الأفتين وبلغت نسب الإصابة ليرقات دودة القصب الكبيرة من ٢٠٥٦ إلى ١٤.٢٨ فخلال الفترة من ديسمبر إلى أبريل ومن ٢٠٩٦ إلى ١٣.١٨ فخلال الفترة من ديسمبر إلى أبريل ومن ٢٠٩٢ إلى ١٣.١٨ فخلال الفترة نفسها في موسمي ٢٠٠٢/٢٠٠٦ ، ٢٠٠٧/٢٠٠٢ على الترتيب. أما بالنسبة لدودة الذرة الأوربية فبلغت نسب الإصابة من ١٠٠ إلى ٢٠٠٤ % ومن ٢٠٠٠ إلى ٩.٠ ألى الموسمين السابقين على الترتيب .
- ٢- وقد وجد أن الطفيل B. hebetor هو الناقل الميكانيكي للمسبب المرضى S. marcescens عن طريق ألة وضع البيض كما سجل طفيل Dibrachys cavus على الطفيل السابق حيث كانت نسبة التطفل الثانوي ١٩.٢ % وأن جزءاً كبيراً من اليرقات البائتة للافتين وكذلك طفيل Bracon التطفل الثانوي hebetor يموت بسبب هذا الممرض البكتيري.
- ٤- درست بيولوجية الطفيل B. hebetor على يرقات دودة الذرة الأوربية البائنة تحت درجة حرارة ٢٠ م ورطوبة ٢٠ % واستغرق طور كل من البيضة واليرقة وما قبل العذراء والعذراء ٢٠ ، ٢.٢ ، ٥ م ورطوبة ٢٠ % واستغرق طور كل من البيضة والذكر ٣٤.٢ ، ٢٠٠٠ يوماً على الترتيب واستغرقت الأنثى البالغة والذكر ٣٤.٢ ، ٢٠٠٠ يوماً على الترتيب ويلغ تعدد البيضا والذكر ٣٤.٢ ، ٢٠٠٠ يوماً على الترتيب وبلغ تعداد اليرقات التى ماتت بسبب وضع بيض الطفيل ٣٩.٨ والتى أصبيت بالشلل التام أكثر من ضعف تعداد اليرقات التى ماتت بسبب وضع بيض الطفيل ٣٩.٠ والتى أصبيت بالشلل التام أكثر من ضعف هذا العدد ٢٠.٤ برقة ٢٠ وبلغ عدد البيض الذي وضعته الأنثى الواحدة خلال فترة حياتها التى استمرت هذا العدد ٢٠.٤ وبلغ عدد البيض الذي وضعته الأنثى الواحدة خلال فترة حياتها التى استمرت الذكر والأنثى على الترتيب. والغت نسبة الفقس ٣٢.٢ ، وكانت النسبة الجنسية ٢٠ الكل من الذكر والأنثى على النريبي على الترتيب.
- سجل مفترسان هما حشرة النمل Monomorium pharaonis ، وإبرة العجوز Labidura
 سجل مفترسان هما حشرة النمل pharaonis على يرقات كل من دودة الذرة الأوربية ودودة القصب الكبيرة البائنة في أحطاب الذرة.

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	S. cretica								O. nubilalis							
Sampling			Li	arva	е					La		Wean				
date	Total	Н.*	Р.	D.	% PL	% DL	Pupae	Total	Н.	Ρ.	D.	% PL	% DL	Pupae	Temp °C	RH %
Dec. 1/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	613	600	8	5	1.31	0.08	0	19.4	57.7
15	39	37	1	1	2.56	2.56	0	675	662	9	4	1.33	0.06	0	13.4	66.8
Jan. 1/07	44	40	2	2	4.5	44.54	0	712	701	5	6	0.70	0.80	0	14.5	66.0
15	49	46	2	1	4.08	2.04	0	699	690	5	4	0.70	0.57	0	14.1	65.3
Feb. 1/07	32	30	1	1	3.13	3.13	0	650	642	3	5	0.46	0.76	0	14.0	62.9
15	29	25	2	2	6.89	6.89	0	639	621	12	6	1.97	0.93	0	13.8	62.2
Mar. 1/07	16	15	1	0	6.25	0	3	624	602	15	7	2.50	1.12	4	15.9	57.0
15	14	12	1	1	7.14	7.14	5	578	554	22	2	3.80	0.34	8	16.7	65.0
Apr. 1/07	9	6	2	1	22.2	11.11	6	456	440	10	6	2.10	1.30	42	19.2	60.3
15	7	4	2	1	28.57	14.28	8	431	401	22	8	5.11	1.90	81	19.5	59.9
May 1/07	5	3	2	0	40.0	0	2	298	202	84	12	28.2	4.04	66	19.9	64.0
15	2	1	1	0	50.0	0	0	132	72	60	0	45.36	0	25	22.3	59.8

Table (1): Percentage of healthy, parasitized and diseased larvae of *S. cretica* and *O. nubilalis* during 2006/07 season at Kafr El-Sheikh region.

H= Healthy larvae

P= Parastized larvae D= Diseased larvae Sample 100 stalks

	S. cretica								Moon							
Sampling date			La	arvae	e					Lar		INICALL				
	Total	Н.	Ρ.	D.	% Pl	% DL	Pupae	Total	Н.	Ρ.	D.	% Pl	% DL	Pupae	Temp °C	RH %
Dec. 1/07	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	523	501	18	4	3.44	0.76	0	19.7	59.5
15	22	21	1	0	4.51	0	0	519	500	14	5	2.78	0.96	0	17.3	60.0
Jan. 1/08	34	30	3	1	8.88	2.94	0	451	422	22	7	4.90	1.55	0	14.2	62.3
15	28	22	4	2	14.30	7.15	0	429	400	24	5	5.60	1.17	0	14.0	62.1
Feb. 1/08	23	28	3	2	13.01	6.9	0	406	380	22	4	5.41	0.98	0	12.4	59.9
15	19	16	3	1	15.7	5.24	0	345	310	30	5	8.70	1.13	0	12.5	59.8
Mar. 1/08	17	14	2	1	11.12	5.70	4	313	290	19	4	6.70	1.24	6	12.5	64.2
15	15	12	2	1	13.33	6.66	6	275	248	22	5	8.81	1.70	24	13.2	60.1
Apr. 1/08	15	10	4	1	26.66	6.66	8	193	102	82	9	42.7	4.70	49	15.5	56.5
15	7	3	3	1	42.85	13.18	9	140	71	59	10	42.1	7.10	56	15.9	55.6
May 1/08	6	3	2	1	33.33	6.66	3	21	11	8	2	38.1	9.50	43	19.2	57.5
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	7	5	1	42.7	7.80	19	22.9	51.8

 Table (2): Percentage of healthy, parasitized and diseased larvae of S. cretica and O. nubilalis during 2007/08 season at Kafr El-Sheikh region.