

# Rice pest and its control

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Rice case worm/case bearer Aquatic insects, pale translucent green larva with pale orange head Found in irrigated and wetland areas with standing water Larva lives in sections of leaves cut from young rice plant into tubes called cases The adults are nocturnal and are attracted to light traps. The larva hides in its case then float on the water surface during the day and crawls to the rice plant with its case to feed. Damage Begins in a flooded seedbed, larva feed by scraping patches of green tissue from young leaves, causing white epidermis to remain. Ladder like appearance of moved leave tissue resulting from the back and forth motion on the head during feeding. Maturation may be delayed 7-10 days Management Cultural control Non-flooded seedbed Transplanting older seedlings Draining the payday Biological control Bracing wasp - parasites larva stage snails (feed on eggs), hydrophilic discoid water beetles (feed on larvae), Spiders dragonflies, birds (feed on adults), Chemical control Filial spray or granules in payday water Green semipro's Larva moves by arching its back in the shape off loop as the larva does not arch its back completely as true loppers.

They are found in wetlandenvironment. Rice pest and its control By yeller Damage Feed on leaf blade. The young larva scrapes leaf tissue from the leave blade. Use an optional amount of fertilizer Tragicomedy wasp - parasites their eggs Ichneumon wasp - parasites the larva Larva are attacked by fungi Spider- feed on adult Folia sprays or systemic granules. Hydraulic Philippine Offering Where maggot The rice whorl maggot is semi-aquatic. It is common in irrigated fields and feeds on the central whorl leaf of the vegetative stage of the rice plant. It does not occur in upland rice .

It also prefers nodes, streams and lakes or places with abundant calm water and lush vegetation. Eat the tissue of open leaves Older larva feeds on developing leaves at the base of plants in the zone of developing tillers Damage leaves with white or transparent patches near the edges after they unfold. Light damaged leaves with pin hole & severely damaged leaves break from the wind Maturation may be delayed for 7-10 days Drain the paddy at 3-4 days interval during the first 30 days after transplanting Direct seeding Treat seedling before transplanting. Broadcast granules during last harrowing before transplanting.

Foliage sprays 1-2 weeks after transplanting Disposal remanence (Olivier)  
Rice Hopper The rice hopper is common in rainfed and irrigated wetland environments and is more abundant during the rainy season Adult and larva feed on leaves scrap the upper leaf surface tissue and leave white streaks of uneaten lower epidermis between the parallel leaf vein Larva mines are irregular semi transparent patches that run parallel to leaf blade If severe leaf dries and turns brown so damage field has a burn appearance withering of damaged leaves Close spacing for greater leaf densities, removing grass leaf. Early planting kicking damage Bracing parasites the larvae Spray and dust Army worm Hand Become highly abundant & move in a large group like an army from field to field. Cut off seedlings at ground level Occur in all rice environments but are less prevalent in irrigated wetland rice The larva feed on leaf blades by removing large areas either from leaf tips or along the margin. Outbreaks occur after a prolonged drought followed by a heavy rains.

Establish seedbeds in sites far from large area of weeds Plow fallow land  
Ants & wasps prey on egg & larvae Spider prey on moth Scoliosis &  
tragicomedy wasp parasitism the eggs Bracing, lolloped Chancellorship  
medicinal Rice leaf folder To form a protective feeding chamber larva folds a  
leave blade together by attaching to the leaf margin silk strands that shrink  
upon drying They feed inside the folded leaf creating longitudinal white and  
transparent streaks on the blade. Young larvae feeding on the base of the  
youngest unopened leaves, management Use resistant varieties.

Contact your local agriculture office for an up-to-date list of available  
varieties. Follow rice with a different crop, or fallow period. Avoid irrigation.  
Flood and plow field after harvesting if possible. Remove grassy weeds from  
fields and borders. Reduce density of planting. Use balanced fertilizer rates.  
Palisade Matthias Fabrics, Para Augusta Brewer and Grey Rice skipper Rice  
skippers are found in all rice environments. They are most abundant in  
rainfed rice fields. The adults are diurnal. At nighttime, they rest.

They have very fast and erratic flight movement as they skip from plant to  
plant. The larvae are nocturnal. They feed on the leaf blades at night and  
rest during daytime. They also create a leaf chamber where they rest during  
the day. Rice skipper feeding damage causes removal of leaf tissues. They  
roll leaves and make a protected chamber. The insect favors young  
transplanted rice seedlings. Feeding damage continues until plant  
maturation Parasites and predators usually control the population density of  
rice skippers in the field. The eggs of rice skippers are parasitized by  
small wasps. Big wasps TA Hindi tiles parasitism the larvae. They are preyed

upon by reductive bugs and earwigs. The orb-web spiders feed on the adults during flight. Green horn caterpillar The adults are not attracted to a light trap. The larvae because of their color blend easily with the rice foliage. Pupation occurs on the leaves and the pupa is a chrysalis suspended from leaves Larvae of green horned caterpillars feed on leaf margins and leaf blades. The feeding damage causes removal of leaf tissues and veins Life cycle Egg - pear-like, laid singly or in rows on leaflets and difficult to see Larva - yellow-green blends into rice foliage; Damageable covered with small, yellow, bead-like, flat and square heads Pupa - chrysalis containing the pupa is green & smooth & splendid from the leaf Taut - -Large larva feeds on margin & tips of blades & removes leaf tissue & vein Biological he eggs are parameterized by thermodynamic wasps.

Chalice wasp and two species of attacking flies parasitism the larvae wasp preys on the larvae. Insecticides White Stem borer vesper Newly hatched larvae bore inside the young rice plant, traveling downward between the leaf sheaths and causing death of the young tip (dead hearts) in the vegetative stage, and empty panicle (white heads) in the generative stage. First-instar larvae may use silken threads to move to other plants. White stem borer is an important pest in rainfed wetland rice. It can cause outbreaks and destroy rice fields Tiny holes on the stems and tillers

Closed plant spacing or direct seeding give a dense plant population Early flooding prior to wet-season planting also reduces infestation as diapause is ended out of synchronization with the availability of the host crop. Before transplanting, cut the leaf-top to reduce carry-over of eggs from the seedbed

to the field Mechanical Infestation may be reduced by cutting the stubble very low during harvest, destroying larvae before they move to the lower part for diapauses Biological Control Egg parasitoids are more important than larva or pupal parasitoids, egg parasitism may reach up to 90% at harvest