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EVALUATION OF SOME GREEN GRAM GENOTYPES AGAINST WHITEFLY, *BEMISIA TABACI* GENNADIUS AND LEAFHOPPER, *EMPOASCA KERRI* PRUTHI UNDER FIELD CONDITIONS

ABSTRACT

Studies were carried out on 51 genotypes of green gram, evaluated to identify the genotypic response against whitefly, leafhoppers and yellow mosaic virus infestation during *kharif*, 2010 at CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar. Out of 51 genotypes, MH 732, MH 717, MH 719 and MH - 125 (Basanti) and MH 717 harboured minimum population of whitefly (2.68 /cage/plant), green leafhopper (0.45 /cage/plant), brown leafhopper (0.15 /cage/plant) and mixed (green and brown) leafhopper (0.69 /cage/plant), respectively, as compared to maximum whitefly population observed on genotype SM 9-117 (8.30 /cage/plant), green leafhopper on MH 809 (1.12 /cage/plant), brown leafhopper on MH 748 and MH 808 (0.41 /cage/plant) and mixed leafhopper counts recorded on SM 9-113 (1.49 /cage/plant). Genotype MH 742 affected least 2.80 per cent with the incidence of YMV as compared to maximum (56 per cent) incidence on SM 9-112. Highest grain yield (908 kg/ha) was obtained from the genotype MH 742 as compared to 355 kg/ha lowest observed from the genotype SM 9-112.

KEY WORDS: *Vignaradiata*(L.) Wilczek, *Bemisiatabaci*Gennadius, *Empoascakerr*iPruthi and YMV

INTRODUCTION

Green gram is an excellent source of vegetable protein, commonly known as poor man's meat for vegetarians. About 64 insect species are known to attack the green gram crop (Lal, 1985). Among various pests, *Bemisiatabaci*Gennadius [Order: Homoptera, Family: Aleyrodidae] and *Empoascakerr*iPruthi [O: Homoptera, F: Cicadellidae] are two major sucking pests to cause yield loss. Besides above pests, whitefly is a well known vector for spreading yellow mosaic virus (YMV) and capable of disease transmission within 15 to 30 minutes after the insect alights on the mungbean plant (Nene *et al.*, 1972). Whereas, the *E. kerr*is non vector of the YMV, but considered to be potential sap feeder after whitefly on green gram (Regupathy *et al.*,

1975).Theproductivity is low due to high incidence of above pests. Keep inview, some genotypes were evaluated against these pests under field conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Field evaluation of 51 green gram genotypes including 4 recommended check cultivars wasconducted in a Randomized Block Design replicated thriceduring*kharif*, 2010.The seed was sown in plots of paired rows of 4 m length each, on July 14th at Research Farm of Department of Entomology, ChaudharyCharan Singh Haryana Agriculture University, Hisar, Haryana.The observations on whitefly (nymphs and adults) and leafhopper (green, brown and mixed adults) were recorded at an interval of 10 days from 20-60 DAS on five randomly selected plants from each genotype. While taking the observations during morning hours for the population of both test insects, the cage was placed over a single plant and glass pan side was kept towards the sun without disturbance, so thatpopulation of whitefly and leafhopper being phototactic congregated on the glass screen and could be easily assessedNath (1994).Per cent mosaic infected plants was worked out by counting total number of plants and affected plants from each genotype at 22,42 and 63 DAS.The disease incidence was rated according to the visual grading (0-9) taken by the mean per cent mosaic infected plants with slight modifications suggested by Mayee and Datar (1986) as follows:

List 1. Disease incidence rating according to the visual grading (0-9) scale

| Scale | Plants with disease symptoms | Category |
|-------|--|---------------------------------|
| 0 | Disease free/without any symptoms | Highly resistance |
| 1 | 1- 2 % or less plants exhibit disease symptoms | Resistance |
| 3 | 3 - 5 % Plants exhibit disease symptoms | Moderately resistance/tolerance |
| 5 | 6 - 15 % Plants exhibit disease symptoms | Moderately susceptible |
| 7 | 16 – 32 % Plants exhibit disease symptoms | Susceptible |
| 9 | > 32 % Plants exhibit disease symptoms | Highly susceptible |

Mayee and Datar (1986)

Similarly, the grain yields from each genotype were recorded at harvest and converted to kg/ha and were subjected to statistical analysis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The majority of tested green gram genotypes started flowering at 50 % stage varied from 33 - 46 days and belonged to extra early maturity group with crop maturity ranged from 65 - 75 days. However, drastic decrease in the test insect population was recorded at 60 DAS. The population of whitefly decreased with the advancement of crop growth probably due to less preference for matured plant as host and unfavourable weather conditions. Puneet (2006) reported decrease in whitefly population at 60 days after sowing due to maturity of the crop. Data analysed on the basis of mean population of the different intervals, the lowest whitefly number (2.68 /cage/plant) recorded on genotype MH 732 which was statistically on par with MH 421-1 followed by MH 521, MH 539, MH 560, MH 563, MH 708, MH 742, MH 901 and SM 9-115 in comparison to highest number of whitefly 8.30 /cage/plant on SM 9-117. The minimum whitefly number (2.68 /cage/plant) recorded on MH 732 performed significantly better than standard checks Asha and Muscan which exhibited 5.48 /cage/plant. But, the performance of genotypes MH 810 and MH 918 was on par with the another recommended check Satya, which exhibited 3.70 /cage/plant and statistically they did not differ to each other. Similarly, mean number of whitefly recorded on genotypes MH 729 and MH 3-18 as 3.48 /cage/plant, which were on par with the recommended check variety Basanti and the difference among them were

non significant. The green leafhopper population, although gradually increased but statistically did not differ significantly among genotypes from 20 – 60 DAS. Although, population data was initially observed low 0.07/cage/plant at 20 DAS i.e. first week of August which gradually shoots up and reached peak later on as 2.50 /cage/plant at 60 DAS coinciding with second week of September. Babu and Santharam (2002) found the highest infestation of jassid during July to September. However, on the basis of overall mean population, lowest green leafhopper (0.45/cage/plant) recorded on genotype MH 717 as compared to slightly higher population from 1.11 and 1.12 /cage/plant from MH 809 and SM 9-113, respectively. The minimum green leafhopper number (0.45 /cage/plant) recorded on MH 717 performed significantly better than standard checks Satya and Asha which exhibited 0.79 and 0.87 /cage/plant, respectively. However, performance of genotypes MH 560 and SM 9-115 was on par with the another recommended check Muscan, which exhibited 0.63 /cage/plant and statistically they did not differ to each other. Similarly, mean number of green leafhopper recorded on genotypes MH 702 and MH 721 as 0.67 /cage/plant which were on par with the recommended check variety Basanti and the difference among them were non significant. However, on the basis of overall mean data of population, lowest brown leafhopper (0.15 /cage/plant) was observed on genotypes MH 717, MH 719 and MH 125 (Basanti). Except on genotypes MH 748 and MH 808 which had slight deviation from 0.41 /cage/plant. Likewise, the population of brown leafhopper follow the similar population trend as green leafhopper. But difference among the test material did not vary statistically indicated low and uniform population trend from all the tested genotypes of green gram. The minimum brown leafhopper number (0.15 /cage/plant) recorded on MH 715 and MH 719 performed significantly better than standard checks Satya and Asha which exhibited 0.24 and 0.35 /cage/plant, respectively. However, performance of genotypes MH 715 and MH 719 was on par with the another recommended check Basanti, which exhibited 0.15 /cage/plant and statistically they did not differ to each other. Similarly, mean number of brown leafhopper recorded on genotype MH 707, MH 709, MH 742, MH 918, and SM 9-115 as 0.18 /cage/plant

which were on par with the recommended check variety Muscan and the difference among them were non significant. The data on mixed leafhopper counts was observed low 0.07 /cage/plant at 20 DAS i.e. first week of August which gradually reached peak later upto 3.50 /cage/plant at 60 DAS coincided with second week of September. Rathod *et al.* (2003) reported *Empoasca* spp. were abundantly found on cotton from Maharashtra and active during mid August - mid September. Average mean population of green and brown leafhopper was recorded low as 0.69 /cage/plant on genotype MH 717 as compared to slightly higher counts of 1.49 /cage/plant recorded from MH 808 and SM 9-113. However, differences among the tested genotypes for mixed population of green and brown leafhopper did not differ statistically, indicated uniform low population pressure at different developmental stages of the crop. The minimum mixed leafhopper number (0.69 /cage/plant) recorded on MH 717 performed significantly better than standard checks Satya and Asha which exhibited 1.03 and 1.22 leafhopper /cage/plant, respectively. However, performance of genotypes MH 521, MH 729 and MH 814 was on par with the another recommended checks Basanti and Muscan, which harboured 0.83 and 0.82 leafhopper /cage/plant, respectively and statistically they did not differ to each other. The number of affected plants with YMV infection gradually increased from seedling stage of 3 weeks (22 DAS) to the pod initiation stage (63 DAS) on different test genotypes. Shad *et al.* (2006) also reported that development and spread of yellow mosaic disease was highly critical during the period of 2-3 weeks after establishment. However, on the basis of mean per cent YMV infection, lowest plant population with mosaic symptoms (2.80 per cent) was recorded on genotype MH 742 and statistically on par with MH 124 and few other genotypes as compared to highest 56 per cent observed on genotype SM 9-112. Differences among the tested genotypes for mosaic affected plants at different intervals were statistically significant among the tested material. Based on pooled mean of mean of YMV infected plants, two genotypes MH 732 and MH 742 performed better than standard check cultivar Asha and the differences were statistically significant among them. However, performance of genotypes MH 732 and MH 742 were on par

with the standard check cultivars Basanti, Muscan and Satya and statistically they did not differ to each other. The grain yield was obtained highest on MH 742 (908 kg/ha) as compared to lowest (355 kg/ha) on SM 9-112 (Table 1).

The differences among the genotypes for whitefly population, yellow mosaic affected plants and grain yield were statistically significant among them whereas leafhoppers population did not differ among the various genotypes, with non significant differences among them. The results on present studies indicated that, none of the genotype was completely free from infestation of whitefly, leafhopper and yellow mosaic virus. The present research findings, which revealed following promising genotypes MH 732 and MH 717 against whitefly and leafhoppers, respectively are in accordance with the results of Chhabra *et al.* (1980) found different mungbean genotypes performed well against whitefly, jassid and YMV. Chhabra and Kooner (1991) further reported PDM 84-146, MH 484 and MH 309 as the best sources of resistance against the *B. tabaci*, *Empoasca* spp. and MYMV further strengthen the present work Chhabra and Kooner (1993) found ML 537 and ML 370 mungbean genotypes as promising against *B. tabaci*, *Empoasca* spp. and MYMV.

These test genotypes were categorized on the basis of disease grading scale (0-9). Of which six genotypes viz. MH 124, MH 421-1, MH 539, MH 721, MH 732 and MH 742 found moderately resistant with scale 3, whereas two genotypes as SM 9-112 and SM 9-117 were graded highly susceptible with scale 9, seven genotypes viz. MH 705, MH 724, MH 808, MH 809, SM 9-111, SM 9-113 and SM 9-116 were grouped susceptible with scale 7 and remaining 36 genotypes were categorized moderately susceptible and none of the genotype was free from the disease symptoms as highly resistant and resistant in the scales categorized for 0 and 1 respectively (Table 2).

The present findings also revealed that none of the genotype was free from the disease symptoms as highly resistant/resistant which further confirmed the results of Yadav and Dahiya (2000), Shad *et al.* (2006) who reported genotypes with maximum per cent infection of yellow mosaic virus, categorized as moderately susceptible and highly susceptible.

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Table 1: Evaluation of green gram genotypes against whitefly, leafhopper, yellow mosaic virus and grain yield under natural field conditions

| Genotype | 50% flowering days | Maturity days | Mean no. of whitefly/ cage/plant | Mean no. of leafhopper /cage/plant | | | Mean yellow mosaic infected plants (%) | Grain yield kg/ha |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|
| | | | | Green leafhopper | Brown leafhopper | Total leafhopper | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| MH 124 | 43 | 74 | 5.60(2.57)* | 0.53 (1.20)* | 0.21 (1.08)* | 0.74(1.28)* | 4.4(10.91)** | 866 |
| MH 3-18 | 35 | 75 | 3.43(2.10) | 0.71 (1.26) | 0.16 (1.06) | 0.87(1.32) | 9.0(15.58) | 673 |
| MH 421 | 37 | 73 | 4.52(2.35) | 0.85 (1.31) | 0.28 (1.11) | 1.13(1.41) | 9.6(16.69) | 642 |
| MH 421-1 | 38 | 73 | 3.24(2.06) | 0.60 (1.22) | 0.37 (1.14) | 0.97(1.37) | 3.6(9.64) | 898 |
| MH 521 | 37 | 72 | 2.72(1.92) | 0.53 (1.20) | 0.29 (1.11) | 0.82(1.31) | 6.3(13.13) | 739 |
| MH 534 | 38 | 73 | 3.90(2.21) | 0.64 (1.24) | 0.27 (1.10) | 0.91(1.34) | 6.2(13.39) | 746 |
| MH 539 | 37 | 71 | 3.40(2.09) | 0.79 (1.28) | 0.16 (1.06) | 0.95(1.34) | 3.8(10.33) | 896 |
| MH 560 | 39 | 75 | 3.34(2.08) | 0.63 (1.23) | 0.23 (1.09) | 0.85(1.32) | 8.4(15.17) | 695 |
| MH 562 | 37 | 75 | 4.02(2.24) | 0.55 (1.20) | 0.24 (1.09) | 0.79(1.29) | 7.7(14.77) | 708 |
| MH 563 | 35 | 74 | 3.3(2.07) | 0.77 (1.27) | 0.33 (1.13) | 1.10(1.40) | 6.5(13.69) | 728 |
| MH 564 | 35 | 73 | 4.08(2.25) | 0.72 (1.27) | 0.31 (1.11) | 1.03(1.38) | 9.6(16.42) | 642 |
| MH 565 | 45 | 69 | 3.72(2.17) | 0.66 (1.24) | 0.27 (1.10) | 0.93(1.34) | 6.9(14.47) | 716 |
| MH 612 | 40 | 72 | 4.40(2.32) | 0.66 (1.24) | 0.25 (1.10) | 0.91(1.34) | 6.3(12.97) | 739 |
| MH 702 | 35 | 64 | 4.3(2.30) | 0.67 (1.24) | 0.22 (1.09) | 0.89(1.33) | 14.0(20.06) | 577 |
| MH 705 | 36 | 64 | 4.84(2.41) | 0.86 (1.30) | 0.24 (1.09) | 1.10(1.39) | 17.5(22.21) | 534 |
| MH 707 | 33 | 65 | 3.66(2.15) | 0.53 (1.19) | 0.19 (1.07) | 0.72(1.27) | 14.7(20.53) | 562 |
| MH 708 | 35 | 65 | 3.32(2.08) | 0.73 (1.26) | 0.29 (1.11) | 1.03(1.38) | 15.0(20.17) | 550 |
| MH 709 | 34 | 75 | 3.59(2.14) | 0.55 (1.21) | 0.18 (1.07) | 0.73(1.28) | 6.4(13.13) | 736 |
| MH 714 | 39 | 73 | 3.74(2.17) | 0.73 (1.26) | 0.31 (1.12) | 1.03(1.37) | 6.2(12.94) | 746 |
| MH 715 | 35 | 63 | 3.84(2.20) | 0.74 (1.27) | 0.15 (1.06) | 0.89(1.33) | 10.4(16.91) | 630 |
| MH 717 | 35 | 73 | 4.58(2.36) | 0.45 (1.17) | 0.24 (1.09) | 0.69(1.26) | 7.4(14.30) | 712 |
| MH 719 | 40 | 68 | 4.36(2.31) | 0.65 (1.23) | 0.15 (1.06) | 0.80(1.29) | 6.2(13.39) | 746 |
| MH 721 | 41 | 73 | 4.20(2.28) | 0.67 (1.25) | 0.23 (1.09) | 0.91(1.34) | 4.4(11.08) | 866 |
| MH 724 | 39 | 70 | 4.88(2.42) | 0.66 (1.24) | 0.20 (1.08) | 0.86(1.32) | 23.1(25.80) | 479 |
| MH 729 | 36 | 73 | 3.47(2.11) | 0.56 (1.21) | 0.27 (1.10) | 0.83(1.31) | 10.3(16.91) | 634 |
| MH 732 | 35 | 73 | 2.68(1.91) | 0.55 (1.21) | 0.21 (1.08) | 0.77(1.29) | 2.90(8.95) | 902 |
| MH 735 | 36 | 73 | 3.76(2.18) | 0.56 (1.21) | 0.33 (1.13) | 0.89(1.34) | 6.8(13.71) | 718 |
| MH 736 | 38 | 74 | 3.52(2.12) | 0.81 (1.29) | 0.22 (1.08) | 1.03(1.37) | 7.6(14.55) | 710 |
| MH 742 | 34 | 66 | 2.75(1.93) | 0.83 (1.30) | 0.16 (1.07) | 0.99(1.37) | 2.80(8.87) | 908 |
| MH 748 | 34 | 67 | 3.56(2.13) | 0.75 (1.27) | 0.41 (1.15) | 1.16(1.41) | 7.8(15.07) | 704 |
| MH 805 | 36 | 73 | 4.08(2.25) | 0.57 (1.21) | 0.33 (1.13) | 0.91(1.33) | 5.6(12.49) | 768 |
| MH 807 | 35 | 73 | 5.56(2.56) | 0.74 (1.27) | 0.21 (1.08) | 0.95(1.35) | 14.2(20.32) | 570 |
| MH 808 | 37 | 75 | 4.21(2.28) | 0.99 (1.35) | 0.41 (1.15) | 1.39(1.50) | 18.9(23.47) | 510 |
| MH 809 | 36 | 73 | 4.26(2.29) | 1.12 (1.39) | 0.24 (1.09) | 1.37(1.48) | 18.3(23.04) | 524 |
| MH 810 | 41 | 75 | 3.7(2.16) | 0.61 (1.22) | 0.30 (1.11) | 0.91(1.33) | 5.7(12.77) | 762 |
| MH 814 | 39 | 63 | 4.51(2.34) | 0.59 (1.22) | 0.23 (1.09) | 0.82(1.31) | 9.5(15.79) | 648 |
| MH 815 | 39 | 74 | 4.33(2.30) | 0.70 (1.25) | 0.32 (1.12) | 1.02(1.37) | 5.8(12.43) | 758 |

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|-------------------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------|
| MH 836 | 36 | 75 | 4.04(2.24) | 0.55 (1.20) | 0.21 (1.08) | 0.77(1.28) | 8.0(15.07) | 696 |
| MH 901 | 42 | 64 | 3.38(2.09) | 0.65 (1.24) | 0.21 (1.08) | 0.85(1.32) | 14.2(19.84) | 575 |
| MH 918 | 39 | 64 | 3.70(2.16) | 0.57 (1.21) | 0.18 (1.07) | 0.75(1.28) | 9.0(16.10) | 673 |
| SM 9-111 | 45 | 70 | 3.74(2.17) | 0.73 (1.26) | 0.30 (1.11) | 1.03(1.37) | 19.4(23.62) | 512 |
| SM 9-112 | 44 | 70 | 6.76(2.78) | 1.01 (1.35) | 0.36 (1.13) | 1.37(1.48) | 56.0(48.85) | 355 |
| SM 9-113 | 45 | 69 | 4.49(2.34) | 1.11 (1.38) | 0.37 (1.14) | 1.49(1.52) | 19.9(24.49) | 506 |
| SM 9-114 | 46 | 70 | 4.38(2.32) | 0.64 (1.24) | 0.30 (1.11) | 0.94(1.35) | 12.8(18.86) | 598 |
| SM 9-115 | 44 | 71 | 3.1(2.02) | 0.62 (1.23) | 0.18 (1.07) | 0.80(1.30) | 6.4(13.24) | 736 |
| SM 9-116 | 44 | 70 | 3.5(2.12) | 0.81 (1.30) | 0.27 (1.10) | 1.08(1.40) | 17.9(22.57) | 530 |
| SM 9-117 | 46 | 72 | 8.30(3.05) | 1.02 (1.37) | 0.24 (1.10) | 1.26(1.46) | 50.1(44.89) | 366 |
| MH-125 (Basanti)# | 40 | 75 | 3.48(2.11) | 0.68 (1.25) | 0.15 (1.06) | 0.83(1.31) | 9.2(14.77) | 669 |
| MH 96-1 (Muscan)# | 41 | 72 | 5.47(2.54) | 0.63 (1.23) | 0.19 (1.07) | 0.82(1.30) | 8.5(14.19) | 692 |
| MH 2-15 (Satya)# | 40 | 75 | 3.70(2.16) | 0.79 (1.28) | 0.24 (1.09) | 1.03(1.36) | 12.2(18.66) | 610 |
| MH 83-20 (Asha)# | 44 | 69 | 5.48(2.54) | 0.87 (1.31) | 0.35 (1.13) | 1.22(1.44) | 12.8(19.28) | 598 |
| Range | 33-46 | 63-75 | 2.68-8.30 | 0.45-1.12 | 0.15-0.41 | 0.69-1.49 | 2.80-56.00 | 355-908 |
| S. E (m) ± | - | - | (0.11) | (0.04) | (0.02) | (0.05) | (3.59) | 6.85 |
| C.D (p=0.05) | - | - | (0.32) | (NS) | (NS) | (NS) | (10.08) | 19.26 |

*Figures in the parenthesis are $\sqrt{n+1}$ values

**Figures in the parenthesis are angular transformed values

Table 2: Clustering of green gram genotypes for yellow mosaic virus based on visual grade disease scale of 0-9.

| Scale | Plants with YMV disease Symptoms (%) | Entry/Genotypes | Total number of genotypes | Category |
|-------|--|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | Disease free/without any symptoms | Nil | 0 | Immune |
| 1 | 1 – 2 % Plants exhibit disease symptoms | Nil | 0 | Resistant |
| 3 | 3 – 5 % Plants exhibit disease symptoms | MH 124, MH 421 1, MH 539, MH 721, MH 732 and MH 742 | 6 | Moderately resistant/tolerant |
| 5 | 6 – 15 % Plants exhibit Disease symptoms | MH 3-18, MH 421, MH 521, MH 534, MH 560, MH 562, MH 563, MH 564, MH 565, MH 612, MH 702, MH 707, MH 708, MH 709, MH 714, MH 715, MH 717, MH 719, MH 729, MH 735, MH 736, MH 748, MH 805, MH 807, MH 810, MH 814, MH 815, MH 836, MH 901, MH 918, SM 9-114, SM 9-115, MH 125 (Basanti), MH 96-1 (Muscan), MH 2-15 (Satya) and MH 83-20 (Asha) | 36 | Moderately susceptible |
| 7 | 16 – 32 % | MH 705, MH 724, MH 808, MH 809, | 7 | Susceptible |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| | Plants exhibit disease symptoms | SM 9-111, SM 9-113 and SM 9-116 | | |
| 9 | > 32 % Plants exhibit disease symptoms | SM 9-112 and SM 9-117 | 2 | Highly susceptible |

(Mayee and Datar, 1986)

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