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## PESTS OF SUNFLOWER CROPS IN NORTH STEPPE OF UKRAINE

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*Established the dominant herbivores species in different phases of plant development. Specifies the species composition of sunflower pests. Established harm herbivores on sunflower crops. Years revealed massive to reproduce dominant species of insects. Since 2012 there is an increase in the number and harmfulness Mordellistena parvuliformis, Agapanthia dahlia, Margaritia (Pyrausta) sticticallis on sunflower crops in North Steppe of Ukraine.*

### **sunflower, Mordellistena parvuliformis, Agapanthia dahlia, harm**

For Ukraine, the sunflower is a very valuable technical culture. Over the last twenty years the acreage of sunflower has nearly tripled. Over saturation of the field crop rotations in this culture increases the risk of mass colonization of crop pests, which leads to large losses of yield and environmental degradation due to expansion of the volume of pesticide application [1, 2].

According to researchers [1, 2], the species composition and population dynamics of insect — phytophages in different years growing sunflower, phase of development, depending on the region and growing technology change significantly.

Sunflower damage a large group of pests, the majority of which are polyphagous. By the nature of the damage, they are divided into such groups: pests of seedlings of wireworm, fake of wireworm, *Lathrus apterus* (imago), *Psolidium maxillosum*, *Tanymecus palliates*, *Gryllus desertus*, caterpillars *Noctuidae*; pests stems — *Mordellistena parvuliformis*, *Agapanthia dahlia*; pests of leaves — *Margaritia (Pyrausta) sticticallis*, historysome scoops, spider mites, locusts; pests of capitula and seeds — sunflower moth, *Dolycoris baccarum*, *Lygus pratensis*, *Adelphocoris lineolatus*, etc [7].

So, harmful entomofauna sunflower is quite varied, it should be extensively examined to ensure that monitoring and forecasting of development of pests.

The purpose of this study was to clarify the dominant composition of the pests, their population dynamics and damage in agrocenoses of sunflower in North-Eastern Steppe of Ukraine.

**Research methodology, materials and research results.** Examination of sunflower crops on pest population conducted in 2012–2014 farmer and Educational Scientific and Industrial Agricultural Complex LNAU “Kolos” according to standard techniques.

**The results of the study.** The main pest of sunflower in the period of mass shoots *Tanymecus palliatus* F. and *Psalidium maxillosum* L., *Opatrum sabulosum* L.

In 2012–2014 *Tanymecus palliatus* was inhabited by 14–24% of sunflower fields with an average density of 0,1–0,5 copies/m<sup>2</sup>. Beetles were damaged from 5 to 15% of the plants in medium and low degrees. *Psalidium maxillosum* was inhabited by 2–5% of the area. The average density ranged from 0,3 to 0,6 copies/m<sup>2</sup>. Beetles were damaged from 2 to 6% of the plants in a weak degree. The wireworm was inhabited from 18 to 22% of the cultures. The average density of their crops ranged from 0,4 to 0,8 copies/m<sup>2</sup> beetles damaged from 5 to 20% of sunflower plants.

In summer the leaves of sunflower damaged *Helicoverpa armigera*. The average density of larvae ranged from 0,1 to 2,6 specimens/m<sup>2</sup>. Caterpillars damaged 1,0–28,0% of sunflower plants. They rudely or hole nibbled at leaves. Noctuidae damaged fabric on the back side of the basket, and caterpillars *Helicoverpa armigera* algazali phyllaries and gnaw through holes in the basket (Fig. 1A, 1B).

In phase 4 to 5 true leaves of sunflower plants were infested by larvae of the first generation *Margaritia (Pyrausta) sticticallis*. They first skeletal leaves, and then completely destroyed the lamina, criss-crossing his web. Caterpillars eat the leaves and the tops of the stems. The average density of caterpillars mostly 0,5–2 specimens /m<sup>2</sup>. In 2012 and 2013 on sunflower crops identified local pockets of meadow moth with a maximum density of caterpillars up to 20 copies/m<sup>2</sup> (Fig. 2).

In agrocenoses sunflower identified barbel sunflower (*Agapanthia dahlia* Richt.) and *Mordellistena parvuliformis*, the larvae of which damaged the core of the stem of the sunflower.

**Long-term dynamics of populations and pest of sunflower shoots in Luhansk region, 2012–2014**

Year	<i>Tanymecus palliatus</i>		<i>Psalidium maxillosum</i>		Wireworm	
	infested area, %	of the average density of specimens /m <sup>2</sup>	infested area, %	of the average density of specimens /m <sup>2</sup>	infested area, %	of the average density of specimens /m <sup>2</sup>
2012	24	0,5	3	0,6	18	1,1
2013	18	0,1	2	0,3	22	0,8
2014	14	0,3	5	0,5	14	0,4



A

B

**Fig. 1A. Caterpillar *Helicoverpa armigera* (original).  
1B. Basket of sunflowers damaged *Helicoverpa armigera* (original)**

Larvae of *Agapanthia dahli* sunflower developed inside the stem. They ate its way down to the root collar. Damaged plants from breaking in strong winds, were stunted (Fig. 3). The average



**Fig. 2. Damage to leaves of sunflower *Margaritita* (*Pyrausta sticticallis*) (original)**

density of the barbel was 1–3 copies on the stalk. He harmed 1–3% of plant culture.



**Fig. 3. *Agapanthia dahli*, imago (original)**

Larvae of *Mordellistena parvuliformis* gnaw at the heart narrow, winding passages. All galleries gnawed through towards the root. Since fall within the lower part of the stem, root collar and the main root of the larvae were corroded the entire core. With a strong damaged core of the stem of the sunflower broke (Fig. 5).



**Fig. 5. Damage to the stalk of the *Mordellistena parvuliformis* (original)**

The average density of *Mordellistena parvuliformis* was 0,5 and 2,9 copies/stem. Larvae were damaged up to 8% of plant culture.



**Fig. 4. The larva *Agapanthia dahli* (original)**

A particular danger is *Mordellistena parvuliformis* number of larvae more than 15 copies on

one stalk, because the density of its population is a significant decrease in performance culture. From damaged plants obtained lower yields, seeds become small, the grain will be fulfilled, with a light core, there empty seeds.

## THE CONCLUSIONS

Strict observance of technology cultivation of sunflower — the basis for successful protection of crops from pests. To do this, follow the maturity of sunflower at the same place, which, depending on the precursor, density and the polyphagous specific pests of sunflower should be 8 or more years. Before sowing needs by soil excavation to make an inventory of the number and species composition of soil pests. During the growing season should be regular monitoring of species composition and abundance of pests. In the case of migration of pests from adjacent fields and shelter belts should conduct regional treatment recommended chemicals that will give the opportunity to avoid a continuous processing of the entire field.

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## Горновська С.В., Федоренко В.П. Шкідники посівів сонышнику в Північному Степу України

*Встановлено домінуючі види фітофагів у різні фази розвитку рослин. Уточнено видовий склад шкідників сонышнику. Встановлено шкідливість фітофагів на посівах сонышнику. Виявлено роки масових розмножень домінуючих видів комах. З 2012 року відбувається наростання чисельності та шкідливості сонышникової шипоноски, сонышникового вусача і лучного метелика на посівах сонышнику в Північному Степу України.*

**Горновская С.В., Федоренко В.П. Вредители посевов подсолнечника в Северной Степи Украины**

*Установлены доминирующие виды фитофагов в разные фазы развития растений. Уточнён видовой состав вредителей подсолнечника. Установлено вредоносность фитофагов на посевах подсолнечника. Выявлено годы массовых размножений доминирующих видов насекомых. С 2012 года происходит нарастание численности и вредоносности подсолнечной шипоноски, подсолнечного усача и лугового мотылька на посевах подсолнечника в Северной Степи Украины.*

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**FEATURES OF PHOSPHINE USE AGAINST PESTS  
OF GRAIN STOCKS AT DIFFERENT STAGES  
OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT**

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*It is investigated the toxic effects of phosphine against pests of grain stocks at all stages of their development. It is defined the indicators of product of the mean concentration at exposure time (PM CET), alternative to methyl bromide, which provide the efficiency of fumigation for rice (*Sitophilus oryzae* L.) and granary (*Sitophilus granarius* L.) weevils in all phases of development.*

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Investigations of granary pests in Ukraine, damaging grain and grain products during their storage, has set out their species composition, which comprises 116 species. Among the pests of grain stocks during their storage, the most common are 32 species, of which there are 20 beetles, 7 moths and pyralid moths, 2 ticks, and 3 species of small rodents [6].

The most common of these are: granary (*Sitophilus granarius* L.) and rice (*Sitophilus oryzae* L.) weevils, flour (*Tribolium confusum* Duv.) and fusty flour (*Tribolium castaneum* Hrbst) beetles, saw-toothed grain (*Oryzaephi-*