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MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTROL MEASURES AGAINST CHERRY AND PEACH PESTS

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Аннотация. Ўсимликлар карантини ва ҳимояси илмий-тадқиқот институтида колорадо кўнғизидан ажратиб олинган *B.thuringiensis* бактериясининг ва *B.bassiana* замбуруғининг маҳаллий штампларини боғ ўргимчакканаси (*Schizotetranychus pruni* Oudms.), оддий ўргимчаккана (*Tetranychus urticae* Koch.), гилос қора бити (*Myzus cerasi*), комсток курти (*Pseudococcus comstoki*), шарқ мевахўри (*Grapholitha molesta* Busck.) каби зараркундаларга қарши инсектицид фаоллигини аниқлаш бўйича илмий изланишлар олиб борилди.

Абстрактный. В НИИ карантина и защиты растений проведены исследования по определению инсектицидной активности местных штаммов бактерий *B.thuringiensis* и гриба *B.bassiana*, выделенных из колорадского жука, в отношении таких вредителей, как садовый паутинный клещ (*Schizotetranychus pruni* Oudms.), обыкновенный паутинный клещ (*Tetranychus urticae* Koch.), вишневый черный тля (*Myzus cerasi*), комсток-червь (*Pseudococcus comstoki*) и восточный плодовый мотылек (*Grapholitha molesta* Busck.).

Abstract. The Research Institute of Quarantine and Plant Protection conducted studies to determine the insecticidal activity of local strains of bacteria *B.thuringiensis* and the fungus *B.bassiana*, isolated from the Colorado potato beetle, against pests such as *Schizotetranychus pruni* Oudms., *Tetranychus urticae* Koch., *Myzus cerasi*, and *Pseudococcus comstoki* Kuw. and the *Grapholitha molesta* Busck.

Enter. Increasing the productivity of gardens and improving the quality of fruits is one of the urgent tasks of our time. One of the main factors is protecting them from pests and diseases. More than 150 pests and diseases are known to harm gardens. Knowing the bioecology of such pests, it is very important to carry out control

measures during the most vulnerable period of their life. Since the climatic conditions of Uzbekistan are favorable for the growth of insects that damage gardens, various pests are reported to damage gardens every year. In some years, as a result of their damage, the weight and quality of grown fruits are reduced to one degree or another in all regions of our republic. This dangerous group of pests are frugivores. Fruit moths are garden pests that reduce the productivity of apple, pear, quince, peach, cherry, plum, cherry, almond and walnut trees and spoil the quality of the fruit, sometimes making them unfit for consumption.

One of the serious problems of agriculture is that most of the crop is destroyed by insects. In this case, the use of biopesticides based on entomopathogenic fungi becomes a priority, since they are more environmentally friendly than pesticides [1].

The use of microbiological preparations to protect plants from harmful organisms is constantly expanding throughout the world. According to experts, the market share of biopesticides in 2020 was determined to be 20% and amounted to \$8 billion. In terms of scale of application, drugs based on *Bacillus thuringiensis* Berliner (Bt) took first place in the world. In 2009, preparations based on *Bacillus thuringiensis* Berliner (Bt) were used on 50 million hectares of land in the world, and 33 million hectares were discovered in the USA [2].

Insect diseases (mycoses) are caused by the following classes of fungi: phycomycetes, basidiomycetes, deuteromycetes and ascomycetes. More than 100 species of entomopathogenic fungi are known. But the basis for creating the drug is *Beauveria* species (causing white muscardine), *Metarhizium* (source of green muscardine disease) and *Entomophthora* species [3].

Also today there is great interest from specialists in the field of means of counteracting the cultivation of products that are harmless to biological, environmental and human health within the framework of the requirements of organic and world standards in agriculture.

Location of the study. In 2023, research was carried out to test the fungal strains *B. bassiana* VTq-28 and bacterial strains *B. thuringiensis*-26 under field conditions on cherry and peach trees at the orchard of the Research Institute of Quarantine and Plant Protection.

Research methods. Isolation of local pathogenic isolates and strains from cherry and peach pests, as well as the study of their biological effects, was carried out using the following traditional published methods: “Methods for recognizing insect diseases” by A.A. Evlakhova, O.I. Shvetsova M., (1964).), “Diseases of harmful insects” (1965) [4,5], “Microbiological methods of combating harmful insects” [6;] J. Weiser, “Micrology of insects”, “Pathology of insects” by E. Steinhaus [7,8]., A.A. Evlakhova “Entomopathogenic fungi” [9], N.Yu. Geshtov “Entomopathogenic fungi” [10]. The distribution of cherry and peach pests, testing of pesticides in small and large field

experiments to combat them was calculated on the basis of the methods given by Sh.T. Khodzhaev [11].

Research results. The Research Institute of Quarantine and Plant Protection conducted studies to determine the insecticidal activity of local strains of bacteria *B.thuringiensis* and the fungus *B.bassiana*, isolated from the Colorado potato beetle, against pests such as garden spider mites, common spider mites, cherry black aphids, and Comstock worms. and the oriental fruit borer.

Field experiments were carried out against adults and larvae of cherry and peach pests. Pest control of cherries and peaches using manual equipment. The experiment was carried out during a period of mass development of imagoes and larvae of cherry and peach pests.

During our research against the Comstock worm and the eastern fruit borer.

The following results were obtained when testing *B. bassiana* strain VTq-28. When using the *B. bassiana* strain VTq-28 against the Comstock worm in a titer of 2×10^8 ml on the 3rd, 7th and 14th days of calculation, respectively, 27.2; 57.3; An efficiency of 81.1% was achieved.

39.8 in a titer of 2×10^8 ml against the oriental fruit fly on the days of the above calculations; 60.2; It was found that an effectiveness of 76.0% was achieved (Table 1).

Table 1

Determination of the biological effectiveness of the *B. bassiana* strain VTq-28 against the *Pseudococcus comstoki* Kuw. and the *Grapholitha molesta* Busck.

(Research Institute of Quarantine and Plant Protection, 2023)

№	Options	Titre	The average number of insects in 1 plant, pcs				Efficiency, % by days		
			The number of insects before processing	Days after processing			3	7	14
				3	7	14			
<i>Pseudococcus comstoki</i> Kuw.									
1.	Control (idle)	-	60,6	65,4	71,5	79,9	-	-	-
2.	Bioslip BV (template)	1,5	70,8	32,7	10,9	13,2	49,4	80,4	74,2
3.	<i>B. bassiana</i> VTq-28	2×10^8	65,2	51,2	32,8	16,2	27,2	57,3	81,1
<i>Grapholitha molesta</i> Busck.									
1.	Control (idle)	-	25,1	25,3	29,7	36,2	-	-	-
2.	Bioslip BV (template)	1,5	33,1	19,6	15,3	11,5	41,3	60,9	75,9
4.	<i>B. bassiana</i> VTq-28	2×10^8	32,5	25,4	18,5	10,6	39,8	60,2	76,0

Table 2

Determination of biological effectiveness of *B. thuringiensis*-26 strain against cherry black aphid and garden spider mite (Research Institute of Quarantine and Plant Protection, 2023).

№	Options	Drug consumption rate l, kg, l/ha	The average number of insects in 1 plant, pcs				Efficiency, % by days				
			The number of insects before processing	Days after processing				3	7	14	21
				3	7	14	21				
<i>Myzus cerasi</i>											
1	Control (idle)	-	60,6	65,4	71,5	79,9	82,6	-	-	-	-
2	Tayfun plyus 10 % (template)	0,5	70,8	32,7	10,9	13,2	17,8	57,2	86,9	85,8	81,5
3	<i>B. thuringiensis</i> -26 (2×10^8 units).	0,3	65,9	30,8	12,5	15,9	18,5	56,6	83,9	81,7	79,4
<i>Schizotetranychus pruni</i> Oudms.											
1	Control (idle)	-	49,7	54,7	64,7	86,5	120,4				
2	Tayfun plyus 10 % (template)	0,5	45,8	9,2	8,8	10,2	16,3	81,7	85,2	87,2	85,3
3	<i>B. thuringiensis</i> -26 (2×10^8 units).	0,3	39,5	17,5	10,8	10,3	16,4	60,2	78,9	87,9	82,8

The following results were obtained when testing the *B. thuringiensis*-26 strain in our studies against cherry black aphids and garden spider mites. When using the *B. thuringiensis*-26 strain against cherry aphids in a titer of 2×10^8 ml (0.3 l/ha) on the 3rd, 7th and 14th days of calculation, respectively - 56.6; 83.9; An efficiency of 81.7% was achieved.

60.2 against garden spider mites in a titer of 2×10^8 ml (0.3 l/ha) on the days of the above calculations; 78.9; It was found that an efficiency of 87.9% was achieved (Table 2).

From the results obtained, we can conclude that as a result of using the *B. bassiana* strain VTq-28 in a titer of 2×10^8 ml on the 14th day of calculation, the efficiency was shown to be 81.1% and 76.0%, while the *B. thuringiensis* strain - 26 showed 2. As a result of application in a titer of $\times 10^8$ ml (0.3 l/ha), it showed an effectiveness against cherry black aphids and garden spider mites of 81.7% and 87.9%. The use of microbiological preparations is safe for the environment, warm-blooded animals and humans and is considered important when growing organic products.

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