Training Course on Disease Vector Management in Crop Systems

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Agriculture	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the biology and ecology of key disease vectors in crop systems.
2. Apply integrated pest and disease vector management techniques.
3. Identify economically important vector-borne crop diseases.
4. Utilize remote sensing and GIS for vector surveillance.
5. Enhance decision-making using real-time vector monitoring systems.
6. Evaluate the role of climate change in vector dynamics.
7. Implement biosecurity protocols in agricultural zones.
8. Apply molecular diagnostics for vector identification.
9. Promote the use of eco-friendly and biological control methods.
10. Design community-based vector management strategies.
11. Assess economic impacts of vector infestations on crop yield.
12. Develop risk communication strategies for stakeholders.
13. Integrate vector management into sustainable agricultural planning.

Target Audiences

1. Agricultural extension officers
2. Plant health inspectors
3. Agronomists and crop consultants
4. Researchers in plant pathology
5. Environmental and climate scientists
6. Government policy makers in agriculture
7. Farm managers and cooperative leaders
8. University students in agricultural sciences

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Disease Vectors in Crops

- Definition and classification of disease vectors
- Common vector-borne diseases in crops
- Economic implications of disease outbreaks
- Overview of vector-host-pathogen interactions
- Emerging and invasive vector species
- **Case Study:** Maize lethal necrosis spread in East Africa

Module 2: Integrated Pest and Vector Management (IPVM)

- Principles of IPVM
- Cultural practices for vector suppression
- Biological control strategies
- Chemical control and resistance management
- Monitoring and threshold-based intervention
- **Case Study:** Cotton IPM program in India

Module 3: Use of Technology in Vector Monitoring

- Remote sensing applications
- GIS mapping of disease outbreaks
- Real-time mobile monitoring tools
- Drone-based surveillance systems
- Data analytics for early warning systems
- **Case Study:** FAO-Early Warning Systems in West Africa

Module 4: Climate Change and Vector Ecology

- Impact of temperature and precipitation changes
- Shifting vector populations
- Climate modeling for risk prediction
- Mitigation strategies
- Resilient crop and vector management plans
- **Case Study:** Whitefly spread in cassava under changing climate

Module 5: Molecular Tools and Diagnostics

- DNA barcoding and sequencing
- ELISA and PCR techniques
- Rapid test kits for field detection
- Laboratory setup and sample handling
- Data interpretation and reporting
- **Case Study:** Virus indexing in tomato crops using PCR

Module 6: Eco-Friendly and Biological Control Methods

- Use of natural predators and parasitoids
- Botanical pesticides
- Habitat manipulation
- Push-pull technologies
- Farmer adoption and scalability
- **Case Study:** Biological control of rice brown planthopper in Asia

Module 7: Community-Based and Participatory Approaches

- Farmer field schools
- Participatory rural appraisals
- Community surveillance networks
- Policy advocacy and communication
- Stakeholder engagement frameworks
- **Case Study:** Community-led vector control in banana farms

Module 8: Policy, Planning, and Biosecurity

- National and regional plant protection policies
- Biosecurity protocols and quarantine
- Emergency response planning
- Budgeting and resource allocation
- Institutional capacity building
- **Case Study:** Quarantine measures against Tuta absoluta in North Africa

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations

- Group discussions and role plays
- Case study analysis and problem-solving tasks
- Field visits and demonstration plots
- Simulation of vector surveillance and response
- Post-training assessments and evaluation

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
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