



PRIME

# **PRE-SEMESTER BULLETIN**

July 2018 to June 2019

**REGION V – Bicol Region**

# AT A GLANCE

Table. Mean incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and percentage of weed cover by month.

Region V

	2018						2019					
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b>A. FOLIAR DISEASES</b>												
Bacterial leaf blight	1.7	0.6	1.6	1.1	2.5	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.4
Bacterial leaf streak	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1
Brown spot	1.2	1.2	2.7	2.7	4.3	4.4	3.0	4.0	5.2	3.3	3.5	3.2
Leaf blast	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.0	1.1	2.5	3.4	1.5
Red stripe	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.9	1.2	2.0	3.0	1.5	2.5	3.6
<b>B. DISEASE OR PEST INJURY ON TILLERS</b>												
Deadheart	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.2
Sheath Blight	0	0.8	0.4	1.1	0	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	0	0.1
<b>C. DISEASE OR PEST INJURY ON PANICLES</b>												
Neck Blast	0	0.6	0.5	0.5	4.0	0.2	0	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.1
Whitehead	0	2.4	1.2	4.7	0	1.5	0	0.6	0.7	0.2	0	1.0
<b>D. SYSTEMIC DISEASE OR PEST INJURY</b>												
Bugburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hopperburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tungro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>E. INSECT COUNT</b>												
Brown Plant Hopper	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Green Leaf Hopper	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Rice Black Bug	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rice Bug	0	0.2	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.3	1.0	0.4
Rice Grain Bug	0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>F. RODENT INJURY</b>												
	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.4
<b>G. WEED COVER</b>												
	0.4	3.1	4.5	2.8	6.3	4.1	1.8	1.4	1.7	2.6	4.7	1.0

LEGEND  1-5 %  5 %

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# Monitored fields and data collectors

<b>Municipalities surveyed:</b>	Camarines Sur: Bula, Libmanan, Minalabac
<b>Monitoring date:</b>	July 2018 – June 2019
<b>Number of monitored fields:</b>	83 monitoring fields
<b>Data collectors:</b>	Adrian Pornillos, Catherine Comia, Clarenz Sabio, Godofredo Balmeo, Hansel Arcilla, Jay Ar Baldoza, Johnson Visitacion, Joseph Penaverde, Mark Francis Ibo, Mark Ibo, and Nathan Botin

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# Growth stages

In the second semester of 2018, most of the monitored fields were transplanted in July and the peak of harvest was in September and October (Figure 1). Majority of the fields were fallow in November. In the first semester of 2019, the peak of transplanting was in December to January and harvesting peaked in April 2019. A large proportion of the fields were fallow in May to June 2019.

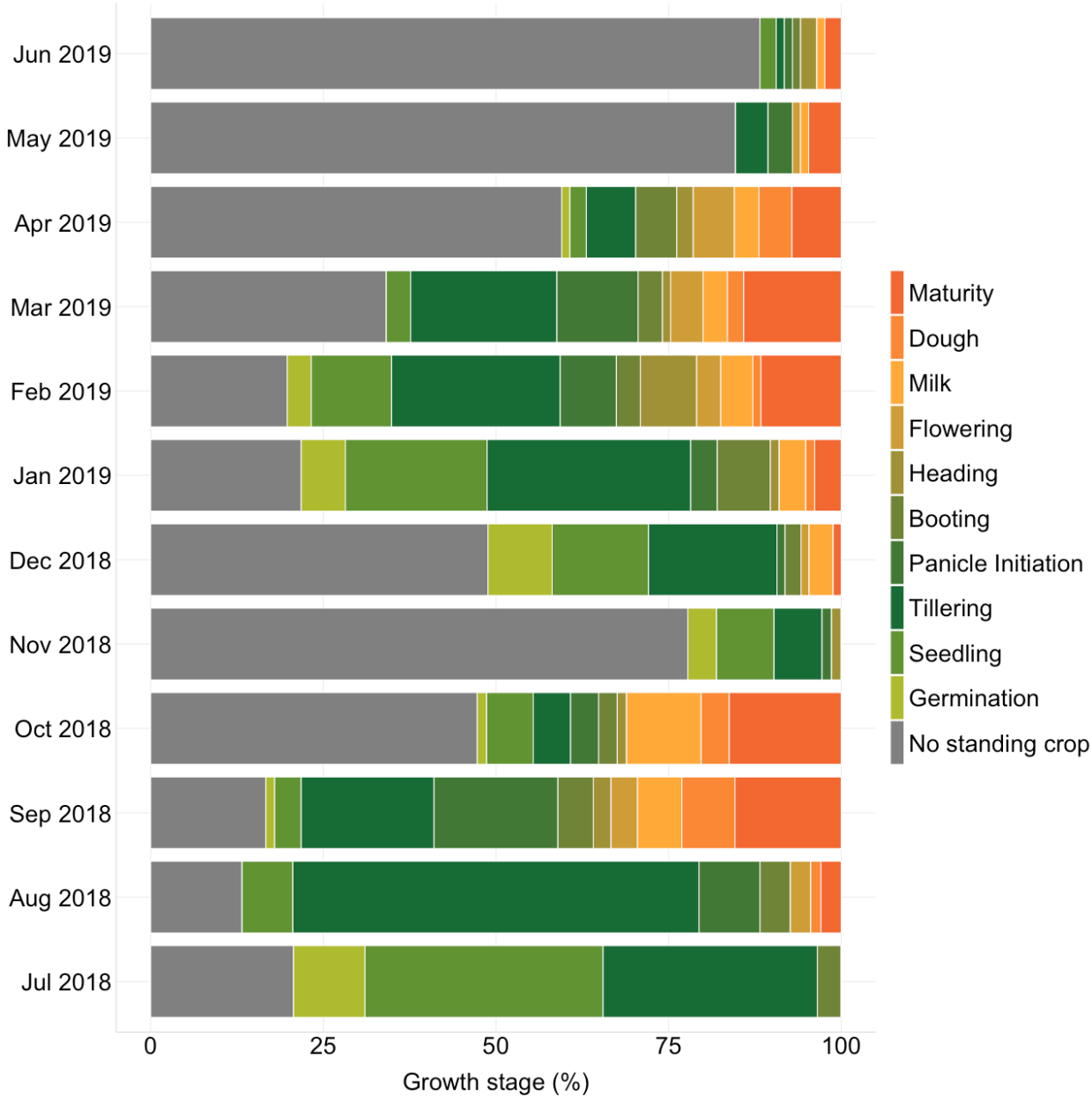


Figure 1. Proportion of crop growth stage of fields by month,

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# Pest injuries, insect count and weed cover

Box plots, also known box-and-whisker plots, are presented to facilitate the visualization of the distribution or range of collected data (Figures 2 to 8). The black closed circle in or near each bar represents the mean of each pest injury. The black vertical line in each bar represents the median which refers to the midpoint of the range of data. Since it is not affected by extreme values or outliers like the mean, the median represents the most common value of a variable.

## A. Foliar diseases

The incidence of foliar diseases, except brown spot, was negligible. Brown spot was observed in all the monitored fields (Figure 2). The mean incidence ranged from 1% to 5%, but the maximum median incidence of 1% was recorded only in March and April 2019. The incidence of red stripe in Region V was higher than in the other regions during the year. The mean incidence of red stripe was higher in the first semester of 2019 (range = 1% to 4%, mean = 2%) than in the second semester of 2018 (range = 0 to 1%, mean = 0.5%).

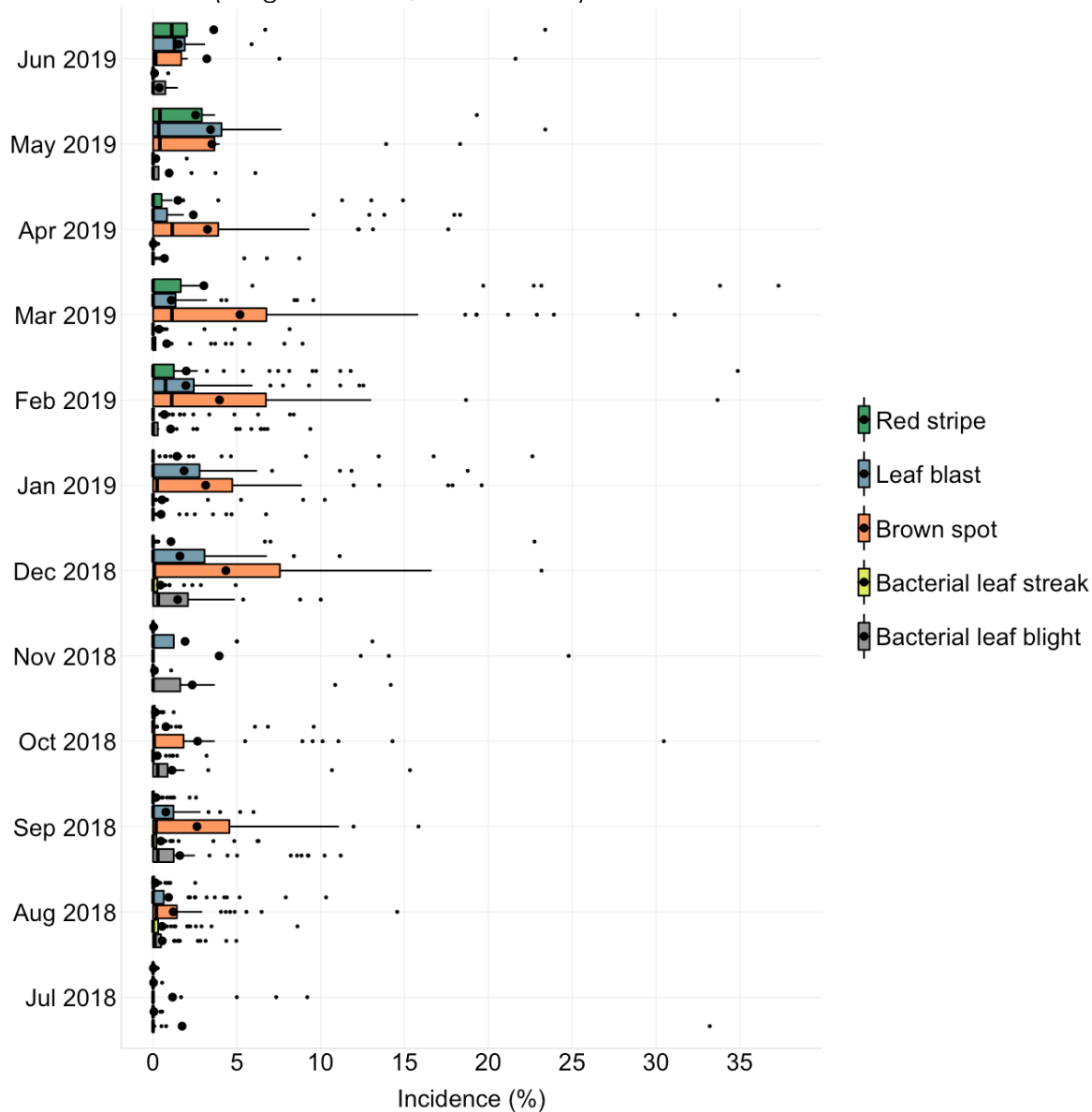


Figure 2. Incidence of foliar diseases incidence in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

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## B. Insect pest injuries and diseases on tillers

The incidence of deadheart and sheath blight during the year was negligible (Figure 4).

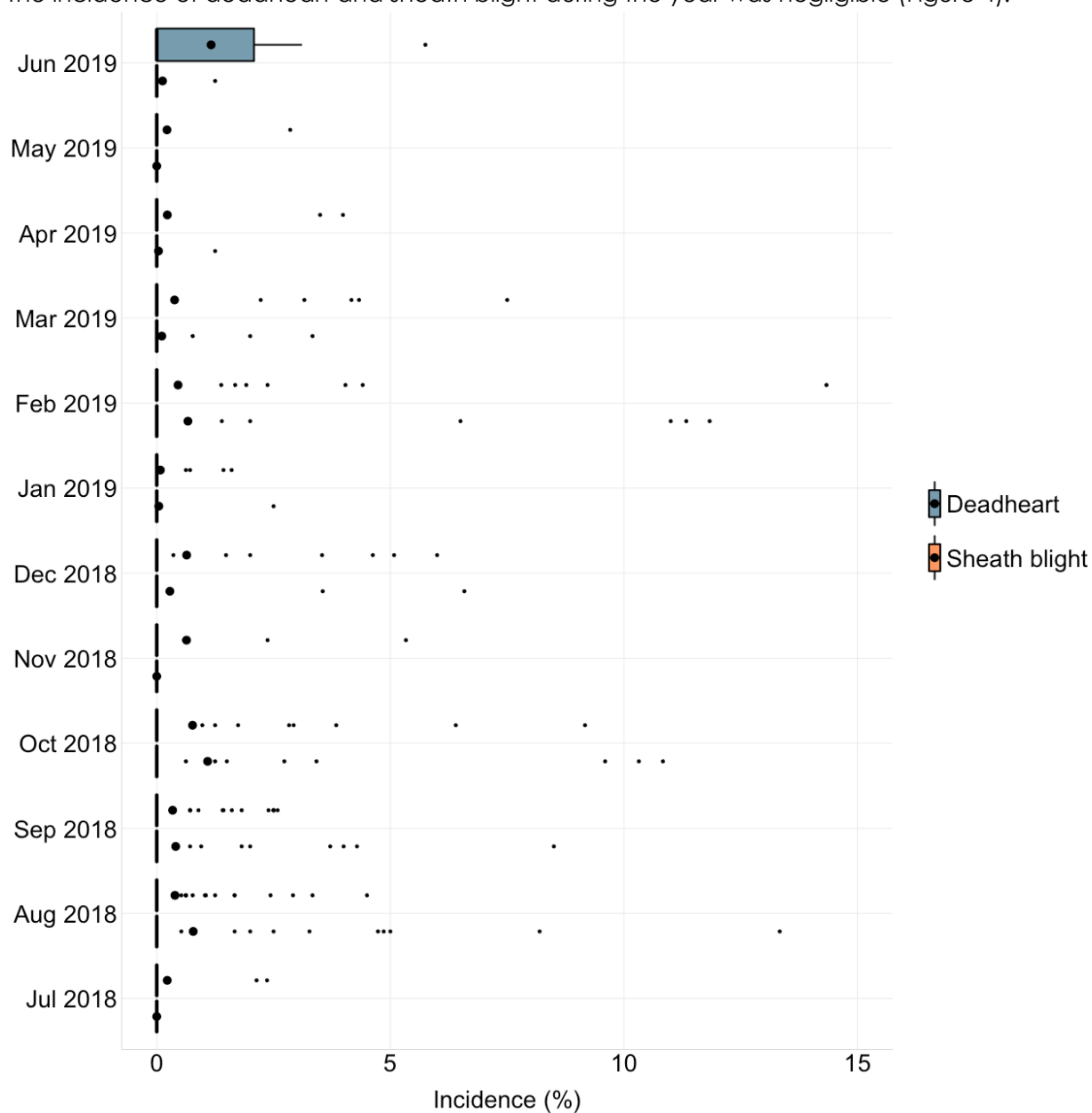


Figure 3. Incidence of deadheart and sheath blight in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

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### C. Insect pest injuries and diseases on panicles

The incidence of neck blast during the year was negligible (Figure 4). The incidence of whitehead was also negligible, except in October 2018, in which the mean incidence was 5%.

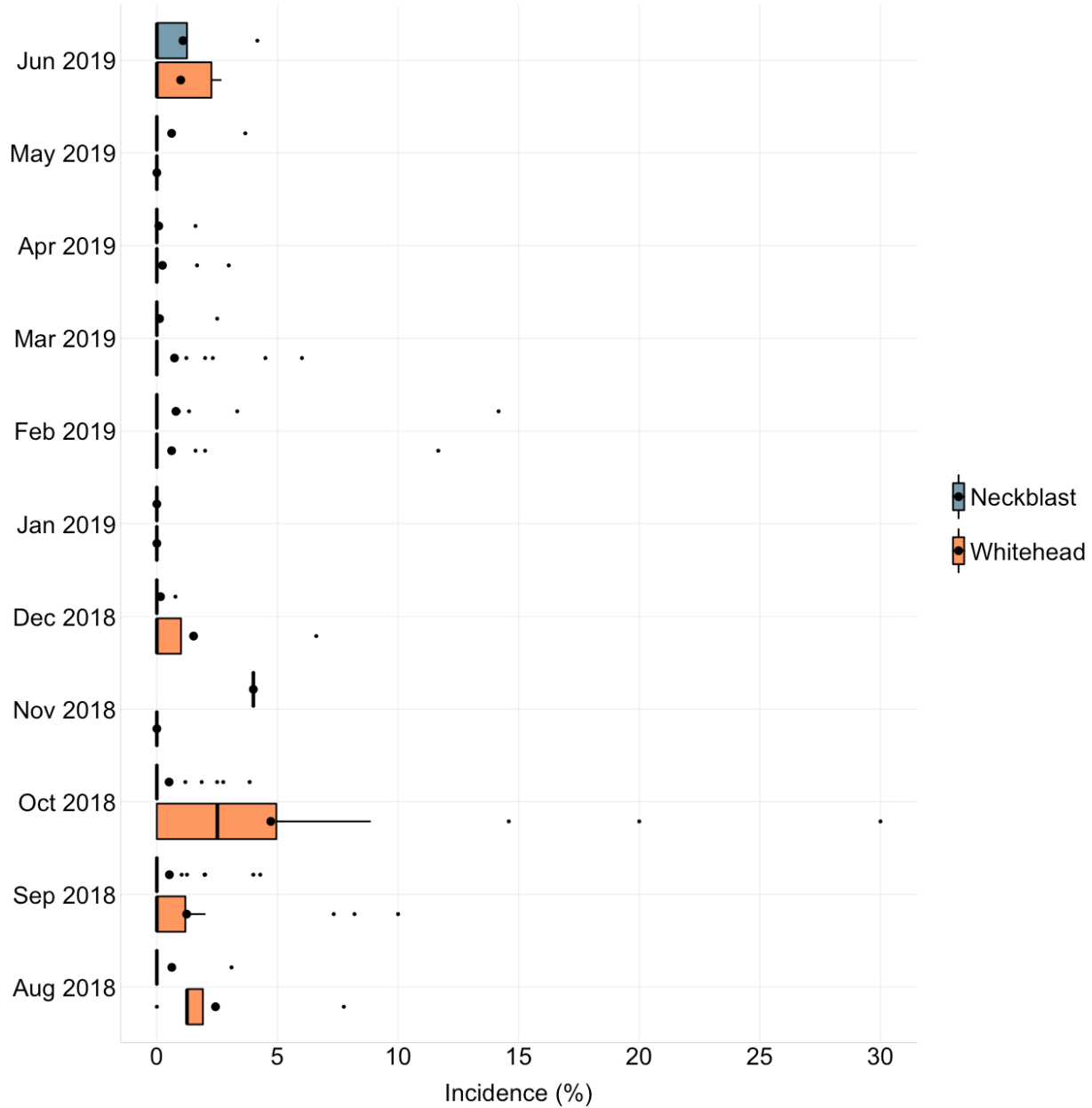


Figure 4. Incidence of neck blast and whitehead in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

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## D. Systemic insect pest injuries and diseases

Bugburn, hopperburn and tungro were not observed during the year (Figure 5).

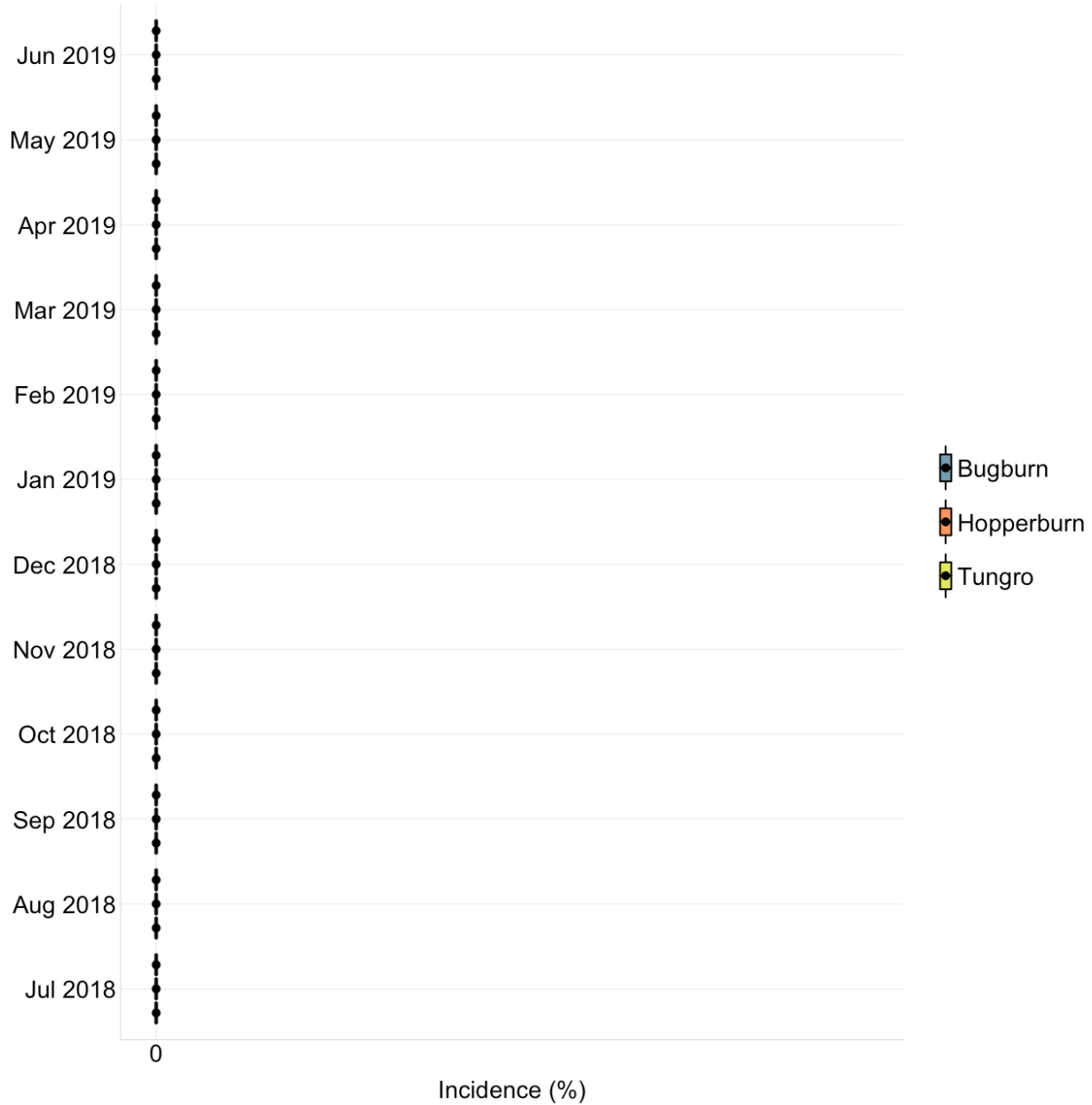


Figure 5. Incidence of bugburn, hopperburn and tungro in Region, July 2018 to June 2019

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## E. Insect count

The number of brown planthopper, green leafhopper, rice black bug and rice grain bug was negligible (Figure 6). More than 10 rice bugs per square meter were observed in some fields. However, it was not observed in majority of the fields, with median count of 0 in 11 months.

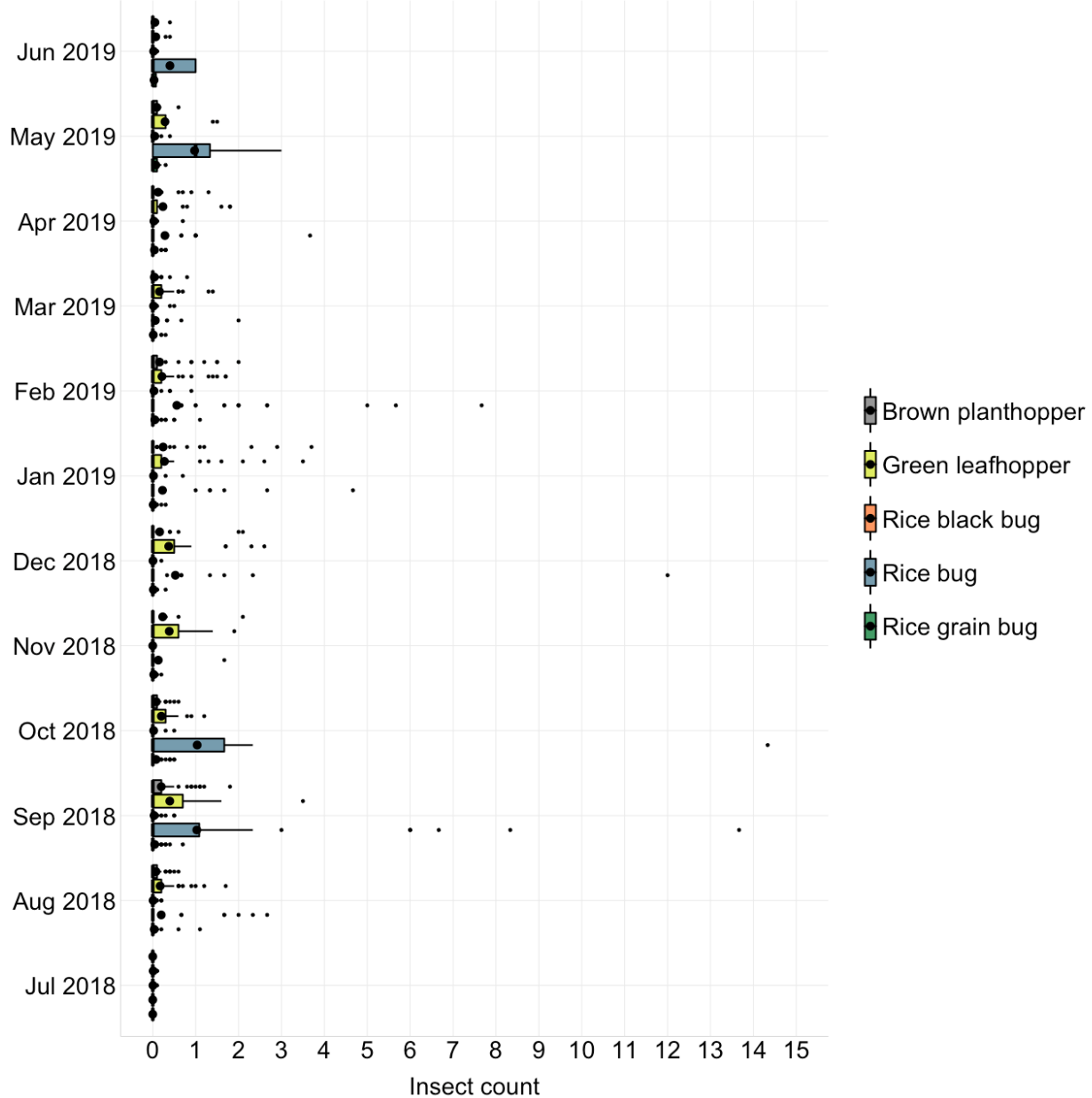


Figure 6. Count of insect pests in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

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## F. Rat injury

The incidence of rat injury during the year was negligible (Figure 7).

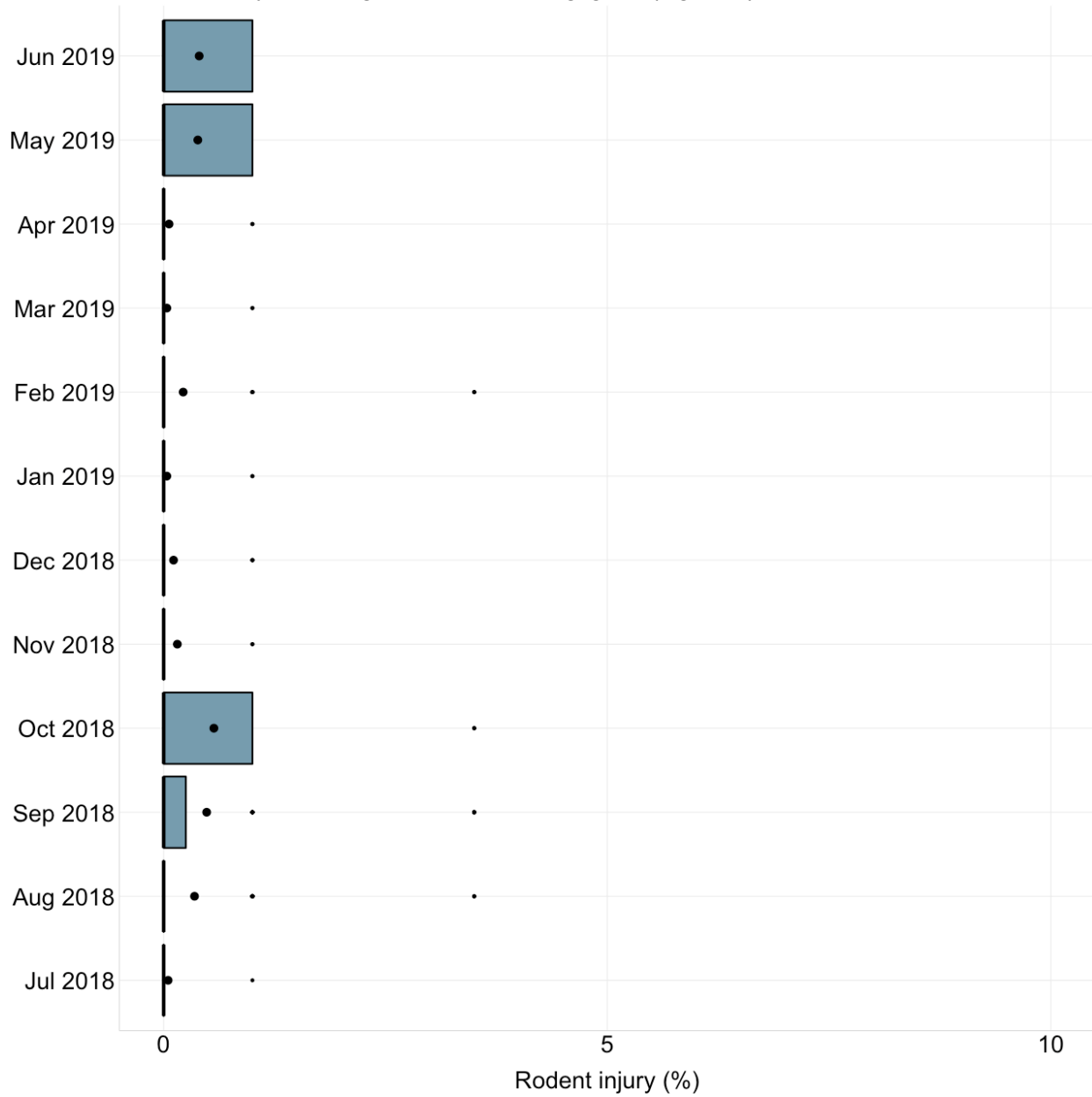


Figure 7. Incidence of rat injury in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

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## G. Weed cover

The highest mean percentage of weed cover was observed in November 2018 (6%) and May 2019 (5%), when most of the monitored fields were fallow. The level of weed cover was negligible when fields had standing crop.

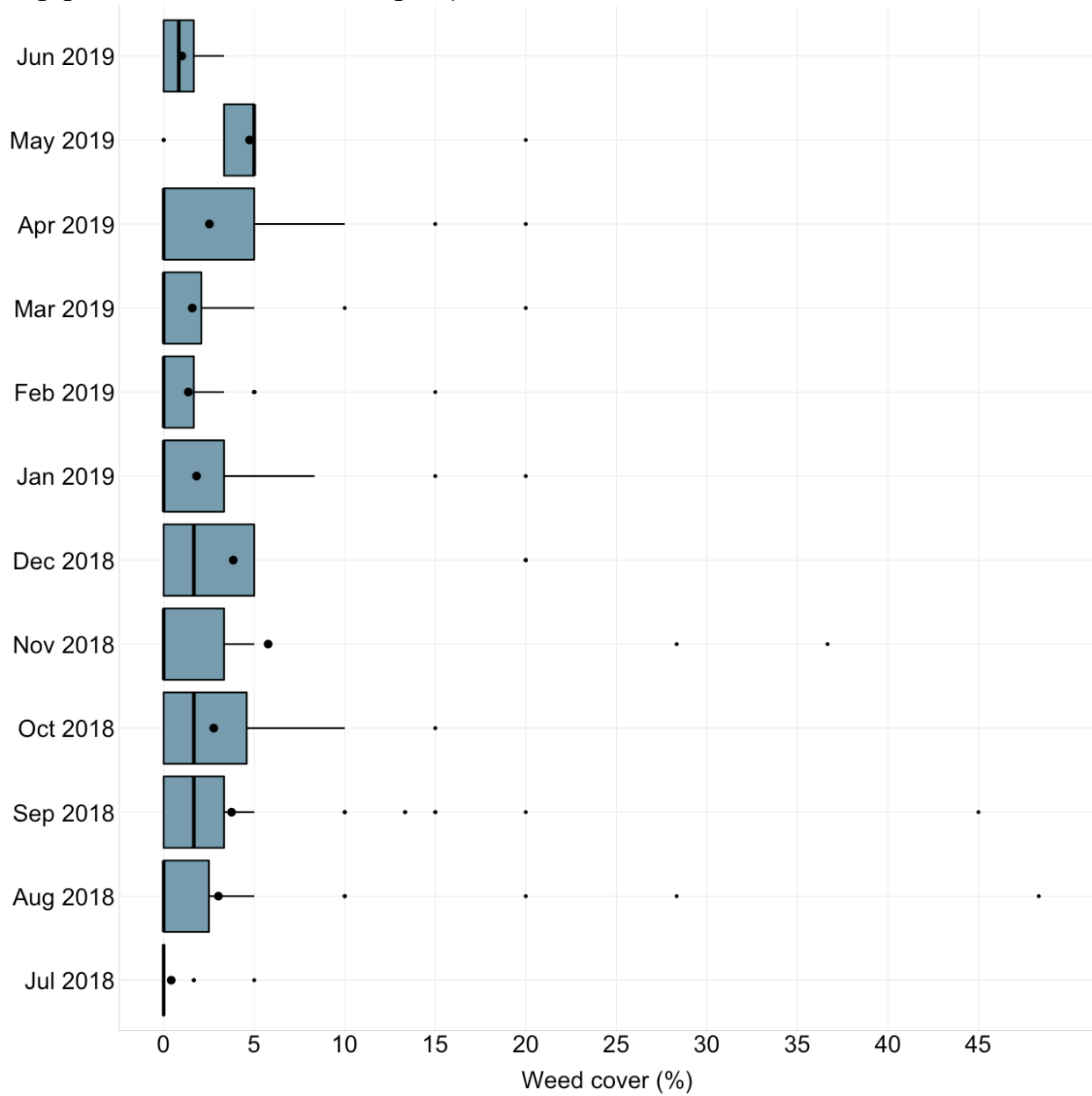


Figure 8. Percentage of weed cover in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

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# Management of major pests

This section describes the management of the most important pests during the reporting period. A pest is operationally considered important if the mean incidence of injury (for insect pests and diseases) or percentage of cover (for weeds) in at least one month was at least 5%, or in the case of insect pests, the count was at least 5 per square meter.

## Brown spot

1. The most practical and economical approach to manage brown spot is to grow a resistant variety.
2. When feasible, improve soil fertility by regularly monitoring nutrients in the soil, and the application of required fertilizers.
3. If possible, determine the occurrence of Akiochi, a nutritional disorder, in the field. Brown spot develops on plants affected by Akiochi and has, in fact, been used as its indicator. It is caused by excessive concentration of hydrogen sulfide in the soil and results in reduced nutrient uptake. Akiochi occurs in irrigated fields that are poorly drained and have excessive organic matter. Low decomposition of stubbles, which usually occurs in areas with short fallow period, results in high organic matter.
4. Use certified seeds or clean seeds. Brown spot is a seedborne disease which means that growing an infected seed will result in diseased plants during the cropping season. Seeds can be cleaned manually using flotation method which consists of the following steps:
  - a. Dissolve 1.5 kg salt in 40 liters of water.
  - b. Soak seeds in the salt solution.
  - c. Stir to float diseased, unfilled and broken seeds.
  - d. Remove floating seeds by hand or with a sieve.
  - e. Wash seeds 3 to 4 times with clean water.
  - f. Dry in the shade thoroughly before sowing.
5. The pathogen in the seeds can be eliminated by hot water seed treatment. This treatment is not recommended if seeds had been chemically treated or primed (pre-soaked to promote germination). It consists of the following steps:
  - a. Soak seeds for 1 to 3 hours in tap water.
  - b. Preheat water bath. To ensure uniform temperature in the container, the amount of water should allow seeds to move freely and constantly stir the mixture. Maintain temperature by adding room temperature water.
  - c. Prepare packets made of cheese cloth or nets and fill half of each packet with seeds.
  - d. Transfer and soak seeds in hot water bath (52 to 57°C) for 15 mins. Put weights to keep the seeds submerged. Constantly check the temperature.
  - e. Immediately remove and cool the seeds by washing with room temperature water.
  - f. Spread and dry the seeds in the shade completely before sowing.

A disadvantage of the hot water seed treatment is that it requires careful handling. However, it is more effective than fungicide treatment because fungicides may not penetrate the seed coat.

6. Use optimum seeding rate (e.g., 80 kg per hectare) for direct-seeded rice and optimum plant spacing (e.g., 20 cm x 20 cm) for transplanted rice. A dense plant canopy reduces sunlight penetration, increases leaf wetness duration and lowers temperature in the plant canopy, creating a favorable microclimate for disease development.

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7. Apply potassium and other required nutrients in addition to nitrogen. Potassium reduces the amount of most rice diseases.
8. Apply calcium silicate fertilizer or silicon fertilizer before crop establishment if the soil is deficient in silicon.
9. Apply fungicides, such as azoxystrobin, ready mixture of azoxystrobin and difenoconazole, and propiconazole, as foliar spray. Seeds may also be treated with fungicides, such as carbendazin and benomyl. Use fungicides as a last resort in controlling the disease. Pathogens become resistant to chemical pesticides if these are not used properly. Avoid repetitive use of a single active ingredient and mix or alternate an active ingredient with an appropriate partner. Integrate the use of chemical pesticides with cultural practices or non-chemical methods. Wherever feasible, several strategies should be used together.
10. If possible, irrigate the field continuously until one week before harvest. Do not drain the field for long periods because drought stress favors brown spot.
11. Remove alternate hosts in the field, such as *Echinochloa* spp. and weedy rice.
12. If harvested plants had severe disease, immediately plow or rotavate the field after harvest to incorporate infected stubbles and crop residues in the soil.
13. Dry grains immediately after harvest to moisture content of at least 14% .
14. Store grains in sealed containers with moisture content of at least 14%.

## Weeds

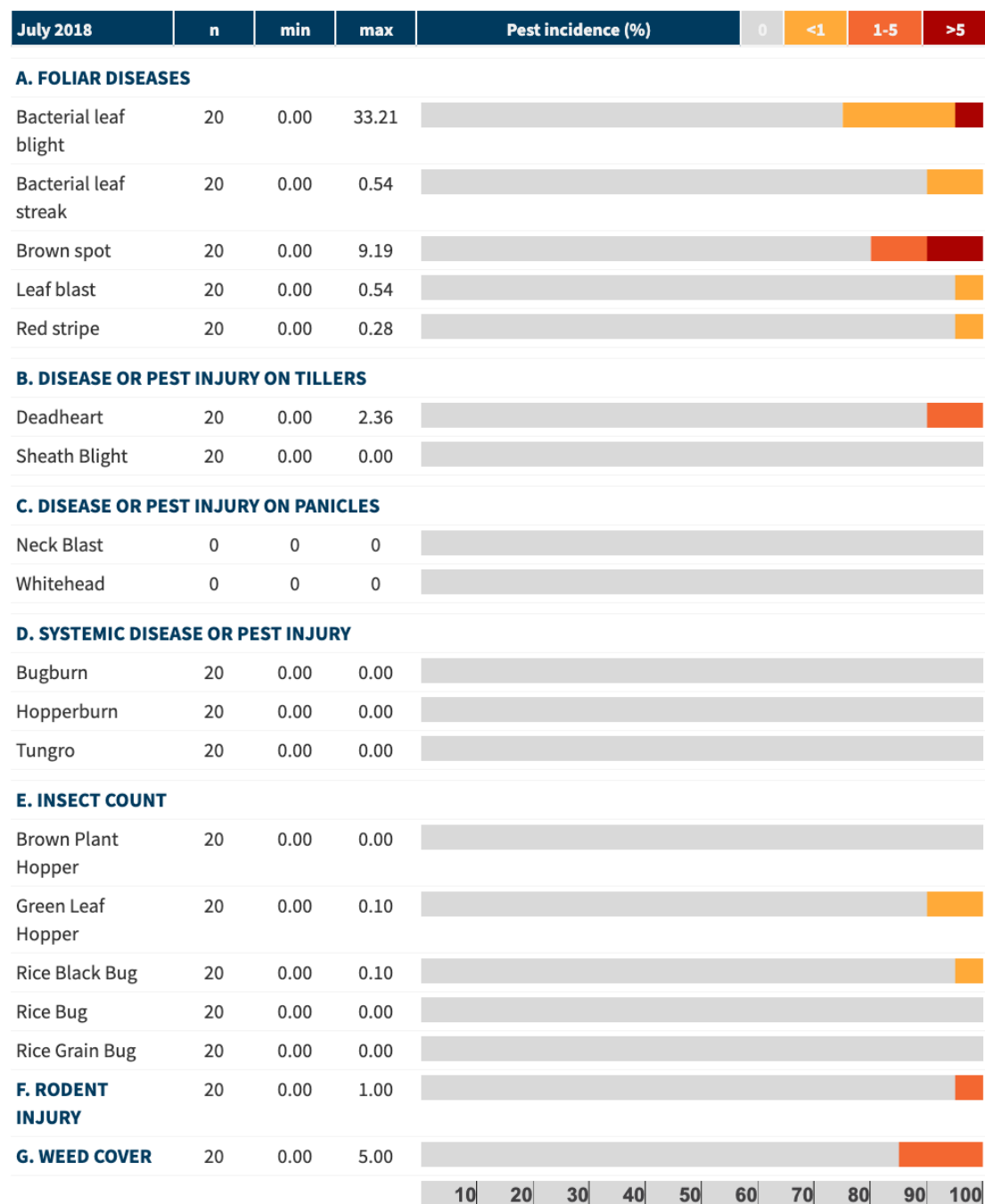
1. Plow and harrow the field several times before crop establishment. If feasible, start land preparation 3–4 weeks before planting.
2. If weedy rice is a problem, apply glyphosate before land preparation or seeding. The application of pretilachlor with fenclorim during final land preparation or levelling has also been reported to reduce weedy rice.
3. Practice stale seedbed technique. According to the IRRI Knowledge Bank (<http://www.knowledgebank.irri.org/step-by-step-production/growth/weed-management/stale-seedbed-technique>), this technique is done as follows:
  - a. Perform tillage operations. Plow, harrow, and level the field.
  - b. Stimulate weed emergence by light irrigation.
  - c. Irrigate the field at least two weeks before sowing.
  - d. Maintain enough soil moisture to allow weeds to germinate.
  - e. Kill the emerged seedlings using non-selective herbicides (e.g., glyphosate) or light cultivation.
  - f. If the soil condition is suitable for sowing, broadcast seeds without further tillage operations. Tillage could bring more weed seeds near the soil surface, thus promoting weed germination.
4. Level the field to ensure a constant water level. Avoid high spots where weeds can grow.
5. Apply pre-emergence herbicide (e.g., pretilachlor + fenclorim) 2–3 days after sowing. Follow recommended amount and timing of product and water condition in the field as indicated in the label. Do not use the same herbicide over long periods to prevent herbicide resistance.
6. If grass weeds are the main weed problem, apply early post-emergence herbicide.
7. Maintain a 2-5 cm water level in the field to minimize weed emergence. If water is sufficient, flood the fields until closure of the plant canopy.
8. Apply nitrogen fertilizer just after weeding to minimize rice-weed competition for nitrogen.

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9. If feasible, consider the use of biological control agents to suppress growth or reduce population of weeds.
10. If feasible, plow the field during fallow to kill weeds and prevent the build-up of weed seeds in the soil.

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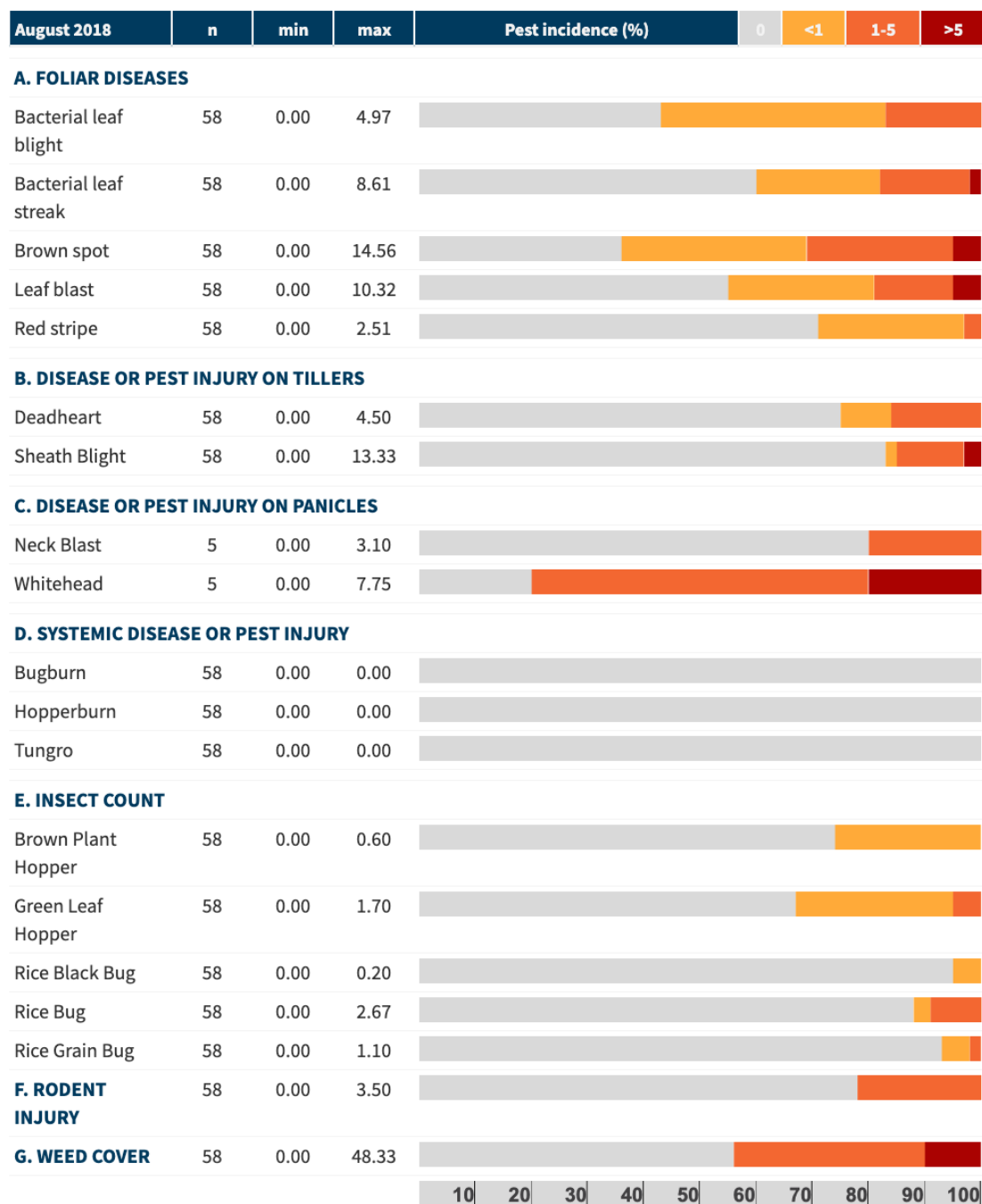
## Region V



Annex Figure 1. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in July 2018. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count, or weed cover.

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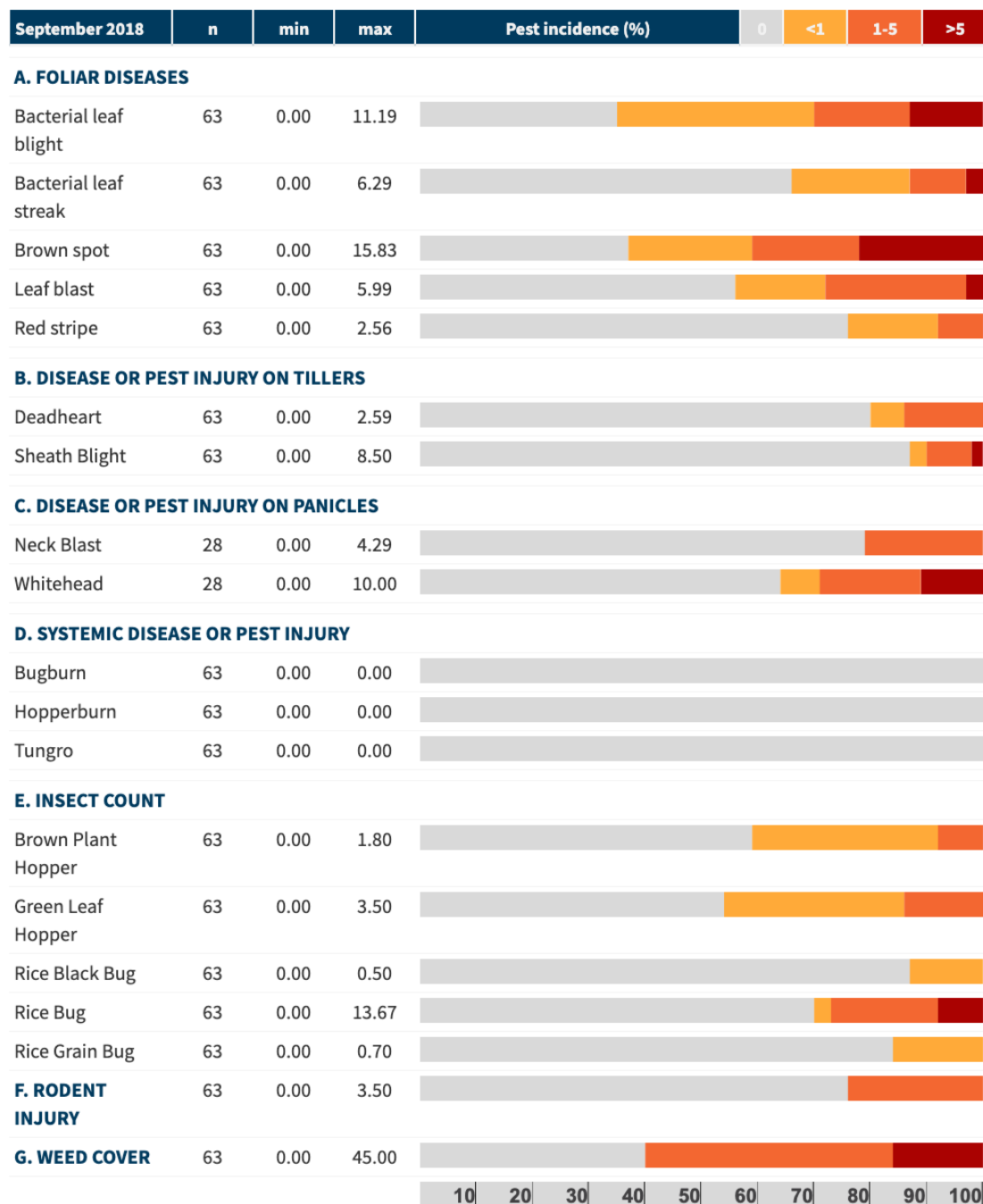


Annex Figure 2. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in August 2018. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count, or weed cover.

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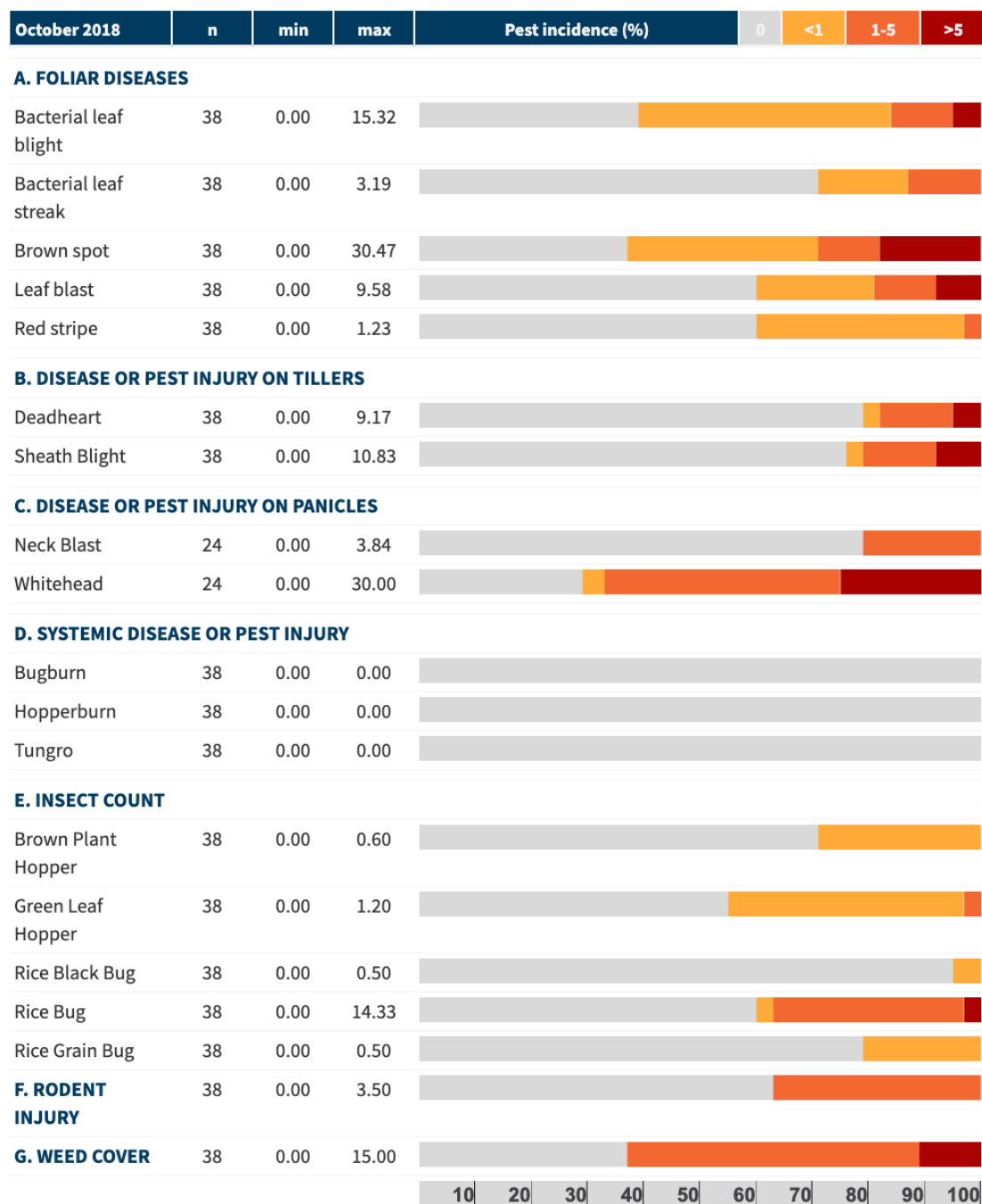
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Annex Figure 3. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in September 2018. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count, or weed cover.

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Annex Figure 4. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in October 2018. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count or weed cover.

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Annex Figure 5. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in November 2018. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count or weed cover.

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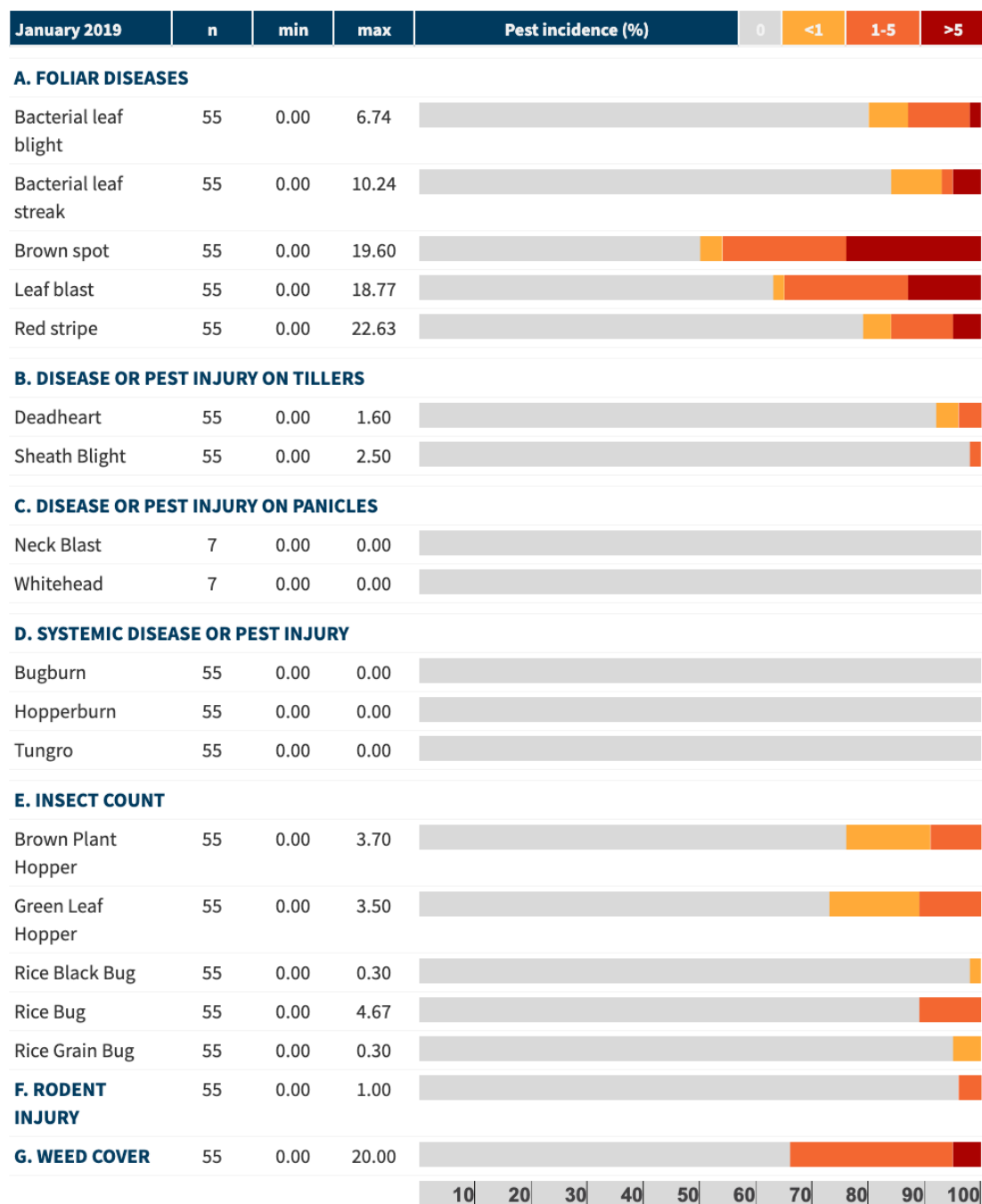
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Annex Figure 6. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in December 2018. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count or weed cover.

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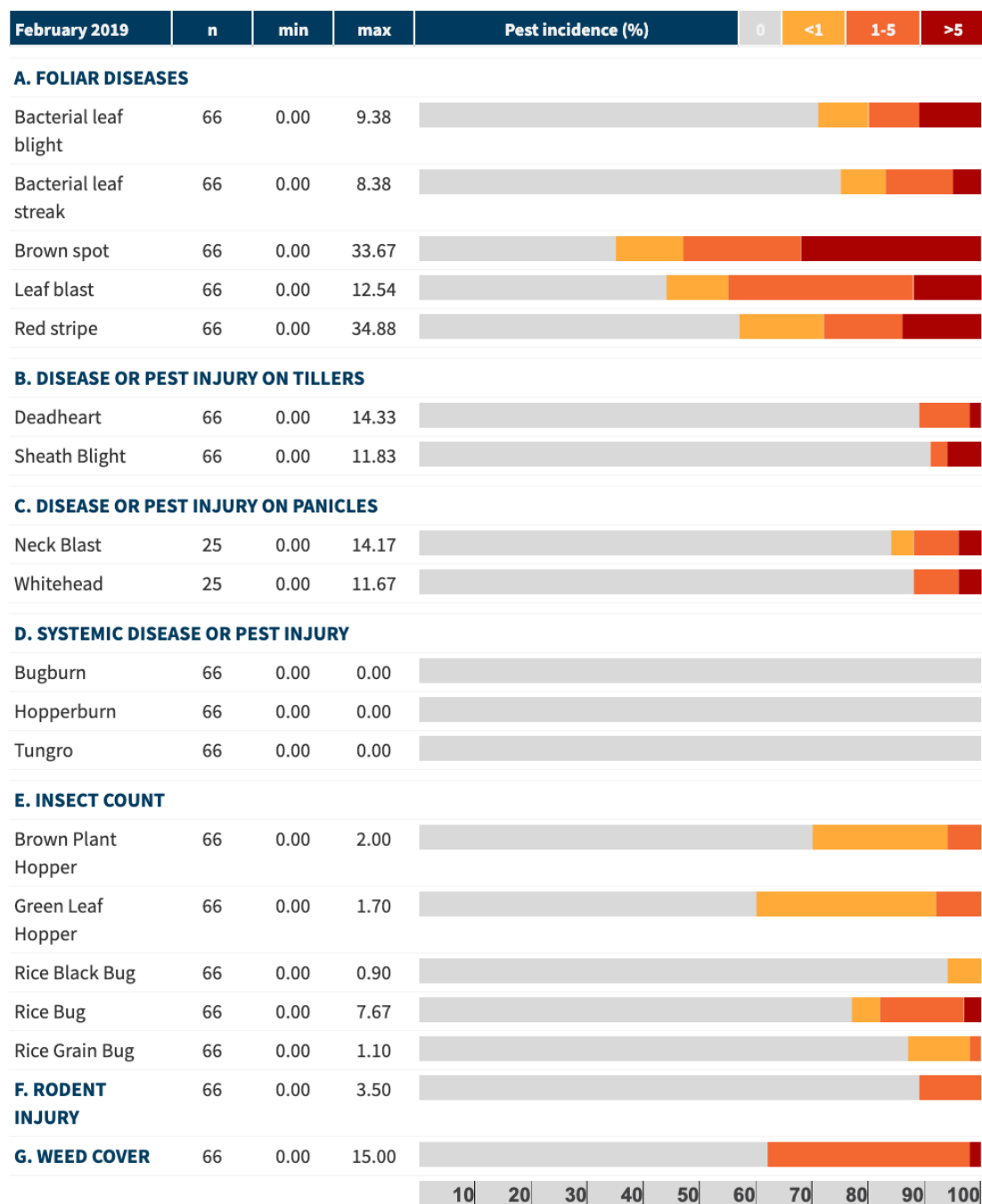
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Annex Figure 7. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in January 2019. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count or weed cover.

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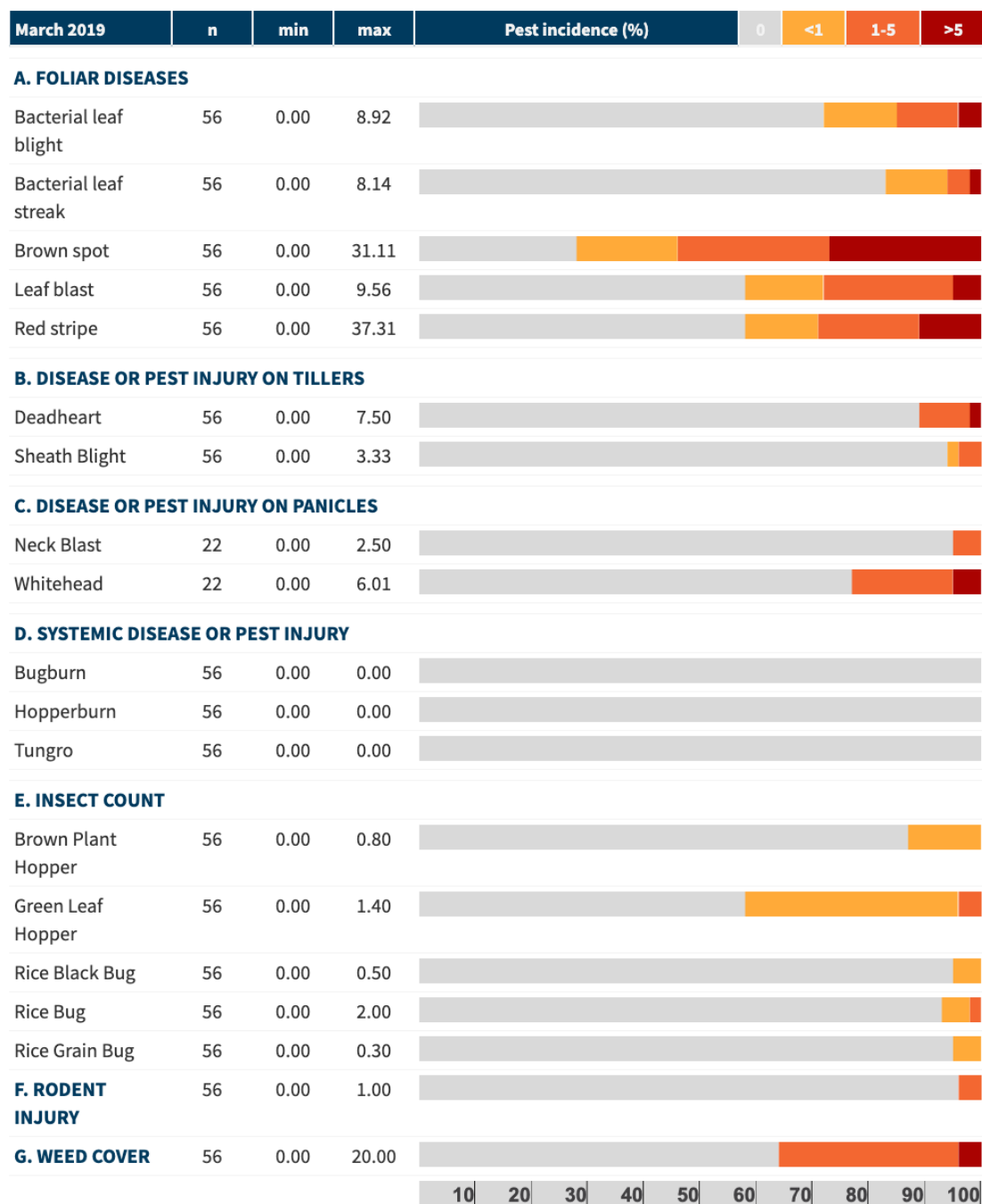
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Annex Figure 8. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in February 2019. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count or weed cover.

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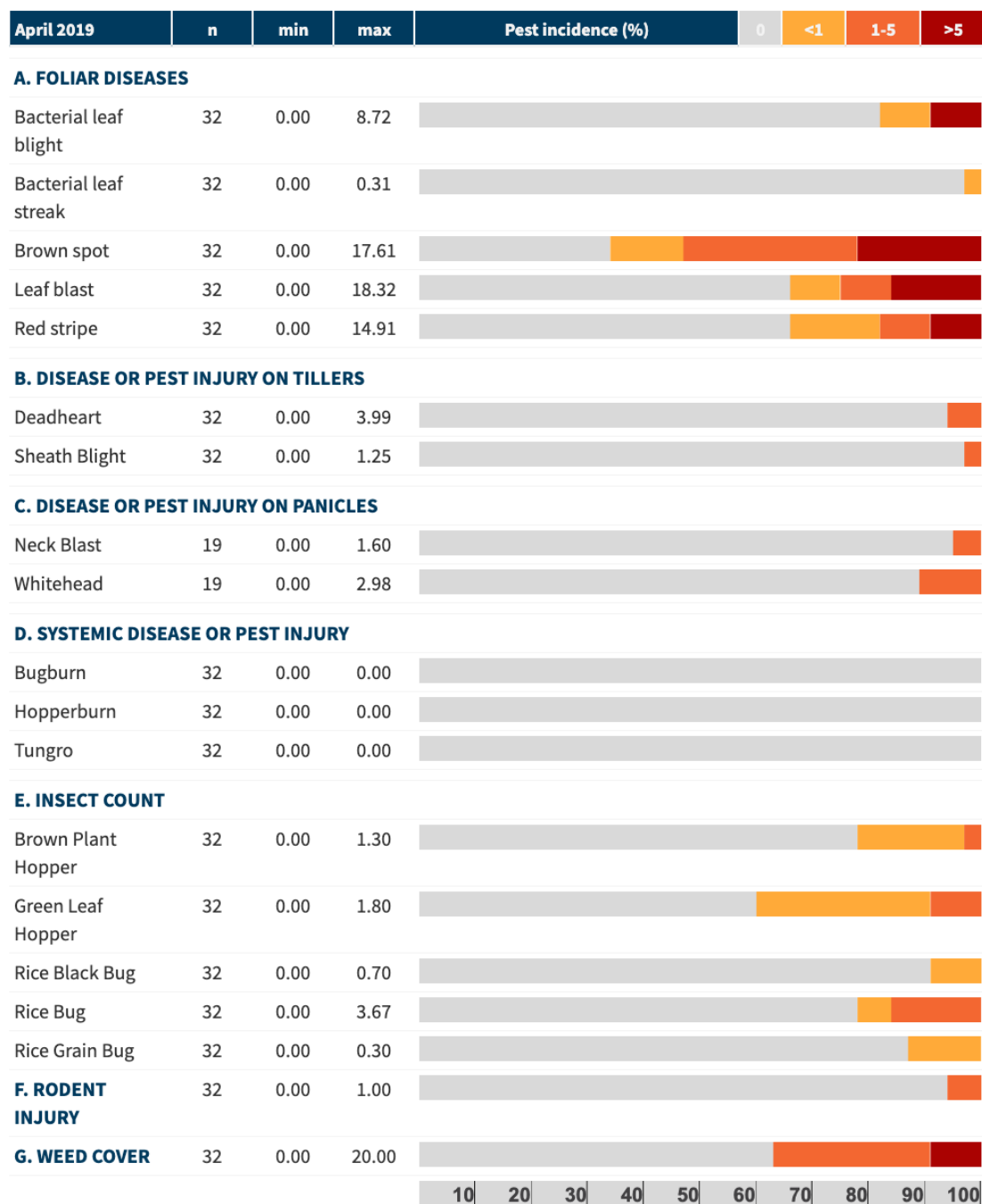
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Annex Figure 9. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in March 2019. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count or weed cover.

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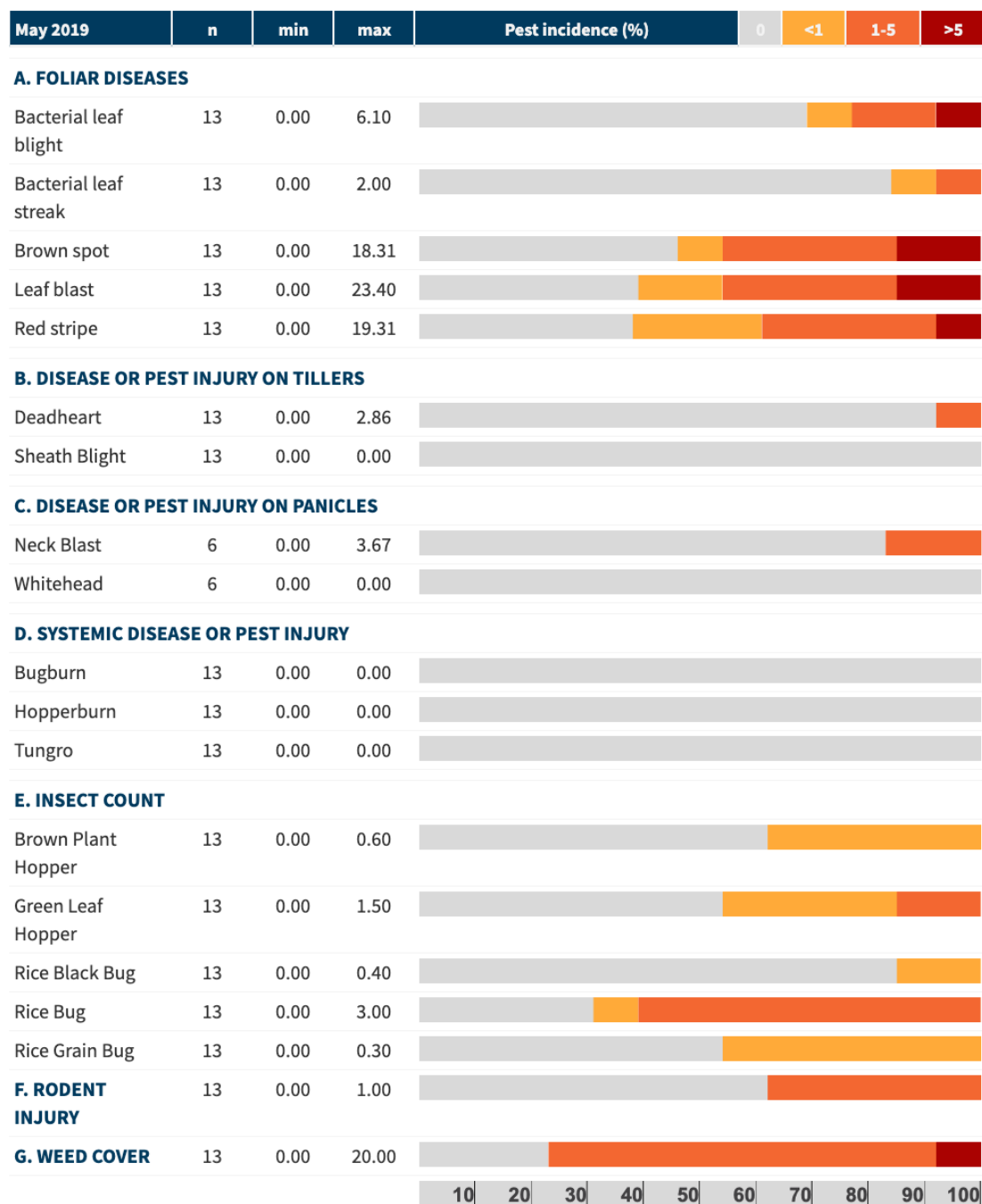


Annex Figure 10. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in April 2019. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count or weed cover.

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Annex Figure 11. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in May 2019. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count or weed cover.

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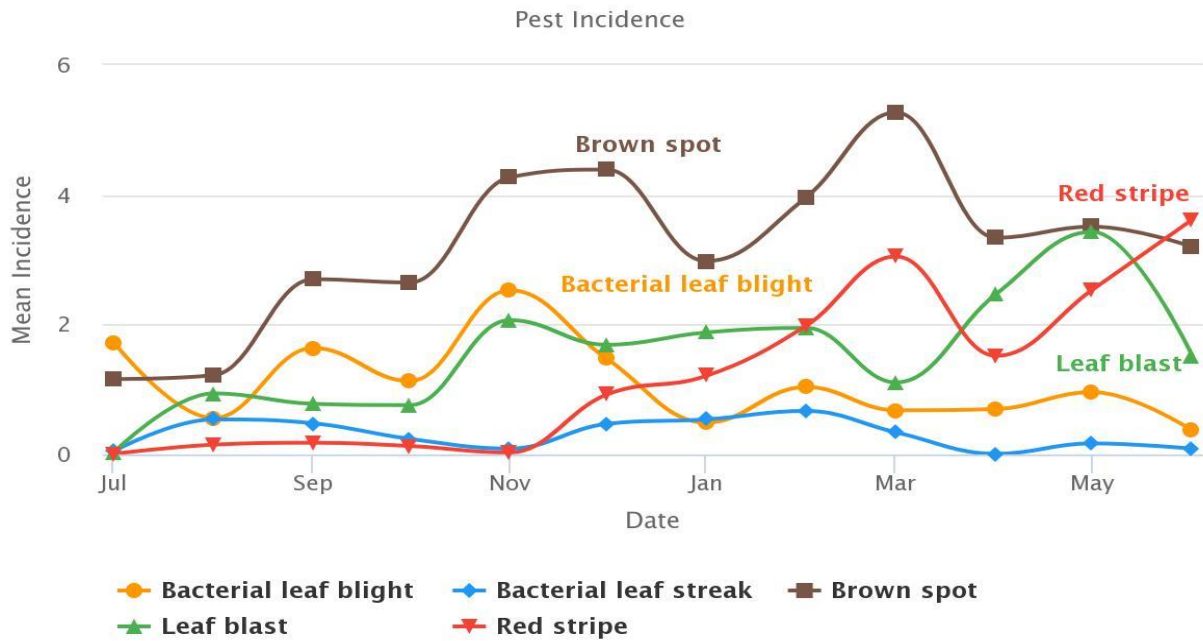
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Annex Figure 12. Incidence of pest injuries, count of insect pests, and weed cover in June 2019. Horizontal bar shows the proportion of fields in each range of pest injury incidence, insect count or weed cover.

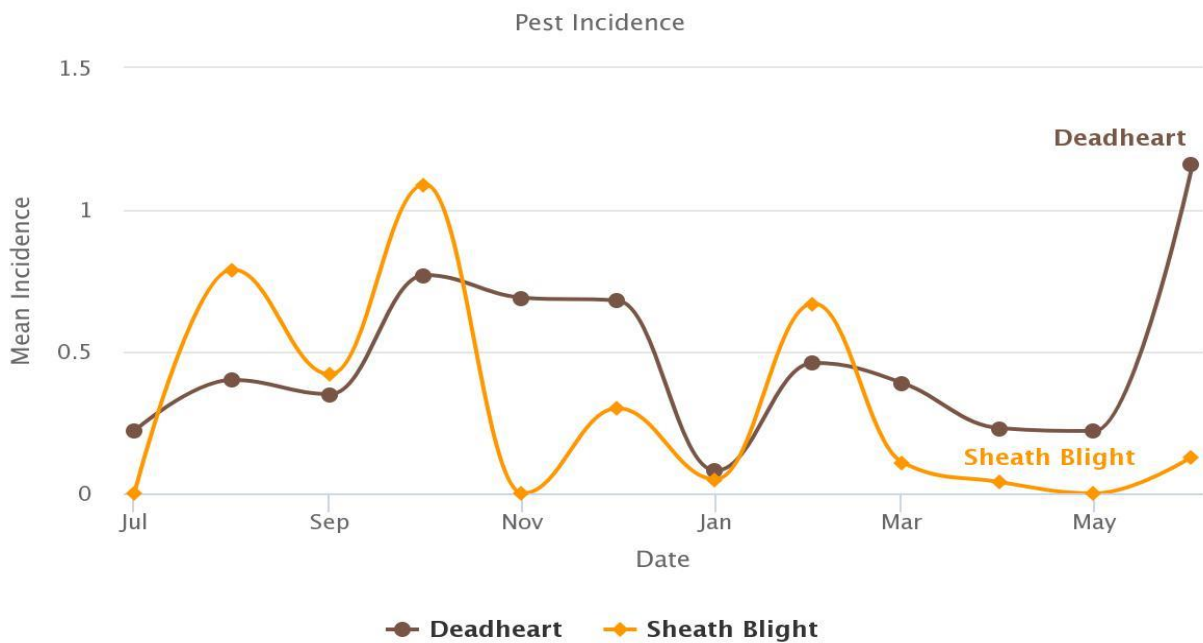
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## FOLIAR DISEASES



Annex Figure 13. Mean incidence of foliar diseases in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

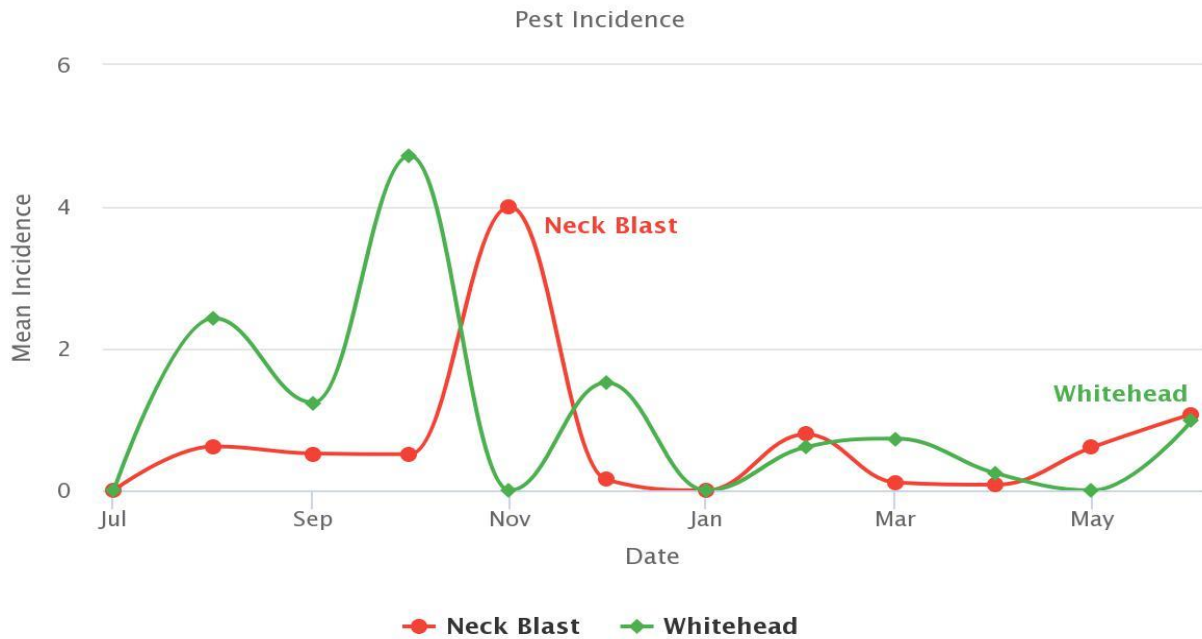
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Annex Figure 14. Mean Incidence of deadheart and sheath blight in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

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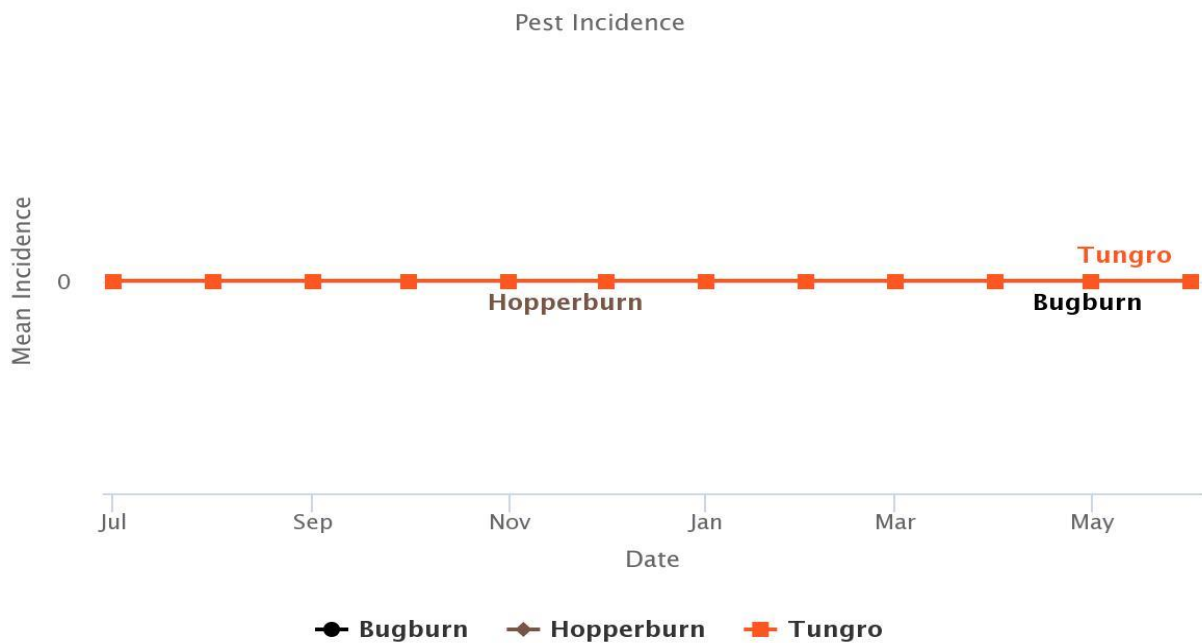
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Annex Figure 15. Mean incidence of neck blast and whitehead in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

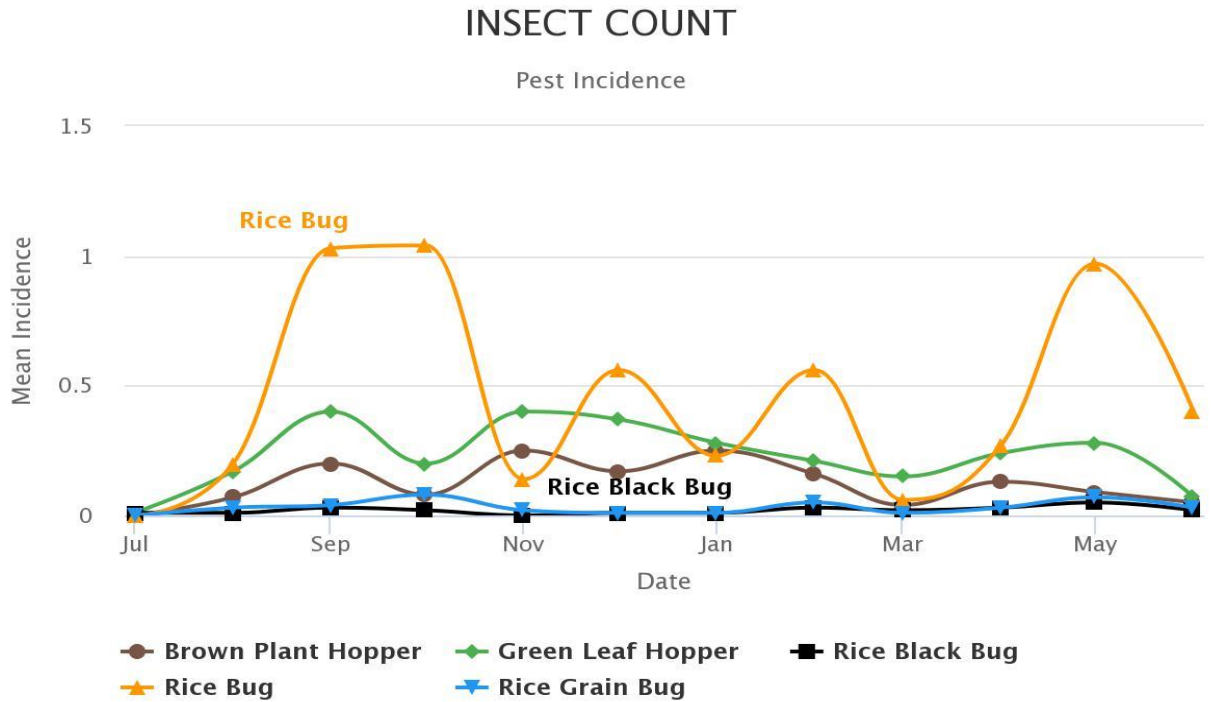
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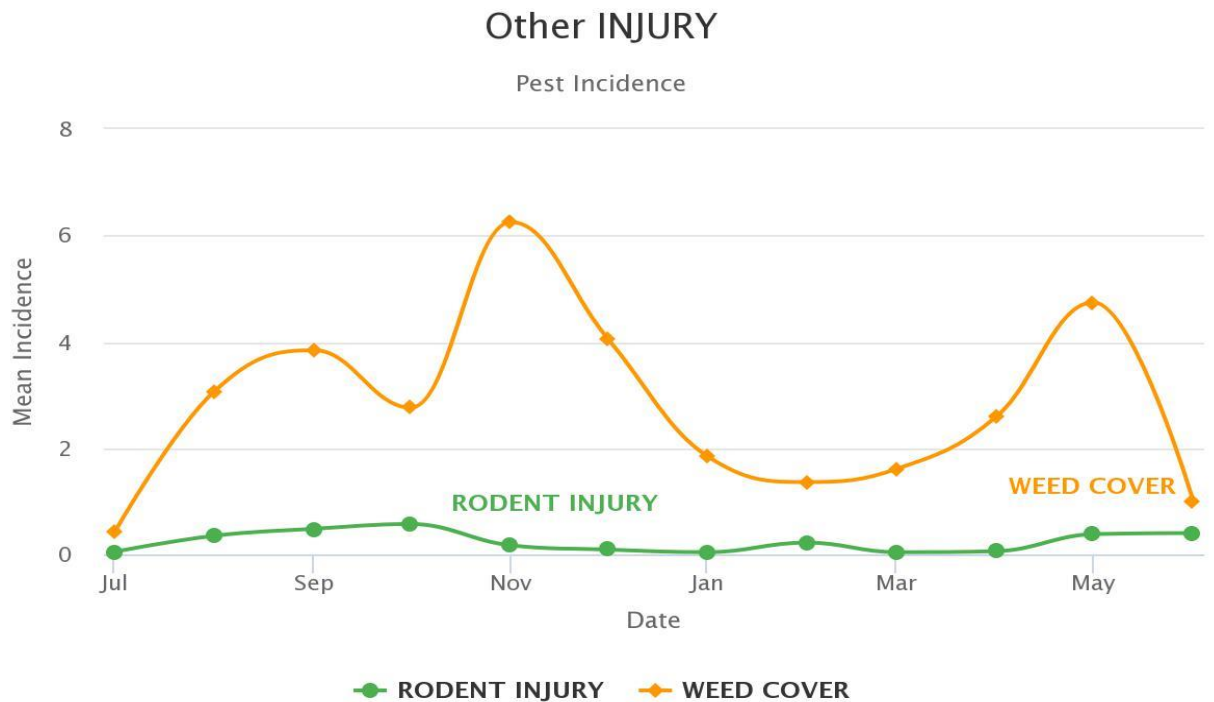
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Annex Figure 16. Mean incidence of bugburn, hopperburn and tungro in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

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Annex Figure 17. Mean count of insect pests in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.



Annex Figure 18. Mean incidence of rat injury and weed infestation in Region V, July 2018 to June 2019.

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