Feed the Future Innovation Lab for the Reduction of Post-Harvest Loss





Grab Samples from 2 Locations









Grain Storage Technologies -- Tanzania







Study of traditional and hermetic storage technologies (PICS bags, GrainPro) and dissemination of appropriate storage technologies at farm households.

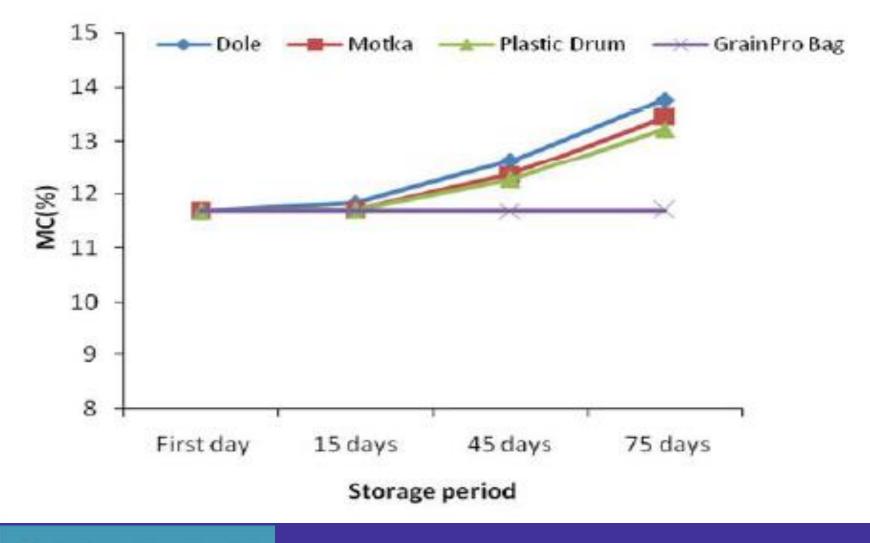




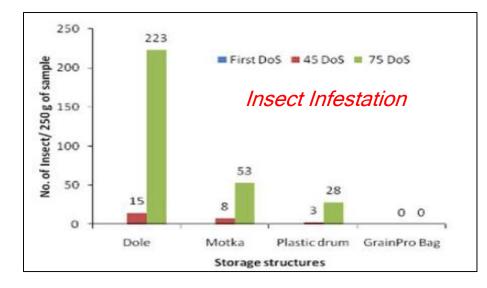


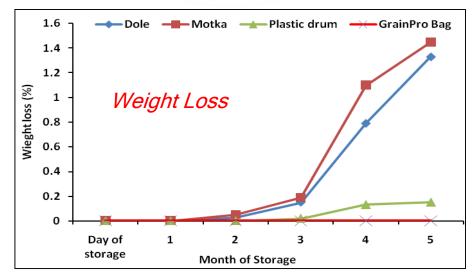
- Dole is most commonly used storage container (47.6%).
- > Plastic bags becoming popular among farmers due to low cost, light weight and availability.

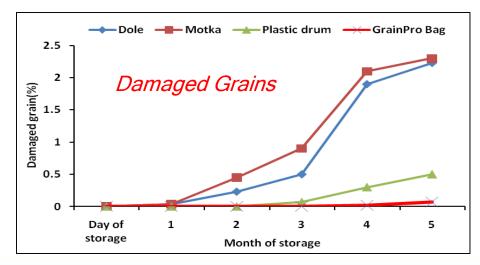


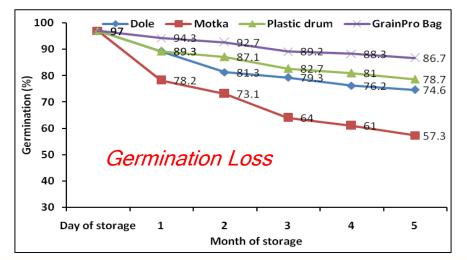












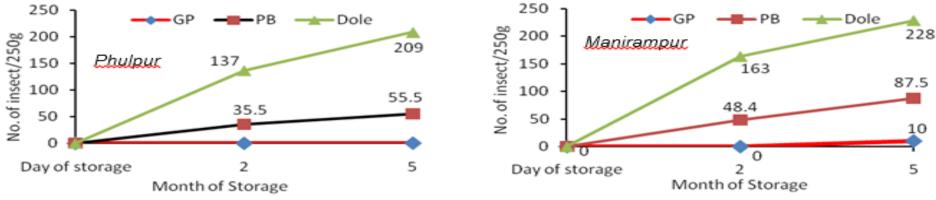


Fig. Insect infestation at different storage Technologies at farmers' level

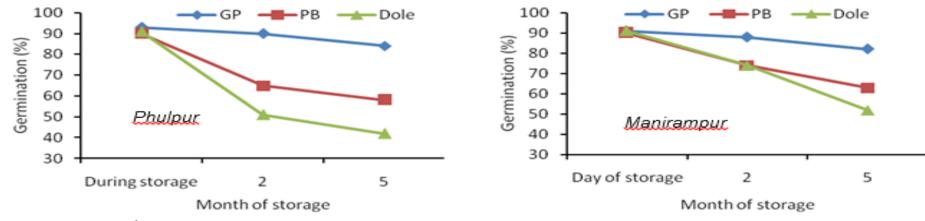


Fig. Germination (%) of stored paddy at different storage Technologies at farmers' level



Challenges

- > Damage by rodents is a big challenge
- > Few insects can also puncture the bag and penetrate inside
- > User training is necessary to properly seal the bags
- Availability and HIGH COST



Damaged GrainPro bag at farmers household.



PICS triple layer poly bag







On Going and Future Activities

Evaluation of financial parameters of identified storage technologies

Options for manufacturing hermetic bags in country

> Scaling up of selected storage technologies during Boro season















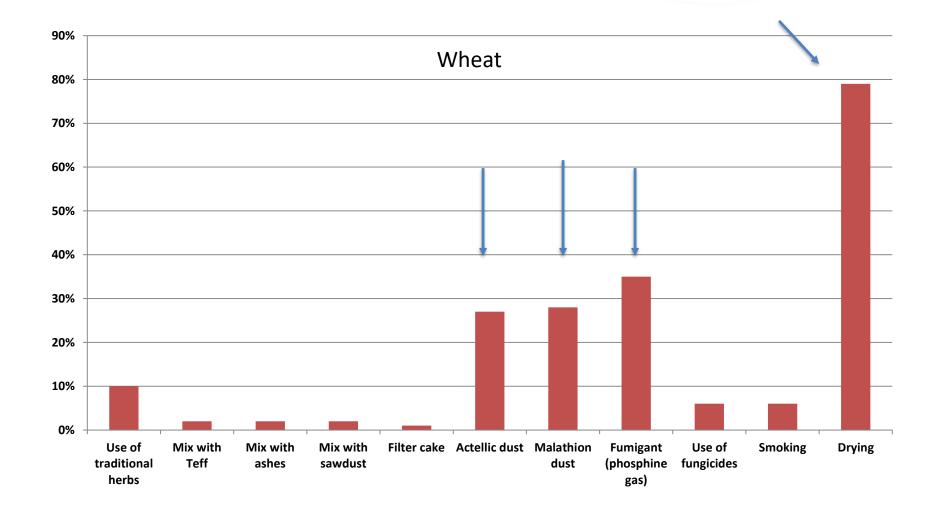




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Control methods used in storage





Estimated postharvest losses in wheat

| Harvest and postharvest stage | Wheat losses (%)* | n | Calculated estimates under two scenarios** | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----|---|--------------------|
| | | | No rain at harvest | Rain at harvest |
| Harvesting | 6.8 | 183 | 6.8 | 16.3 |
| Threshing | 3.5 | 178 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Cleaning | 2.1 | 175 | | |
| Packaging/bagging | 0.2 | 168 | | |
| Transportation (farm to storage) | 1.1 | 165 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Farm Storage | 2.7 | 180 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Transportation (storage to market) | 0.2 | 165 | 1 | 1 |
| Market storage | 0.1 | 166 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Milling/Crushing/Grinding | 0.4 | 172 | - | - |
| Total | 16.1 | | 17.9 | 24.6 |

*Calculated by SPSS; **Calculated by APHLIS calculator.







Warehouse Storage









Gundaa warehouse in Tamale (500 MT).



Weinco warehouse in Tamale (3750 MT).

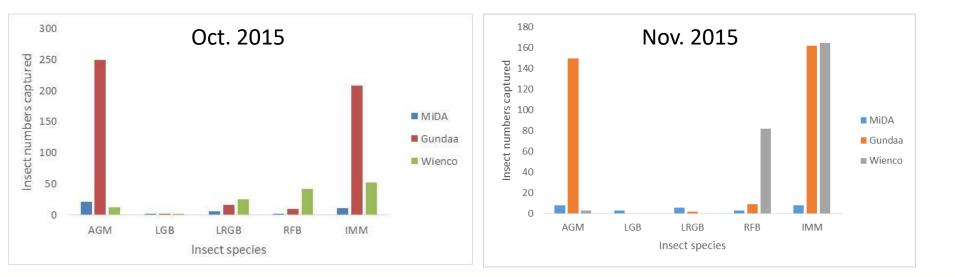


MIDI warehouses in Ejura (1500 MT).



Sticky and dome traps in warehouses







Monitor Warehouse Conditions



Measuring ambient temperature & relative humidity conditions during storage





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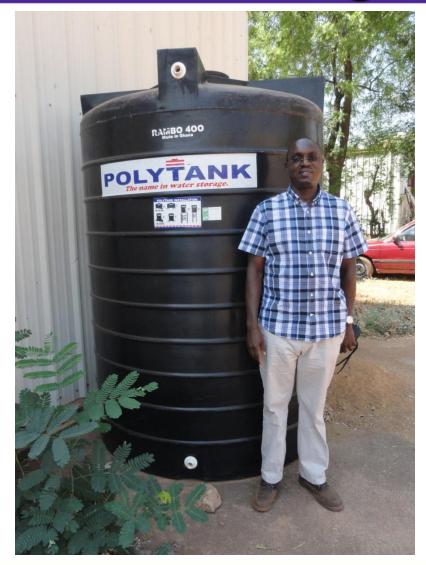
Warehouse Storage







Storage Tanks/Bins



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