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AND OF ACTELIC 50 EC ON
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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted at Eastern University during the period of April 1996 to July 1996 to evaluate the effect of powdered Gardenia bud and of Actellic on *Sitophilus zeamais* (Motschulsky).

All the treatments of Gardenia bud controled *Sitophilus zeamais* (Motsch) effectively.

However, the degree of Control varied significantly ($P < 0.01$) within the six (06) treatments.

Moreover, the Actellic treatment was more effective than the Gardenia bud treatment. Among the Gardenia bud treatment 1.6gms Gardenia bud powder/100gms of maize seeds and 1.2gms Gardenia bud powder/100gms of maize seeds was more effective than control.

Gardenia bud powder was effective throughout the experimental period of 03 months.

The Emergence rate of the *Sitophilus zeamais* (Motsch) treated with Gardenia bud powder was not significantly ($P < 0.05$) affected.

As the finding from this experiment indicated that 1.2gms Gardenia bud powder/100gms of maize seeds effectively controlled the attack of maize weevil on storage, this dosage may be recommended to prevent *S.zeamais* in storage.

Although, Actellic was found to be very effective, the insects may develop resistance to this insecticide and therefore, LAKKADA is considered as an alternative to Actellic.