

**Crop Protection : Pest of paddy****Rice skipper: *Pelopidas mathias*****Symptom of damage:**

- Edges of the leaves are fastened with webbing
- Backward rolling of leaves
- Larva feeds from margin to inwards

**Identification of Pest:**

- **Eggs:** are white or pale yellow and spherical. They are pearl-like in appearance.
- **Larva:** Larva is green, grown up larva is robust, yellowish green with four white dorsal stripes, smooth with a constricted neck and red 'V' mark on the distinct head
- **Pupa:** Light green with tapering ends
- **Adult:** Dark brown skipper butterfly with two white spots on the wings.

**Management:**

- Parasitoids and predators usually control skippers in nature in the field.
- Eggs of rice skippers are parasitized by small wasps. The orb-web spiders feed on the adults during flight.
- A nuclear polyhedrosis virus also infects skipper larvae.
- Drain the water and spray chlorpyrifos 20 EC 500 ml/ac.

**Transverse Folding of leaves****Larva****Adult**