Agricultural Beet

Insect Pest Alert

Several of the Agriculurists have observed insect pests that may be reaching an economic threshold in portions of sugar beet fields. Below are some pictures of insects to be aware of.



Alfalfa Caterpillar – Photo Credit Jared Kelm



Beet Webworm – Photo Credit Scott Thaden



Beet Armyworm – Photo Credit Scott Thaden

Economic Threshold – 10% defoliation and 2 larvae per plant. See defoliation damage in picture on right (photo credit: Scott Thaden).

Treatment decisions should be made on a field-by-field basis. <u>Do</u> <u>not tank mix insecticides with tin or copper fungicides</u>. These applications should be separated by three or more days to avoid potential leaf burn. For assistance with treatment decisions, contact your Agriculturist.



Product	Rate	Comments	PHI
Sevin XLR Plus	1.5 quarts	Bee Caution: Highly toxic, apply from late evening to early morning when bees are not foraging.	28 Days
Asana XL	9.6 oz/acre	Do not use in hot weather (85+)	21 Days
Mustang Maxx	4.0 oz/acre	Do not use in hot weather (85+)	50 Days

Always consult the product label for specifics on application rates and timing the table above is simply a guideline.



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