

Western Bean Cutworm Pheromone Network

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Pheromone Trap Network ¹ Report for 2020-08-01

This is a weekly summary and field risk-level prediction for western bean cutworm (WBC) infestation in dry bean. Western bean cutworms are difficult to scout effectively in dry beans. Therefore, we use pheromone traps to give us an estimate of risk of infestation. The average cumulative number of moths/field/day should be calculated from moth emergence to peak. The data in Table 1 below show the cumulative number of moths captured to date, averaged over 4 Smart Traps per field. The map on the second page will provide you a snapshot of what the WBC risk looks like on a regional basis. You can zoom in on the map on a computer to see more detail.

- If the cumulative catch at the peak of the moth flight is < 700 per trap, risk of significant damage is **low**
- If 700-1,000 moths per trap, the risk is **moderate** and additional sampling information will be needed to reach a decision
- If > 1,000 per trap, damage risk is **high**.

If an insecticide application is required, it should be applied 10-21 days after peak moth flight. Current average cumulative catch across the sample region is 58.28 total moths per trap.

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Table 1: Average Cumulative Counts of Western Bean Cutworm Per Field

Grower	Field	Catch	Risk
Busch (Kelley)	Mitchell South	23.75	low
Ensz (Jack's Beans)	Paxton	24.33	low
Meisner (New Alliance)	Solar farm	96.25	low
Peterson (New Alliance)	Gering	75.25	low
Peterson (New Alliance)	Sioux	93.00	low
Pieper (Kelley)	Hay Springs	39.25	low
Relka (Trinidad)	Rifle Sight	89.50	low
Schaneman (Trinidad)	stonegate	83.75	low
Unger (Jack's Beans)	Hays Center	21.00	low
Wurdeman (Kelley)	morrill east	36.75	low

WBC Dry Bean Survey

