

FALL ARMYWORM TRAPPING

TRAP DATES
July 30-Sept. 17

INSTRUCTIONS

Fall Armyworm

Spodeoptera frugifera

Trapping Supplies:

- 1 green bucket trap and 1 hanging wire
- 2 pesticide strips (1 per trap per month)
- 2 pheromone lures (1 per trap per month)

Trap Type: The green bucket trap used to monitor true armyworm (TAW) moths can be converted to a fall armyworm (FAW) trap on July 30. Remove the TAW lure basket and replace it with a new basket (or a FAW basket used the previous year) and a FAW rubber lure. Change disposable gloves when handling the lures to avoid contamination.

Keep unused lures in freezer. Fall armyworm trapping runs seven weeks, until Sept. 17.

Trap Placement: Traps can be placed near corn, small grains, pastures, or a field with a grass cover crop. The trap is suspended from a post, metal stake, or tree branch (unobstructed by foliage) using the hanging wire. Traps should be set 4-5 feet off the ground. Select a site away from flowering vegetation to avoid bee bycatch. Use the **DATCP Insect Trap Networks Survey123 app** to enter your trap site information.

Monitoring: The weekly trapping period is Thursday to Wednesday. Check the trap once per week (Tuesday or Wednesday morning) and more often if large numbers of moths are appearing. Count, record, and remove any moths and bumble bees in the trap. The moths can be discarded. Refer to the bumble bee bycatch sheet if a bee is found in the trap.

Reporting: Set traps on July 30. Change the trap lure and red Vaportape strip one time, on September 3. Please report weekly moth counts by 11 a.m. each Wednesday using the Insect Trap Networks Survey123 app. Counts are posted online by 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays.



Fall armyworm moth



Green bucket trap



Fall armyworm larva



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