
2008 INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

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Corn

I am finding various caterpillars in the non-Bt corn. Most of these are fall armyworms and are not at damaging levels. You will notice the “shot hole” appearance of leaves that are fed upon. Corn earworm and fall armyworm moths deposit eggs on leaves. Newly hatched larvae begin to feed in the whorl. Larval feeding will cause the leaves to appear ragged, but insecticide treatments are seldom recommended and economical control is seldom achieved. The fall armyworm can be identified by the four black dots on the rear of the worm forming a square.



Fall Armyworm

Picture by Stephen Biles

Grain Sorghum

Dr. Tom Isakeit has issued a bulletin on sorghum downy mildew symptoms. I have included this with this newsletter. In order to monitor fungicide resistance, contact me if a field is showing downy mildew symptoms.

Cotton and Soybeans



Cotton and soybeans are emerging and still being planted. No insect pests have been found to date. Keep watching for thrips in the cotton using an economic threshold of 1 thrips per true leaf up to 5-6 true leaves.