Pest Prevention Focus: Fall Armyworm

PowerCore® Enlist® corn's pyramid of Bt traits helps control some of the most problematic above-ground pests in corn. This month, learn more about the impact fall armyworm can have on corn crops.



Pest:

Fall armyworm

Scientific name:

Spodoptera frugiperda

Fall armyworm distribution

There are one to three generations of fall armyworm per year in northern states and five or more generations per year in southern states.



Damage from fall armyworm:

southern Canada.

- · Larvae feed on leaves in whorls, resulting in potentially serious defoliation.
 - · Considerable frass (excrement) can be apparent.
 - · Late-planted corn is often more susceptible.
- · Larvae feeding on plants at silking stage can destroy tassels and leaves.
- Larvae feed on developing kernels in ears.



Fall armyworm leaf injury¹



PowerCore Enlist corn helps reduce fall armyworm leaf injury by approximately 90% over non-Bt corn.

Yield impact:

- · Leaf-feeding damage can lead to corn yield reductions of 7% to 45%, as observed in 100% infestations.
 - Insecticides for non-Bt corn are recommended at 75% infestation.
- A loss of just 3 kernels per ear results in a 1 bu/A loss in yield.

With its potentially significant impact on corn yields, fall armyworm is a pest farmers will want to control in their fields. PowerCore Enlist corn's pest protection can help them do that.

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In next month's Pest Prevention Focus, we'll cover the effect of southwestern corn borer.

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