Pepper Pests

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Pepper pests

• ‘Worms’ inside fruit
  – European corn borer (key pest)
  – Fall armyworm (occasional)
  – Corn earworm (occasional)
  – Beet armyworm (new)

• Other pests
European Corn Borer

- Key pest of bell peppers
  - Bore into fruit
  - Quality loss
  - Yield loss
European Corn Borer

- Also infests non-bell peppers

jalapeño  cayenne  cherry
Other caterpillars

- Fall armyworm
- Corn earworm
- Beet armyworm
Beet Armyworm

- Pepper & tomato
- Leaves & fruit
- Scout for window-paning on upper youngest leaves
- Green, usually striped, 1 1/4”
- A southern pest, usually not in Ohio
- Abundant at some sites in Ohio 2004
Occasional Pests: Early summer leaf feeders

- Cutworms
- Potato flea beetle
- Spotted cucumber beetle
- Pale-striped flea beetle
Occasional Pests in Mid- to Late-summer

- Aphids
- Stink bugs
- Pepper maggot
- Cyclamen mite
- Hornworms
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- Usually feed first on leaves
- Can feed on surface of fruits
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