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Beet Armyworm Alert

On Friday, July 29, 2005, I was called to a field N.E. of Colorado City to look at damage from worms. While checking, the producer and I found that over 60 % of the worms were Beet Armyworms. The worms were ½ to ¾ inch in length. This field had been previously sprayed twice for Boll weevils. Another field adjacent to this one field had Beet Armyworm on one end of the field, but not the other end. Fortunately, other fields were not infested with Beet Armyworms or Bollworms. I then went to the S. E. Corner of Scurry county near Hermleigh and checked a couple of fields with another producer. In one field there was feeding damage to leaves and terminals. Again, we found Beet Armyworms. Producers with fields around Colorado City, Loraine, and north and east to Wastella, Inadale, Dunn, and possibly Snyder may want to look at their fields closely for Beet Armyworms. Everyone should be watching for Beet Armyworms.

If chemical treatments are needed for Beet Armyworm infestations, pyrethroids **will not** be as effective as other chemicals, such as Steward (10 oz./ac), Tracer (2.5 oz./ac), or Intrepid (4 to 10 oz/ac).

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Worm infestations have predominately been Bollworms to date, but be aware that Beet Armyworms may be present.