

**Fall army worms rearing their ugly heads throughout the US.....and Nebraska
August 31, 2021**

Many of you may recall the devastating outbreak of Fall army worms in Nebraska decades ago. Well, put your tray tables on the upright and locked position and fasten your seat belts! Egg masses (40 in one yard) have been found in Lincoln and moths are flying abundantly in Omaha. Feeding should begin in the next couple of days and continue for a while. They feed on ryegrass, fescue, bentgrass and bluegrass. They normally are isolated to the southeastern region of the US and move north in storms. The abundance of weather events has brought them to Nebraska.



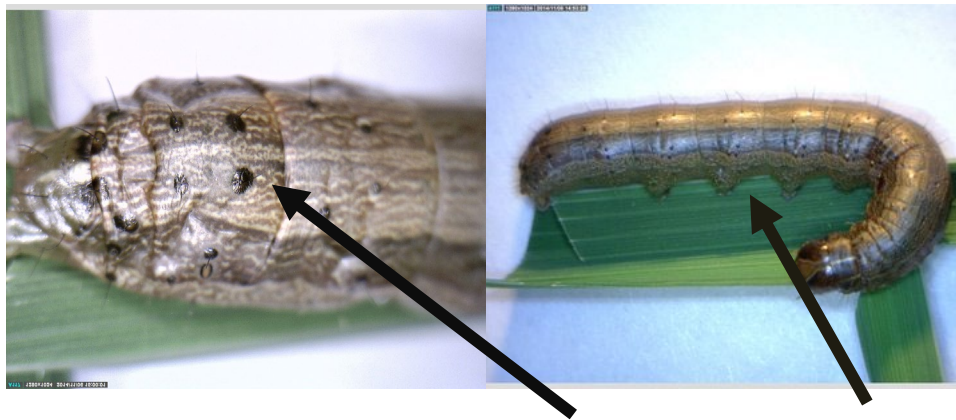
Female Fall Armyworm Moth

Egg masses found in Lincoln, August 30.

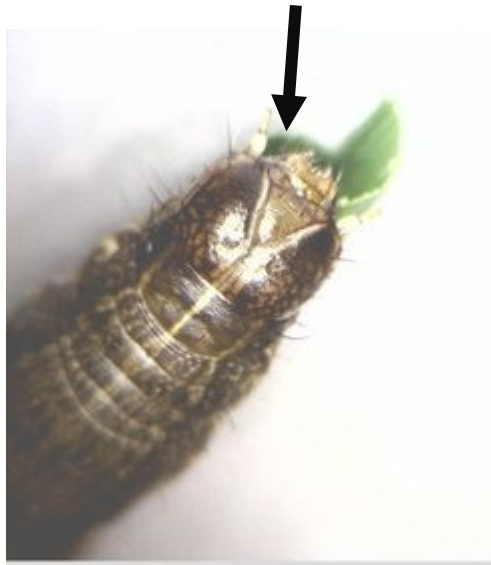
Moth image courtesy of Jody Green. Egg mass image provide by homeowner.

Social media has been trending with army worm information. For a comprehensive information and explanation review go to <https://bygl.osu.edu/node/1859> . Control information and recovery strategies can be found in this article as well.

Identification features for larvae include a Y shaped head capsule, four dark spots at the end of the abdomen and a stripe the length of the body.



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