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WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?

Insect Pests



Onion Maggot





Eggs at Plant Base



- Maggots 1/16-3/8" long & feed on roots
- Adults lay eggs at base of plants
- Don't plant garlic near onions
- Cover crops (grass/grains) nearby may harbor natural enemies
- Higher organic matter in soil may harbor predatory beetles
- Conventional: lorsban

Affected Seedlings



Thrips

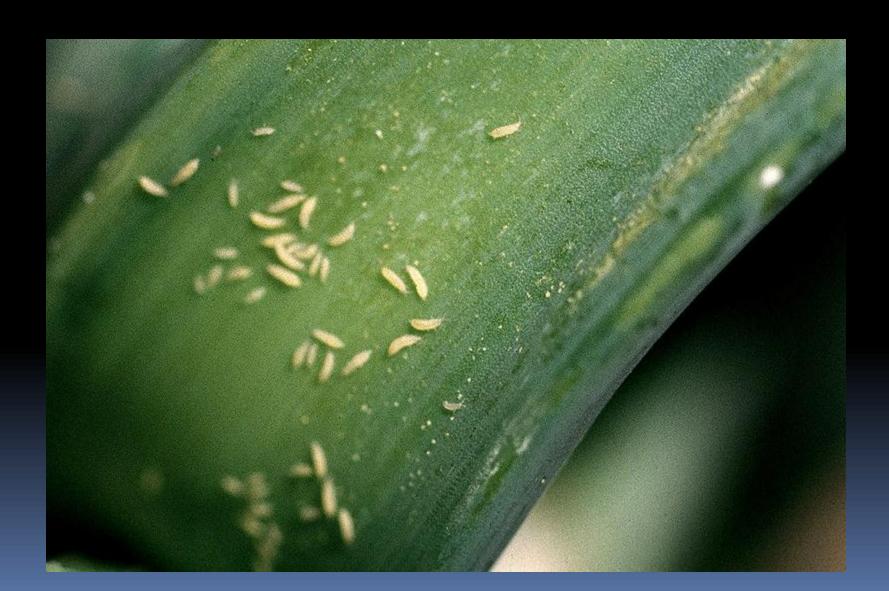


Close-up



- 1/16" long, move rapidly, vary from white to brown
- If you see adults there usually are greater numbers of young
- Less active in cooler weather
- Spinosad Entrust
- Conventional: Penncap-M, MSR, Warrior II & other pyrethroids, Lannate, Radiant spinosyns

Feeding at Base of Leaf



Onion & Western Flower Thrip



Seed Corn Maggot



- ¼" long prefer high organic matter/residues and cold wet soils
- Be sure nearby green manure cover crops disced under completely to speed up decompostion
- Natural enemies including some nematodes and parasitoid and predatory beetles
- Conventional: Lorsban, Sepresto,

Cutworms



- Natural enemies
- Winthemia quadripustulata tachinid fly
- Steinernema carpocapsae predatory nematode
- Bacillus thuringiensis
- Feed at night
- Likes heavier crop residues
- Conventional Lannate, Warrior, Mustang

Bulb Mites



- Most damage occurs at the roots and basal plate
- Remove all bulbs remaining in the field after harvest
- Destroy cull piles
- Wide host range
- No pesticides available

Wheat Leaf Curl Mite





- Affects garlic in storage
- Feeding damage opens up injury to rots
- Periodically shows up
- May be linked to previous use of grain cover crop
- Wheat, rye, sorghum/Sudan grass
- Rotate cover crops with legumes

Leek Moth







- Moth is ½" speckled with white spot half way down wings
- Larvae are creamy yellow 3/8-1/2"
- On garlic larvae feed on the leaf surface but & don't feed all the way through. Found in the protection of the folded leaves
- Feeding damage: whitish dead patches or streaks running down leaves. & on the scapes of hardneck garlic.
- The first generation (May-June) feeds on the leaves. The worst damage is done by the second generation (July-August) as it moves down the leaves into the bulb.
- Feeding damage stunts plant growth, bulb rot and storage rot
- Entrust
- Conventional: Warrior II, Lannate LV, Radiant

Feeding Damage at Harvest & Found in Storage



- Not sure what it is
- Found in soil at harvest
- Found in stored garlic
- May be wire worm damage
- May be maggots of storage moths





