

INSECTICIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOYBEANS- 2019

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Soybean acreage in Kentucky were estimated at 2.10 million acres, up 150,000 acres from 2017. Kentucky now ranks among the major soybean producing states. Thus, more insect problems have been associated with Kentucky soybeans since it has become a major crop. The following information and control aids should enable the grower to minimize losses due to insect pests on soybeans.

Evaluation of Soybean Insect Infestations

To establish need and estimate proper timing for soybean insect control, fields need to be inspected at least once a week from first planting until maturity. Shaking soybeans over the row middle will generally be adequate in determining the soybean insects present. A cloth or a newspaper 42" x 24" may be used in the row middle to facilitate counting the soybean insects in almost any row width. Place the cloth between two rows, vigorously shake approximately two row feet of plants in each row over the cloth. Count the insects and repeat this process at 10 different locations in the field. If you have no available cloth, use the soil surface as the area for counting insects. Use the average number of insects found for determining when to spray. **(Note "Time of Treatment" in Control Tables at the end of this publication.)**

Determining the percent of defoliation by observing the bean field may be difficult because the dense foliage hides damaged leaves. Pull up plants from several locations in the field and place the leaves against a light background. This method should give a fairly accurate measure of the percent defoliation. Refer to the tables for the percent defoliation to determine if control measures are justified.

Most years will not require the use of insecticides. However, as many as two treatments may be needed with a severe insect outbreak. **"Non-Chemical Control Aids"** are management practices that will help to decrease insect problems.

Multi- Active Ingredient Insecticides

There are a number of products on the market which contain multiple insecticide active ingredients (AIs). Examples are: Cobalt (chlorpyrifos and gamma-cyhalothrin), Besiege (lambda-cyhalothrin and chlorantraniliprole), Brigadier (bifethrin and imidacloprid), Hero (zeta-cypermethrin and bifethrin), Endigo (lambda-cyhalothrin and thiamethoxam), Leverage (imidacloprid and cyfluthrin), Swagger (bifethrin and imidacloprid), Voliam Xpress (lambda-cyhalothrin and chlorantraniliprole), and Voliam Flexi (thiamethoxam and chlorantraniliprole). These products are not recommended for use when products containing a single insecticide AI provides comparable control unless there is a specific need to use multiple AIs for resistance management of specific, difficult to manage pests. The use of multiple insecticide AIs when a single AI will suffice may expose sub-economic pest populations to selection pressure and increases the likelihood of non-target effects on pollinators and natural enemies of arthropod pests.

Biological Insecticides

Several "biological insecticides" are labeled for use on soybean pests. The action of these insecticides differs from the traditional concepts in that they do not poison the pest. Rather these compounds kill by causing a disease, in the case of Dipel (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), or a physiological dysfunction as with Dimilin (diflubenzuron). These products are particularly suited to use with pest management operations because they have no effect on the natural enemies of the pest. However, because of their mode of action, use of these compounds does not result in a quick kill. It may take from one to three days after application before the insect is killed. However, little or no feeding by the pest will occur during this period.

Additional Information

These recommendations are meant to serve only as a guide. Many unpredictable environmental and biological factors will influence the final choice of insecticides to be used. In addition to these recommendations the producer is advised to review **IPM-3 Kentucky IPM Manual for Soybean** and in the **Comprehensive Guide to Soybean Management in Kentucky**. These publications will provide information about identification, life cycle, scouting techniques, and threshold values for the common

pests of soybean. These manuals may be found on the following links: <http://ipm.ca.uky.edu/files/ipm3soy.pdf>, and <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/ID/ID249/ID249.pdf>, respectively

Additionally, you may find useful information about a specific pest in our ENTFACT series. These fact sheets may be found on the Entomology web pages at: <http://entomology.ca.uky.edu/entfacts>. These and other publications and educational materials are also available to the producer through your County Extension Office.

Use Insecticides Properly

Products listed in this publication are not the only products labeled for use. These products are commonly used and if registered, they should be available in Kentucky. You may find many other products with different trade names containing the same active ingredient. Be sure the product you choose is labeled for the intended use and registered in Kentucky.

This publication is an abbreviated guide; it is **not a substitute for a product label**. Before using an insecticide, read the entire label. Note sections containing Directions for Use, and the Warning and Precautionary Statements. Be thoroughly familiar with the proper safety equipment (i.e., goggles, protective suits, respirators, etc.) required to afford maximum protection. Those involved in control operations should always know the name of the chemical being used and the particular concentration being applied.

Chemicals listed in **bold italics** are **Restricted Use** pesticides. Persons buying or using these pesticides must be certified as competent to do so. Certification training is available from your county extension agent for agriculture. Check <http://pest.ca.uky.edu/PSEP/welcome.html> for information on certification. Product names are followed by the common name of the active ingredient in parentheses.

Insecticide Use for Plant Health Response

It is my position that insecticides should only be used to reduce, prevent, avoid, or mitigate insect pests or problems related to insect activity (such as the vectoring of certain diseases). I do not encourage nor recommend the use of insecticides for plant health responses in the absence of arthropod pest management. I feel that insecticides should be used to protect the yield and quality of agricultural products. In my opinion, using insecticides for reasons other than pest management unnecessarily increases the potential for non-target impacts, development of insecticide resistance, and exposure of mixers and applicators.

Selecting Which Insecticide to Use

Using the same insecticide over and over is never a good idea. This may lead to resistance within the targeted pest population. The tables below are set up to allow you to select among products. While products may have different trade names they may have the same active ingredient or a different active ingredient but the same mode of action. Note that the Trade name (above) and active ingredient name (below) are listed in the left most column. In addition the second column will list the active ingredient's **Mode of Action (MOA)**. The mode of action is an indication of how the insecticide kills the pest. Choosing products with different modes of action will aid in avoiding resistance.

Pretreatments for Soybean Seed (Ordered on the seed)

Commercially Applied Pretreatment	MOA	Contents	Target Pests*
Cruiser 5FS (Thiamethoxam)	4A	0.83 lb/A (3.78 grams ai/A)/season	Aphids, CW, WW, FB, GC, SCM, WG, TCAH, BLB, LM, MxBB
CruiserMaxx (Thiamethoxam)	4A	2.95 fl oz per 100 lb seed ,or 1.38 fl oz per 140,000 seeds	
Poncho 600 (clothianidin)	4A	0.87 fl oz per fl oz per 140,000 seeds	
Poncho Votivo (clothianidin)	4A	1.02 fl oz per 140,000 seeds	All the above plus nematodes

*CW= cutworm, FB= flea beetle, GC= grape colaspis, SCM= seedcorn maggot, WG= white grub, WW= wireworm, TCAH = threecornered alfalfa hopper, BLB= bean leaf beetle, LM leafminer, MxBB= Mexican bean beetle.

Seed Maggots

Seed maggots, the larvae of a small fly, can destroy seeds planted into cool, wet soils. Infestations can greatly reduce germination and severely weaken seedlings. An insecticide soil treatment, such as Force 3G (tefluthrin) at 4-5 oz per 100 ft of row banded, t-banded or in furrow, can protect against this pest. Dyna-shield (imidacloprid) at 1.6 to 3.2 oz/100 lb seed. Read insecticide labels carefully before use.

Foliar Treatments for Cutworms

See: Cutworms in Kentucky Soybeans. Entfact-132:

<http://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef132>

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Asana XL (esfenvalerate)	3A	5.8 to 9.6 fl. oz.	21 (Grain) Do not feed or graze livestock
Baythroid XL (cyfluthrin)	3A	0.8 to 1.6 fl. oz.	21 (Grain & feeding dry vines) 15 (Green forage)
Belt (♦ read note below) (flubendiamide)	28	2 to 3 fl. oz.	14 (grain) 3 (forage & hay)
<u>Bacillus thuringiensis</u> "B.t."	11A	Aid in control of caterpillars can be obtained using many products containing "B.t." Some examples are Agree, Biobit, Dipel, Javelin, and Lepinox. Check labels for details. Days to Harvest = 0.	
Lorsban 4 E (chlorpyrifos)	1B	1 to 2 pts.	28 (Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
MustangMaxx (zeta-cypermethrin)	3A	1.28 to 4 fl. oz.	21 (Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock

- Treat when 30% of young plants are cut and live larvae are present.

Foliar Treatments for Corn Earworm (=Soybean Podworm) and Fall Armyworms

Corn earworm is also known as the soybean podworm. Early planting will greatly reduce problems with this pest.

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Belt (♦ read note below) (flubendiamide)	28	2 to 3 fl. oz.	14 (grain) 3 (forage & hay)
Lannate SP (methomyl)	1A	1/8 to ¼ lb. CEW 1/4 to 3/8 lb. FAW	14 Grain, 3 Forage, 12 Hay
Larvin 3.2 (thiodicarb)	1A	10 to 30 fl. oz.	28 (Grain) Do not feed forage, hay or straw
Steward (idoxacarb)	22	4.6 to 11.3 fl. oz.	21 Do not feed or graze livestock
Tracer (spinosad)	5	1 ½ to 2 fl. oz.	28 Do not feed forage or hay

- Corn earworms or fall armyworm infestations should be treated when defoliation levels exceed those listed in Table 2. If pod feeding is occurring, treat when populations reach 2 per row foot. 15" Sweep net treat if 9 or more larvae is found per 25 sweeps
- ♦ As EPA has issued a notice to cancel all flubendiamide registrations in 2016, growers can still use existing flubendiamide stocks following directions specified on its label

Foliar Treatments for Corn Earworm (=Soybean Podworm) only

See: Soybean podworm in Kentucky Soybeans. Entfact-144:

<http://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef144>

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Asana XL (esfenvalerate)	3A	5.8 to 9.6 fl. oz.	21 (Grain) Do not feed or graze livestock
Baythroid XL (cyfluthrin)	3A	1.6 to 2.8 fl. oz.	21 (Grain & feeding dry vines) 15 (Green forage)
Brigade 2 EC (bifenthrin)	3A	2.1 to 6.4 fl. oz.	18
Lorsban 4 E (chlorpyrifos)	1B	1 to 2 pts.	28 (Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
MustangMaxx (zeta-cypermethrin)	3A	2.8 to 4 fl. oz.	21(Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
Radiant (spinetoram)	5	2 to 4 fl. oz.	28
Sevin 4F (carbaryl)	1A	½ to 1 ½ qt.	21 (Dry beans or hay) 14 (Graze or forage)
Warrior II (lambda cyhalothrin)	3A	0.96 to 1.6 fl. oz.	30 (Grain) Do not graze or feed.

Foliar Treatments for Green Cloverworm, Bean Leaf Beetle, and Mexican Bean Beetle

See: Bean Leaf Beetle in Kentucky Soybeans. Entfact-131:

<http://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef131>

See: Green clover worm in Kentucky Soybeans. Entfact-142:

<http://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef142>

Alternative threshold to 30% defoliation thresholds during pod filling (R1-R5) 15" sweep net.

Bean leaf beetle 50 beetles per 25 sweeps

Green cloverworm 28 larvae per 25 sweeps

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Asana XL (esfenvalerate)	3A	2.9 to 5.8 fl. oz. (GCW & MBB)	21(Grain) Do not feed or graze livestock
		5.8 to 9.6 fl. oz. (BLB)	21(Grain) Do not feed or graze livestock
Baythroid XL (cyfluthrin)	3A	1.6 to 2.8 fl. oz.	21 (Grain & feeding dry vines) 15 (Green forage)
Brigade 2 EC (bifenthrin)	3A	2.1 to 6.4 fl. oz.	18
Dimilin 25 W (diflubenzuron)	15	2 to 4 oz. (MBM & GCW)	21
Lannate SP (methomyl)	1A	1/4 to ½ lb.	14 Grain, 3 Forage, 12 Hay
Larvin 3.2	1A	18 to 30 fl. oz. (MBB & BLB)	28(Grain)

(thiodicarb)			Do not feed forage, hay or straw
Lorsban 4 E (chlorpyrifos)	1B	1/2 to 1 pt (GCW) 1 to 2 pts. (BLB & MBB)	28 (Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
MustangMaxx (zeta-cypermethrin)	3A	2.8 to 4 fl. oz.	21(Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
Orthene 97 (acephate)	1B	0.75 to 1 lbs.	14 (Grain) Do not graze or cut vines for hay or forage
Sevin 4F (carbaryl)	1A	½ to 1 qt.	21 (Dry beans or hay) 14 (Graze or forage)
Warrior II (lambda – cyhalothrin)	3A	0.96 to 1.6 fl. oz.	30 (Grain) Do not graze or feed

- Fields infested with green cloverworm should be treated when populations exceed those computed from Table 1.
- Treat for Mexican bean beetles according to defoliation guidelines in Table 2 or the population thresholds listed below.

Economic Threshold Table for Mexican Bean Beetles

Growth Stage	Number of Mexican Bean Beetles per 4 row ft to justify control
Seedling	3 adults
Prebloom	20 adults and larvae
Bloom	16 adults and larvae
Pod Set	16 adults and larvae

- Bean leaf beetle damage is estimated by percent defoliation. Use Table 2 to make application decisions.

Foliar Treatments for Green Cloverworm Only

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> "B.t."	11A	Aid in control of caterpillars can be obtained using many products containing "B.t." Some examples are Agree, Biobit, Dipel, Javelin, and Lepinox. Check labels for details. Days to Harvest = 0	
Lannate SP (methomyl)	1A	1/8 to 1/4 lb.	14 Grain, 3 Forage, 12 Hay
Belt (flubendiamide)	28	2 to 3 fl. oz.	14(grain), 3 (hay & forage)
Intrepid 2F (methoxyfenozide)	18	4 to 8 fl. oz.	14 (grain), 7 (hay & forage)
Larvin 3.2 (thiodicarb)	1A	10 to 30 fl. oz.	28 (Grain) Do not feed forage, hay or straw
Radiant SC (spinetoram)	5	2 to 4 fl. oz.	28
Steward (idoxacarb)	22	4.6 to 11.3 fl. oz.	21 Do not feed or graze livestock
Tracer	5	1 to 2 fl. oz.	28 (Grain)

(spinosad)		Do not feed forage or hay
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The *Bacillus thuringiensis* products and Dimilin are "biological insecticides". Although larval feeding will cease, death may take several days.

Foliar Treatments for Three-cornered Alfalfa Hopper

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Asana XL (esfenvalerate)	3A	5.8 to 9.6 fl. oz.	21 (Grain) Do not feed or graze livestock
Baythroid XL (cyfluthrin)	3A	0.8 to 1.6 fl. oz.	21 (Grain & feeding dry vines) 15 (Green forage)
Dimethoate 4E (dimethoate)	1B	1 pt.	21(Grain) 5 (Feed or graze)
Orthene 97 (acephate)	1B	0.75 to 1 lbs.	14 (grain) Do not graze or cut vines for hay or forage.
Mustang Maxx (zeta-cypermethrin)	3A	2.8 to 4 fl. oz.	21 (Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
<i>Sevin 4F</i> (carbaryl)	1A	1 qt.	21 (Dry beans or hay) 14 (Graze or forage)
Warrior II (lambda – cyhalothrin)	3A	0.96 to 1.6 fl. oz.	30 (Grain) Do not graze or feed.

- If 50% of the plants are girdled or if fewer than 4-6 ungirdled plants per row foot remain in conventional rows (30-40" rows) **and three-cornered alfalfa hopper nymphs are still present**, controls are recommended.

Foliar Treatments for Grasshoppers

See: Three Common Kentucky Grasshoppers and their Natural Enemies. Entfact-116:

<http://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef116>

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Asana XL (esfenvalerate)	3A	5.8 to 9.6 fl. oz.	21 (Grain) Do not feed or graze livestock
Baythroid XL (cyfluthrin)	3A	2 to 2.8 fl. oz.	21 (Grain & dry vines) 15 Green forage
Brigade (bifenthrin)	3A	2.1 to 6.4 fl. oz.	18
Dimethoate 4E (dimethoate)	1B	1 pt.	21 (Grain) 5 (Graze or feed)
Dimilin 25W (diflubenzuron)	15	2 oz.	21
Lorsban 4 E (chlorpyrifos)	1B	½ to 1 pt.	28 (Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
Mustang Maxx (zeta-cypermethrin)	3A	3.2 to 4 fl. oz.	21(Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
Orthene 97 (acephate)	1B	0.25 to 0.5 lbs.	14 (Grain)

			Do not graze for cut vines for hay or forage.
Sevin 4F (carbaryl)	1A	½ to 1 ½ qt.	21 (Dry beans or hay) 14 (Graze or forage)
Warrior II (lambda – cyhalothrin)	3A	1.6 to 1.92 fl. oz.	30 (Grain) Do not graze or feed.

Application of herbicides well in advance of plantings may aid control.

- Treat according to defoliation guidelines in Table 2. • A field border application is often adequate in conventional beans.

Foliar Treatments for Spider Mites

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Bifenthrin 2EC (bifenthrin)	3A	5.12 to 6.4 oz.	3
Brigade (bifenthrin)	3A	5.2 to 6.4 fl. oz.	18
Dimethoate 4 (dimethoate)	1B	1 pt.	21
Lorsban 4E (chlorpyrifos)	1B	0.5 to 1 pt.	28 Do not feed or graze livestock

- This pest is likely only in drought conditions. Treat "bronzed" tissue as defoliation for making control decisions.

Foliar Treatments for Japanese Beetles

See: Japanese Beetles in Kentucky Soybeans. Entfact-143:

<http://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef143>

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Asana XL (esfenvalerate)	3A	5.8 to 9.6 fl. oz.	21 (Grain) Do not feed or graze livestock
Baythroid XL (cyfluthrin)	3A	0.8 to 2.8 fl. oz.	21 (Grain & dry vines) 15 Green forage
Mustang Max (zeta-cypermethrin)	2A	2.8 to 4 fl. oz.	21(Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
Sevin 4F (carbaryl)	1A	½ to 1 qt.	21 (Dry beans or hay) 14 (Graze or forage)
Warrior II (lambda – cyhalothrin)	3A	1.60 to 1.92 fl. oz.	30 (Grain) Do not graze or feed.

- A field borer application is often adequate in conventional beans. Use Table 2 to decide treatment thresholds.

Foliar Treatments for Soybean Aphid

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Asana (esfenvalerate)	3A	5.8 to 9.6 fl. oz.	21 (Grain) Do Not Feed or graze

Baythroid XL (cyfluthrin)	3A	2.0 to 2.8 fl. oz	21 Grain or feeding of dry vines Green Forage may be fed 15 days post application.
Lorsban 4E (chlorpyrifos)	1B	1 to 2 pts.	28 Do not graze or otherwise feed forage, hay or straw.
Lannate SP (methomyl)	1A	1.7 to 1/3 lb.	14 (Bean) 3 (forage), 12 (Hay)
Mustang Max (zeta – cypermethrin)	3A	2.8 to 4 fl. oz.	21 Do not graze or harvest treated forage, straw, or hay for livestock feed.
Orthene 97s (acephate)	1B	0.75 to 1 lb.	14 Do not graze or cut vines for hay or forage.
Warrior II (lambda – cyhalothrin)	3A	0.96 to 1.6 fl. oz.	30 Do not graze or otherwise feed forage, hay or straw.

- Threshold 250 aphids per plant AND 80% of plants infested AND an increasing population AND plant growth stage is R1 (first bloom) through R5 (beginning seed). Threshold for R6 is currently unknown but must be significantly greater than the threshold for R1-R5. Beyond the R6 stage of soybeans, there is no economic return on insecticidal applications for soybean aphid control.

Foliar Treatments for Stink Bugs

Threshold: From beginning bloom (R1) to near maturity (R7): Using a 15" sweep net treat when an average of 9 or more stink bugs are found in 25 sweeps; or if using a shake cloth on wide rows ,1 stink bug is found per row foot.

Insecticide	MOA	Rate per Acre	Days to Harvest/Forage
Asana XL (esfenvalerate)	3A	5.8 to 9.6 fl. oz.	21 Do not feed to livestock
Baythroid XL (cyfluthrin)	3A	1.6 to 2.8 fl. oz.	21 Grain or feeding of dry vines Green Forage may be fed 15 days post application.
Brigade (bifenthrin)	3A	2.1 to 6.4 fl. oz.	18
Lorsban 4E (chlorpyrifos)	1B	0.5 to 1 pt.	28 (Grain) Do not graze or otherwise feed forage, hay or straw.
Mustang Max (zeta-cypermethrin)		3.2 to 4 fl. oz.	21 (Grain) Do not graze or feed livestock
Orthene 97 (acephate)	1B	0.5 to 1 lbs.	14 (Grain) Do not graze or cut vines for hay or forage.

Phostoxin, Fumitoxin, etc. (aluminum phosphide) tablets 40 to 180
 pellets 200 to 900

WARNING: Fumigation is a complicated and dangerous technique. If at all possible hire a commercial fumigator. If a commercial fumigation is not possible consult the label of the product you have chosen to use and follow it to the letter. Note that aluminum phosphide labels have undergone major revision in recent years and now contain significant requirements for pre-planning and documentation of the fumigation, and access to considerable safety equipment.

Warning: Insecto and Diacon-D are dust based formulations. Wear a dust mask and protective gloves when handling or applying.

Table 1. The number of GREEN CLOVERWORMS per foot of row that will cause economic injury to soybeans. Pre-bloom (5 to 6 trifoliates)- treatment recommended when defoliation exceeds 35%.

	PRIOR TO BLOOM					BLOOM STAGE					POD FILL					APPROACHING MATURITY				
Anticipated Yield of <u>25</u> bu/A																				
Cost of Treatment																				
Market Value		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12
	\$5	14	15	16	17	\$5	25	28	32	35	\$5	24	27	30	33	\$5	37	43	50	53
	\$6	14	15	16	17	\$6	24	27	31	34	\$6	22	25	28	31	\$6	34	40	47	52
	\$7	13	14	15	16	\$7	22	26	29	32	\$7	20	23	26	29	\$7	31	37	43	48
	\$8	13	14	15	16	\$8	21	24	27	29	\$8	18	22	24	27	\$8	28	34	39	44
Anticipated Yield of <u>35</u> bu/A																				
Cost of Treatment																				
Market Value		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12
	\$5	13	14	15	16	\$5	21	24	27	30	\$5	20	23	26	28	\$5	29	35	40	45
	\$6	13	14	15	15	\$6	20	23	26	29	\$6	18	21	24	26	\$6	27	33	38	43
	\$7	12	13	14	15	\$7	19	22	25	27	\$7	16	19	22	24	\$7	25	30	34	38
	\$8	12	13	13	14	\$8	17	20	22	25	\$8	15	18	20	22	\$8	22	27	32	36
Anticipated Yield of <u>35</u> bu/A																				
Cost of Treatment																				
Market Value		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12
	\$5	12	13	14	14	\$5	18	21	24	26	\$5	15	19	21	23	\$5	24	30	34	38
	\$6	12	13	13	14	\$6	18	20	23	25	\$6	15	18	20	22	\$6	23	28	32	36
	\$7	11	12	13	13	\$7	17	19	22	23	\$7	14	17	19	21	\$7	21	25	29	33
	\$8	11	12	13	13	\$8	15	18	20	22	\$8	13	15	18	20	\$8	19	23	27	30

How to Use These Tables:

Because of the difficulty in determining percentage defoliation, you may prefer to use the tables above for determining approximate economic injury levels of the GREEN CLOVERWORM. First select the table most nearly representing the growth stage of your beans and anticipated yield from the field. Then locate the estimated cost per acre of control (top line) and the estimated value per bushel of your beans (left-hand column). The number found at the point where these lines and columns intersect is the approximate number of GREEN CLOVERWORMS per foot of row that will cause economic injury to soybeans. Do not allow infestations of this insect to exceed this level.

For example, suppose your soybeans are at the stage of early pod-fill, anticipated yield is 35 bushels per acre. Your cost of control is \$6 per acre, and the estimated market value of your beans is \$8 per bushel. The correct answer is 15 green cloverworms per foot of row.

Table 2. Percent Defoliation Charts for Determining Defoliation Required for Economic Injury to Soybeans Pre-bloom (5 to 6 trifoliates)-treatment recommended when defoliation exceeds 35 percent.

		FULL BLOOM				POD FILL STAGE				APPROACHING MATURITY					
		Anticipated Yields <u>25</u> bu/A													
		Cost of Treatment													
Market Value		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12			\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12
	\$5	34	39	43	47	21	26	29	32			37	43	50	56
	\$6	32	37	41	45	20	24	27	30			34	40	46	52
	\$7	30	34	34	42	19	22	25	27			31	37	42	47
	\$8	28	32	32	39	18	20	23	26			28	34	39	44
		Anticipated Yield <u>35</u> bu/A													
		Cost of Treatment													
Market Value		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12			\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12
	\$5	29	33	37	40	18	22	25	27			29	36	40	45
	\$6	27	31	35	38	17	20	23	25			27	33	38	42
	\$7	23	27	30	33	16	18	21	23			25	30	34	38
	\$8	23	27	30	33	15	17	19	21			22	27	31	35
		Anticipated Yield <u>45</u> bu/A													
		Cost of Treatment													
Market Value		\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12			\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12
	\$5	25	30	33	37	16	18	22	24			25	31	35	34
	\$6	24	28	31	34	15	17	20	22			21	28	32	36
	\$7	22	25	28	31	14	16	18	20			21	25	29	33
	\$8	21	24	27	29	13	15	17	19			19	23	27	30

The ability of soybean plants to sustain defoliation without yield reduction varies with the growth of the plant. Under favorable growing conditions the average percent defoliation figures given in this appendix can be used to determine economic injury levels. When the percentage of foliage removed approximates that given in the table for your particular set of variables (cost of treatment, projected yield and projected selling price of beans) treatment should be considered.

For example, if your beans are in bloom stage, you anticipate the yield will be 35 bushels per acre with a selling price of \$8.00 per bushel and the cost of treating will be \$6.00 per acre, defoliation must be 23 percent or greater to justify treatment.