

# Pepper Pests



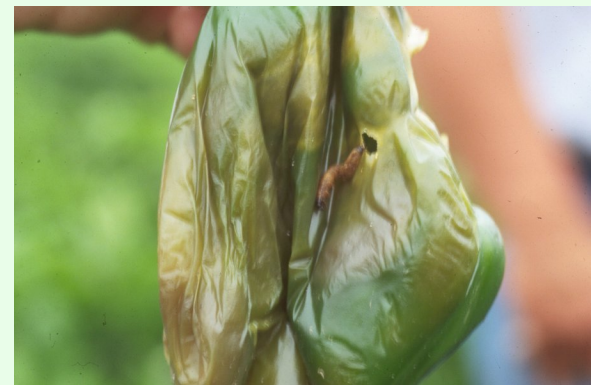
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# Pepper pests

- **‘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

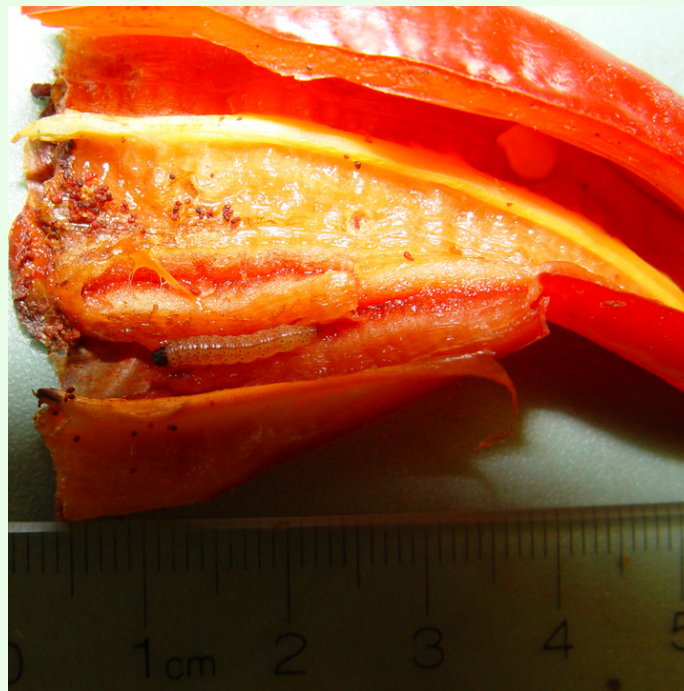


# European Corn Borer

- Also infests non-bell peppers



**jalapeño**



**cayenne**

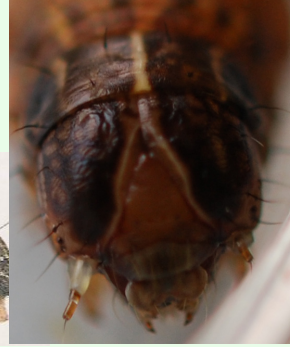
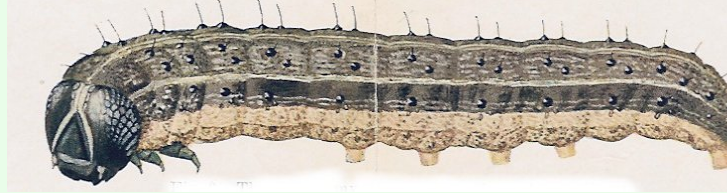


**cherry**

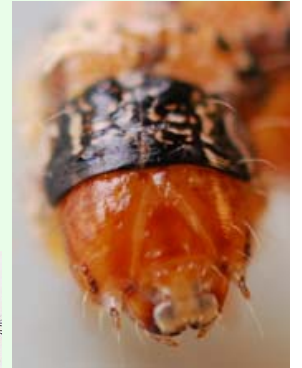
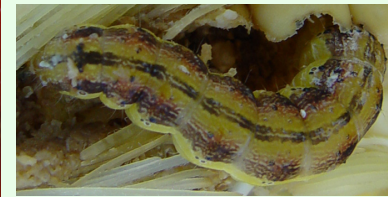


# Other caterpillars

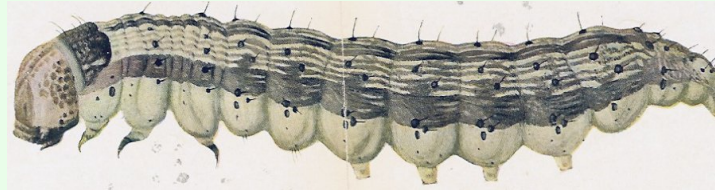
- **Fall armyworm** →



- **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**



# Occasional Pests

- **Aphids**



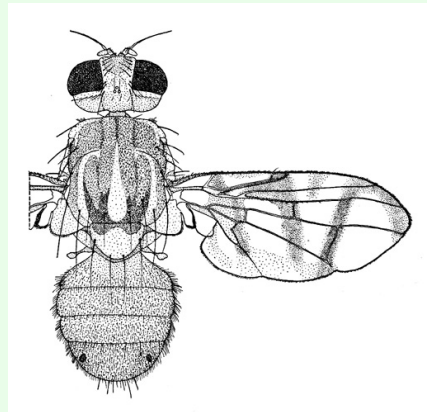
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- **Stink bug**



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- **Pepper maggot**



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- **Cyclamen mite**





# **Occasional Pests: Hornworms**



- **Usually feed first on leaves**
- **Can feed on surface of fruits**



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