

Alfalfa Weevil

Alfalfa weevil, either as an adult or larvae form is injurious to alfalfa. Larvae feeding cause the most damage, feeding on alfalfa tips and leaves. After larvae damage a plant, leaves will become skeletonized and dry.

Full grown larvae are 3/8" long, legless, green in color, and have a block head. A white stripe will be seen on the larvae's back. Immature weevils are light brown in color, with a dark stripe halfway down their back.

To suppress a weevil out break, alfalfa growers must rely on chemical control. Some products recommended for weevil control are Warrior, Pounce, Furadan and Baythroid. Read and follow all recommendations when using an herbicide product.

Weevils generally affect only the first cutting of alfalfa, but reinfestation can occur.

For further information call the Tulsa County OUS Extension Center 918/746-3725.