



# On The Radar



June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

# Status by Crop

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Corn: V3 – V6

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Soybeans: V2 – V4

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Potatoes: Vegetative Growth – Full Bloom

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Cabbage: Cupping

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Carrots: Cotyledons – 4 True Leaves

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# Pheromone Traps

- Almond
  - 0 Western Bean Cutworm
  - 1 True Armyworm
- Grand Marsh
  - 0 Western Bean Cutworm
  - 0 True Armyworm
- Coloma
  - 0 Western Bean Cutworm
  - 0 True Armyworm

# Insect Spotlight: True Armyworm

True armyworm larvae are caterpillars that have many stripes down their bodies and may be many colors, like green, tan, orange, or black. Fully-grown larvae are approximately 1.5 inches long

Most often observed adjacent to grass margins and in fields with cover crops

When scouting, check field edges that are adjacent to grass and fields where the grass cover was killed late or still alive. Look for signs of feeding from the margin of the leaf inward.



# True Armyworm



Corn Bt traits do not provide protection against true armyworm.

Typical armyworm damage is pictured on the left. You can see the frass and larvae itself within the whorl

Armyworms need to be sprayed with insecticide on their way to the plant. They become untouchable once inside the whorl.

# True Armyworm



Check 100 plants in a field (20 plants in 5 different places).  
Threshold: 2 per plant on 25% of plants OR 1 per plant on 75% of plants.

# Corn Tissue Sampling

Now is a good time to take corn tissue samples in order to ensure target fertility levels.

For fields where the corn is larger than 12", pull the uppermost collared leaf.



# Corn Side Dress Applications



V3-V6 Sidedress

# SCN & Nematode Sampling



Now is a great time to start lining up fields for nematode sampling.

The best time to sample for nematode populations is in mid to late vegetative growth.

If you are also seeing irregular, patchy area of poor plant growth scattered across a normal-looking field, you should get that field tested as well.

Contact Pest Pros or go to [Pest Pros - Allied Cooperative](#) for more information

# Soybeans – Stages and Herbicide



Late planted VU stage



Early planted V5 stage

The last two weeks and this coming week are a good time to get an herbicide out. You want to start as clean as possible.

# Impact of Wet Soil on Soybean Nodulation



Water-logged soils can lead to poor nodulation – this can result in a temporary nitrogen deficiency. Once the nodules begin producing sufficient N, green color will return.

# Potato

With the heat CPB larvae are growing quickly. We are seeing 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> instar this week. As larvae get bigger, insecticide choices are adjusted to be effective on 1<sup>st</sup> generation.



# Potato Petiole Nutrient Analysis

As part of their management regime, many potato growers do weekly petiole nutrient testing

This usually takes place for 5-6 weeks beginning around mid-June and ending around mid- to late July.

This week petiole testing started for most of the potato fields in Central Wisconsin





# Potato

Many of the early planted potatoes are in the stages of early bloom, which must be taken into consideration for insecticides chosen based off their label's bee language.

# Cabbage

It's a good time to start thinking about the first fungicide/ bactericide spray once the cabbage reaches the cupping stage



# Carrots

First fungicides will go out next week. Keeping the foliage healthy is important for harvesting



# Alfalfa



Aphids in alfalfa are approaching threshold in some fields but if another cutting is close, recommendations for treatment are unlikely.

Alfalfa that has recently been cut and still has high aphid counts, insecticides have been recommended if it correlates with the preharvest interval.