

First Report of Damage to Potato by the Fall Army Worm (FAW)

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Tunneling into tubers,
fesus visible

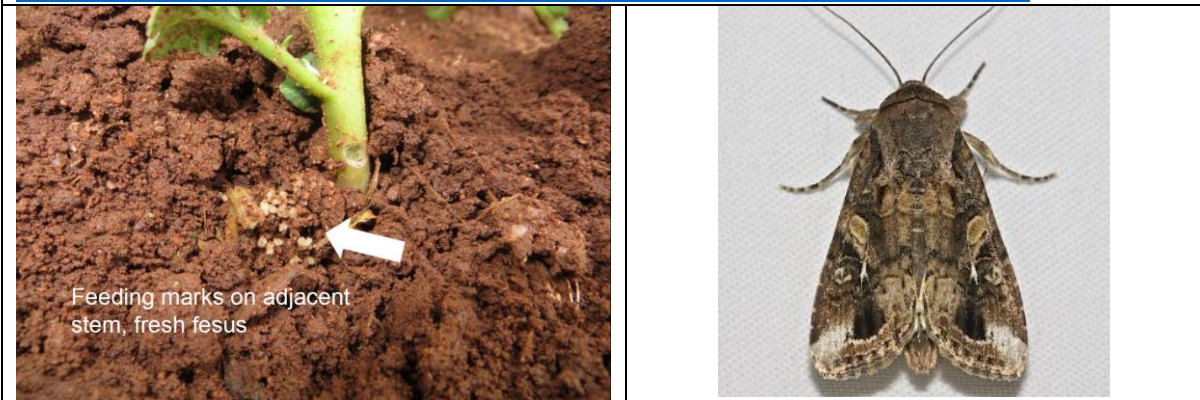
Occurrence: Damage to potato by the fall army worm was reported in the Loskop Valley. The planting was made in rotation soil previously planted to a popcorn maize variety near conventional (non-GM) maize, infested by fall army worm (FAW). **After the plantings are sprayed, the damage is limited to an estimated 1%.**

Damage: Above ground stems and growth tips were initially attacked and caterpillars (worms) also tunnelled inside tubers (seed tubers). Haulms were also attacked in the soil where the caterpillars tunnelled inside the haulms or ate through them. Infested haulms that were not cut off were notably smaller than haulms not affected, they were wilted and appeared blueish. In this case, one to two stems per plant were attacked. Caterpillars of FAW were found in the soil near all affected plants.



Eggs on maize leaves

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