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Alfalfa Weevil is Active in Alfalfa Fields

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In checking several fields in southwestern Oklahoma we have found numerous weevil larvae in alfalfa. Field growth is from 6 to 14 inches and this is the time to initiate control of larvae in these fields. Jerry Stoll a consultant in Tillman County confirmed the need for initiating control as he is also seeing weevil damage and increasing populations in fields he scouts.

Samples of 30 terminals taken April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> resulted in detecting 9 to 19 larvae/sample taken by Jerry Goodson at the Altus, OSU Research and Extension Center.

It is recommended when 20 larvae are detected in a sample of 30 terminals control should be initiated. Labeled products for alfalfa weevil control include Pounce, Warrior, Baythroid, Cobalt, Furadan, Lorsban, Malathion, Methyl Parathion, Methomyl, and Proaxis. Your local OSU Agricultural Agent can assist you with product use and label restrictions for each product.

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