



Crops: Maize and Sweetcorn

Pests And Diseases: Fall Armyworm

Stopping the invasion of fall armyworm with the Desire® pheromone trap

Fall armyworm (FAW) is a clear and present threat to maize and corn crops. It is highly invasive and if left unchecked FAW can cause severe crop damage. The pest can be controlled, but the ability to do that relies heavily on early detection – and that means effective traps using species-specific pheromones.

FAW spreads very rapidly. The female moth drops eggs, and the little larvae spin silk threads which carry them across the paddock. Unchecked, FAW can result in almost total infestation in a crop.

Knowing when there is a flight of moths is key as that's when it's time to act. Effective monitoring and communication have been the key to successful crop protection outcomes in other countries battling the pest. Spraying delivers the best results if the pest can be caught before growth stage V6.

The traps providing a solution

A proactive approach gives contractors and growers the opportunity to get the upper hand. BioGro certified Desire FAW trap has proven efficacy. Attached to posts or something similar at canopy height in tall crops is recommended as well as a trap density of two traps per hectare. Traps should be checked on a regular basis (at least twice a week) and pheromone dispensers replaced every four weeks for optimal performance. If even one moth is caught, a closer examination of the crop is prudent.

Quick Facts - BioGro certified monitoring tool - Single baited lure

Formulation - Contains pheromones for FAW

Pack Size - 10 pack



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