

Fall Armyworm (FAW) survey procedures



FAW Caterpillar

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FAW Moth

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FAW survey procedures are as follows:

1. Wash hands before and after handling to avoid contamination.
2. A suitable pheromone should be placed inside the case and closed within the cap of the Bucket Funnel Trap.
3. Place a killing strip within the white side of the bucket.
4. Avoid extensive contact by hand by wearing gloves.
5. Avoid clogging the trap entrance with foliage which can hamper moths' entry.
6. Dispose lures away from the monitoring area when placing or changing the lures.
7. Note the area where the trap is placed using a GPS and record the available hosts.
8. Mark the trap with a unique trap number and mark it as a GPS waypoint with the same number.
9. Use the CropWatch data sheet format to attach the current FAW data.
10. Ensure that the date of when the trap was placed is indicated on the traps.
11. A trap must be examined once a week during the height of the infestation.
12. Traps should be serviced regularly.
13. At the end of the season, traps must be removed, wiped, dried and stored carefully.



FAO FAW Monitoring and Early Warning System (FAMEWS) App



FAW Bucket Trap
By CropWatch

N.B. It is important for farmers to do scouting at least once a week for the management of FAW

Report presence of FAW to the local Agricultural Office

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