

Hello everyone,

Please see the update below for the BC Peace pest monitoring project:

**Diamondback Moths** have yet to appear in any of the traps however they can be expected to arrive on winds from southern locations as the season progresses.

**Flea Beetles** are going to become more active as the weather warms up, so be sure to scout your Canola fields for damage as seedlings emerge. Keep in mind the action thresholds when making decisions on when to spray- just because flea beetles are present, doesn't mean it's worth spraying. Please see here for more information:

http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/Default.aspx?DN=34705066-2ea8-4ea9-ad56-9825924e5f9c

http://www.canolacouncil.org/canola-encyclopedia/insects/flea-beetles/

Or the BC crop protection guide available here: http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/entomology.htm

**Swede Midge** pheromone traps go out this week to monitor for the arrival of this pest in the Peace- so far it's only been confirmed in Ontario and some parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. For more information see:

http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/swede\_midge.pdf

http://www.canolawatch.org/2014/02/04/watch-for-swede-midge-in-2014/

**Red Clover Casebearer** pheromone traps also go out this week and you can check here for some information on that pest:

http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm4587

I'm also still looking for **cutworms** which can be a problem in forage and forage seed production, but also our annual field crops such as canola and wheat. If you see any gaps in your seedling emergence, or groups of birds in your fields, be sure to check for cutworms and let me know if you find anything please!

Remember also to keep checking for the latest Praririe Pest Monitoring updates here: <a href="http://www.westernforum.org/IPMNWeeklyUpdates.html">http://www.westernforum.org/IPMNWeeklyUpdates.html</a>

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