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## Alfalfa Update

Potato leafhoppers continue to inhabit every alfalfa field sampled in north central Kansas. Populations are still mostly composed of adults but a few nymphs are emerging. These potato leafhoppers have few natural enemies and thus populations will just continue to increase. There are still relatively plentiful numbers of lady beetles and green lacewings in most alfalfa fields, and while they probably won't help with potato leafhoppers, they should continue to help control any developing aphid populations.

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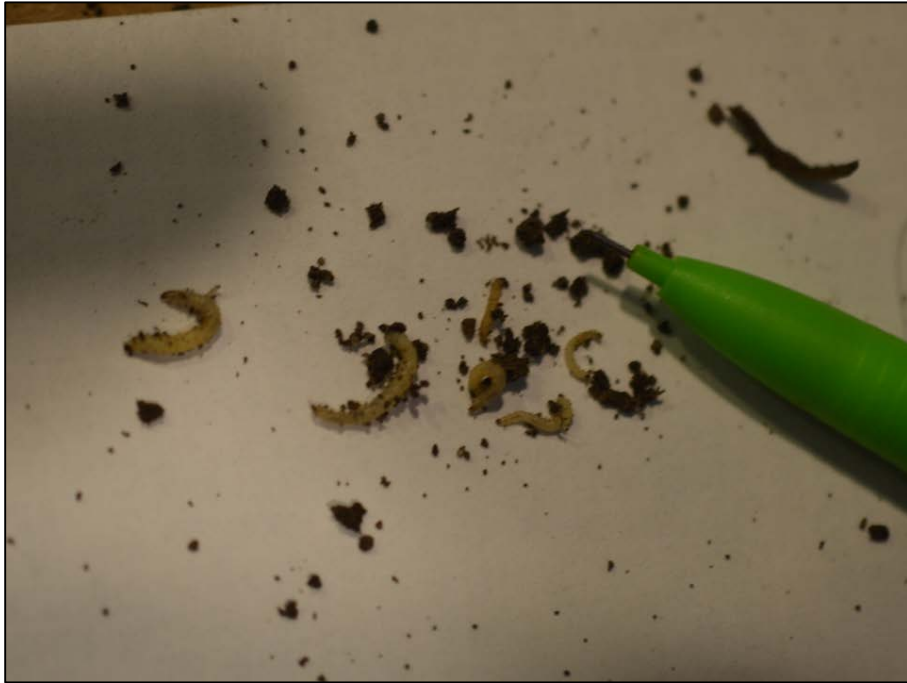
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## Corn Update

Lady beetles are unusually common in corn fields right now. Most corn plants in north central Kansas are from V2-V6. Checking corn rootworm plots revealed western corn rootworm larvae of various sizes and thus they are starting to feed enough to cause a little root damage.



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Seems like, despite the recent cooler, wetter conditions, the rootworm development is about where it usually is at this time. Most western corn rootworms have completed the larval stage by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, thus root damage will be completed later this month as the larvae begin to pupate in south central and north central Kansas.

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## Insect Diagnostic Laboratory Report

<http://entomology.k-state.edu/extension/diagnostician/recent-samples.html>

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