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Armyworms in Brome

Armyworms have been feeding in brome throughout north central Kansas for about the last three weeks. However, they have just, in the past week, gotten large enough to start being noticed. They are first being detected because the infested patches of brome do not have any leaves, due to armyworm feeding, and/or no heads where the seeds develop. These infested areas will have delayed development due to this feeding but the stand should recover. These armyworms are already “making the ground come alive” as they reach maturity and crawl down the plants, usually many at about the same time, to seek pupation sites in the soil. This is noticeable even on dirt roads or lanes near these infested fields.



Brome stems stripped of leaves due to
armyworm feeding



Armyworms feeding
in brome

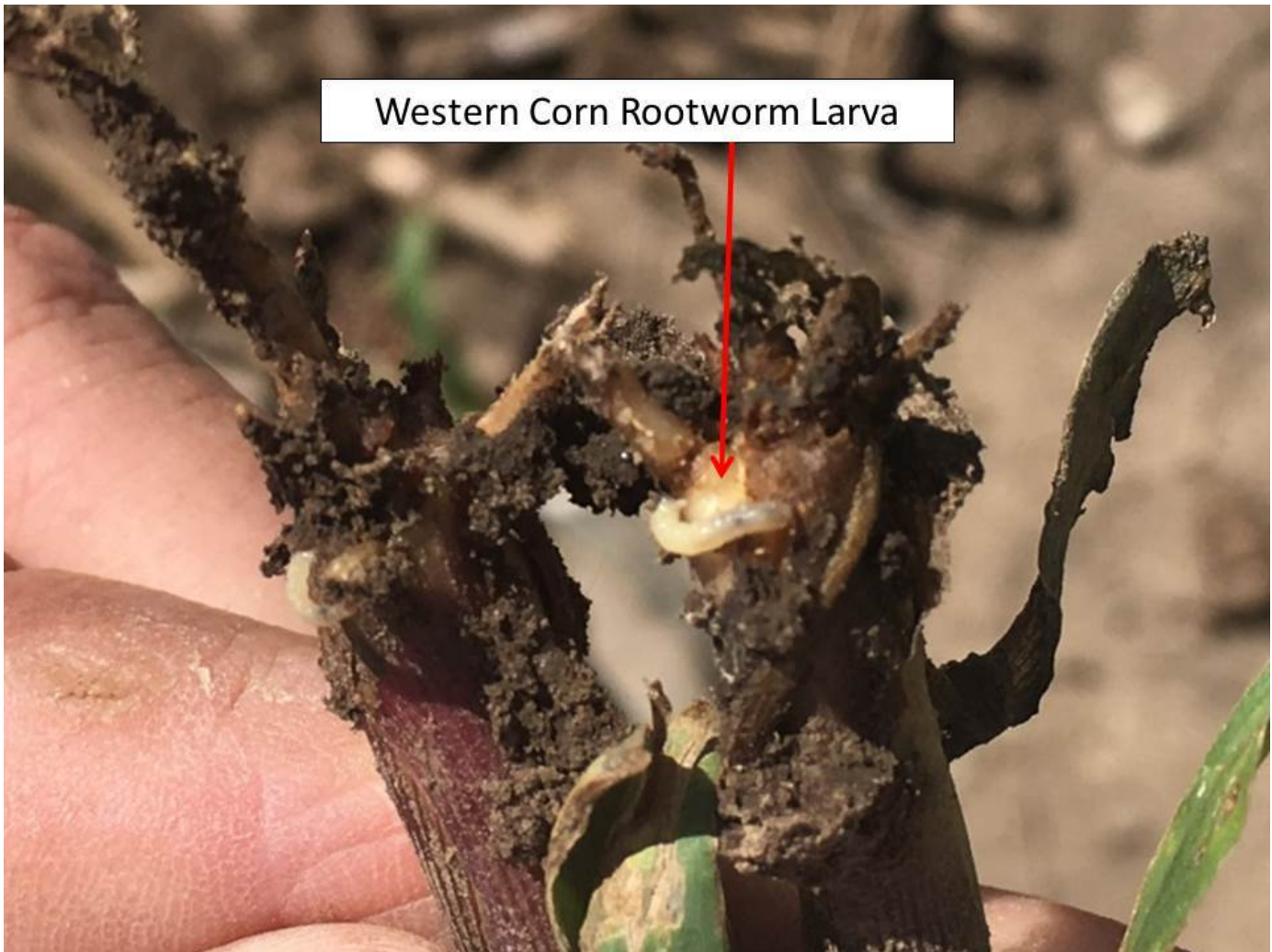
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Corn Rootworms

Western corn rootworm development seems to be progressing rapidly. In north central Kansas, corn plants have been struggling to germinate and grow up until last week. But, the rootworm larvae in the soil seem to be doing well. So, these smaller root systems will be more impacted by this rootworm feeding, thus stressing these small plants, and in some cases, even killing them. Corn rootworm larvae were first detected on 17 May this year.





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