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Vantacor[™] insect control is a high concentration, low use rate formulation of the active ingredient Rynaxypyr[®]. This is the same active found in Prevathon[®] insect control, which has set the standard today in controlling Lepidopteran pests in many different crops. The industry-leading Lepidopteran activity of Rynaxypyr active is a Group 28 mode of action insecticide that effectively impairs muscle regulation preventing insect mating, mobility and feeding.

PRODUCT INFORMATION	
MOA	Group 28
Active Ingredient	Chlorantraniliprole (Rynaxapyr)
Formulation	Suspension Concentrate
Loading	5.0 lbs. active ingredient per gallon
Signal Word	None
Low Use Rates for Fall Armyworm	1.2 – 2.5 fl. oz./A
Package Size	8 x 1 qt. 2 x 2.5 gal.
REI	4 hours
Applications	Ground, air, and overhead chemigation

FALL ARMYWORM in WINTER WHEAT

The fall armyworm, *Spodoptera frugiperda*, is an important and destructive pest to winter wheat. Fall armyworms can kill seedling wheat, so newly planted wheat fields need to be watched carefully for several weeks after wheat emergence.

IDENTIFICATION

Larvae of fall armyworms vary from light tan to nearly black with a distinct white line between the eyes that forms an inverted "Y" pattern on the face. Another identifying characteristic are three thin light-yellow lines that run from head to tail of the larvae.





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Control of Fall Armyworm in Winter Wheat in OK, KS, and TX

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DAMAGE

At first, fall armyworms are very small – 1/8 inch long – and cause little plant damage. An early sign of fall armyworms is "window-pane" feeding, where the green tissue has been scraped off, leaving a clear membrane.

Larvae feed for 2-3 weeks, and full-grown larvae are about 1 to 1-1/2 inches long and may eat small plants to the ground, causing a severe stand loss in just a couple of days. Given their immense appetite, great numbers and marching ability, fall armyworms can damage entire wheat fields in a few days.





MONITORING

Look for evidence of window-paned leaves or chewed leaves along the wheat field margin as well as in the field interior because they often move in from road ditches and weedy areas. Fall armyworms are most active in the morning or late afternoon. The suggested treatment threshold is two to three larvae per linear foot of row in winter wheat.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ensure two or more wheat leaves are present at time of application.
- Rate range is 1.2-2.5 fl. oz./A and typical application rate range is 1.2-1.7 fl. oz./A.
- Use at least 2 GPA when applied by air and 10 GPA or more when applied by ground.
- Use of surfactants can help product adhere to the upright and erect wheat leaves.
- Target applications to smaller caterpillars since they are easier to control than larger ones.

