

—insect report—

TURF INSECTS

BROWN GARDEN SNAIL

(*Helix aspersa*)

NEW MEXICO: Immatures collected in yard at residence in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County. This is a new State record, and has been determined to be an established infestation.

FALL ARMYWORM

(*Spodoptera frugiperda*)

ALABAMA: Heavy and damaged several newly established centipede grass lawns in Linden, Marengo County. MISSISSIPPI: Larval migration into pastures heavy in Issaquena County. Growers should watch for this pest. Could be major problem due to heavy rainfall. AR-KANSAS: Infestations economic, some pastures treated across southern part of State. Ranged 10-15 larvae per square foot in one pasture of Coastal Bermuda grass in Miller County.

SOUTHERN CINCH BUG

(*Blissus insularis*)

MISSISSIPPI: Damaged St. Augustine turf in southern counties. Heavy in Pike County.

BLUEGRASS BILLBUG

(*Sphenophorus parvulus*)

UTAH: Increased, caused extensive damage to lawns in Salt Lake and Davis Counties.

INSECTS OF ORNAMENTALS

NANTUCKET PINE TIP MOTH

(*Rhyacionia frustrana*)

KANSAS: Significant damage reported in pine Christmas tree plantings in Reno County.

CALIFORNIA TORTOISESHELL

(*Nymphalis californica*)

CALIFORNIA: Second-generation larvae severely defoliated shrubs, mostly ceanothus, in Placer County. First Generation defoliated several thousand acres of native brush. Adult flights very limited compared to 1972 when millions of adults were nuisance and hazard.

MIMOSA WEBWORM

(*Homadula anisocentra*)

MARYLAND: Severe on mimosa and honeylocust statewide. ALABAMA: Larvae folding, webbing, and destroying much of foliage of mimosa and honeylocust statewide. MISSISSIPPI: Severe on mimosa throughout State. Seriously weakened some trees, contributing factor in death of others.

TREE INSECTS

FOREST TENT CATERPILLAR

(*Malacosoma disstria*)

PENNSYLVANIA: Damaged mostly red oak. Population collapsed in Somerset, Fayette, and Westmoreland Counties. Only 50 acres moderately to heavily defoliated in Somerset County, tree mortality ranged 1-5 percent over 550 acres in Somerset County near Fayette County border. This pest believed to be cause of 2,250 defoliated acres in past two years.

ELM LEAF BEETLE

(*Pyrrhalta luteola*)

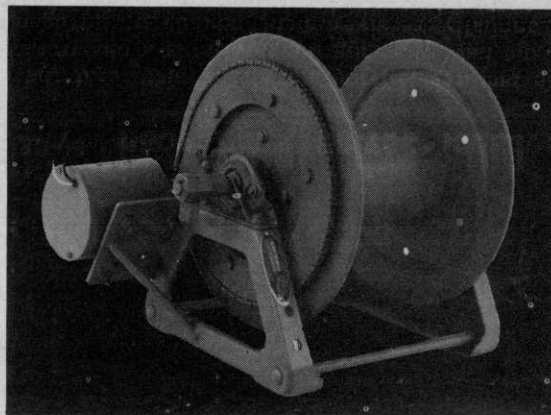
MISSISSIPPI: Damage to elms still heavy Statewide. TENNESSEE: Caused severe defoliation of elm trees in western area. MISSOURI: Complete defoliation of many Siberian elms occurred throughout southern and central areas. Heavy populations present statewide.

WHITEMARKED TUSSOCK MOTH

(*Hemerocampa leucostigma*)

WEST VIRGINIA: Larvae noted on Damson plum in Raleigh County. This is a new county record.

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