How to identify a wireworm:









While we are working to establish economic thresholds, ≥1 wireworm per trap may mean significant yield losses.

Would you like to have your field scouted for wireworms?

We are looking for southern Manitoba crop fields to survey for wireworms in 2020. If interested, please contact Bryan Cassone by email cassoneb@brandonu.ca or phone (204) 727-7333.



Pulse Soybean





HOW TO BAIT FOR WIREWORM





(1) Bait traps are created by filling 4" pots with vermiculite & spring wheat seed.



(4) A germinated trap ready for processing.

(2) Traps are placed 6" underground. The more traps, the more accurate the estimate.



(5) Wireworms are extracted from traps manually or via heat extractions using funnels.





(3) After 14 days, the traps are dug up and stored at 7°C.



(6) There are several economically important species in Manitoba, but *H. bicolor* is most abundant.