

# Degree Days for Common Fruit & Vegetable Insect Pests

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## COMMON VEGETABLE INSECTS THAT CAN BE MONITORED USING DEGREE DAYS OR INDICATOR PLANTS:

Colorado potato beetle, 1<sup>st</sup> generation  
 Base temperature = 50°F  
 Begin counting when first eggs appear  
 1<sup>st</sup> instar larva at 185 DD<sub>50</sub>  
 2<sup>nd</sup> instar larva at 240 DD<sub>50</sub>  
 3<sup>rd</sup> instar larva at 300 DD<sub>50</sub>  
 4<sup>th</sup> instar larva at 400 DD<sub>50</sub>  
 Pupa at 675 DD<sub>50</sub>



Common Asparagus Beetle  
 Base temperature = 50°F  
 Egg laying at 150 – 240 DD<sub>50</sub> (Amelanchier full bloom, redbud early to full bloom, Black Hills spruce bud caps splitting)



Squash Vine Borer  
 Base temperature = 50°F  
 Egg laying at 900-1000 DD<sub>50</sub> (Chicory full bloom)

European Corn Borer  
 Base temperature = 50°F  
 1<sup>st</sup> spring moths at 375 DD<sub>50</sub> (Spiraea x vanhouttei in full bloom)  
 1<sup>st</sup> eggs at 450 DD<sub>50</sub> (Pagoda dogwood late bloom)  
 Peak spring moths at 631 DD<sub>50</sub> (Black locust full bloom)  
 1<sup>st</sup> summer moths at 1400 DD<sub>50</sub> (Mountainash fruit golden yellow, most Canada thistle seed ripe)  
 1<sup>st</sup> eggs at 1450 DD<sub>50</sub>  
 1<sup>st</sup> egg hatch at 1550 DD<sub>50</sub>  
 Peak summer moths at 1733 DD<sub>50</sub>  
 Summer treatment period at 1550 – 2100 DD<sub>50</sub> (Queen Anne's Lace full bloom – 1500 to goldenrod early bloom – 2100)

Corn Rootworm  
 Base temperature = 50°F  
 Adult beetles present at 1300 DD<sub>50</sub> (Canada thistle seed ripe, Queen Annes' Lace early bloom)



Fleabeetles  
 Base temperature = 50°F  
 150-200 DD<sub>50</sub> (Norway maple late bloom, Amelanchier blooming, redbud early bloom)

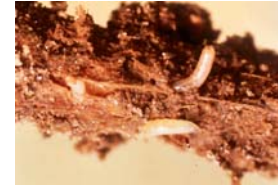
Imported Cabbageworm  
 Base temperature = 50°F  
 Adult butterflies at 150-240 DD<sub>50</sub> (Amelanchier full bloom, redbud early to full bloom, Black Hills spruce bud caps splitting)

## Cabbage Maggot

Base temperature = 43°F

300, 1476, 2652 DD<sub>43</sub> for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation flies

1<sup>st</sup> generation eggs are laid when the common lilac is in full bloom



## Onion Maggots

Base temperature = 40°F

680, 1950, 3230 DD<sub>40</sub> for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation flies

1<sup>st</sup> generation eggs laid 230-280 DD<sub>40</sub>

## COMMON FRUIT INSECTS THAT CAN BE MONITORED USING DEGREE DAYS:

### Codling Moth

Base temperature = 50°F

1<sup>st</sup> generation moth emergence 150 DD<sub>50</sub>

Eggs laid 250 DD<sub>50</sub>

1<sup>st</sup> generation peak moth emergence 500 DD<sub>50</sub>

Peak egg laying 550 DD<sub>50</sub>

2<sup>nd</sup> generation first moth emergence 1150 DD<sub>50</sub>

2<sup>nd</sup> generation peak moth emergence 1600 DD<sub>50</sub>

2<sup>nd</sup> generation peak egg laying 1700 DD<sub>50</sub>



### Obliquebanded Leafroller

Base temperature = 43°F

1<sup>st</sup> generation moth emergence 600 DD<sub>43</sub>

1<sup>st</sup> generation peak moth emergence 800 DD<sub>43</sub>

1<sup>st</sup> generation peak egg laying 1250 DD<sub>43</sub>

2<sup>nd</sup> generation moth emergence 2050 DD<sub>43</sub>

2<sup>nd</sup> generation first eggs laid 2300 DD<sub>43</sub>

### Apple Maggot\*

Base temperature = 50°F

1<sup>st</sup> adult fly emergence 900 DD<sub>50</sub>

1<sup>st</sup> egg laying 1100 DD<sub>50</sub>

Peak fly emergence 1600 DD<sub>50</sub>

Peak egg laying 1750 DD<sub>50</sub>

End of fly emergence 2800 DD<sub>50</sub>



\*These degree days assume normal soil moisture. Under dry conditions, all apple maggot events will be delayed until the soil is moist.

## See related fact sheets:

Phenology

Degree Day Calculation