

SUGARCANE BEETLE

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SUGARCANE *BEETLE* (Euetheola humilis)

Medium-sized beetle is attracted to lights and over-winter as adults. Cause damage in the adult stage by digging into the soil, especially in thatch layers, and feed in the crown region of the plant.

Possible chemical control: (ROTATE MOA CHEMISTRIES) Systemic insecticides such as imidacloprid (MERIT, MALLET, GARANT, HAWK-I® N/O, WARRANT, ENFORCE, BENEFIT, QUALI-PRO IMIDACLOPRID, IMIDA PRO, POINTER, BOUNTY™, GRUBOUT™) and halofenozide (MACH 2) are effective if applied when adults become active and prior to egg hatching. Chlorotraniprole (ACELEPRYN, FERENCE).

Possible contact insecticides: (ROTATE MOA CHEMISTRIES)isofenphos (OFTANOL), chlorpyrifos (DURSBAN, INSECTICIDE III™), bifenthrin (TALSTAR, FIREBIRD®, CROSSCHECK, Up-Star SC, MENACE, PROSECT™), pyrethroid deltramethrin (DELTAGARD, TEMPO ULTRA), clothianidin (ARENA, GUILLOTINE), clothianidin + bifenthrin (ALOFT), imidacloprid + bifenthrin (ALLECTUS), bifenthrin + carbaryl (DIOCIDE™), azadirachtin (AZAGUARD EC), dinotefuran (ZYLAM/SAFARI), bifenthrin + zeta-cypermethrin (TALSTAR XTRA); imidacloprid + beta-cyfluthrin (TEMPRID), bifenthrin + zeta-cypermethrin + imidacloprid

(TRIPLE CROWN T&O), acephate + imidacloprid (AVATAR PLX), dinotefuran (ZYLAM), acetamiprid (QUASAR).

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