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Abstract

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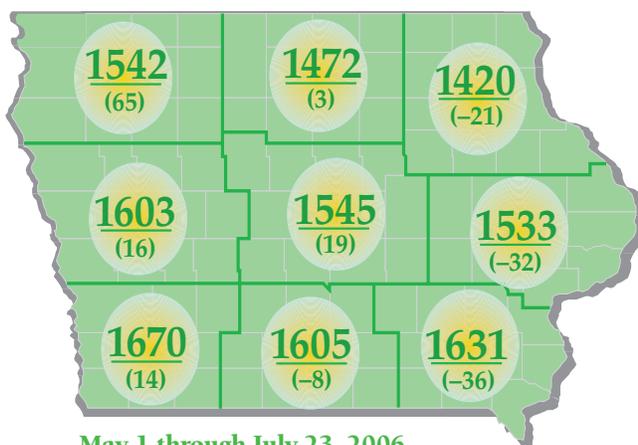
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First-generation bean leaf beetles are emerging now. Remember that leaf loss now usually looks far worse than reality, and insecticide treatments right now are generally not economically warranted. Be on the lookout in a few weeks for the second-generation beetle emergence, when pod feeding is more of a concern.



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