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Black cutworm cutting young corn.

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These reports highlight the situation that if corn has emerged, it should be scouted closely for leaf feeding and cutting. Cutting could occur across the state with the first cutting for northern Iowa expected on May 15-16 in those fields with newly emerged plants. Fields should be scouted even if a preventative insecticide was applied at planting for cutworms. Additionally, if you find cutworms in the field, confirm whether they have the potential to cut plants (black cutworms) or will mostly feed on the leaves (dingy cutworms). See the May 7, 2001, ICM newsletter [article](#) [2], page 60, for photographs of both cutworms.

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