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Check the stalk borer article posted in this issue of ICM Newsletter (pages 104–105). Larval migration to border corn rows is starting in southern Iowa now.

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