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We trust you will find the information in this special newsletter valuable in helping you or your clients understand soybean pests in Iowa and to reach your soybean production goals for 2007. We thank David Wright, Director of Contract Research and Strategic Initiatives, of the Iowa Soybean Association for financial support of this special soybean issue.

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