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![Colaspis beetles have been found in corn in western Iowa.](http://www.ent.iastate.edu/imagegal/coleoptera/grapecolaspis/grape_colaspis_adult_.html)

The significance of this information is that if you had poor stands early in the season and were unable to determine the cause, a colaspis may have been one of the reasons. The colaspis beetles may be an emerging pest that becomes more significant to corn production in future years.

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