

Section 4

Root feeding maggots, soil arthropods and other problems

SUGARBEET CROWN BORER

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The sugar beet crown borer (*Hulstia undulatella*) (*Pyralidae*) was found at damaging levels in 1985 in Parma, Idaho sugar beet field. The pest spread to other fields near Fruitland and Payette in 1986 and 1987. In some cases, sugar beet stands were severely damaged and replanting was necessary. The pest is now well established and must be considered in the pest control program of area beet growers.

There may be several generations in a season but the important damage occurs from the first generation larvae in May to June.