

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Red imported fire ant

Scientific Name: *Solenopsis invicta*

Order and Family: Hymenoptera, Formicidae

Size and Appearance:

	Adult	Egg	Larvae/ Nymph	Pupae
Length (mm)	2 – 6 mm			
Appearance	Red- black	white	white	white

Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.): Chewing

Host plant/s: Plants are affected close to a mound, such as a soybean crops, corn, okra, bean, cabbage, cucumber, eggplant, potato, sweet potato, peanut, sorghum, and sunflower.

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): The ants frequently invade soybean crops and cause considerable damage to many agricultural crops. Red imported fire ants are also well known for their intense venomous sting.

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