

## Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Warehouse Beetle

**Scientific Name:** *Trogoderma variabile*

**Order and Family:** Coleoptera: Dermestidae

**Size and Appearance:**

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>		
<b>Larva/Nymph</b>	6.3 mm long 3.2 mm wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Yellowish white progressively to brown after each molt.</li><li>● Elongated and covered in setae.</li></ul>
<b>Adult</b>	3.2 mm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Oval shaped.</li><li>● Dark pronotum.</li><li>● Brownish black with yellow and brown markings dorsally.</li><li>● Short, clubbed antennae.</li></ul>
<b>Pupa (if applicable)</b>		

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

**Host/s:** Typically found in stored food products including cocoa, cereals, corn, dog food, macaroni, oats, potato chips, rice, spices, yeast, canola, and candy, nuts, seeds and other high protein foods. Larvae also feed on dead animals and insect collections.

**Description of Damage (larvae and adults):** Larvae are external feeders so the exterior of the food product receives the brunt of the damage. The presence of larval molt and larvae in stored food

products can cause intestinal irritation due to the bristles/setae found on these insects. These might include hastisetae (spear-headed) and spicisetae (sharp-pointed, scaly).

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