

# Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Field Cricket

**Scientific Name:** *Gryllus pennsylvanicus*

**Order and Family:** Orthoptera; Gryllidae

## Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>		
<b>Nymph</b>	< 19 mm	-Looks like adult but wings unformed
<b>Adult</b>	19 mm	-Black and shiny - May have some brown on the front wing -Females have prominent ovipositor -Males chirp

**Type of feeder:** Chewing

**Host plants:** Field crickets eat a wide variety of plant materials and fruits from those plants.

**Description of Damage (nymphs and adults):** Various species of field crickets occur over most of the United States. Field crickets will feed on almost anything. They occasionally damage cultivated crops such as alfalfa, tomato, bean, cotton, and strawberries. They can also damage vegetables and ornamentals when they are numerous. Field crickets can provide a beneficial service to the ecosystem by eating the eggs and pupae of insects that are considered pests. When field crickets are in the home they can occasionally chew holes in fabrics and male chirping may be considered annoying.

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