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WHITE GRUBS CONSUMER INFORMATION SHEET

White grubs, or “grub worms” are the larvae stage of the “May beetle” or the “June beetle” (bug). In late spring or early summer the adults emerge from the soil and begin to mate. Shortly after mating, they return to the soil to deposit their fertilized eggs. I approximately 3 to 4 weeks the eggs hatch just below the soil and become very small grubs. In South Texas the eggs hatch around the first of July and continue their growth for the next ten months.

The greatest damage to lawns and other plants occur in late April and May. At that time they are large, fully grown, and ready to emerge as adults. The worms attack many plants but tend to present the biggest problems and damage in yards. The infested areas first appear to be small patches of dead grass that get larger over time. Healthy grass is often the best target of these insects. They attack the roots of lawns, pastures, and field crops.

The best time to treat grubs is mid-summer to late September when they are small and easily killed. However, they are not usually noticed until next spring when they attack the newly greened grass. It has been observe the infestations often occur in the same place of the yard each year. Treating the yard, especially these areas in the summer, can prevent sizeable damage next spring.

There are a number of commercial / restricted use chemicals labeled for grub worm treatment. The chemical of choice for ***Jack’s Pest Management*** is Arena. Arena is a broad spectrum chemical that in addition to grub worms, controls other insects including nuisance ants and Southern chinch bugs. Watering the turf prior to mowing is recommended. Pets should be removed from the yard until the chemical has completely dried. For questions please give is a call at (361) 293-5302. Thank you for your business!



Turf Infested with grub worms



Photos of grub worms