



INSECT DIAGNOSTIC REQUEST

Date Sent _____

Date received _____

AD# _____

Please send samples to address on back.

Sender's Name _____ Phone (daytime) _____

Company/Organization Name _____

Address _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

1. Where found (plant, crop, kitchen, etc.): _____ Date collected _____

2. (Check one) Commercial planting or location: _____ Non-commercial planting or location: _____

3. Area affected _____

4. Percentage of area/plants affected _____

5. Pest is a: nuisance _____ causing damage _____ a curiosity _____

6. Damage is: extreme _____ serious _____ moderate _____ light _____

7. Plant parts attacked: leaves _____ stems _____ roots _____ terminals _____

8. Has control been attempted? If you used a chemical, please indicate product name and date of application.

9. Observations/comments.

Diagnosis: (Do not write in this space-for official lab use only)

Diagnosis by: _____ Date reply: _____



Insect Specimens for Identification

Preparing Specimens for Shipment:

- Put specimens inside a small, squash-proof container (vial, Tupperware), then into a box or strong envelope with padding and/or packing material.
- If the insect is abundant, send more than one individual (up to 5).
- Place insects in the freezer overnight to kill them before shipping.
- Hard-bodied insects, like beetles, flies, butterflies and wasps should be gently placed in layers of tissue paper and then packaged in a squash-proof container.
- Soft-bodied insects (grubs, caterpillars, mites) and spiders will lose their coloring very quickly after death. These should be sent in as quickly as possible, after freezing overnight in a paper towel to absorb moisture after they thaw.
- Large soft-bodied insects require additional preparation. Place specimen in boiling water for 30 seconds and then wrap in tissue paper or a paper towel before shipping in a container. Note the original color of the specimen on the information sheet.
- Plant Pests: If large plant specimens are to be shipped with the insects:
 - Send as much of the plant as possible. Wrap the plant material in paper towels and place it in a plastic bag with holes.
 - Wrap plant roots in a plastic bag to prevent their drying out.
- Ship specimens immediately!
- Fill out the INSECT IDENTIFICATION FORM on reverse side completely!

SEND YOUR PACKAGE TO:

NYSDEC Forest Health Diagnostic Laboratory
Attn: Jessica Cancelliere
108 Game Farm Road
Delmar, NY 12054

Thank you for your participation!