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Developing management strategies for the pulse insect pest
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Montana growers’ interest to cultivate pulse crops has increased immensely in the recent years because of less profitable farming from cereal crops globally and the interest in expanding crop diversity. In the past four years, pulse crops such as lentils, peas and chickpeas have increased in acreage from 600,209 to 1,209,039 in Montana. Currently, Montana ranks #1 in the production of field peas, producing 48% nationally. The increased acreage apropted strong pressure from pulse growers for methods to manage insect pests that are causing yield losses.

The insect pests that are currently present in Montana pulse crops include: pea leaf weevils, pea aphids, lygus bugs, armyworms, cutworms, wireworms, grasshoppers, and leaf hoppers. Pea leaf weevil has been primarily considered as a major pest of pulse crops, but in the last three years, other pests such as pea aphid and lygus bug are also inflicting economic damage in Montana. Additionally, pea weevil Bruchus pisorum is one of the most problematic insect pests on peas. Damage by this beetle was reported for the first time in the Hi-Line area of Montana in 2014. This has alarmed Montana pea growers and stakeholders because this pest could easily spread to neighboring pea growing areas.

Pulse crops are especially susceptible in the seedling stage from pea leaf weevil’s damage and in the flowering and early pod stages from pea aphids and lygus bugs.

Fig 1. Pea weevil and damaged pea seeds with exit holes.

Fig 2. Different traps were tested to catch the pea leaf weevil. The pitfall traps outperformed all others.

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**Date When Celebrated:** July 30

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