



Indian Meal Moth
Plodia interpunctella



The Indian meal moth is the most common stored product pest we encounter. Most often the first indication of a problem is the presence of larvae crawling on counters and ceilings in search of a protected area to transform into adults.

The adult moths are 3/8-inch long and can be recognized by their reddish brown wing tips. Females will lay up to 400 eggs over an 18 day period with the life cycle being completed in 25 to 135 days depending on the environmental conditions. Mature larvae are about a 1/2inch long, dirty white, with a brown head. They will feed on a wide range of foods including flour, meal, whole grains, cereal, dried fruit, nuts, beans, crackers, spices, dog food and bird seed. They may also be found infesting abandoned bird and rodent nests.

The most important factor in an Integrated Stored Product Pest Management Program is finding the source and removing it. At EHS a Pest Management Professional will work with you to find and eliminate the breeding sites. Our low impact system combines crack and crevice applications with insect growth regulators. This method has provided our clients with great results.