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**Fall Armyworm, *Spodoptera frugiperda* (J.E. Smith)
(Lepidoptera:Noctuidae), an Invasive Pest on Maize**

Fall armyworm (FAW), *Spodoptera frugiperda* (J.E.Smith) (Lepidoptera:Noctuidae), an invasive insect pest to India has been reported in Karnataka few days back by ICAR- NBAIR Scientists, UAHS, Shivamogga scientists. Mr. V. Abdul Rasheed, Ph.D Scholar, Dept of Entomology, S. V. Agricultural College, Tirupati observed pest damage and larvae of *S. frugiperda* in Sweet Corn (cv.Sugar-75) at Dryland farm of the College and also in maize crop at Pathasanambatla village of Chandragiri mandal in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. This is the first report of FAW incidence in Andhra Pradesh. The incidence in the field observed to be 40-50%. The larva was identified as *S. frugiperda* based on morphological characters. Considering its economic importance in other countries, we request all the extension workers, all the agricultural department officials to have a vigil on this new invasive pest. The scientific publication on first report of this pest from Andhra Pradesh, India is under process.



S. frugiperda damage on maize



Larva