

## Seminole Crop E News 6-05-11 Peanuts

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Farmers and Agribusiness,

This week the caterpillars are trying to eat up peanut foliage in some fields. I've heard reports from 3 folks about worms in peanuts and I saw a field where the leaves were ragged up. Consultant Howard Small brought me a dozen *Heliothis* caterpillars to see if they were Tobacco Budworms (*H. virescens*) or Corn Earworm (*H. zea*). I did a little dentistry and found them to be 2 to 1 budworms, (budworms have an extra tooth). So since they are often resistant to certain pesticides we'll have to chose chemistries carefully to keep from respraying from not getting a kill. Hopefully most fields have low numbers but Howard had at least one field that will have to be sprayed because there's too many worms there on young peanuts.



All peanuts should be scouted at this time to make sure our levels of caterpillars aren't too high.

Later,

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