

## **Pest Alert – Soybeans**

On young soybeans, we need to keep a watch out for Beet Armyworms (BAW). Todd Ray showed me this hatchout of small but hungry caterpillars that came from a newly planted soybean field. This is soybeans planted after corn, so the plants are growing very fast but just forming the first trifoliolate (three part) leaves. Dr Phillip Roberts, UGA Extension Entomologist, says soybeans can stand a good bit of defoliation but in this situation we're on a tight timeframe to get these late beans tall and productive, a spray is likely needed.

