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PEST REPORT

Diabrotica virgifera Le Conte

Introduction

In 2003, *Diabrotica virgifera* was found for the first time in the Netherlands near to Schiphol airport. In 2005, *Diabrotica virgifera* was found again in the Netherlands: 5 individuals were captured at four locations. As a result, emergency measures were applied in demarcated zones as described in 2003/766/EC. In 2006, 2007 and 2008, no *D. virgifera* has been found anymore.

Pest status in the Netherlands: Absent, pest eradicated, confirmed by surveys in 3 subsequent years.

Monitoring activities

The national survey started in 1997, resulting in 1 finding in 2003 and 5 findings of *D. virgifera* in 2005, in 4 separate areas. Surveys were conducted in maize growing areas (national survey), at airports and in 4 demarcated areas. In three subsequent years, no specimen of *D. virgifera* has been found.

Conclusion

Since no *D. virgifera* has been found for 3 subsequent years in The Netherlands, it is concluded that *D. virgifera* has been eradicated in The Netherlands.

Reference:

NPPO of the Netherlands
