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Range Expansion of Western Bean Cutworm, *Striacosta albicosta* (Noctuidae), into Michigan and Ohio

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Brief

The western bean cutworm is native to the western US, where it was first described as a pest of dry beans and corn. Since 2000, the western bean cutworm has spread east through Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, and Wisconsin. This report documents the capture of adults in Michigan and Ohio, extending the eastern range of western bean cutworm. In addition to the risk of economic damage to corn in both states, there is now potential for severe damage to edible beans, as Michigan ranks second in United States dry bean production.

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