

## **WIREWORMS (*Elateridae*)**



The larvae are cylindrical, up to 25mm long, light to dark brown, and have a hard skin covering each segment. They live in the soil where they feed on and damage the underground parts of plants.

The larvae produce irregularly shaped superficial tunnels in tubers, but do not live inside the tuber.

The adult beetles are relatively small, elongate and make a clicking sound as they double-up and "jump" to right themselves when placed on their backs.



### **Optimal conditions for damage**

Wireworms are frequent pests in temperate climates and occur particularly in new lands.