

BOLLWORM (*Helicoverpa armigera*)



The young bollworm larvae or caterpillars are hairy and vary from blackish to dark beige in colour. Older caterpillars vary from green to brown or reddish pink, with dirty white undersides. Sometimes they are velvety black.

A broad white to pale yellow stripe down each side is a characteristic feature. The mature caterpillars are about 30 - 40 mm long and also have some hairs on the body, readily distinguishing them from maize stalk borer larvae. The larvae feed on the more tender leaves of the potato plant.

