



MONITORING PECAN WEEVIL USING PYRAMID TRAPS

TRAP PLACEMENT: Pecan Weevil monitoring should generally run from mid-July through the first of October, depending on exact location. One or two traps should be placed under at least 10 whitewashed trees known to have weevil infestations. Traps should be placed in the herbicide strip or area otherwise free of weeds and grasses, 8-10 feet from base of tree.

TRAP INSPECTION: Traps should be inspected at least every 2-3 days keeping close records of trap catches and infestation patterns. Save records for following years since this will help you in selecting scout trees. Grass under traps and trees should be kept mowed and all dead branches removed from area. Be sure to keep trap screens clean and free of debris.

Whitewash can be mixed as follows:

1. Finely ground hydrated lime, also known as slaked lime or calcium hydrate, available from most building supply stores.
2. Salt: meat salt is cheapest but table salt dissolves easier.
3. Water. For application with high pressure paint sprayer or insecticide spray gun, dissolve 1 pound of salt in 2 gallons of water adding salty water to 10 pounds of lime. Mix well, screen through a 20 mesh standard wire window screen, and stir well before use. This makes 2 1/2 gallons of sprayable whitewash. For use with a paintbrush, reduce amount of water to only 1 1/2 gallons. Yields 2 gallons of whitewash for brushing.