

Cutting red clover for silage may keep pest at bay



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The practice of cutting for silage red clover grown for seed provides an additional source of revenue for producers. It also may disrupt the life cycle of the red clover casebearer moths.

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An agronomic practice of cutting for silage red clover grown for seed may do more than simply provide an additional source of revenue for producers.

It may be disrupting the life cycle of a pest.

Speaking at the Clover Growers Annual Meeting in Wilsonville Feb. 3, Oregon State University Extension agent Nicole Anderson said she has consistently found red clover casebearer moths in Oregon clover seed fields since she and a colleague first discovered the pest in 2012, but she has yet to see any significant crop damage.

"Although we know the pest is here and we know sometimes we have it in numbers that are concern-

ing, we haven't been able to find significant crop damage," she said.

The red clover casebearer moth, native to Europe, was first found in North America in the 1960s, when it was found in New York

state and Eastern Canada. In 2001, it was reported in Western Canada, where it continues to be a pest of concern.

"It is a big enough problem in the Canadian red clover seed production regions

of Saskatchewan and Alberta that their growers have had to stop second-year production," she said.

In 2012, a Canadian researcher asked Anderson

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