

Bugs Flying and Worming Their Way in All Directions in U. S.

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Washington (AP) — Bugs are flying and worming their way in from all directions to eat our tomatoes, rutabagas, cabbage, corn, and other crops.

The Department of Agriculture warns that the pests will be as thick as ever this year in most areas of the country. To

combat the menace, the department has printed some booklets on all sorts of crop-killers. These may be bought by mail from the government printing office for a small sum.

In this and other areas, the Japanese beetle is the most se-

rious challenge.

They will appear in force about the middle of June and after a summer of destruction will disappear toward the middle of August.

These little bugs can be curbed by applying DDT or chlordane solutions to the soil—later by spraying plants with DDT. Traps are not effective in fighting the Japanese beetle, the department says, unless the whole neighborhood gets together in the fight.

The booklet on beetles costs 15 cents.

Out in the west the alfalfa weevil has been a serious pest for years. Somehow it has found its way to the east. Scientists say that it may have come our way under its own power, or hitched rides in baled hay.

Dieldrin and chlordane sprays are effective, but the Department of Agriculture issues this warning: "Follow instructions carefully when using these materials. Be careful not to inhale excessive quantities at one time. After using the insecticides, wash your hands carefully. Keep containers

of the materials plainly labeled and out of reach of children and away from foods."

Perhaps the best all-around booklet on ways to outsmart farm and garden pests is one called "Handbook on Insects and Diseases." The cost is 20 cents.

Another well-known and active destroyer of man's labors is the boxwood leaf miner, which attacks new leaves after hibernating through the winter in dead leaves. There are

several commercial sprays that will destroy them.

At Beltsville, Md., scientists are conducting a number of experiments to fight various types of cockroaches and are concentrating on developing new types of non-toxic insect killers with phosphorus bases.

These have proved more deadly than other methods in laboratory tests, but so far commercial use has been restricted because of the danger to humans—sometimes fatal. These solutions up to this

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point can be handled only by trained experts.

The scientists ask us not to overlook some of Grandma's remedies. You can still go after a fly with a swatter, and it isn't against the law to pick bugs off the potato plants and worms off the cabbage.

File Suit on Notes
Albany — John Van Auken and others doing business as the Wester Adjustment Co., have

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