

COMMAND PEST CONTROL

Information sheet number 41- Yellow Mealworm Beetle





Appearance:

15 mm long, slightly shiny black or very dark brown, very smooth elongate oval, medium length antennae without club, some ridges on wing cases.

Breeding:

80 to 550 eggs laid, up to 40 deposited per day, larvae moult from 9 to 20 times and when 28mm reached they are full grown, migration prior to pupation, adults live 2 to 3 months. Larvae can live 6 to 9 months without food.

Food:

Almost any stored food, flour products, cereals.

Where do Yellow mealworm beetles live?

Cellars / basements in flour mills, silo bottom areas, food warehouses, cereal processors. Usually indicative of poor hygiene practices. Birds nests often a source.

Damage:

They will infest stored food causing spoilage and often a foreign body contaminant.