

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) country pest report by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of South Africa: Detection of *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Fall Army Worm) in South Africa

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Pest identity	<i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i> J.E. Smith (<i>Noctuidae</i>), Fall Army Worm.
Pest Status	Unknown
Host or articles concerned	Maize (<i>Zea mays</i>).
Geographic distribution	<i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i> specimens verified so far were detected in various locations in the Limpopo Province, Gauteng Province, North West Province and Mpumalanga Province.
Nature of immediate or potential danger	Maize production throughout South Africa.
Summary	Fall Army Worm was positively identified from larvae samples collected in the Limpopo Province and allowed to pupate. Subsequently, moths were collected from the northern parts of Gauteng and positively identified as Fall Army Worm. The extent of the spread is currently being determined. This is the first time this pest is detected in South Africa.