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MONITOR NOW FOR DIAMONDBACK MOTH

Canola growers with standing crops are being urged to monitor for diamondback moth and native budworm larvae following sightings in northern Victoria and southern New South Wales.

Diamondback moth, also known as “Plutella” has been found in low numbers in Wimmera crops, well below economic spray thresholds, so growers need to keep an eye on their activity over the coming weeks. However, native budworm – or “heliiothis” – is being reported at high levels in many crops this season and will need to be monitored closely.

Diamondback moth has been a serious problem in canola in South Australia and Western Australia this year, but agronomists feel it is less likely to cause major problems to northern Victorian crops at this late stage of the season. However, Western District crops are still flowering and will need to be checked very carefully for the grubs.

For further information on thresholds and identification, contact you agronomist, and to report sightings, contact Paul Umina on at CESAR on (03) 8344 2522 or pumina@unimelb.edu.au .
