Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Grasshopper & Mormon Cricket Control Landowner Assistance Handbook
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

WHO QUALIFIES FOR ASSISTANCE?

This program offers assistance to private landowners who own or manage at least 5 acres of agricultural use land in Idaho. Additionally, landowners must be actively experiencing infestations of grasshoppers or Mormon crickets that meet or exceed the economic threshold of 8 grasshoppers or 3 Mormon crickets per square meter.

WHAT DEFINES AGRICULTURAL USE LAND?

For the purposes of our program, agricultural use land is defined as cropland, rangeland, or pasture that is a major source of income for the landowner or provides feed for grazing cattle. Structures, lawns, flower beds, personal gardens, etc. are not considered agricultural use land and do not count toward the 5 acre minimum.
To receive any type of assistance, landowners must submit a Request For Assistance AND qualify for the assistance program. Qualification guidelines are listed on the previous page in the “Who qualifies for assistance” section. Once the Request For Assistance is submitted, ISDA will contact the landowner to schedule a time to evaluate the property and determine the most effective control method.

ISDA may distribute 5% Carbaryl insecticide bait to qualifying landowners, free of charge. It is the landowners responsibility to apply the bait and follow label directions as well as all state and federal laws regarding storing and applying insecticides.

In cases where insecticide bait is not the optimal treatment, ISDA will offer a reimbursement of preapproved insecticide and any required adjuvants. ISDA will not reimburse for any application costs. The landowner will be responsible for all application and pilot fees.

For assistance with submitting a request please contact ISDA 208.332.8592
WHAT CAN LANDOWNERS DO TO MITIGATE INFESTATIONS ON THEIR LAND IF THEY DON’T QUALIFY FOR OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

We recommend contacting a local crop advisor or chemical supplier to receive guidance and recommendations on the appropriate insecticide and proper application methods for each unique situation.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO TREAT FOR GRASSHOPPERS & MORMON CRICKETS?

As soon as the pests have hatched! ISDA recommends that landowners keep a close eye on their property in early spring so that mitigation assistance can be requested as soon as the hatch occurs. These pest are most damaging to agricultural crops in their early stages of life - when they are rapidly eating and growing.

If treatment does not take place until grasshoppers or Mormon crickets have reached adulthood, the agricultural damage has likely already been done AND it is much more difficult to control them.
HOW TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE

1. Visit website
   invasivespecies.idaho.gov/grasshoppers

2. Submit Request For Assistance

3. Wait for ISDA to call you
   (Within 72 hours)

Direct link to Assistance Request Form

invasivespecies.idaho.gov/grasshopper-assistance
INSECTICIDE REIMBURSEMENTS

STOP
BEFORE PURCHASING ANY INSECTICIDES READ THIS HANDBOOK!

HOW CAN LANDOWNERS RECEIVE INSECTICIDE REIMBURSEMENT ASSISTANCE?

Landowners must first submit a Request For Assistance. Once the Request is submitted, ISDA will contact the landowner to schedule a time to evaluate the property and determine the most effective control method.

If ISDA approves a landowner for an insecticide reimbursement, prior to purchasing or applying any chemicals, the landowner must submit a chemical quote for the cost per acre of the chosen insecticide/adjuvants to be purchased.

Please note: To be eligible for reimbursement, the chosen insecticide MUST include the crop(s) that will be treated on the label.

Please keep in mind that this is a REIMBURSEMENT, meaning that you are required to pay for the insecticide in full and submit proof of payment, along with all other required documents listed in this handbook, to ISDA within 45 days of insecticide application.

If you fail to follow the requirements listed in this handbook, you may become ineligible to receive reimbursement.
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WHAT NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT?

Landowners have 45 days, from the day the insecticides were applied, to submit the required documents. The required documents include:

1. Written (email is OK) request for reimbursement which includes:
   - Exact dollar amount being requested for insecticide reimbursement
   - Name of all insecticides/adjuvants used for control of grasshoppers/Mormon crickets
   - Crop in which insecticide was applied to
   - Total acreage treated (Must match the acreage ISDA approved)

2. Invoice showing the quantity and cost of insecticide and adjuvants purchased AND that the amount has been paid in full
   *If the invoice amount is different than the amount requested, an explanation is required

3. Map of the area treated (Crop type must be denoted)


**Failing to submit the required documentation within 45 days of the insecticide application may result in ineligibility of reimbursement.**
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