

Advisory to farmers on the management of the fall armyworm during the 2021/22 crop production season

- ❑ Owing to high volumes of rain experienced in most provinces of South Africa, farmers are urged to monitor the fall armyworm (FAW) on their maize and other related host crops, such as sorghum and sweetcorn.
- ❑ Farmers and community members are advised to take precautionary control measures, which includes diligent/vigilant scouting for egg packs, leaf damage and caterpillars, as well as trapping, to ensure early detection for effective control of the FAW.
- ❑ Effective control of the FAW can be realised through integrated pest management practices. It is best to start agrochemical spraying while the caterpillars are shorter than one centimetre (1 cm). Big caterpillars (over 1 cm) crawl deep into the leaf whorls of maize plants, which makes them difficult to reach when agricultural chemicals are applied.
- ❑ NB: For FAW registered agrochemicals, visit your nearest reputable agro-dealer.



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