

## Chapter Ag 24

## ALFALFA WEEVIL

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**Ag 24.01 Definition.** The alfalfa weevil (*Hypera postica* Gyll.) is a seriously injurious insect not now known to be distributed in the state of Wisconsin. Its introduction into this state would result in serious loss and damage.

**Ag 24.02 Where found.** The alfalfa weevil is known to be distributed as an insect pest in the following named states:

Arizona	Montana	Pennsylvania
California	Nebraska	South Dakota
Colorado	New Jersey	Utah
Delaware	New Mexico	Virginia
Idaho	Nevada	Wyoming
Maryland	Oregon	

and such states are hereby declared to be infested areas.

**Ag 24.03 Shipping requirements.** No person shall ship or bring into Wisconsin any alfalfa meal, hay of any kind, or cereal straw which has been grown or stored in any infested area without conforming to the following requirements:

(1) Hay and straw from infested areas may be admitted into Wisconsin only when accompanied by a certificate of a state or federal inspector that (a) the product is free from alfalfa weevil and (b) the vehicle or container was thoroughly cleaned before loading. If the product is chopped alfalfa hay the certificate must also state that the vehicle or container was thoroughly cleaned before loading and that, under the supervision of the inspector, the hay was blown into the vehicle or container through a blower of at least 2100 R.P.M. Non-fumigated chopped alfalfa hay may enter Wisconsin only during the period from December 1 to March 15 each year.

(2) Alfalfa meal from infested areas may be admitted into Wisconsin only when accompanied by a certificate of a state or federal inspector that (a) the mill grinding the product is accredited by the quarantine officer of the state of origin as free from infestation, (b) the meal was shipped immediately after milling or, if stored, that the warehouse is free of infestation, (c) only new or reclaimed bags were used in sacking the meal, and (d) the vehicle or container was thoroughly cleaned before loading.

**Ag 24.06 Fumigation.** Any of the regulated products may be admitted into Wisconsin if accompanied by a certificate of a state or federal inspector stating that (1) it was fumigated with methyl bromide at the rate of 2½ pounds per 1,000 cu. ft. at 70° F. for 12 hours or by some other specified treatment of equivalent lethal results, and (2) that such fumigation was affected in the vehicle or

container or that the product was loaded immediately after fumigation into the vehicle or container which was thoroughly cleaned before loading.

**Ag 24.07 Certificate.** One copy of the certificate must be mailed to the Chief of the Division of Plant Industry, State Department of Agriculture, Madison, Wisconsin, immediately after issuance; one copy must be attached to the vehicle or container; and one copy must be attached to the waybill, if any. Each such certificate must state (1) the name and address of the consignor, (2) the name and address of the consignee, (3) the date of loading, (4) the name of the carrier and (5) the number of the car or license number of the truck in which it is to be transported.

**Ag 24.08 Additional penalties.** In addition to the penalties prescribed by statute, any violative material shall be subject to destruction or return to point of origin as deemed necessary by the department.