

Insect pests of buds

Spanworms

Several species of spanworm (inchworm) larvae feed on blueberry, where they chew holes through the sides or tops of buds. These insects have thin bodies with large fleshy legs only at the front and rear ends of the body.



Their coloration makes them well camouflaged in blueberry bushes. They loop as they walk and may remain completely still when disturbed, mimicking a branch to avoid predators. Detect spanworms by shaking branches over a beating tray. Inspect buds for feeding during bud swell.



Spanworms can look like twigs.

30 mm