

Indian meal moth classification and details

Classification:

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Lepidoptera
Division: Ditrysia
Family: Pyralidae
Tribe: Phycitini
Genus: *Plodia*
Species: *P. interpunctella*

Binomial name

Plodia interpunctella

Common name: Indian meal moth

Scientific Name: *Plodia interpunctella*

Length: About 13 mm long and wing span
of about 20mm.

Color: Copper or reddish brown with the proximal half
of the hind wing also light colored grey



General information

The larvae produced a strand of silk which is used to make feeding tunnels of frass webbing to live in. Heavy infestation can produce highly visible sheets of webbing over the surface of the material. The larvae are responsible for the damage caused to stored food in the kitchen.

They feed mainly on broken grain, processed food such as corn meals, dried fruits, nuts, dog food, cookies and milk powder. The moth is found lying often at night after dust. This moth is most common and economically significant food infesting pest.

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