

THINK BEYOND INSECTICIDES

THE BASICS OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT



Integrated pest management (IPM) means diversifying your insect-management practices beyond just insecticides to control insects and reduce the risk of insect resistance.



1 Use nonchemical control methods

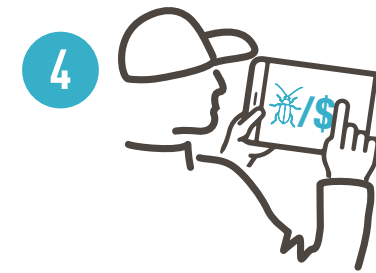
like crop rotation and row spacing to combat common insect pests year to year. Always consider cultural practices first before resorting to insecticides.



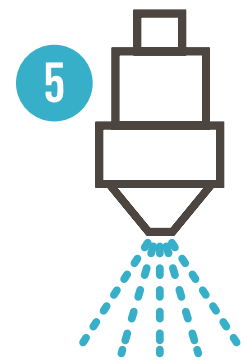
2 **Scout fields** weekly to identify insect pests and symptoms of feeding injury.



3 **Monitor pests** to determine progress of infestation and damage. Conserve their natural enemies by delaying insecticide use until absolutely necessary.



4 Consult your local Extension agent or entomologist to **determine if or when economic thresholds have been met**. Action at the economic threshold prevents pests from reaching the economic injury level and represents when costs of intervention are less than costs of yield loss.



5 If an insecticide application is warranted, **choose products with a high efficacy rating** for the insects you are trying to control.

