

Table 1. Economic thresholds for wireworms in potatoes*. Adapted from Bechinski et al. (1994).

Average Wireworms per Bait Station	Risk of economic damage (3% tuber damage)	IPM Recommendations
0	Low (<10% chance)	Control not needed or continue sampling for greater confidence
0.0-0.5	Moderate (33% chance)	Continue sampling
0.5-1.0	Less than 50% chance	
1.0-2.0	Probable (>50% chance)	
2.0-4.0	High (75-90%)	Apply insecticide at planting
More than 4	Extreme	Do not plant potatoes

*Note that wireworm distribution is often patchy, and trap captures are dependent upon field conditions, so these values should be used only for guidance.