Trapping for Mexican Rice Borer  
Texas Rice Belt  
2007

MRB pheromone traps were set up in most counties of the Texas Rice Belt. Orange Co. remains the only county where adult MRB moths have not been detected. Trap catches increased in Jefferson Co. compared to 2006 and catches tend to peak during the fall (Table 1). Because this exotic species continues to move east, the Louisiana sugarcane and rice industries are threatened.

Table 1. Monthly totals of MRB adults from pheromone traps on the Texas Upper Gulf Coast in 2007.

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<sup>a</sup>NA = collections not complete for this month