

# KHAPRA BEETLE



## Infested Wheat

Khapra beetle and cast skins on grains of wheat



## Customs Inspections

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials inspect passenger baggage for Khapra beetle and other agricultural threats.

Length between 2 and 3 millimeters  
(1 mm = thickness of 1 dime)



Small, brown beetles  
in dried plant or  
animal products

Adults possess wings  
but aren't known to fly

**Adult**

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Small brown beetles, larvae, or cast skins infesting grain, dried food, and cereal products, particularly wheat, barley, oats, rye, maize, rice, flour, malt, and noodles
- Similar infestation signs on almost any dried animal matter, including dog food



*Khapra beetle larva inside plastic bag filled with rice*

## THE HARM IT CAUSES

This tiny beetle is one of the world's most destructive pests of grain products and seeds. Its feeding damage often spoils 30 percent of the product; up to 70 percent damage has been reported. Detections require massive, long-term, and costly control and eradication efforts. Established infestations are difficult to control because the beetle can survive without food for long periods, requires little moisture, hides in tiny cracks and crevices, and is relatively resistant to many insecticides and fumigants.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Find out** if you're traveling to a country where Khapra beetle is known to occur. Visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/travel](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/travel) to view a travel alert that lists these countries.
- **Don't bring** rice, soybeans, *Cicer* species (e.g., chickpeas), and safflower seeds from these countries into the United States. Check the Web site above for any updates.
- **Report** any sightings of this pest in imported food at [HungryPests.com](http://HungryPests.com).

For more information, visit:

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