

INDIANMEAL MOTH INFO SHEET

FAST FACTS

- A Mexican "Jumping" Bean jumps because a moth larva living inside the bean squirms when it gets warm.
- The female moth lays between 60 and 300 eggs

General Information

The Indianmeal moth was given its name after an insect scientist found it feeding on corn meal, also known as Indianmeal. They typically live from two to six months.

Size	5/8"	Common Name	Indianmeal Moth
Shape	Elongated, oval	Kingdom	Animalia
Color	Copper reddish	Phylum	Arthropoda
Legs	6	Class	Insecta
Wings	Yes	Order	Lepidoptera
Antenna	Yes	Family	Pyralidae
		Genus Species	Plodia interpunctella

Diet

Indianmeal moths feed on dried fruits, grains, seeds, nuts, chocolate, candies, bird seed, dog food, powdered milk, dried red peppers and candy.

Habitat

Attracted to the light, these bugs are found in bright places where food is stored like restaurants and grocery stores.

Impact

Moths **infest** foods and can contaminate food products by leaving skin and waste behind.

Prevention

- * Store food in sealed containers.
- * Discard infested foods in outdoor trash bins.
- * Clean infested cupboards thoroughly with a vacuum and soap and water.

To learn more about this and other pests, visit <http://www.pestworldforkids.org/research.html>