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Mouse Survey Cards

Instructions

Select the monitoring sites: consider fence lines, sowing or cultivation lines.

1. Soak cards in oil (canola, peanut, linseed or a mix), for one hour, then drain for 10 min.
2. Space cards 10m apart, make a line 100m long (10 cards per line).
3. Mark start/finish of the line (e.g. flagging tape).
4. Secure cards through centre (skewers, tent pegs or wire spikes).
5. Put out late in the afternoon.
6. Collect cards the next morning.
7. Count squares eaten. Each square equals 1% e.g. (10 eaten = 10% score).
8. Average the scores across each 10 card site. (to calculate average add the individual card scores for the site and divide by 10).
9. Repeat following night; average the score for each 10 card site.

If average score is between 5 -10% for 2 nights you may have a problem. For more information go to www.grdc.com.au/grdcfs-mousecontrol. Upload your results to www.feralscan.org.au/mousealert

For help/info call Glen Sutherland, Mallee Regional Landcare Facilitator on 0417 396 973.