

## ALMOND MOTH



Indian meal moth and Almond moth are small, stored product pests which feeds on a variety of stored products. The larvae feeds on grain products such as dried fruits, nuts, seeds etc. People often confuse both moth species.



## INDIAN MEAL MOTH

### SIGNS OF INFESTATION

*Infested food items are contaminated with large quantities of silk, frass, cast skins, pupal cases and dead moth.*

### IDENTIFYING THE MOTHS

- ❑ Often fly around areas where their food source is stored
- ❑ More active during dawn and dusk
- ❑ Forewings are grey with indistinct markings - differ from Indian meal moth in term of wings colour.

Almond moth

- ❑ Active during night time and fly in a zigzag pattern
- ❑ At rest, the wings are held roof-like over it's body.
- ❑ Top half of the forewings are light-grey and bottom half is reddish brown with dark stripes. Edge of the forewings have fringes of dark grey hairs.

Indian meal moth

## CONTROL MEASURES

Conduct inspection every months to check for any infestation. Empty the food storage areas, inspect shelves and food packages. Food that is covered with webbing should be removed. Thorough cleaning of the infested area, such as vacuuming any food particles, cast skins and larvae should be done. Newly purchased food should be stored in air-tight containers.