Insect Problems

Grasshoppers were the worst insect problem for 22% of Northarvest survey respondents representing 24% of the dry bean acres reported, up from 15% in 1997 and 6% in 1996. Grasshoppers were a problem on 29% of North Dakota respondents' acres but only 10% of Minnesota respondents' acres. The potato leafhopper was a more common problem for Minnesota respondents, reported as a problem on 11% of Minnesota respondents' acres but only 1% of North Dakota respondents' acres (Table 21).

Table 21: Worst Insect problem in 1998 in Minnesota and North Dakota

	Respondents		Acres Reported b	
Worst Insect Problem ^a	Number	%	Number	%
Minnesota				
Leaf Hopper	9	15.8	2,687	10.8
Grasshopper	8	14.0	2,477	9.9
North Dakota				
Grasshopper	30	25.2	20,548	28.6
Leafhopper	1	0.8	800	1.1
Northarvest Total				
Grasshopper	38	21.6	23,025	23.8
Leafhopper	10	5.7	3,487	3.6

^aInsert problems reported on more than 1% of respondents' acres only.

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^bRespondents' acres only.