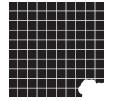


## **MOUSE CHEW CARD**

## **INCIDENT MONITOR:**

Check your chew cards – identify if mouse activity is:







LOW

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Upload mouse activity details on www.mousealert.org.au or go to www.feralscan.org.au/mousealert/

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**



- ▶ Print this sheet and cut up the 5 cards shown here. Pre-soak the cards in canola and/or linseed oil and ensure sufficient bent wire pegs are available to pin them to the ground.
- $\blacktriangleright$  Select a few paddocks that are representative of your farm to do the monitoring.
- Chew cards should be placed approximately 30m in from the edge of the paddock. Peg each chew card to the ground in a line of 10 cards spaced at 10m intervals. If cards are placed to follow the furrows it will be easy to find the cards again the next morning.
- While walking through the paddock, look for signs of fresh mouse activity or damage.
- Retrieve the chew cards the following morning and assess for evidence of mouse damage:
  - ▶ If <10 squares per card are eaten = low-moderate mouse activity.
- If >10 squares per card are eaten overnight (on average across the 10 cards) = moderate to high mouse activity, with possibility of some damage.
- If >20 squares per card are consumed (on average across the 10 cards) = high to very high mouse activity, damage is likely and an ongoing mouse problem is present.