

Do Not Give Your Maize Away

Control Pest In Your Stores



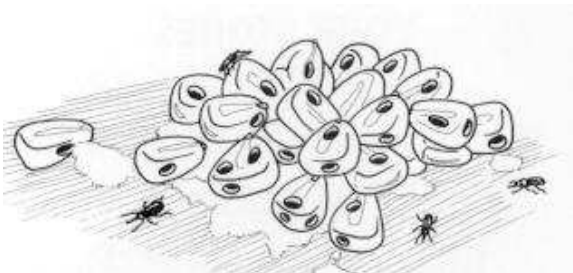
How do insects get into your maize?

They come from:

- * other stores to your store
- * waste rubbish
- * hiding places like cracks
- * old bags and sacks
- * infested maize from outside

How can you see that your maize is being damaged?

- * The maize grains are eaten and become like flour.
- * Live insects can be seen in the maize.
- * Dead insects can be seen.
- * You can hear the insects moving in the maize.



How do you stop this happening

- Repair all cracks and holes in the store and seal all doors and windows. Clean all old maize and dust from the store and around the store and burn the rubbish.
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- Keep the store clean at all times
- Wash all old bags with hot water before using them.



During harvest:

- Harvest when maize is ready and dry.
- Dry maize well in the sun as soon as possible
- Check cobs for weevils
- Shell damaged and infected cobs separately
- Do not infested grain with healthy grain.

Storage for 3 months:

- Put the clean maize into clean bags.
- Store on a raised clean surface to prevent maize from getting wet.
- Any maize that has weevils must be treated before storage.
- If you are storing for more than three months then treat all the maize with insecticide.

How do you treat maize?

- Spread the maize on gunny bags on flat ground.
- In one 90-kg bag (40 gorogoros) add 50 g (2 treetop bottle-tops) of pesticide dust. See over page for correct use of insecticides.
- Sprinkle the dust over the maize then mix thoroughly using a tin or a shovel.

- Put the maize into bags, seal and store in a cool dry place.

How to store

There are many ways to store maize. If you use gunny bags in the house then keep them on a platform off the ground to protect them from getting damp. If you have a store outside, fit rat guards to the poles, like the store shown on front cover. Inspect maize regularly for signs of pest damage.



CAUTION!!

Insecticides are harmful to humans and animals. Directions for their use and storage are written on the packs and should be followed strictly.

Additional measures are:

- Put on a nose mask and waste Polythene bags on the hands for protection against touching the pesticide.
- Change into fresh clothes after applying the pesticide.
- Burn the bottle-tops after use.

Wash the maize thoroughly before eating.

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