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**PEST:** Mexican Rice Borer (*Eoreuma loftini*)

**BASIC PROFILE:** Adult MRB moths lay eggs on sugarcane, rice and other grasses. The larvae bore into the stem and damage the plant. Adults are creamy white to straw colored, ~12 – 20 mm long (3/8– 3/4 inch) tip to tip. They have a distinctive small dark dot in the middle of each forewing. MRB can move in cane stalks or via natural flight.

**LDAF ACTIVITY:** LDAF conducted annual surveys for this pest using a pheromone lure until 2018. LSU AgCenter continues to monitor this pest. No sugarcane shipments from Texas are allowed. This helps to prevent man-assisted movement into the state.

