

Cereal Leaf Beetle Life Stages

Eggs



Cereal leaf beetle eggs are laid in singles or pairs on the upper leaf surface of the cereal crops and grassy weeds. Eggs are football shaped and yellow-orange when fresh but turn black when they are close to hatching. (Photo credit: Susan Gowan)

Larvae



Cereal leaf beetle larvae appear hump-backed and black in colour from being covered in their own fecal material. When this outer coating is removed, a yellowish larva is found underneath. (Photo credits: left image – Chris DiFonzo, MSU, right image – Tracey Baute, OMAFRA)

Adults



Cereal leaf beetle adults are beetles with metallic blackish-blue wings and have a reddish-orange head and legs. Photo credits: left image - Tracey Baute, OMAFRA, right image, Jocelyn Smith, UGRC