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Onion Maggot in Provo Area

The onion maggot, *Hylemya antiqua* (Meigen), has been found in two small onion patches in Provo this spring. On June 7th several medium sized bulbs which were heavily attacked by maggots were placed in breeding cages. The first adults emerged on June 23. Pupa and other adults were collected on June 27. The onions from the infested gardens came from a local seed company. Bulbs or sets and small green onions in bunches of 100 are sold for replanting. This may account for spread of the infestation.

This Anthomyiidae is not common in this area. Some of the large onion producers report that during wet season they are bothered by this Diptera.

—Vasco M. Tanner