

Lesser Wax Moth

Causative Agent: *Achroia grisella* (Lepidoptera, Pyralidae)

Range: Worldwide

Life cycle:

- Similar to the greater wax moth
- Persistence in the hive results in the disorder known as Bald brood (brood cells are uncapped and the head can be seen in later stages of development).

Management:

- Less of a problem than the greater wax moth
- Healthy colonies are able to fend off this pest

Misconceptions:

Other Useful Sites:

http://www.ento.psu.edu/MAAREC/pdfs/Wax_Moth_pm.pdf
http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/scripts/htmlgen.exe?DOCUMENT_AA141

References used:

Root, A. I. (1990) The ABC & XYZ of bee culture 40th ed. A.I Root Co. Medina, OH.