

Kudzu Bug

An Invasive Pest of Soybean

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EGG MASS



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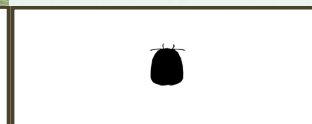


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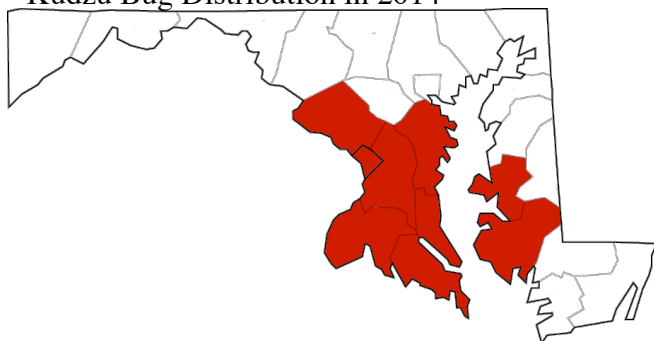
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Actual Size



- The invasion of the **Asian kudzu bug** (also known as the bean plataspid or *Megacopta cribraria*) is now in eight counties of Maryland. They can be first seen in late May to early June and persist through November.
- Adult kudzu bugs are similar in size to lady beetles (3.5 – 6 mm in length), with mottled brown colors, and give off an odor similar to stink bugs when disturbed.
- This species feeds on invasive kudzu vines (*Pueraria montana*). It is also a serious pest of soybeans and will aggregate on houses in the spring and fall. The bug feeds on vascular tissue of

Kudzu Bug Distribution in 2014



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