



The above steps should be considered and adopted as part of an IPM programme for slug control.

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**MAKE IPM A CORE PART OF YOUR SLUG CONTROL APPROACH**

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A guide to Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and slug control

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## Why use an IPM approach to slug control?

An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to slug control is more effective than relying solely on slug pellets and will help ensure maximum protection to the environment, in particular water, birds and small mammals. It is also an effective tool to boost crop productivity.

**This approach to slug control should therefore be a key consideration for all growers throughout the farming calendar.**

## What does an IPM approach to slug control involve?

- Identification and analysis of the potential risk factors associated with slug damage
- Consideration of the most suitable cultural control techniques that can be used to help reduce slug habitats and overall pressure
- Trapping and understanding of thresholds to help ensure treatment decisions are justified
- Monitoring of crops while they are most vulnerable and assessing if further applications are required
- Record keeping and forward planning to improve IPM programmes for the next year.

